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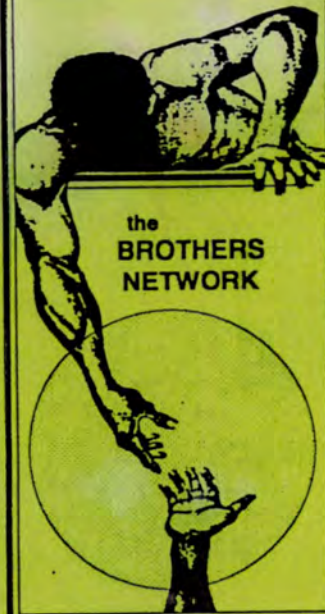
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Multimedia used to fight social problems

By Mike Snider
USA TODAY

ATLANTA — More multimedia developers are doing the right thing: making interactive products with a message.

At the Comdex computer trade show, two laser discs to help substance abusers kick or avoid the habit won top honors in *NewMedia* magazine's multimedia awards.

And an interactive kiosk developed to educate gay black men in San Francisco about unsafe sex was among about two dozen products cited for excellence. "I sense a groundswell of this new consciousness," says Antony Williams, a director of the *Brothers* software program for the kiosk.

Surrealistic games may help show off multimedia's capabilities, but lower-budget, realistic titles "let people help themselves," says Steven Coursen of the American Institute for Learning in Austin, Texas.

The non-profit institute produced the laser-disc courses *Addiction and Its Processes* and *Life Moves: The Process of Recovery*. The 3½-hour courses contain video vignettes of young adults to illustrate the consequences of abuse.

The courses, which will be used in 300 Texas schools and counseling and rehab sites, cost \$995; non-interactive video versions, \$180. Consumer CD-ROM versions are planned.

Such products don't take a lot of money to develop — the *Brothers* kiosk costs less than \$30,000. But organizations could use corporate help, says producer Rebecca Price: "(Making) money isn't the only measuring stick. It's very satisfying to make a product that means something."

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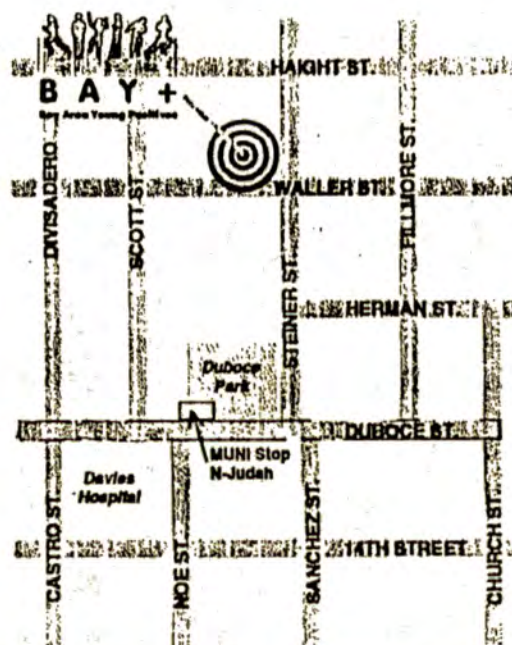
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WHO ARE WE?

We are an idea whose time has come! Please consider yourself a part of us. Welcome to a place to call "home."

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We have created an institution that is about keeping our brothers and transgender sisters alive, safe, creative and vibrant.

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer a comprehensive service approach to health and HIV/AIDS for transgenders, bisexual men & gay men of African descent in San Francisco.

PREVENTION PROGRAM

One-on-one Prevention Peer Educator

Prevention Referral = HIV Test Sites • Recovery Programs

Your Listener / Prevention Educator No matter your HIV status, this Peer Educator listens to concerns, helps reduce safer sex risks & encourages illness prevention. He educates, identifies health risks & offers resources to take care of yourself.

Prevention Referrals Referrals to 12-step and other programs that support your recovery as a Black gay, bisexual or transgender person who wants to remain substance free or who wants to change unhealthy relationships with substance users.

How can we help you prevent illness and stay healthy? Does substance use worsen your HIV/AIDS? Does HIV/AIDS prevent you from taking care of a substance abuse problem? We have someone who will work with you privately and confidentially.

TREATMENT ADVOCACY

One-on-one Treatment Advocate

Treatment Referral = HIV/AIDS • Substances • Abuse
+ Clinical Trial and Social Service Referrals

Advocate Promoting Treatment / Early Intervention

Do you want to talk with someone about your treatment options regarding HIV, substance use or abuse, holistic interventions, traditional & non-traditional health and medical interventions.

Treatment Referrals Do you need referrals to: clinical trials, clinical counseling, primary medical care and comprehensive social services? We have someone skilled and knowledgeable to discuss all this with you privately and confidentially.

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**WORKSHOPS = RISK REDUCTION
+ SELF-ESTEEM + LEADERSHIP**

Workshops Our Workshops Coordinator, Risk Reduction Coordinator, Transgender Services Coordinator and entire staff help in developing workshops on Prevention, Early Intervention, Leadership, Self-Esteem and Risk Reduction (reducing risk regarding sex, alcohol, and drug behaviors/patterns and whatever might be unhealthy for you).

**SUPPORT SERVICES = GROUPS + PEER
COUNSELING + TRANSPORTATION
+ LEGAL SERVICE REFERRALS**

Support Services Our Support Services Coordinator offers facilitated support groups for sharing experiences & knowledge with peers. We offer support groups for expressing feelings on HIV via creative writing or dance/movement. We offer peer counseling. Talk one-on-one or in group setting with HIV positive or negative people who share experiences and strategies you may find helpful. We can refer to clinical counseling.

Legal Referrals We have excellent relationships with agencies that address your legal concerns: immigration, criminal defense and human rights/ discrimination.

Transportation We have transportation subsidies for clients in support groups and/or who have medical emergencies.

**SPECIAL EVENTS = CULTURE + ARTS
+ SAFER SEX CLUBS + VOLUNTEERS
BROTHERS: OUR INTERACTIVE VIDEO**

Special Events We celebrate our culture through song, dance, poetry readings, art & video viewings and theatre. We sponsor events at safer sex clubs. Our Special Programs Assistant and volunteers help us put it all together!

Volunteers We always need volunteers to help set up, plan & coordinate special theater, performance and club events and to help with administrative & computer tasks. Are you into video production, media contact, outreach, advertising, or marketing? How about social work / case management? **WE NEED YOUR SKILLS!** We provide training & references for a job well done!

Interactive Video Check this out! We have developed a video educational game, entitled *Brothers*, created by and for black gay men, bisexual men and transgenders. You play it like a video game. On screen, your choice of a filmed man or transgender woman seduces you as you negotiate and learn about what you and "your" man or woman considers safer sex - all this you control by touching the video screen!

OUR NEWSLETTER:

POSITIVELY, BLACK & PROUD

Our Newsletