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August 12, 1992

Sylvia and Bernard Goldstaub
6515 Kensington Lane, Apt. #404
Delray Beach, FL 33446

Dear Sylvia and Bernie:

Thank you for calling before leaving Ithaca for the summer. This letter, acknowledging your initial gift of papers to the Cornell Human Sexuality Collection, will await your arrival home to Florida.

Your material makes up the first collection of family papers dealing with the issues of homosexuality and HIV/AIDS in contemporary society. I hope your actions encourage other families to do the same, so we can build a collection not only of the papers of individual lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men, but also the papers of the support networks around them. We know very little historically about the stories of people with lesbian or gay family members. Your story -- the story of your willingness to stretch yourselves and learn new things out of your love for your gay son, Mark -- is a lovely place to begin.

I'm delighted that you have left us already with a copy of your book and some correspondence and clippings about its promotion. We discussed many things while you were here, and I know you are going to sort through more material to send to the archives when you return home. I look forward eventually to receiving some of the materials we discussed, which included:

- more correspondence and promotional material about *Unconditional Love*, including video and audio tapes of some of your presentations.
- some of Mark's files, including letters, some files from his work with celebrities (including Shirley McLaine?), a college scrapbook from two years at Ithaca College, and other material you haven't gone through yet.
- possibly letters or diaries or photographs from your other son, Paul.
- files from your work with CAP (Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County), including the canister drive to raise money for children and adults with AIDS.
- files from your work with PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), locally and nationally.

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Marston to Goldstaub, Aug. 12, 1992

- material about your experiences as surrogate parents to people with AIDS abandoned by their families.

- files from other work you engage in to increase society's awareness about AIDS and homophobia and to increase families' acceptance of lesbian and gay members.

- and, someday: family photos, correspondence, and other personal files.

When you have looked through enough and are ready to send another lot of material, please do. Then I shall expect another shipment possibly once a year.

I'm very happy we've begun the process of preserving an historical record of your important work on the issues of AIDS awareness and anti-homophobia. We've also started the process of preserving an historical record of a family who chose to show their love for one son through thoughtful acceptance and a continuing show of strong public support.

I'm very glad we were able to meet. Best of luck on your continuing activities.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Brenda J. Marston', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Brenda J. Marston
Sexuality Archivist

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March 10, 1993

Sylvia Goldstaub
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Dear Sylvia,

Thank you for sending a box full of documents about your family's response to your son Mark and to homosexuality and AIDS in society. We are building an important collection here with your family papers, and I think you did a good job describing this endeavor in your revised press release.

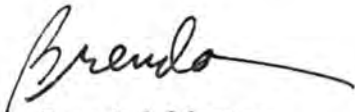
I'm very glad to add Paul's "Venetian Echoes" to the collection so that we now have something significant from all members of the family. The memorabilia, t-shirts, buttons, and cassettes and video tapes of your presentations, including the radio interview with you and Bernie, are also welcome additions. The correspondence, both the condolences to you upon Mark's death and the letters about your lectures, are a very important part of the documentation, and I look forward to receiving more as you work your way through the materials and as you accumulate new correspondence about your continuing activities. I'm also very pleased that you included a folder about your work with PFLAG. This is the first material from this historic and very important group that has been donated to the Human Sexuality Collection.

I was also very happy to meet your son, Paul, when he returned from his trip to see you. He brought me the famous silver jacket and the posters documenting aspects of Mark's work. It was good to make a connection with Paul.

I've been wondering whether Mark's companion, Edmund Wojcik, has items to contribute to the collection. Are you still in touch with him, and have you asked him about this? Perhaps I could write to him as well.

I look forward to showing you the new library when you visit this summer. When you know your plans, let me know when you'll be here.

All the best,



Brenda J. Marston
Archivist, Human Sexuality Collection

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Sylvia and Bernie Goldstaub
6515 Kensington Lane
Suite #404
Delray Beach, Florida 33446

October 7, 1992

Dear Sylvia and Bernie,

The trees in Ithaca are just starting to turn their beautiful fall shades, and the sky is a bright autumn blue. I hope that the memories of your summer's visit here are full of sunny days and good people. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet you both during your stay.

Thank you so much for your gift to the Library of Sylvia's book, Unconditional Love. I am sure that our students will find it a source of encouragement and hope. Your book has joined our core of published materials which complement Cornell's unique Archive on Human Sexuality. Together, the books and the manuscripts are providing scholars with a wealth of resources documenting the personal and public dimensions of sexuality.

On behalf of the Cornell University Library, I want to express our appreciation of your thoughtfulness. And may I personally wish you all the best in your important work assisting young people and their parents.

Sincerely,

Janie

Janie Harris
Government, Economics
and Sociology Bibliographer
Olin Library

xc: Brenda J. Marston
Human Sexuality Archivist



Human Sexuality Collection

Sexuality is the aspect of human existence with the most serious lack of resources for study. Disturbed by the general ignorance surrounding sex in our society, David B. Goodstein (Cornell '54), longtime publisher of *The Advocate*, wanted to promote research in this field. Sexuality is central to many societal issues, including the politics of pornography, fights against sterilization abuse, AIDS activism and sex education efforts, responses to sexual harassment and assault, prostitutes' demands for rights, and the politicization of sexual identities. With Goodstein's support, the Department of Manuscripts and University Archives of Cornell University Library is developing an extensive collection of primary sources to support research on the cultural and political contexts of sexuality.

The core of the collection comes from the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation, whose aim is to dispel myths and prejudices about sexuality through scholarship and public education. Concerned that gay history was being lost and ignored, the Mariposa Foundation built a library and archives including: legal briefs, testimony from hearings, and private correspondence and diaries about significant events in the American gay rights movement; many runs of gay and lesbian periodicals published in the United States and internationally since World War II; a group of visual materials, films, videotapes, and art; unpublished short stories; and popular and rare books. These materials comprise the nation's most extensive collection on gay male culture available for research use.

Cornell's Department of Manuscripts and University Archives houses some 7,000 manuscript collections documenting various aspects of 19th and 20th century society. Many contain material relating to sexual issues. With Goodstein's \$800,000 bequest, the Department will be able to improve access to relevant information in the existing holdings, as well as bring in new collections focusing explicitly on sexuality.

Since opening in January 1989, the Human Sexuality Collection has been steadily growing. Among the additions are the papers of Robert Lynch, a gay Native American artist and attorney from North Carolina; the papers of E. Lynn Womack, publisher of Guild Press and affiliated mail order pornography businesses; and tapes from a lesbian oral history project. PWA Health Group, a New York organization pushing for access to experimental treatments for HIV/AIDS, is the most recent addition. Diaries, personal letters, humor about sexuality, and other materials revealing how individuals and groups develop sexual identities are especially desired. Focus will be on issues and identities at the margins of mainstream culture since this material documents the diversity of sexuality and also works as a powerful means to examine sexualities defined as mainstream. The collection will reflect the varied facets of lesbian, gay, and bisexual lives: work, leisure, sex, romance, culture, politics, spirituality, friends and families. Cornell seeks records reflecting the public expression of opinions about sexuality and the impact of these ideas in the personal lives of people of varying ethnic, cultural, and class backgrounds.

Brenda J. Marston, Sexuality Archivist, would be pleased to discuss the use and development of the collection.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Author and renowned lecturer, Sylvia Goldstaub, of Delray Beach, Florida, has been informed by Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. that her recently published book, Unconditional Love: "Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!" and related material, submitted by her husband, Bernie, her son Paul, Professor of Music, composer, conductor at Ithaca College, and herself, has been designated to make up the first collection of family papers dealing with homosexuality and HIV/AIDS in contemporary society.

The book and accompanying material will be housed and chosen to be included in the Cornell University Department of Manuscripts and University Archives in the new Carl A. Kroch Library, Division of Rare & Manuscripts Collection. Human Sexuality Collection. The Goldstaubs will continue to submit additional papers to supplement the collection.

As recorded in the attached history and biography of the Goldstaubs, Sylvia's book is a true and humane powerful story, told from the heart of a mother who lived it, the humanistic side of AIDS, the family bonding as it pertained to the life and death of their 37 year old son, the younger of two, who died of AIDS on December 14, 1988, in the prime of life as the President of the prestigious organization, Mark Goldstaub Public Relations for the Theatre.

Also included in the attached is a listing of Author Goldstaub's Lecture Schedule, and book signing appearances. Proceeds from the sale of her book are contributed for the benefit of AIDS organizations.

Organizations are welcome to request her appearance for a lecture.

For additional information and lecture scheduling, contact Sylvia Goldstaub, 6515 Kensington Lane, Suite 404, Huntington Lakes, Delray Beach, Florida 33446. Phone: (407) 498-8614

HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY - - SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB

Author Sylvia Goldstaub, nee Grossman, was born in Newark, New Jersey. She met her husband Bernard while employed as a private secretary to a well-known Workmen's Compensation attorney in downtown Newark.

Married in June 1945. They then raised two sons while living in Maplewood, New Jersey until they relocated to Delray Beach, Florida in November 1981. Paul, their older son is now a Professor of Music, composer and conductor at Ithaca College in upstate New York. Their younger son Mark, who was President of MARK GOLDSTAUB PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE THEATRE, died of AIDS on December 14, 1988, at the age of 37.

Sylvia worked for New Jersey Television, Channel 13, in Trenton, New Jersey as an auction co-ordinator. For many years she was volunteer publicist for various charity organizations, collecting works for their art auctions. She is a portrait artist.

After the death of their son, Sylvia and her husband became very active with various AIDS SUPPORT GROUPS. They became surrogate parents to people with AIDS whose parents rejected them, left to die alone, unloved, indigent. Learning of these tragedies, Sylvia brings the HUMANISTIC SIDE OF AIDS to the attention of the public. She speaks of BONDING THE FAMILY. The families who fell apart because of parent's rejection of their own flesh and blood, their homosexual and Lesbian children, with or without AIDS. Sylvia presents her personal

HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY - - SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB

experience with her son's AIDS. She has written a powerful book, titled -- UNCONDITIONAL LOVE: "MOM! DAD! LOVE ME! PLEASE!" in HONOR OF HER SON MARK, and has become a lecturer nationally.

SYLVIA IS THE VOICE OF HER SON AND THE VOICE OF ALL PEOPLE WITH AIDS.

She has received many endorsements through her lectures and appearances on TELEVISION AND RADIO.

Sylvia is an active member of PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG). She helped form and is the FACILITATOR of the West Palm Beach chapter. P-FLAG IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OF OVER 200 CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND MANY CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. P-FLAG PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF GAY PEOPLE TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THEIR GAY LOVED ONES. Sylvia is also very active in the SOUTH PALM BEACH COMPREHENSIVE AIDS PROGRAM. Plus an active member of THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH (AMFAR). Her poem - ODE TO MY SON MARK appears on the jacket of THE LEGACY ALBUM- -SOUTH FLORIDA MUSICIANS UNITE FOR AIDS RELIEF. INTRODUCTION BY DIONNE WARWICK

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AUTHOR SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB'S LECTURE SCHEDULE FOR 1992

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th, THE CASA DELMAR SENIOR RENTAL
COMMUNITY, 22601 CAMINO DEL MAR, BOCA RATON, FL. 33433
8:00 PM. NICOLA WHITE, SOCIAL DIRECTOR.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th. CENTURY VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33434, THE HABILITATION
CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED ORGANIZATION. RITA STERN, PROGRAM
DIRECTOR 10:00 AM.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th. ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION
AND TRAINING (ORT). HUNTINGTON CHAPTER, DELRAY BEACH, FLA.
33446. SELMA COOPER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR 1:00 pm.

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th AT 2 PM. AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
18th AT 7 PM. SYLVIA WILL BE SIGNING BOOKS AT THE LEVIS JEWISH
COMMUNITY CENTER'S SECOND ANNUAL BOOK FAIR IN WEST BOCA RATON,
9801 DONNA KLEIN BLVD. 33428. SUSANA FLAUM, DIRECTOR OF
CULTURAL ARTS. 407 852-3254

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st at 9:00 AM AT TEMPLE SINAI, 2475 WEST
ATLANTIC AVE., DELRAY BEACH. 407 276-6161. THIS IS PART
OF THE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES, ACADEMY OF JEWISH
STUDIES, SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY JEWISH FEDERATION.

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"MOM! DAD! LOVE ME!PLEASE!"

SYLVIA AND HER HUSBAND BERNIE ARE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE UPCOMING WORLD AIDS WEEK, FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER 1992. SYLVIA IS NOW PREPARING FOR HER ACTIVE PART IN THE UNITED AGAINST AIDS WORLD APPEAL TELETHON, SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1993. DICK CLARK, HOST. THE GOLDSTAUB FAMILY WILL BE WORKING WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE AIDS PROGRAM OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, RED RIBBON MONTH, JUNE 1993.

AUTHOR SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB IS ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT CORNELL UNIVERSITY HAS CHOSEN HER BOOK - UNCONDITIONAL LOVE: "MOM! DAD! LOVE ME! PLEASE!" AND ALL RELATED MATERIAL TO MAKE UP THE FIRST COLLECTION OF FAMILY PAPERS DEALING WITH HOMOSEXUALITY AND HIV/AIDS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY. TO BE INCLUDED INTO THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES. HOUSED IN CORNELL'S NEW CARL A. KROCH LIBRARY, DIVISION OF RARE AND MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS. HUMAN SEXUALITY COLLECTION.

GOLDSTAUB'S BOOK IS A TRUE STORY. TOLD FROM THE HEART OF A MOTHER WHO LIVED THE TRAGEDY. THE HUMANISTIC SIDE OF AIDS. THEIR SON DIED WITH DIGNITY. KNOWING HE WAS LOVED. AS AGAINST THE PARENTS WHO ABANDON THEIR FLESH AND BLOOD WHEN THEY LEARN THEIR SON OR DAUGHTER HAS AIDS. SYLVIA AND HER HUSBAND BERNIE LEARN ABOUT THESE ABANDONED PEOPLE WITH AIDS THROUGH THE AIDS SUPPORT GROUP WHERE THEY VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES. THEY BECOME SURROGATE PARENTS TO THESE ABANDONED PEOPLE WHOSE NATURAL PARENTS LEFT THEM TO DIE ALONE, UNLOVED, INDIGENT. THE BONDING OF THE FAMILY. THIS IS SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB'S MISSION.

SYLVIA WAS INTERVIEWED BY ALAN GERSTEL OF CHANNEL 12 WPEC, CBS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1993. WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

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SYLVIA HAS BEEN INVITED OUT TO ASPEN AND VAIL COLORADO BY THE
AIDS ASPEN C.A.R.E.S. (COMMUNITY FOR AIDS RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES) TO LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNINGS. MARCH 11 THROUGH MARCH 15, 1993.
SHE WILL BE TAKING PART IN FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR HOPE HOUSE OF THE
PALM BEACHES AT BOCA RATON'S ROYAL PALM POLO CLUB. SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1993.
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1993, SYLVIA AND BERNIE WILL BE INTERVIEWED
ON RADIO STATION WNNN IN BOCA RATON, BETWEEN TEN AND ELEVEN A. M.
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1993, THE GOLDSTAUB'S WILL JOIN A PANEL
DISCUSSION AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY, BETWEEN FIVE AND EIGHT
P.M.
SYLVIA IS BOOKED FOR LECTURES AND BOOK SIGNING INTO NOVEMBER 1993.

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SYLVIA IS ON THE COMMITTEE OF MOTHERS' VOICES
BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK SIGNING, FEBRUARY 20, 1993
BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA. MANAGER BOB ELKINSON
BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK SIGNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1993
PLANTATION, FLORIDA, MANAGER GAIL GRIFFIN
BOOKSTOP (BARNES AND NOBLE) MAY 8, 1993 BOOK SIGNING
BOCA RATON, FLORIDA, MANAGER ERIC STITZ
BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK SIGNING JUNE 5, 1993
CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA, MANAGER MARY ROGERS.
BRANDEIS WEST BOCA CHAPTER, LECTURE, MAY 18, 1993
DORA FOX, PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSTORE, SIGNING, LEXINGTON KENTUCKY
APRIL 28, 1993. SECOND YEAR I HAVE BEEN INVITED BACK.
UNITED AGAINST AIDS WORLD APPEAL TELETHON, DICK CLARK,
HOST. DATE CHANGED FOR THE END OF SUMMER OR EARLY FALL.
A PROFILE ABOUT SYLVIA AND HER BOOK IS PLANNED FOR THE
TELETHON.

AIDSWATCH '93
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SEPTEMBER 14, 1993

SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB,
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April 13, 1992

Sylvia and Bernie Goldstaub
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Delray Beach, Florida 33446

Dear Sylvia and Bernie:

Thank you so much for your wonderful book. Although I never met Mark, I can tell that he was a fine person. He was also fortunate to have two very special people for parents. Your caring and compassion for him and many others, I hope, will now serve as an inspiration to others as we continue to battle this horrible epidemic.

I have asked a representative of our Development staff to contact you with regard to your fund raising plan. Thank you so much for your contribution and for taking the time to fill out the survey.

Knowing you is both an honor and a blessing for me.

Sincerely,

Mervyn F. Silverman, M.D., M.P.H.
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January 8, 1992

Mrs. and Mrs. Bernard Goldstaub
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Dear Mrs. and Mrs. Goldstaub:

At long last I am able to write and thank you for the beautiful pocket mirror you sent to me last November following the P-FLAG reception. I enjoyed very much meeting so many truly wonderful people and the mirror will always be a reminder of your friendship and support of P-FLAG's great cause.

I apologize for my lateness in responding to you but I wanted to be able to include the enclosed photo of the three of us which I thought you would enjoy (I think it is good of all of us!). The prints were much delayed due to the holiday season.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your gift and my very best wishes for a happy healthy 1992.

Sincerely yours,

Mathilde Krim, Ph.D.
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Dear Friend,

Once again we want to thank those of you who participated in our 1992 Mothers' Voices campaign. With your help last Mother's Day, the White House and Congress were flooded with thousands of greeting cards from mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers throughout the country demanding leadership and increased funding to fight the AIDS epidemic. President Bush and many other officials sent notes of reply, proving the tremendous impact a grass roots effort representing the American family can have on our government.

As 1993 rolls in, we are faced with new beginnings and opportunities. President Clinton has already made important promises to increase government efforts to fight AIDS. To ensure that the promises are kept, we're planning another Mother's Day card campaign. We hope Mother's Day 1993 will mark a genuine commitment of our government to end the AIDS crisis.

Our Wish List for the 1993 Campaign:

- * To deliver up to 500,000 cards to our nation's leaders!
- * To represent all families nationwide, from our largest cities to smallest towns!
- * To give each individual the opportunity to have his or her voice heard by their elected officials!

As in the past Mothers' Voices will provide greeting card packets free of charge. We need your help to distribute as many as possible to your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues.

Sheila Isham has created another colorful and emotionally powerful collage for the cover of the card. The message to be pre-printed inside is shown on the enclosed order form; we encourage you to add your own personal message when you sign the card. (This really increases the impact!)

We hope you become a part of this year's important campaign. Please complete and send us the enclosed card order form as soon as possible, telling us the number of cards you will need. *Your willingness to distribute a minimum of 10 will save us time and money.*

Thanks to you we have been able to come this far. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



P.S. If you have friends or associates who would also like to distribute cards, please have them write us or fax their order to 212-366-0679. Together we can make a difference!



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Mrs. Sylvia Goldstaub
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Dear Sylvia:

Thank you very much for giving me a copy of your book about Mark. I truly appreciate your willingness to share your family's experience with AIDS in such a personal, caring way.

I am sure your book will touch many peoples' lives and give hope to those who are struggling with the very issues you have walked through.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

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April 15, 1993

Sylvia and Bernie Goldstaub
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Dear Sylvia and Bernie,

I hope that I'm not being too forward by calling you by your first names, but I feel that I know you in a personal way through the emotional and feeling trip that you both allowed me to take with you as you shared your son's story; and now that the semester is coming to an end, I can take the opportunity to truly give the time warranted to sincerely thank you both for your participation in my class, sharing your story and experiences.

During the presentation, your story and experiences came alive, giving meaning, along with sincerity and compassion, to this horrendous disease. For this sharing, there cannot be too many thanks, for it is through this type of interaction that one can understand the emotions, fear, pain, and frustrations that AIDS patients and their families experience.

In closing, let me once again say thank you. You both are truly to be commended for your role in educating the public about AIDS, seeking to counter the negativism that society associates with this disease.

Sincerely,

Anita Beckerman, ARNP, Ed.D.
Assistant Professor

cc: Cathleen Cannon

Dear Sylvia and Bernie,

Words are so limiting when it comes to some feelings, but what I felt after reading your book cannot be expressed adequately by words—only by the heart—which I hope shines through in this attempt to communicate after meeting you both on December 4, 1992, at the CAP meeting and reading your book, Sylvia.

As a parent, my heart aches for both of you as I thought about each step you courageously experienced with your son Mark in his journey with HIV/AIDS. As a parent of a 21 year old son, I know the pain and the joy of watching a boy grow into a man and knowing there are things I can do to help, and many things I cannot do except to love and be supportive. Your honesty and unconditional love is a model for all parents—especially in the most difficult of circumstances. Thank you for sharing what for most parents is a very private experience. Thank you for providing a space for other parents to think about the possibility of their child being gay, or their child living with HIV/AIDS. Thank you for being candid with your expectations, your struggles, your anger, your pain, and your love and hope. I as a parent need to read that—I as a parent learned from your experience. I as a parent am awed by your courage and willingness to continue in this educational process.

As a team member of the first HIV/AIDS community based project here in Florida, Health CrisisNetwork, I watched the pain and loneliness of young men and women whose family abandoned them in their most needed time. I watched family members who wouldn't or felt they couldn't reach out and receive the love and support they needed. I watched many people whose fright and ignorance kept walls around them and from their adult children whose only wish was to give and receive the love that we all need and deserve. Your exemplary model of providing that love and care to your son and many other sons and daughters is a message for all of us and will continue to be a model for so many other care givers in this fight against HIV/AIDS.

As an educator, I know facts can be given by many with degrees; but often the best education is the daily lessons we learn from the real heroes and heroines—like you both and Mark and Edmund, and the rest of your family. People can make changes over time with messages from those most trusted; from those whose lives are similar in nature. I'm sure many people who identify with you and your situation may be willing to take the first baby steps in change from your giant steps of caring and learning. Your book is an educational gift; but your lives are the educational masterpieces.

As a sexologist, I am everlastingly grateful for your chapter about Mark's homosexuality and the process you both experienced in learning about gay/lesbian/bisexual issues. I know you could have chosen only to focus on HIV/AIDS issues which would have been understandable as that is the impetus of writing this book—I imagine. I am so impressed that you chose to include sexual orientation in unconditional love. In my twenty-five years of teaching and seeing people on a private basis, I know of no other issue that frightens parents more. I have seen so many parents who have turned their backs on their gay/lesbian/bisexual children—generally out of fear and ignorance and discomfort. I have watched so much pain in this area that I have spent much time learning about sexual orientation so I could know more for me personally and professionally so I could teach others in a more knowledgeable fashion. I cannot tell you how impressed I am with your willingness to again be candid about your struggles. Perhaps with more parents talking about their own experiences, future parents will adjust expectations and tell their children as I have told my 21 year old and my 12 years old since childhood—"I will love you if you are single, coupled, or married. I will love you if you have children or don't. I will love you if you love someone of the same race, religion, age, or ability as you or if they are a different race, religion, age, or ability. I will love you if you are heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual. I will love you"...I learned to say all those "I will love you's..." from parents like you who were willing to tell their stories so others could learn and perhaps pain could be avoided—the pain of not being able to tell the truth to those one loves—the pain of not being able to honestly tell about all family members. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Lastly, I know Mark lives in your hearts and minds—the joy he gave to so many around him—the pride you must feel in knowing his life has been a model for so many.— that his life made a difference. Thank you for creating him, that you for sharing him with us in such a loving way; thank you for continuing to educate others by your remarkable commitment.

Blessings to you, peace, and love,

Marilyn K. Volker Ed.D.

Marilyn K. Volker, Ed.D., Sexologist

JERSEY WRITES

Mother finds 'Unconditional Love' best AIDS treatment

By MICHELE HOWE

After moving to Florida with her husband a few years ago, Sylvia Goldstaub planned to write a book about the joys of retirement. Destiny intervened, however, and the former Maplewood resident ended up writing a book about the harshly cruel effects of AIDS.

The book, "Unconditional Love: Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!" (\$14.95, Harbor City Publications) is a paean to her younger son, Mark, who fell victim to the disease in 1988.

(Her older son, Paul, is a professor of music at Ithaca College in upstate New York).

Mark Goldstaub, the owner of a New York public relations firm, died at the age of 37. The entrepreneur founded his business in 1982, serving a clientele that would eventually include the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center (for whom he repped the 1987 U.S. tour of the famed Bolshoi Ballet), and Japan's Grand Kabuki.

He also served as press representative for the Westbury Music Fair, promoting the appearances of a number of well-known performers, including Julie Andrews, Bob Hope, Katharine Hepburn, Hume Cronyn, Jessica Tandy and Kenny Rogers.

Mrs. Goldstaub's book is laced with stories by and about her son, and it tells of his two-year struggle for "survival" . . . and the survival of his family as well. "Unconditional Love" also includes the most tender of words from Mark's friends and loved ones.



Sylvia Goldstaub
'AIDS' thrives on silence

"I hope that a lot of parents will benefit from the book. There are so many who can't handle it (AIDS) when their children fall victim to it," says Sylvia Goldstaub. "Many of them turn their backs on them and never want to see them again. I hope this book will help them change their minds."

Goldstaub admits the ordeal was more than taxing. "I couldn't have gotten through it all without the help of my other son, Paul, and my husband. Family support is so important."

The family learned of Mark's homosexuality in the '70s. "We were absolutely devastated," Goldstaub recalled. "Our initial reaction was disbelief and then we argued a lot because we thought he could or would change," she says.

"We couldn't accept it at first. He left the house very upset and we didn't speak to each other for months," she says. "Initially, you think about yourself—the disgrace, how others will react, etc. Then you wonder how you have failed your child."

She spent hours in the library researching homosexuality, and talked with priests and rabbis on the subject.

Eventually, the family chasm closed. Mrs. Goldstaub decided "we were too important to each other to remain apart. 'It was time to heal—to get past the hurt and denial. We decided that we were wrong and he was right. We called him and told him we were ready to accept him for who he was.'"

Then fear and disbelief struck for a second time when the Goldstaubs learned Mark had contracted HIV and was suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). This time the family pulled together immediately and gave him the unconditional love he needed. "We loved him and he needed to know that," Mrs. Goldstaub stresses.

"You have to get past all the negative things that keep you apart and concentrate on what matters—loving and respecting someone for the choices they make. The stress that these people go through—emotional and physical trauma—is enough. They shouldn't carry the added burden of rejection," she adds.

When Goldstaub first decided to write the book, it was a way to get through the pain of loss, but it soon became a testimonial to her son.

"Mark was such a fine human being and I wanted people to know that. I also wanted them to understand that just because a person has AIDS they don't have to be a victim," she says.

Today, Mrs. Goldstaub spends time educating other parents about the disease and speaking with AIDS sufferers themselves. She belongs to a national support group called P-FLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and goes on speaking engagements across the country about the disease.

"I've had some (AIDS-infected) people tell me they don't want to tell their families because they fear rejection," she says. "I've gone on radio and television shows and speak to people in clubs and other organizations telling people they don't have to be ashamed. No matter how a person contracts the disease, they need as much love now as before."

Goldstaub adds: "AIDS thrives on silence. Bring some light into your loved ones' life and help him or her live the rest of it surrounded by love."

Harbor City Publications is no longer involved with the book. If "Unconditional Love: Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!" is not available through local bookstores, you can write directly to the author at: 6515 Kensington Lane, No. 404, Delray Beach, Fla. 33446. Send a check or money order for \$14.95, plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling payable to Sylvia Goldstaub.

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Dear Sylvia:

This is a thank-you for that moving, sensitive, beautiful talk you gave to my large class at the May Company OASIS program.

I have never known an audience to sit with such rapt attention as they did to your fine presentation on your personal experience with your son's AIDS. I hope many more people can hear your important and honest report.

With the sad forecast of many more cases of AIDS in the future, especially in the heterosexual segment of the world population - which also means in newborn babies - your message is vitally needed. I know you will be disseminating it to wide audiences in the future.

My heartfelt good wishes go with you.

Sincerely,

Helen Colton
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Dear Sylvia:

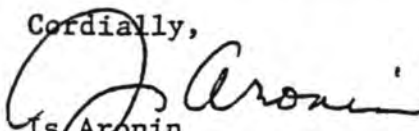
Thank you for the wonderful presentation of your program
at the Distinguished Lecture Series at Temple Sinai on
December 1, 1992.

The audience expressed appreciation for your delivery and
even more so for your mode of living with such tragedy.

We like seeing you on the platform - let's talk about you as
a lecturer in the future.

Thank you very much.

Cordially,


Is Aronin
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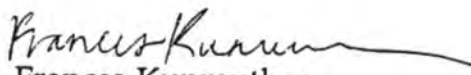
Dear Sylvia,

It was a pleasure talking with you on the telephone last month, and I'm sorry it has taken so long for me to respond to the materials you sent. This spring has been a very busy time at the Institute. This week we are preparing to bring more than 100 youth to the March on Washington, and we are also planning for a big move to a new location.

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your book, *Unconditional Love*, and your press clips. I can certainly see how much your son Mark meant to you. I look forward to placing the book in our new Youth Resource Library, which will be opening in our new space in the fall. We will also keep your press materials on file. They are a testament to your strong commitment remembering all the people who have died of AIDS.

We at the Institute admire your work and congratulate you on having your papers archived by Cornell University. As we work to make the world a safer, healthier place for lesbian and gay youth, we rely on people like you around the country, who are proud of their lesbian and gay children, and who are educating others about HIV/AIDS. Good luck in your important work, and please keep in touch.

Sincerely,


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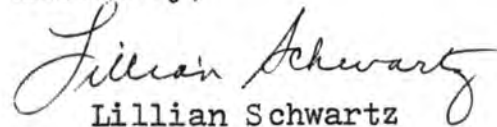
Yours is a poignant and moving story, and our hearts go out to you in sympathy at the loss of your dear son Mark. Both of you are courageous and caring to be surrogate parents to those afflicted with AIDS whose family and parents have abandoned and rejected them.

Both of you are dedicating your lives to bring the plight of Homosexuals and Lesbians before the public and to make people realize that Homosexuals and Lesbians have the right to live and be recognized for their talents and contributions to humanity, same as Heterosexuals. In time, with your efforts and the efforts of more people like you, this will come to pass.

We are very glad that the new Carl E. Kroch Library has accepted your book "Unconditional Love, Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please" for their collection dealing with issues of Homosexuality and HIV/AIDS. This is, indeed, a distinctive honor.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for coming to talk to us today, and do hope that there will be happiness in the future for you and your son Paul.

Most sincerely,



Lillian Schwartz
Co-Chairman of
"Lunch & Learn"



January 20, 1993

Ms. Sylvia Goldstaub
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Dear Sylvia:

Thank you so much for sending me your book and the accompanying materials. What a remarkable person you are, and what a wonderful example you are setting for so many others!

I know that Judy Peabody was delighted to speak with you, too. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken".

Kenneth D. Moore
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you are always on my mind. I often think
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October 14, 1992

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Sylvia Goldstaub, a most dedicated, caring and supportive volunteer of the Comprehensive AIDS Program for the past three years. Mrs. Goldstaub has turned her personal and tragic loss into great support and concern for others who are going or have gone through the same.

During my tenure at CAP I have worked closely with Sylvia and her husband Bernie on numerous projects-all of which have been successful in great part due to their involvement. These have included:

- a holiday project in which Bernie and Sylvia acquired and delivered gifts for the children and adults we serve,
- our cannister project in which they identify stores, restaurants and other locations to place the cannisters, maintain them and bring them back to CAP; their efforts have raised hundreds of dollars for the program,
- monitoring a local quilt display and educating the public about AIDS and HIV,
- serving and playing a very active role on our Red Ribbon Auction Committee and
- raising funds for us by selling her heartwarming and heartfelt words in her recently published book.

For all of the above and much more we are most grateful to Sylvia as well as Bernie. They have turned their tragedy into an opportunity to help others. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate calling.

Sincerely, yours,


James Sugarman
Program Resources Director

cc: Sylvia Goldstaub

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Reviews

By James M. Pines

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE:

"MOM! DAD! LOVE ME!
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Ms. Goldstaub's tribute to her son, and account of his death, at 37, from AIDs, can also inspire. Friends and families of those with AIDS will benefit from the Goldstaub family's successful struggle to understand, comfort their son, and, ultimately, to use their grief positively. The origins of courage and unconditional love remain obscure, but this book demonstrates how they can sometimes turn tragedy into a celebration of life.

Mrs. Goldstaub's book has been selected by Cornell University's Department of Manuscripts and Archives for inclusion in the Cornell Human Sexuality Collection, devoted to gay and lesbian life. With other papers and photographs of the Goldstaub family, it will constitute the first collection of family materials dealing with homosexuality and HIV/AIDS in contemporary society.

Author-Sylvia Goldstaub

AIDS Message Is 'Love Me, Please'

By Jay R. Worsham
Town-Crier Associate Editor

Bernie and Sylvia Goldstaub of Delray Beach never wanted public attention. It took a personal tragedy to propel them to the spotlight and the speaker's platform.

Sylvia Goldstaub was the guest speaker at the Jan. 8 luncheon and meeting of the Wellington Literary Society at the Wellington Club. She discussed her book, *Unconditional Love: "Mom! Dad! Love Me Please."*

She wrote the book after her younger son, Mark, died of AIDS in 1988 at the age of 37. It tells of the Goldstaubs' value struggle when they learned of the homosexuality of their son, and their ordeal after Mark contracted the HIV virus.

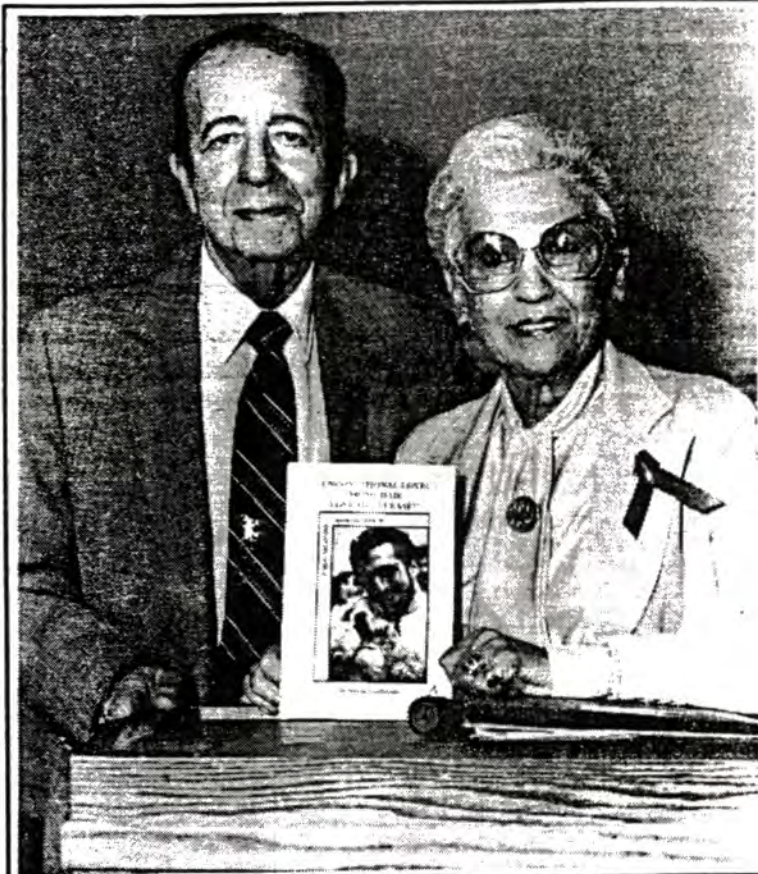
Like many parents in the same situation, the Goldstaubs were devastated when their son announced that he was homosexual, Sylvia Goldstaub said.

"We were very negative and did not see him for months at first, because we did not accept him. This is why I could write about it, because we lived it — the negative and the positive, what we did to bring the family back together again," she said.

Goldstaub devoted much of the book to the experiences of AIDS victims with whom she came in contact who had suffered ostracism from parents and loved ones because of the onus of the immune disease.

"The message of the book is unconditional love. Love your children. Love them for who they are, not for their lifestyle. They are your flesh and blood," Goldstaub said.

"The love of parents for their children is the most important thing, especially under the condition where they have a pandemic disease like AIDS and are



Message Of Love — After Bernie and Sylvia Goldstaub lost their son to AIDS, she wrote a book about the importance to AIDS victims of family love. She recently spoke at a meeting of the Wellington Literary Club.

TOWN-CRIER PHOTO BY PATRICK EGAN

reaching out even more," she said.

The Goldstaubs learned from their son in the spring of 1986 that he had AIDS.

"He suggested that we join (support) groups to help us go through what lay ahead," Sylvia Goldstaub said.

They joined several including the Boca Raton Community Hospital AIDS support group and the Comprehensive AIDS Program in West Palm Beach.

Many of the people with AIDS who spoke at the meetings were being totally shunned by their parents, Goldstaub said.

"We became surrogate parents to some of those young people whose parents had deserted

them, abandoned them, and left them alone to die unloved and indigent," she said. "We took them to lunch, to the beach and into our home. They told us their stories."

Their stories became part of her book, she said.

Following publication of *Unconditional Love: "Mom! Dad! Love Me Please,"* the Goldstaubs went to book-signings and accepted invitations to speak — something that terrified Sylvia Goldstaub at first. But with a steady stream of appearances, she gained strength and calmness, she said.

"I was very proud that Wellington contacted me. The message is getting out," Goldstaub said.



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Dear Sylvia:

Thank you so very much for your kind letter and the copy of your moving book. At a time when there is so much hatred and neglect of people with AIDS, it is indeed heartening to meet people like you who are fighting on the front lines in the battle against AIDS and ignorance.

I also would like to thank you for your kind offer of help to DIFFA, and I will let you know when our activities bring us to Florida. Enclosed please find a short description of DIFFA and its mission. I would also like to tell you about an AIDS group that shares office space with us called MOTHER'S VOICES. They are a group of mothers who have gathered together to fashion a humane and vigorous response to the many challenges of the epidemic. If you would like more information about them, please call (212) 366-9217.

Again, thank you for your concern, your energy, and your dedication to the fight against AIDS.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Grimes-Gruczka

Assistant Director of Development

Author Sylvia Goldstaub

PUBLISHER--Goldstaub, Delray Beach, Florida



SHINE LIFE

UNUSUAL TITLES, ATYPICAL PUBLISHERS, obvious labors of love: That sums up two recent books that, while not exactly self-published, exist only through the tenacity of their authors.

Wolf Girls at Vassar: Gay and Lesbian Experiences 1930-1990 (Vassar College Press, \$10.95) is an absorbing collection of memories about Vassar College (poet Muriel Rukeyser leads the list of contributors), edited by Anne MacKay, that lets the gay and lesbian students of today know they're not the first on campus.

No less moving is Sylvia Goldstaub's earnest, emotional remembrance of her son, Mark, who died of AIDS in 1988. *Unconditional Love: "Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!"*

(\$14.95) is both a loving tribute to Goldstaub's son and a powerful plea to other families not to abandon their children with AIDS. It's not the first book written about a mother's loss (Barbara Peabody and Beverly Barbo have been there previously), but it is the most poignant and pointed.

—Richard Labonte

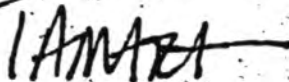
21 February 1992

Sylvia Goldstaub
6515 Kensington Lane
Delray Beach, Florida 33446

Dear Ms. Goldstaub,

I just wanted to drop you a line to tell you how thrilled we were with your booksigning. By mid-Sunday we had sold the last of your books--60 copies! You've touched a lot of people by sharing your story and everyone certainly needs inspiration in dealing with this horrible disease. I am sorry I didn't get to meet you personally as I had been looking forward to this event since we received the flyer about the book from your neice. In any case, we will be sending out a check for 15% of the sales to AIDS Volunteers of Lexington and we greatly appreciate all your work.

Sincerely,



Tamara Coffey
Promotions Director



P.O. Box 1457
Lexington, KY 40591
606/255-4404

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DEAR SYLVIA,

THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE COPY OF THE BOOK AND
KIND WORDS. I REALLY ENJOYED MEETING YOU AND
YOUR HUSBAND. IT'S NOT EVERYDAY YOU MEET PEOPLE
WITH SO MUCH CARING AND COMPASSION. YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY SHOULD BE APPLAUDED FOR ALL YOU DO.
I WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORT.

I MADE THE VHS DUB OF OUR INTERVIEW.
IT'S RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TAPE.

HERE'S WISHING YOU GOOD HEALTH AND MUCH
HAPPINESS.

Fondly Yours,

Tom Kenny



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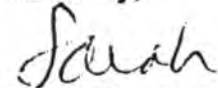
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Dear Mrs. Goldstaub:

On behalf of the staff and clientele of Liberties Fine Books & Music, I would like to thank you for visiting the store to autograph copies of your book Unconditional Love. This is definitely a subject that needs to be discussed and remain out in the open. People need to understand.

We appreciate the time you spent with us and wish you luck with the book. The signed copies are on the autographed books table and selling well.

Sincerely,



Sarah Flynn
Promotions Director

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

LIFESTYLE



Sylvia Goldstaub urges parents of gays, lesbians to accept their children.

Son's death leads mom to write of reconciling

By Barbara Isaacs
Herald-Leader staff writer

As Sylvia Goldstaub's son was fighting AIDS in 1988, he had something many other people with the disease do not: the complete, unconditional love of his family.

Now, 36 months after her son's death, Sylvia Goldstaub is beginning a national campaign. She hopes to make parents of lesbians and gays understand how painful and pointless it is to reject their children.

She will be at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in The Mall at Lexington Green from 3 to 5 p.m. today, signing copies of her book, *Unconditional Love: Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!* (\$9.95, Harbor City Publications).

The book is the story of her relationship with her son, Mark Goldstaub, a well-known New York publicist, who died at 37. The back cover of the book includes a reprint of his obituary in *The New York Times*.

Sylvia's book also includes the heartbreaking stories of men she befriended who were ostracized by their families — and who died without them.

When her son revealed that he was gay, on Father's Day 1977, Sylvia and Bernie Goldstaub went through the range of emotions.

"I was like, 'You'll get over it,'" Sylvia remembered. At the time, she thought her son's breakup with his high school sweetheart was the

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PARENTS: Book says to accept gay children

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cause of his homosexuality.

Her husband carried feelings of guilt.

"I thought if I'd been a more macho father — hunting and fishing — it would not have happened. Which was a bunch of baloney."

For three painful months, Mark and his parents didn't speak. But Sylvia decided that the family would not break apart. She and her husband began reading everything they could about homosexuality.

"We realized that Mark was right, and we were wrong," Sylvia said.

Now, when the Goldstaubs are at meetings of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — they founded the West Palm Beach, Fla., chapter — they pass their knowledge on to other parents.

Bernie always corrects parents who refer to their child's sexual "preference."

"It's not a preference," he said. "We are what we are."

The family's close relationship made all the difference when Mark told his parents he had AIDS in 1987. Mark's longtime companion,

Sylvia Goldstaub will sign copies of her book, *Unconditional Love: Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!*, from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in The Mall at Lexington Green.

Edmund Wojcik, had already been accepted into the Goldstaub family, and he took care of Mark until the end, along with a grandmotherly nurse named Pauline. The Goldstaubs are still in close contact with Edmund.

"What I'm concerned with is that people with AIDS have the love — and they need the love of their families, their mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters," Sylvia said. "Because that's where they come from."

Sylvia's advice to parents of lesbians and gays: Learn all you can about homosexuality and accept your children as they are.

"If they know you will accept them, they will come out," she said, noting that it's impossible to have a close family relationship with a person's identity hidden.

Sylvia's mission is stated best in her book's preface:

"If this book reaches the heart of just one family, my son, Mark Goldstaub, has not died in vain, and his relatively short life on Earth has served humankind."

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Local

Author spreads 'Unconditional Love'

Goldstaub family teaches lessons on life, love, AIDS

By Marka Moser
Daily Staff Writer

No parent ever expects a child to precede them in death.

But it happens. Whether the loss is from an accident or illness, it's difficult to accept. More and more parents today are not only having to deal with the loss of a child who had AIDS, but they are also forced to face that son or daughter's homosexuality.

Sylvia Goldstaub, author of *Unconditional Love: "Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!"*, and her husband Bernie were recently in Vail to relay their poignant message penned in Goldstaub's recently published book.

Their son, Mark Goldstaub, died of AIDS in 1988. A homosexual, he was the owner and president of Mark Goldstaub Public Relations in New York City.

"It is heartbreaking to learn of people with AIDS, abandoned by their families, left to die indigent, alone, without love," Goldstaub said. "Mark died with dignity, fully aware of his family's unconditional love."

The powerful book tells the story of her family's struggle, to not only understand and accept Mark's

homosexuality, but to work through the grief of his death.

Before this experience, Goldstaub said, she could not fathom her world falling apart. But it happened in the instant Mark told her, in a quiet voice, "Mom, I have AIDS."

During the year and a half Mark struggled for his life, it was his personal strength, courage, determination and constant hope which helped sustain both his parents, his brother Paul, and his lover.

"It was Mark's fortitude and bravery which made me feel so proud he was my son," Goldstaub said. "But seeing my handsome, strong, well-built son turned into a frail man with thinning hair sitting in a wheelchair shocked me so. I could not allow my son to know what I was feeling."

Instead, the Goldstaubs reached out to their son. However, Sylvia Goldstaub admitted to rejecting his homosexuality at first, and telling him he could change if he really wanted to do it.

After months of research on the subject of homosexuality, Goldstaub came to believe that her son was right, and she was wrong. Mark's appearance, actions and body motions never indicated



Vail Daily / Marka Moser

Sylvia Goldstaub recently spoke to an audience at the Vail Public Library about her book describing her son's death from AIDS.

homosexual characteristics, so his parents never suspected he was gay.

The guilt piled up as the Goldstaubs blamed their parenting. Mark's father chastized himself for not spending more time with his son as he was growing up. Finally, they accepted their son, unconditionally, and supported him to the

end.

But many parents have not been able to do that, and that's why Goldstaub travels throughout the country to explain how important it is to reach out — to love.

"If each person spreads the word, we'll overcome it," she said. "We're all equal. We must learn to

accept and love each other.

"God made us all," she added. "Why would anyone choose a (gay) life to be ostracized, and still a parent will blame a child for choosing to be gay. Our inner feelings will be so much happier if we can

Goldstaub

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just love and support."

Goldstaub's book was recently accepted by Cornell University to be part of the archives for human sexuality. That's important to Goldstaub, because she feels it can help teach the world to accept.

"I wrote the book with my son at my shoulder all the way," she said. "Anyone can get AIDS. It's not just a gay disease."

But no matter how it's contracted, Goldstaub said, the message she wants to convey is not to condemn.

"When you point a finger, three fingers come back to you," she said. "I want to help people realize how much their son or daughter with AIDS needs them."

"If you are teaching your children to hate homosexual people," said a homosexual man who committed suicide at age 20, "you might be teaching one of them to hate themselves."

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VAIL, COLORADO

MARCH 13, 1993

Page 8 — *Vail Daily* Friday, March 12, 1993

Lecture and booksigning by Sylvia Goldstaub, author of "Unconditional Love (Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!)" will appear at the Vail Public Library Community Room, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The book is the story of a family's struggle with AIDS, from the perspective of the mother. The event is free, and is being sponsored by Vail HIV Support Group and Vail Internal Medicine.

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Sylvia Goldstaub author of "Unconditional Love: Mom! Dad! Love Me! Please!" talk and booksigning, Vail Public Library, 3 p.m., free, sponsored by Vail HIV Support Group and Vail Internal Medicine.

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THE AUTHOR OF:

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LECTURE IS FREE OF CHARGE;
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author/mother of AIDS victim to deliver Aspen lecture today

■ Sylvia Goldstaub to share experiences

By GIL I. RUDAWSKY
ASPEN TIMES DAILY STAFF WRITER

AIDS is a horrible disease, but when parents abandon a family member with the deadly disease, it's even worse.

It's hard to imagine parents disowning a son or daughter because they have been diagnosed with AIDS, but, according to Sylvia Goldstaub, it happens all the time.

Goldstaub, author and publisher of "Unconditional Love: 'Mom! Dad! Love me! Please!'" lost her son to AIDS four years ago. She will be featured in a book-signing and lecture at 7:30 p.m. today (Friday) at the Aspen Chapel.

The event is sponsored by AIDS/Aspen CARES.

Goldstaub said her son died with dignity and love. But during the whole process, she became acutely aware that many people with AIDS are abandoned by their parents.

"Our son died knowing that he was loved," Goldstaub told the Aspen Times Daily. "Many people don't have that luxury."

Goldstaub's son, Mark, was the owner of a New York public relations firm when he died at the age of 37. The firm represented the Metropolitan Opera House. He also served as press representative for the

Westbury Music Fair, promoting the appearances of Bob Hope, Katherine Hepburn, Jessica Tandy and Kenny Rogers.

In her book, Goldstaub details stories of gays and lesbians suffering from AIDS who are abandoned. Goldstaub also tells her own story of how she battled the emotion of her son's illness.

It took Goldstaub two-and-a-half years to write the book. She said she started it because of the emotional involvement with her son's death.

She had to stop several times while she was writing the book, she said.

"At times, it was so difficult to write because my emotions got in the way," Goldstaub said.

Goldstaub's goal is to show people that when children are diagnosed with AIDS, they are still their lifeblood. Also, when parents abandon children suffering with AIDS, this adds stress which makes the illness worse.

Since her son died, Goldstaub has tried to get parents to accept instead of abandon children infected with AIDS. She's hoping the '90s will be the decade of humanity.

"Children with AIDS need the love of their parents," Goldstaub said. "Parents also need the love of their children, although they may deny it."

Goldstaub has done book-signings all over the country.

The lecture and book-signing is free and open to the public.

LECTURES

- SYLVIA GOLDSTAUB, author of "Unconditional Love: Mom! Dad! Love me! Please!" will give a booksigning and lecture; 7:30 p.m. at the Aspen Chapel.

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Free and open to the public — donations will be accepted.

For more information call Robert Aikens at 925-4649

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October 20, 1993

The Honorable Henry Cisneros
Secretary
Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20401

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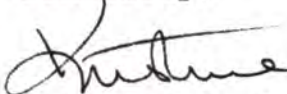
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I would like to propose that we establish a working group made up of one or more members of your staff and representatives of the CDC and HRSA to explore the funding possibilities for such an endeavor. This might be possible under the auspices of the Federal Workplace HIV/AIDS Education Initiative as training for the public dependent on financial assistance from HUD. This type of innovative governmental action dovetails neatly with the reinventing government program advocated by the President.

Dr. Tim Fox of my staff will set up the meeting. He may be reached at (202) 690-5560. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this issue.

Sincerely,



Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

cc: Dr. Tim Fox, ONAPC
Ms. Amy Liu, HUD

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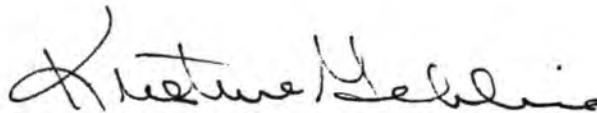
It gives me great pleasure to send greetings and participate in the Sixth National AIDS Update Conference.

This conference is the most comprehensive in the United States that helps assure that professionals have the information that they need about HIV/AIDS education, research, treatment and prevention. I salute your contribution and participation in helping to make it a success as we work toward our common goal.

My office and I stand ready to assist in any way we can in your endeavors to understand and defeat this epidemic. I also solicit your support by keeping me informed on how I can best help to coordinate all of our efforts on a national basis.

My very best wishes for a successful conference and I look forward to working with you all now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kristine M. Gebbie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristine" being more prominent than the last name "Gebbie".

Kristine M. Gebbie
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

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Mr. Maja Joles Jedrak
67-05 Exeter Street
Forest Hills, New York

Dear Mr. Jedrak:

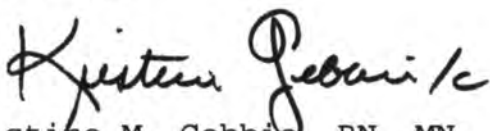
Thank you for sharing your views on immunology with me. As you know, the Office of National AIDS Policy was created out of the commitment of the President to take positive steps to stop the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As National AIDS Policy Coordinator, I, like you, am devoted to finding a cure for AIDS as soon as possible. I am also devoted to the development and implementation of policies that will stop the spread of HIV and provide adequate care for those already infected.

Although you offer interesting insights on the human immune system, we have found from our work in AIDS research, that there is too little information on what makes some individuals immune to some diseases. In the case of AIDS, because we have been tracking the disease for such a relatively short time, we do not have the natural history on the progression of the disease that we need to determine whether everyone infected with HIV will develop AIDS.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), and in particular the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is conducting research in various locations around the country to find a cure through the most effective means possible.

Again, thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristine Gebbie".

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

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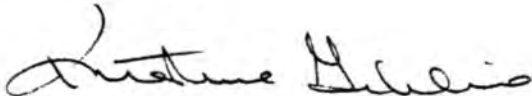
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I have forwarded the book to the Office of the Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, who will be able to determine whether the information contained therein can be used in their programs.

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July 22, 1993

Christine Gebbe
National HIV/AIDS Policy Coordinator
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200 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Christine:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the position of National HIV/AIDS Policy Coordinator! It is a great honor for those of us in Washington State to have you in charge of this important issue at the federal level. As you may recall, AIDS Housing of Washington was responsible for the development of Bailey-Boushay House, the first newly constructed skilled nursing facility and day health program designed for people with HIV/AIDS. Bailey-Boushay House, which has been open for thirteen months now, has served two hundred individuals in the residential portion of the project and an additional 180 people with HIV/AIDS through the day health program. We recently received the FannieMae Foundation Maxwell Award for the development of this facility.

Currently, AIDS Housing of Washington is organizing the First National HIV/AIDS Housing Conference which will bring together the three hundred AIDS housing providers from across United States and Puerto Rico. The conference will take place in the Chicago area, September 30th to October 3rd. We have received funding for the conference from HRSA, The Ford Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, AmFAR, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Levi Strauss Foundation, and Burroughs Wellcome Company.

Our work at this time also includes providing technical assistance in the development of four, 4-6 unit housing projects for people with HIV/AIDS in Vancouver, Olympia, Tacoma, and Bellingham. These four projects are collaborative efforts between existing housing non-profits and local AIDS service organizations or health departments. The Washington State Department of Community Development is the sponsor of this initiative.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of our recently completed book, **Breaking New Ground: Developing Innovative AIDS Care Residences**, the first book written on the development of housing for people with HIV/AIDS. If we can be of any assistance to you in your new job please let me know. We look forward to getting together with you the next time we are in D.C.

Sincerely,

Betsy Lieberman
Executive Director

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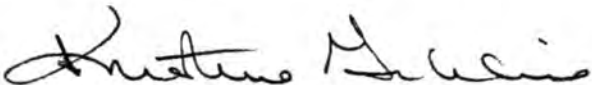
Dear Ms. Tyler:

This is a belated thank you for sharing "LIVING PROOF: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness" with me. As National AIDS Policy Coordinator, I am devoted to the development and implementation of policies that will stop the spread of HIV and provide care for those already infected. I am also devoted to finding a cure for AIDS as soon as possible. As you may know, the Office of National AIDS Policy was created out of the President's commitment to take some positive steps to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

It is through the encouragement and input from individuals like yourself and the other individuals involved in this project that we will be able to fight to end this epidemic. The need to portray positive images of those living with HIV/AIDS is now more important than ever, not only for those of us that have to continue in our labor to end this epidemic but also for those who are living with the virus. In our labor, we need the inspiration that comes from the courage and love of life that many persons living with HIV display on a daily basis. I applaud your efforts to communicate such a potent message.

I have shared your materials with the staff of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), who will be able to use it for their programs.

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New York, New York 10036

Dear Ms. Tyler:

This is a belated thank you for sharing "LIVING PROOF: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness" with me. As National AIDS Policy Coordinator, I am devoted to the development and implementation of policies that will stop the spread of HIV and provide care for those already infected. I am also devoted to finding a cure for AIDS as soon as possible. As you may know, the Office of National AIDS Policy was created out of the President's commitment to take some positive steps to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

It is through the encouragement and input from individuals like yourself and the other individuals involved in this project that we will be able to fight to end this epidemic. The need to portray positive images of those living with HIV/AIDS is now more important than ever, not only for those of us that have to continue in our labor to end this epidemic but also for those who are living with the virus. In our labor, we need the inspiration that comes from the courage and love of life that many persons living with HIV display on a daily basis. I applaud your efforts to communicate such a potent message.

I have shared your materials with the staff of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), who will be able to use it for their programs.

Sincerely,

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Prepared by: [redacted] Date: 10/20/93

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LIVING PROOF: HIV AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

July 23, 1993

The Documentary Film

Kristine M. Gebbie
National Aids Policy Coordinator
200 Independence Ave. S.W.
Room 738
HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Gebbie:

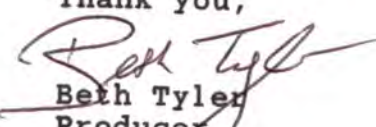
I have enclosed a copy of "Living Proof: HIV and The Pursuit of Happiness" and invite any comments or suggestions you may have regarding the documentary.

"Living Proof: HIV and The Pursuit of Happiness" is a unique and inspiring work that chronicles a photography project initiated by Carolyn Jones and George DeSipio. Their mission was to change the "face" of AIDS so commonly misrepresented in the mass media, and inspire respect and compassion for those who are leaning so much about life and love in the face of their own mortality. People of all ages, races and sexual orientations are represented and celebrated in this film, living bravely and positively with the virus.

It is notable that our film has been accomplished entirely with donations of the services and materials we have needed. This is a unique accomplishment in filmmaking. It was done this way partly because we felt that the message that people with HIV are vital, interesting, perceptive people from whose experience we all stand to benefit needed to be delivered with such speed that would not allow time for fundraising, and partly because we are aware that in seeking funds we would be putting ourselves in competition with other necessary AIDS-related projects whose progress we would not wish to impair.

For these reasons, and the fact that we have encountered overwhelming enthusiasm and generosity in putting this project together, we feel that President Clinton would support our project and see that it exemplifies the kind of civic-mindedness and social inclusiveness he seeks to promulgate in our country at this time.

Thank you,


Beth Tyler
Producer

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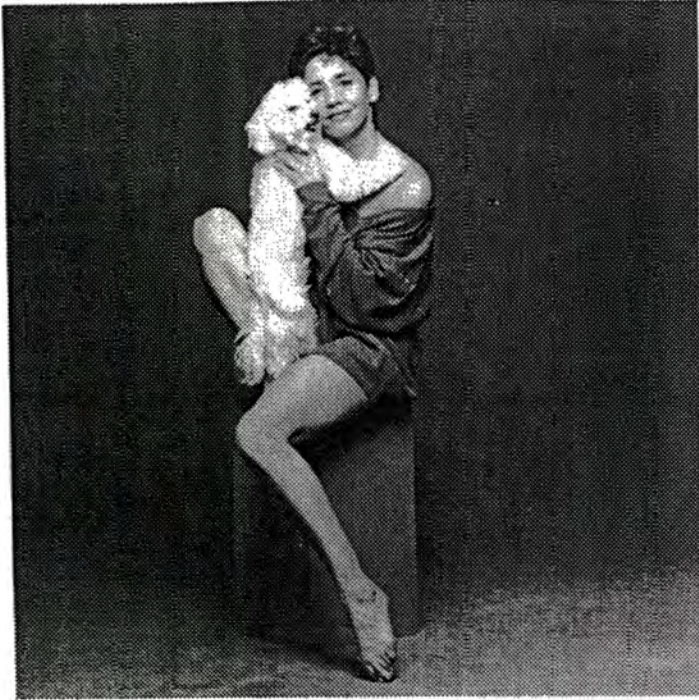
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Living Proof:

HIV and The Pursuit of Happiness



LIVING PROOF: HIV AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

The Documentary Film

Produced and Directed by

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RICHARD DALLETT

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In Honor of Kevin Patterson

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

Chiemi Karasawa

ORIGINAL MUSIC

James Legg and Mark Suozzo

In Honor of Robert Savage and Brian Greenbaum

SOUND EDITOR

Stuart Cadenhead

In Honor of Adam Grammis

LIVING PROOF: HIV AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

The Documentary Film

Living Proof.

Perhaps one of the most dramatic, but not sad, documentaries ever done about people living with HIV. There are few tears here, mostly upbeat and funny commentaries about how people's lives have changed after testing positive. Before you say, "Oh no, not another AIDS film," (like I did when I first read about it), it's important to point out that not only is this very funny, but it's also very sexy, too. This isn't "Silverlake Life," it explores the HIV-positive status with vibrant alive people in a very vibrant and alive way.

There's the swim team talking about working with each other nearly naked every day, there's a seductive blonde woman smiling as she talks about how her life has changed, and there's beautiful Ross Johnson, who looks like a young Mr. Clean with his earring and bald head from chemotherapy. He looks as handsome and strong as ever as he talks about his past and his life, but soon we realize that he died during the filming of the movie and we are taken in an unintrusive way into his memorial service. Virtually every kind of couple from every walk of life is focused in these people's stories: from a poor mother and child to an Eagle Scout to a straight couple. Director Kermit Cole put the story together with film crew who never knew anyone with AIDS before the filming. It almost makes you want to live each day as if you, too, have just tested positive and can focus your life as well as these people have.

This is a must-see not only for the communities most afflicted by this illness, but for everyone. Especially, I might add, if you have any fears, stereotypes or undue paranoia about AIDS.

--Michael Szymanski

Frontiers Magazine and The New York Times Syndicate

LIVING PROOF

The strongest people on Earth are those who have a health affliction and are helping others to deal with that disease, be it drug addiction, cancer, or, in this case, AIDS.

Producer-director Kermit Cole has assembled a quilt of interviews with HIV-positive people who have emotionally transcended the horrors of their prognosis by, in many cases, turning around their lives. In this heartfelt and poignant assemblage of viewpoints, we see that many have turned the tables on the disease by re-evaluating their lives — in essence, discarding the non-essentials and living to the fullest...

a very moving, sobering and inspiring production.

Duane Byrge

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VOL 1, #3 SPRING, 1993

Production Update

However you define no-budget filmmaking, you'll need a new phrase entirely to describe the financing of *Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness*, a documentary about finding the positive aspects of living with HIV. Filmmaker Kermit Cole financed the 16mm color film, in the final stages of post production at press time, entirely on donations of equipment, services, film stock and even food to feed cast and crew. Contributors included Xeno Lights, Du Art Labs, The Big Picture and Odeon. "Everybody realizes something has to happen with regard to the prevalent attitudes towards HIV," says Cole. "It's intolerable to have people's deaths be the subject of any kind of moral debate. I hope this film can help that change."

Living Proof uses the photo sessions for photographer Carolyn Jones' portrait show of the same name, which opened November 1, 1992 at the World Trade Center in New York, as a framing device. More extensive interviews

with some of the 35 individuals who appear in the photos take place elsewhere. The relatively festive mood of the photo sessions and surrounding activity lend a curious counterpoint to Cole's interviews with his HIV-positive subjects. "There is a tremendous sense of community and love among people with HIV," says Cole. "I think what the film does is highlight the enormous personal courage they've had to muster and provide them with a context to express what's been good as well as bad in an air of community and celebration. We can all learn something from them: How do you go about being happy knowing you're going to die someday?"

Cole, an aspiring feature director who supports himself as a grip and assistant director, has made industrials and one other film, a 20-minute 35mm color short currently on the festival circuit. Called *Before Comedy*, it's a quirky piece about the discovery of comedy by prehistoric clowns. "For me, what it's all about is trying to capture the moment in which people's characters are revealed, whether it's in shorts, features or on the stage," he says.

Crew: Producer/Writer, Director, Kermit Cole; Co-Producer, Anthony Bennett; Cinematographers, Richard Dallett, Sarah Cawley, George Gibson, Peter Pierce; Sound, Richard Brause, Kira Smith; Editor, Michael Gersh; Gaffer, Frank Stubblefield. [Contact: Kermit Cole, Short Films, Inc., 1659 Tenth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Tel: (718) 499-6580, Fax: (718) 499-6516.]

LIVING PROOF: HIV AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

The Documentary Film

In late September, 1992, Director/Producer Kermit Cole approached Carolyn Jones and George DeSipio with the idea of creating a documentary film based on their in-progress photo history project "Living Proof." They invited him to their October 17-18 photo shoot and Cole, along with producer Anthony Bennett and an all-volunteer production staff, arranged a two-camera documentary crew which filmed over thirty interviews and documentary footage of the photo sessions with these inspiring people. They then followed the project and its subjects to a gala opening at the World Trade Center on November 30.

Shooting continued as they followed the lives of the subjects. On February 20th they went to the White House to film one of the subjects' meeting with President Clinton. The following week they went to Chicago to film another subject, a Chicago police officer, at work.

In the course of interviewing more than 30 people in two days, Cole found that what Jones's still photos captured comes through on film; that the community of People With AIDS is full of active, vibrant people from whom we can all learn.

Every aspect of the project's needs have been met by in-kind donations. Catering was supplied by such companies as Dean & DeLuca, The Odeon, Tropicana, Chock Full O'Nuts, Bon Ton Potato Chips and many others. All of the raw stock for the shoot was donated by New York production companies such as Maysles, Epoch, Icon, The Artists' Company/A&R Group, Troika, and Riviera, among others, and by out-of-town companies such as Walk-on-Water from Florida and International Television Group from L.A. Processing was supplied by DuArt, and film-to-tape transfer by Manhattan Transfer and Prinkzco. Editing continues at The Big Picture, which is donating complete post-production services as well as office space and support.

The "Living Proof" project celebrates human beings who are fulfilling, under extraordinary circumstances, their basic and ordinary right to pursue happiness. The goal is to bring the photographs and the people in them to an audience that has yet to develop a personal connection with HIV-positive and AIDS infected people. Their stories about overcoming obstacles, re-evaluating priorities, and learning anew about life and love in the face of one's own mortality are inspiring testaments, offered with such generosity that the audience will develop a new regard for people with AIDS, as their hard-won lessons illuminate ways in which we can all make the most of life.

"Living Proof: HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness" is a documentary film based on the still photography project called "Living Proof," by Carolyn Jones

LIVING PROOF

The Photographs

When George DeSipio was diagnosed with AIDS in 1991, he realized there was a lack of positive role models presented in the media for people in his situation; people who were relatively healthy, despite occasional bouts with illness, and who continue to live active and creative lives. Media studies of people with HIV / AIDS, while well-intentioned, tended to focus on the negative, "death-sentence" aspects of the disease. George approached photographer Carolyn Jones about developing a photographic study of people living with HIV / AIDS which would focus on the positive aspects of their lives.

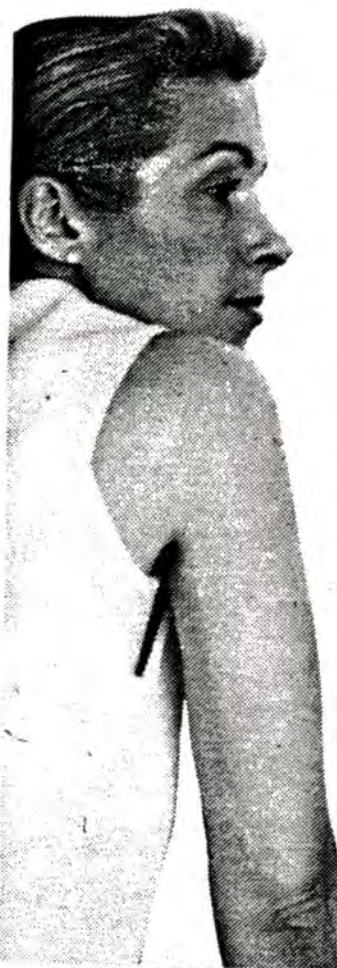
Carolyn embraced the idea and decided to shoot large-format black & white studio portraits of people living with HIV / AIDS. Notices were sent out inviting people to come and be photographed, bringing with them the things in their lives that kept them 'motivated and driven.' In four days in April Carolyn photographed more than forty people: men, women and children; black, white and latino; gay and straight. The result was a remarkably beautiful series of photographs revealing the character and personalities of the subjects; 'average' people who have risen to the occasion when faced with adversity, and triumphed in their effort simply to lead fulfilling lives.

The response to the series was extremely positive and enthusiastic. Articles about the photographs have appeared in major publications including *The New York Times*, *Seventeen Magazine*, *Out*, *Photo District News*, *Body Positive*, and *PWA Newsline*. A first gallery show of the photographs is being planned in conjunction with World AIDS day on December 1, and negotiations with a major art book publisher are underway for a book to be released in September, 1993. The goal of the "Living Proof" project is a national travelling show of the photographs.

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Steve Hart for The New York Times

Finding Something, Many Things, To Smile About

Nearly everyone is smiling in Carolyn Jones's recent photographs, which may strike some viewers as surprising because all the subjects have AIDS or are H.I.V. positive.

"They are not sad photographs," said Ms. Jones, who has more than three dozen portraits in her portfolio, which she's calling Living Proof. "These people have come around to the other side and said, 'Damn it, I have a certain amount of time to live, and I'm going to do all the stuff I meant to do but never did. I'm going to approach this positively.'"

The project was the brainchild of George DeSipio, a fashion sales representative who is H.I.V.-positive. He and Ms. Jones put up notices around New York asking for people to pose; they got more than 40 responses. They also contacted others, including the playwright Scott McPherson, who



Carolyn Jones

wrote the Off Broadway show "Marvin's Room." Each subject was asked to take something he loved to the shoot. Mr. McPherson took Laura Esterman (above), the lead in his play.

"We would like to present a new model of what living with AIDS will be," Ms. Jones said.

Ms. Jones, who is photographing the September *Spy* magazine cover, a "paint-by-numbers Madonna" that lampoons Vanity Fair's August cover of the actress Demi Moore, is talking to galleries about her work, and to publishers about a book. The profits would go to AIDS research.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1992



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Agency for Health Care Policy
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Rockville MD 20857

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Return

OCT 21 1993

Kristine Gabbie

Kristine: I'm
proposing today that Dr.
Lee forward the

TO: The Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/PHS _____

FROM: Administrator

SUBJECT: Approval of the AHCPR-supported Clinical Practice PHS and
Guideline on HIV Infection--ACTION

approved to print for
the guideline. for both

ISSUE

The Department, your
positive support is critical
and essential.

Attached for your signature is a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA) (Tab A) which endorses our request for clearance to publish the AHCPR-supported Clinical Practice Guideline on Evaluation and Management of Early HIV Infection. Our formal request to ASPA for clearance to publish the clinical guideline has been submitted through the appropriate channels. A copy of the final draft guideline, on which our request for clearance is based, is attached for your reference (Tab B).

Janet
10/22

The ASPA previously approved for publication the Guideline's Patient Booklets (in English and Spanish) and the Clinician's Quick Reference Guide (Tab C).

DISCUSSION

The AHCPR convened a private sector expert panel, co-chaired by Wafaa El-Sadr, M.D., Harlem Hospital Center, and James Oleske, M.D., New Jersey Medical School, to develop the clinical practice guideline on management of early HIV infection.

The draft practice guideline has undergone extensive external peer review and has been reviewed within the Public Health Service (PHS) by experts in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In May 1993, we submitted an earlier draft version of the guideline to OASPA and requested approval to print the guideline as submitted by the panel with the exception of the panel's declarations on issues related to inclusion of pregnant women in clinical trials and access to care. We asked OASPA to approve for publication the AHCPR presentation of these issues.

By memorandum dated June 18 (Tab D), the ASPA stated that the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health should determine whether the AHCPR or panel version of the issues should be printed and also determine whether the content needed to undergo further review and clearance. Since that June memorandum, we and the guideline panel have reached consensus on an appropriate presentation of medicosocial issues. Further, the guideline panel has worked closely with PHS reviewers to ensure that the clinical guideline accurately presents sound professional opinions on management of HIV infection.

The draft also has been provided to Ms. Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, for review and comment. Ms. Gebbie will provide her comments to you and to the Office of the Secretary.

With prompt clearance to publish, we would plan a public release press event for January 1994. We have had press events for release of the earlier six clinical practice guidelines.

Because of the Departmental clearance requirement for publication of information related to HIV infection, we would appreciate your approval of its publication by signing and transmitting the memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that you approve publication of the AHCPR-supported Clinical Practice Guideline on Evaluation and Management of Early HIV Infection by signing and transmitting the memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs requesting that the guideline be cleared for publication.

DECISION

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Date _____

/s/ J. Jarrett Clinton, M.D.

J. Jarrett Clinton, M.D.

Attachments

- Tab A: Memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
- Tab B: HIV Clinical Practice Guideline
- Tab C: June 17, 1993 memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs approving the Patient Booklets and the Clinician's Quick Reference
- Tab D: June 18, 1993 memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs returning the Clinical Practice Guideline for OASH decisions.



Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Health
Washington DC 20201

TO: The Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

FROM: Assistant Secretary for Health

SUBJECT: Clearance to Publish the AHCPR-supported Clinical Practice Guideline on HIV Infection

This memorandum transmits my endorsement of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) request to publish the Clinical Practice Guideline on Evaluation and Management of Early HIV Infection. You approved for publication the Patient Booklets and the Clinician's Quick Reference for the Clinical Practice Guideline on HIV Infection, by memorandum dated June 17, 1993.

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I am satisfied that the major differences of professional opinion have been appropriately resolved and, therefore, endorse the AHCPR request for clearance to publish the practice guideline.

The AHCPR would like to schedule a public release press event on the Clinical Practice Guideline on Evaluation and Management of Early HIV Infection, for January 1994. With prompt clearance to publish, this can be accomplished.

If you need additional information on this matter, please contact J. Jarrett Clinton, M.D., AHCPR Administrator, on (301) 594-6662.

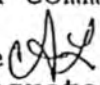
Philip R. Lee, M.D.

Washington, D.C. 20201

JUN 17 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Health Communications

FROM: Avis LaVelle 
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Requests for Approval to Publish (1) HIV and Your
Child: A Guide for Parents (English & Spanish), (2)
Living with HIV: A Patient's Guide (English & Spanish),
and (3) Early HIV Infection: Quick Reference Guide

The attached requests to publish (1) HIV and Your Child: A Guide for Parents (English & Spanish), (2) Living with HIV: A Patient's Guide (English & Spanish), and (3) Early HIV Infection: Quick Reference Guide are approved with the following provision:

Although 2 inks is approved for covers, only one ink is approved for text pages.

Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Washington, D.C. 20201

JUN 18 1993

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Health Communications

FROM: Avis LaVelle *dy*
Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Publish Evaluation and
Management of Early HIV Infection: Clinical Practice
Guideline

The attached request to publish Evaluation and Management of Early HIV Infection: Clinical Practice Guideline is being returned without action, to allow for a thorough policy review and potential resubmission to OASPA for approval to publish.

The Office of Assistant Secretary for Health (not the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs) should make the initial determination whether the private sector panel or the AHCPR version should be presented in this Government document. OASH also should determine whether the content should undergo further review and clearance through the Department's Executive Secretariat.

I recommend that the aforementioned reviews be conducted after the swearing-in of a new Assistant Secretary for Health.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

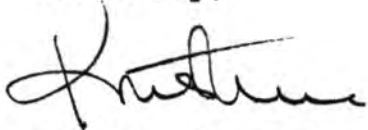
October 21, 1993

Ms. Jillian M. Mackin
Marketing
National Association of People With AIDS
1413 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Mackin:

Thank you for the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) materials. I appreciate being put on the mailing list and look forward to future publications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kristine', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

OCT 18 1993



NAPWA

**NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
OF PEOPLE
WITH AIDS**

Ms. Kristine Gebbie
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AIDS Policy Office
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Dear Ms. Gebbie:

Please find enclosed copies of our publication "HIV in America: A Profile of the Challenges facing Americans with AIDS."

We hope you find the study useful in your mission. If you need additional copies, please feel free to contact us at 202-898-0414.

Also enclosed is a copy of our new publication Medical Alert. We've gone ahead and put your office down for 100 copies bi-monthly. If you need more just call us.

I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jillian M. Mackin
Marketing, NAPWA

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1993

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO PATTI SOLIS

Scheduler for the First Lady

FROM: Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

SUBJECT: The First Lady's possible attendance at the 8th
International Conference on AIDS in Africa.

I understand the First Lady has been invited to attend the 8th
International Conference on AIDS in Africa, in Morocco, in
December.

I just wanted to let you know that I also have been invited, am
making preparations to attend, and will make brief remarks on
behalf of the United States.

Should the First Lady plan to attend, I would be happy to
coordinate with her.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 21, 1993

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO ROY NEIL

Scheduler for The President

FROM: Kristine M. Gabbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

SUBJECT: Possible Presidential Town Meeting on Health Care Reform
and AIDS.

By now, you will have seen (I hope) a memo from Keith Baykin regarding a possible Presidential town meeting on health reform and AIDS. This would be an extremely useful part of our National AIDS strategy, putting the President out front on the issue of non-discriminatory health care for HIV infected persons.

If I can do anything to move this idea along or provide you with additional background material, I would be pleased to do so. I can be reached at 632-1090.

cc: Carol Rasco

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1993

Mr. Douglas A. McOmber
4608 Old Dragon Path
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Dear Mr. McOmber:

Thank you for taking time to write.

In the decade plus since the emergence of the HIV epidemic, we have learned a great deal about the crisis, its effect on humans and how to prevent its spread. It is very timely to provide AIDS related information to individuals, including Federal workers. We also have much more research to do, and I support those efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kristine Gebbie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

OCT 19 1993

DOUGLAS A. McOMBER
4633 OLD DRAGON PATH
ELLCOTT CITY, MD 21042

Oct 11, 93

TO: Kristine Sebbi
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

OCT 19 1993

Please note that the following article would indicate that we don't know very much about AIDS or the HIV virus.

Before you mandate a class on it for all federal employees, which, it appears, would be premature - a great waste of our time and the taxpayers' money - much work needs to be done.

Sincerely,
Douglas A. Mcomber

THE DUESBERG CRITIQUE

highly toxic and expensive drug developed in 1964 as a cancer chemotherapy treatment, which the FDA rushed to approve as a treatment for HIV. "AZT is AIDS by prescription," Duesberg said, and attributed the death of Kimberly Bergalis, among others, to the powerful drug, which terminates DNA synthesis and can cause bone-marrow depletion. His assertions were bold, but he was not alone in making them. Dr. Joseph Sonnabend, Michael Callen's physician, calls AZT "incompatible with life" and Dr. Harvey Bialy refers to it as "iatrogenic

genocide."

Duesberg was also fascinated with ever-changing definitions of what constitutes AIDS, which now includes some 30 previously existing diseases, plus the presence of HIV. (Cervical dysplasia, thought to be a precursor to cervical cancer, was added on January 1 of this year, making AIDS more "inclusive.") The latency period for the disease — the time when someone can be HIV-positive but not have AIDS — has also grown like Pinocchio's nose from a matter of months to

five years, and now to over ten years and possibly beyond. This contradicted everything Duesberg knew about retroviruses. ("There are no slow retroviruses," he says, "only slow retrovirologists.") For Duesberg, these changes and contradictions meant that the AIDS establishment was simply moving the goalposts whenever their theory failed to score as predicted.—space—

In 1987 Duesberg spent nine months preparing a paper for *Cancer Research*, in which he set forth his case that HIV

We asked the following questions which occurred to us on first hearing the Duesberg thesis of Dr. Charles Thomas, a biochemist and molecular physicist who publishes the newsletter *RETHINKING AIDS* for a Duesberg-related group.

January 12, 1993

HET: If HIV does not cause AIDS, what does?

CAT: I think that Duesberg and Root-Bernstein have it right. Anything or process that destroys the individual's ability to mount an immune response to new infective agents will leave him open to any adventitious disease such as those listed by the CDC as "AIDS indicator diseases." This could be the use of street drugs such as cocaine, heroin, amyl nitrite (poppers), amphetamines, which are known to be immunosuppressive. It could be malnutrition and lack of essential vitamins. Being the recipient of whole blood or blood products, such as required by hemophiliacs, inhibits the immune system. Finally, there is much evidence that repeated and multiple infections are immunosuppressive. The immune system just gets worn out and can't respond.

HET: What about AZT?

CAT: DNA synthesis and cell division are essential to mount an immune response. AZT kills replicating cells. AZT in a sense can be a cause of AIDS diseases. The patient loses hair, and the proliferating intestinal epithelia is destroyed.

HET: But AZT kills the HIV...

CAT: AZT kills any bit of DNA that tries to replicate. It is a crazy way to attempt to kill the HIV virus because so few lymphocytes are carrying a copy of HIV (1/10,000) and the viral copy is only about 1/100,000 of the size of the host cell DNA. Besides, where is the evidence that the incorporated virus is doing any harm at all? Yet Burroughs-Wellcome's figures indicate that 200,000 people world-wide receive AZT every day at the cost of \$2,300 per year.

HET: How do you explain the death of Kimberly Bergalis, who was a virgin and did not do drugs?

CAT: Kimberly Bergalis, according to the general press, was a young lady who was found to have antibody to HIV; she had become infected at some time in the past. Whether she displayed other AIDS symptoms, I do not know, but she was put on AZT. She responded just as described above; the AZT killed her.

HET: How do you explain Ryan White?

CAT: According to accounts in the press, Ryan White was an 18-year-old hemophiliac who died in April of 1990 of unstoppable internal bleeding which may have been exacerbated by the AZT he was taking. Not an unusual way for hemophiliacs to die. To prove that HIV was the cause of his death would require the comparison of similar hemophiliacs both with and without antibody to HIV. Notwithstanding, his death proved to be the impetus for the passing of the Ryan White Comprehensive Research Act in 1990 which is giving more than \$550 million to Hospitals and Clinics around the country.

HET: Well what about Magic Johnson and Arthur Ashe; they are said to be on AZT?

CAT: I don't know whether they actually are or not. They are smart enough to know it is useless, toxic and to avoid taking it. My own bet is that Johnson is not taking AZT; he would never be able to play the basket ball he does. However, if they are taking it, it would not surprise me if they were more robust to its ill effects than Kimberly or Ryan. [Ed. Note: These questions were asked on January 12, 1993 a month before Arthur Ashe died of AIDS complications.]

HET: How did Kimberly Bergalis become infected with HIV?

CAT: I don't know, and probably neither does anyone else. Thanks to the publicity that this case received, everyone thinks that she was infected by her dentist David Acer, who was HIV+. This led to testing 1,100 of his other past patients, 4 or 5 of whom proved to have antibody to HIV+. Divide 4.5 by 1100, and you get 0.4%. Subsequent testing of many thousands of patients of other dentists showed that 0.4% of them were positive. The frequency of HIV+ has been repeatedly measured in the general population since 1985 at 0.4%. There is no reason to think she was infected by her dentist.

HET: How do you explain babies with AIDS?

CAT: According to the CDC diskettes as of the end of 1991, there have been a total of 1,328 babies (age < 1) recorded as having AIDS since the beginning of 1981. This is a very small number covering a period of 11 years. It turns out that 1,260 (95%) of these came from "mothers at risk." This category is mainly drug abusing mothers. Babies born to drug abusing mothers who do not have HIV also die from the same diseases, but they are not considered AIDS victims.

HET: How do you explain the transfusion and hemophiliac cases who are dying from AIDS?

CAT: If you focus on the transfusion recipients, those having antibody to HIV are actually living about as long as those without HIV antibody. More work should be done on this point (because recipients of multiple transfusions become immunosuppressed and also are more likely to acquire HIV), but the available evidence indicates that exposure to HIV does not hasten their deaths. There are about 11,000 HIV+ hemophiliacs in the US that have been infected for 10 years. Of these only 1,713 (15.6%) have developed AIDS. The bulk of the remainder will die natural deaths before they come down with AIDS diseases. Bob Maver has covered this in the second issue of *RETHINKING AIDS*.

HET: We have been told that there is a rampant explosion of heterosexual AIDS among teenagers; how can this be controlled?

CAT: Well, actually, an analysis of the CDC data to 6/30/92 shows that there were only 872 cases of teenage (13-19) AIDS over the past 11 years. The majority of these are homosexual, IV drug abuser and hemophilia cases. The number of cases of heterosexual teenage AIDS not involving these other risk factors is only 16 over a 11 year period. Hardly an explosion, and hardly numbers warranting a "safe-

sex" campaign involving tens of millions of teenagers.

HET: What about Africa?

CAT: I don't know anything about AIDS in Africa, and can only wonder if others do. Remember that people are dying all the time in Africa of CDC-approved AIDS diseases (dysentery, for example) as a result of malnourishment, infections, etc. Now about 10% of the population (plus/minus 10%) is estimated to have antibody to HIV. That could be true or it could be a high estimate due to sloppy testing. Anyhow, if you score HIV+, and die of a CDC-approved disease, you die of AIDS. That's why the numbers are so high in Africa. One interesting point: while about 3% of the HIV-positive people come down with AIDS each year in the US, in Africa only a tiny percentage do so. This is because the percentage of HIV+ (10%) is so much larger than in the US (0.4%).

Africa is interesting in another way: the percentage of males and females who are HIV-positive is the same. AIDS diseases affect both sexes at the same rate. In the US, 80% of the AIDS cases are in 20-44 year-olds, 90% of whom are males. It looks like AIDS diseases are being caused in a different way in Africa than in the US (and Western Europe).

HET: Don't chimpanzees get AIDS when infected with HIV?

CAT: No they don't and that's a problem. About 80 chimps have been tested. The HIV infects these animals, multiplies, elicits the formation of antibody, and then disappears, just like in humans. Even after many years not one chimp has come down with AIDS diseases. This means we have an animal model for HIV, and it does not seem to cause AIDS. In this respect they are just like the 1,000,000 Americans who have been infected with HIV and who are not coming down with AIDS either.

HET: Everyone agrees that there is plenty of HIV virus in semen and that's how it spreads.

CAT: Well, actually there's not. The best work done at the Womens and Brigham Hospital in Boston shows that by the most sensitive PCR and culture procedures, no virus can be detected in 90% of the semen samples taken from men with AIDS. This is not surprising. In the HIV-immune individual, HIV is present only in a tiny minority of white blood cells, and these cells are screened out of the seminal plasma, just as they are from breast milk and saliva.

HET: So safe sex is ridiculous?

CAT: There is no safe sex. Including gunshot wounds, marital discord, litigation and economic cost, sex is one of the more dangerous activities. But that is not what you meant. It is well-established that sex — particularly receptive anal sex — can transmit a number of venereal diseases which may contribute to the "infectious overload" mentioned above and immune depression, but it is an extremely inefficient way to transmit HIV. Sex is no more dangerous today than 20 years ago — or 1,000 years ago.



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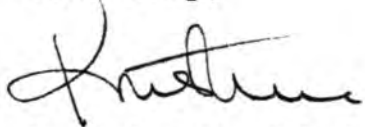
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Ms. Jillian M. Mackin
Marketing
National Association of People With AIDS
1413 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Mackin:

Thank you for the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) materials. I appreciate being put on the mailing list and look forward to future publications.

Sincerely,

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Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN
National AIDS Policy Coordinator

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**NATIONAL
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OF PEOPLE
WITH AIDS**

Ms. Kristine Gebbie
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
AIDS Policy Office
750 17th St., NW
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Ms. Gebbie:

Please find enclosed copies of our publication "HIV in America: A Profile of the Challenges facing Americans with AIDS."

We hope you find the study useful in your mission. If you need additional copies, please feel free to contact us at 202-898-0414.

Also enclosed is a copy of our new publication Medical Alert. We've gone ahead and put your office down for 100 copies bi-monthly. If you need more just call us.

I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jillian M. Mackin'.

Jillian M. Mackin
Marketing, NAPWA

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Max —
a belated "Thanks" for your
kind note — it's been a hectic few
months! I hope your move to
Tennessee has been good — it sounds
like a challenging job. Are you
involved with health reform debates?
I hope our paths cross again —
Best wishes — Kristine

OCT 21 1993

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June 30, 1993

Ms. Kristine Gebbie
606 Lilly N.E. Rd. #723
Olympia, WA 98506

Dear Kristine:

Congratualtions on your appointment as AIDS coordinator by President Clinton! I heard about it on the radio and in the newspaper. I cannot think of anyone I would rather have in that position. You have your work cut out for you, but I have faith that you'll succeed.

Since I last saw you at the Oregon Life Underwriters Assn's meeting in Portland, OR, I have moved to Chattanooga, TN where I am Associate Actuary in the Group Department of Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company. Feel free to ask if I can give you any information which you need.

Good Luck!

Best Regards,



Max A. Klicker, ASA, MAAA
Associate Actuary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Lenora -

I'm so glad the internship
was a good experience - and
delighted to learn of your
follow up activities! Keep
up the good work -
Kristine

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Kristine M. Gebbe RN MS
National AIDS Policy Coordinator
750 17 th., NW
Room 1060
Washington, DC 20500

October 8, 1993

Dear Ms. Gebbe:

Thank you for sharing yourself and your role with us at The Nurse Internship in Washington. I enjoyed being with someone who is so enthused about their work. It was a highlight of my life to meet with you at The White House. Since I returned from Washington, I was reading about the development of Nursing Diagnosis and came across your name. It was exciting to read about someone I had just met with. The internship taught me so much and I have already started to use that information here in my job. I have obtained funds from my hospital to send a nurse to the next internship. I have three presentations booked to discuss nurses in legislation and I will be in Pennsylvania's state capital in November to meet with PNA's lobbyist. I even have nurses interested in attending The Nurse in Washington Roundtable dinner in November. I hope to see you again.

Again, thank you for sharing your knowledge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lenora L. Kroll".

Lenora L. Kroll RN CNOR
Clinical Nurse Facilitator

OCT 21 1983

THE WHITE HOUSE

Steve —

Congratulations on your
nomination! I look forward
to working with you in
your new role at Defense —
Please give me a call when
you get to town so we can visit —
Dwight

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Steven Jospeh, M.D., M.P.H.
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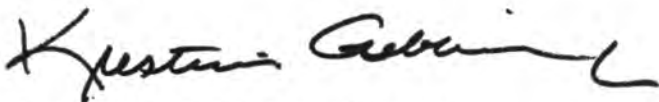
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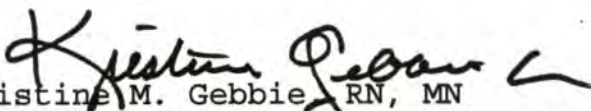
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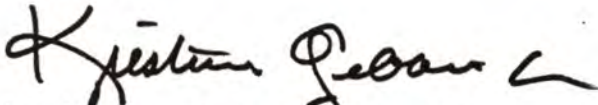
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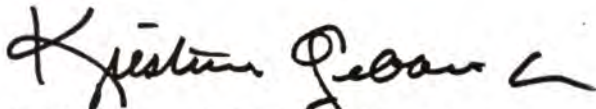
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Ellen L. Rautenberg
Executive Director

October 22, 1993

Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN, FAAN
AIDS Policy Coordinator
National AIDS Program Office
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Kristine:

I've been thinking about one of the points you made at the meeting here at the Academy and wanted to pass along some information that might be useful to you.

A number of organizations and individuals believe that there needs to be more emphasis on "putting a face on HIV", particularly a face that shows that those who are HIV-positive are productive individuals who can be found throughout society in absolutely every role imaginable. People who can comfortably be "publicly positive" can do much to educate for risk reduction, increase tolerance and advocate for appropriate services and resources.

In this vein, there are a few things, which you may or may not know about, that I think would interest you. First, there is an organization here in New York called Body Positive (BP). BP is an organization whose mission is providing service (education and information, support groups and social activities) to those who have just learned that they are HIV-positive or are just acknowledging the impact of HIV on their lives. The organization revolves around volunteers, who are largely HIV-positive themselves, delivering services to others who are going through similar experiences. HIV-positive people from all walks of life lead BP support groups, put out the BP magazine, conduct BP education programs and plan BP social events. These services are provided in quantity and have proven sustainable over time - a particularly remarkable achievement given that the backbone of the organization is made up of people who are both HIV-positive and volunteers. I've enclosed a copy of Body Positive, BP's monthly magazine with a circulation of 12,000. I happen to be on the Board of BP and would be happy to facilitate interaction between your office and the organization if this would be helpful.

Recently, Kermit Cole, a director/producer here in New York City has produced a 70 minute documentary entitled Living Proof - HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness. The film is currently on the film festival circuit. The film spotlights HIV-positive people in just the way you described. A member of the BP Board of Directors, Barry Miguel, is one of the people featured in the film

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as well as in the accompanying portrait exhibit which will be shown at the World Trade Center on World AIDS Day. Living Proof - HIV and the Pursuit of Happiness will be previewed in New York City on November 11th as a benefit for both Body Positive and the PWA Coalition; I will make sure that you get an invitation. Otherwise, you may want to contact Mr. Cole yourself to screen the film and see how it might fit into your agenda for "putting a face on HIV" - he can be reached at 212-947-3327.

Again, I think that your interest in showing HIV-positive people being active, involved, productive and, in every way, part of the American fabric is terrific. Good luck.

Sincerely,



Ellen L. Rautenberg

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cc: B. Miguel
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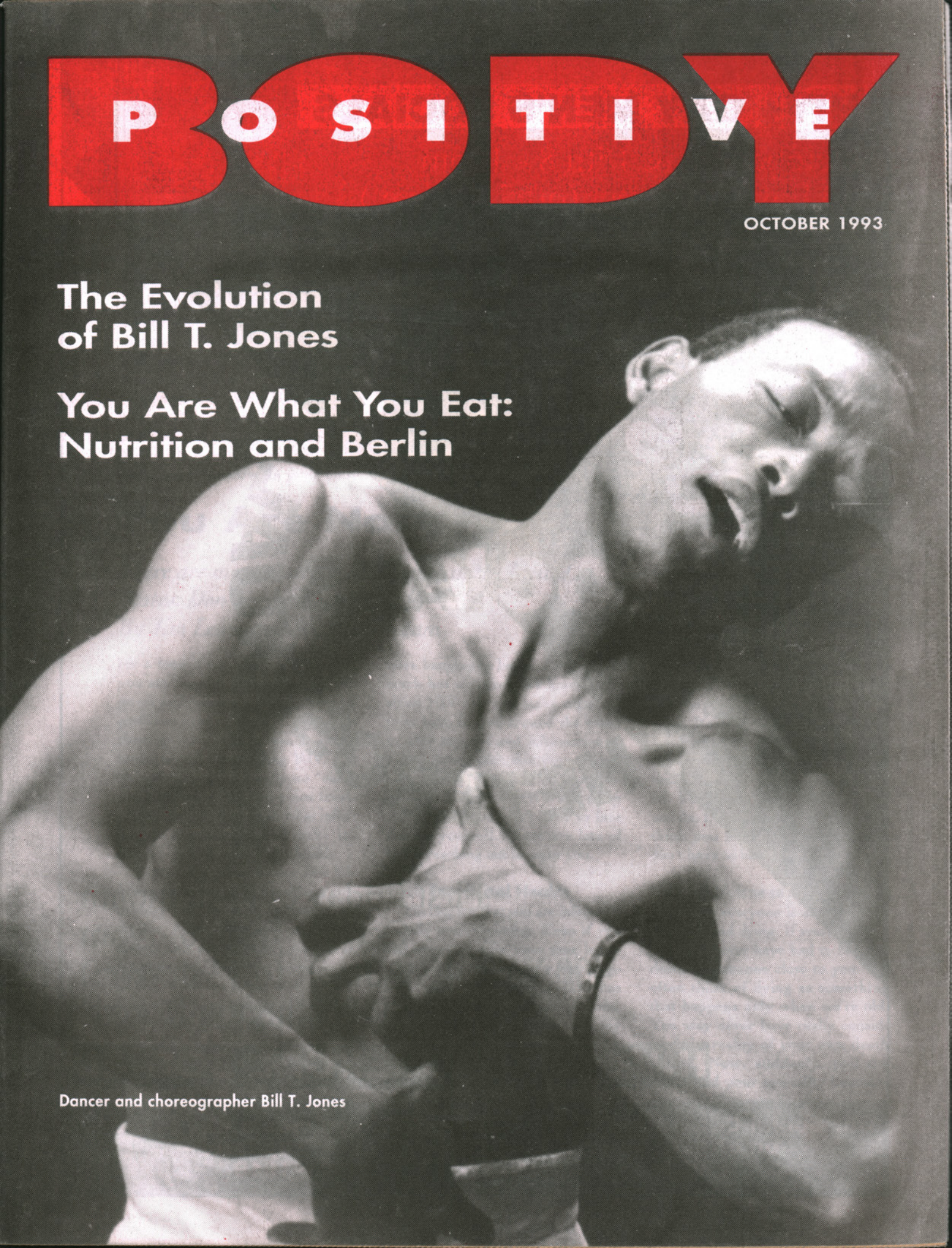
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Dancer and choreographer Bill T. Jones



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Mr. Greg Salustro
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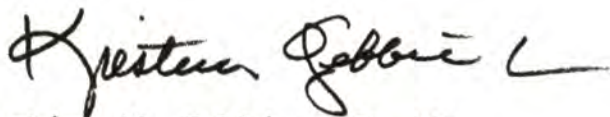
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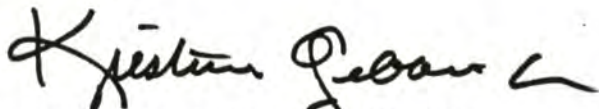
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National AIDS Policy Coordinator

OCT 22 1983

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Dear Peter -

I'm so glad the conference went well - Keep me posted on your progress! Hoped I can visit you in person one of these days -

Kristine

Alaska State Legislature

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State Capitol
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Representative Joe Sitton

September 23, 1993

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Kristine Gebbe
AIDS Policy Coordinator
Executive Office of the President
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Gebbe:

That interactive video set-up was almost as good as a visit! Dr. Peter Nakamura and I want to thank you, on behalf of the people of Alaska, for participating in "The Future of Public Health in Alaska" conference in Fairbanks.

Fourteen legislators (of both parties) and 170 public and private health care providers, interested citizens, and community leaders heard your talk. And after two days of hard, gung-ho, and exciting work the attendees saw bipartisan support for the establishment by the legislature of the Alaska Board of Public Health. In addition, it was decided that the state's responsibilities in the public health care system would be more fully provided for in statute.

These developments take on added significance as we deal with the threats, such as HIV/AIDS, now facing us. And speaking of that threat, you have our assurance that we are eager to assist you in your important work at the national level. We want to be a lab, which you can point the rest of the nation to in example! We await your guidance.

Wishing you much success in your vital work, I am

Yours for an AIDS-free world,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Sitton".

Representative Joe Sitton

cc: Dr. Peter Nakamura



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10/11/93

Dear Kris,

Congratulations on your new position.
I can't imagine a more qualified
person for the job.

I'm very pleased with the
energies & Commitment in Alaska
on the issue of public health. We
are at the table during health
care reform discussions & have been
quite successful in obtaining the
participation & support from our
legislators.

Your participation in the Fairbanks
public health policy conference was well
received.

Thank you

Pete Abrahamson

OCT 22 1993

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear friends—

My belated thanks for your
kind message of support. I
value my UCLA ties (though my
letter seems to have had no effect on
Chancellor Young!) and look
forward to seeing you all—
Best of luck in the struggle
Kristine

THE WHITE HOUSE
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ONGRATULATIONS ON BEING APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON AS
COORDINATOR OF AIDS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. WE ARE PLEASED AND
ROUD THAT ONE OF OUR ALUMNI HAS ACHIEVED SUCH WELL DESERVED
ROMINENCE AND LOOK FORAWARD TO ASSISTING YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

DEAN, FACULTY AND STAFF
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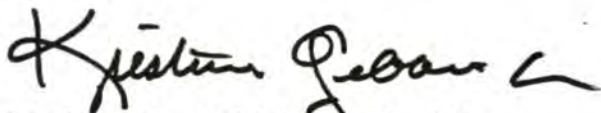
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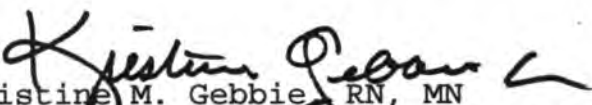
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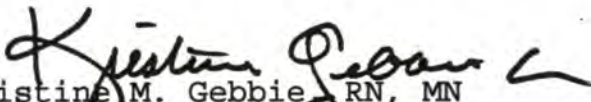
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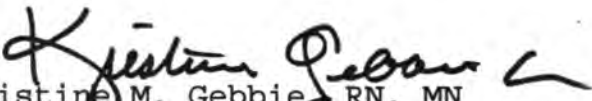
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National AIDS Policy Coordinator

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1993

Mr. Robert Frickes
1471 Business Center Drive
Suite 500
Mount Prospect, Illinois 60656

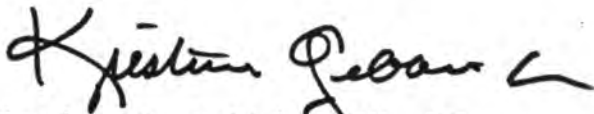
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Mr. Steve Wakefield
1340 West Irving #259
Chicago, Illinois 60613

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Mr. Sam Clark
909 West Belmont
Chicago, Illinois 60657

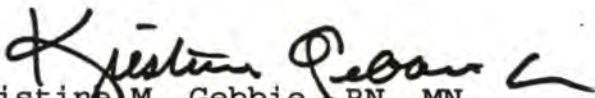
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Mr. Marty Hebda
2510 South King Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60616

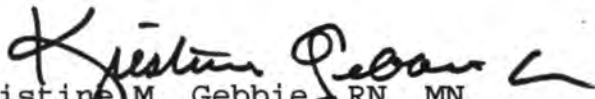
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Ms. Lisa Tofil
215 East Chicago #513
Chicago, Illinois 60611

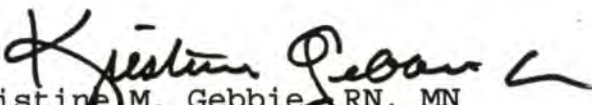
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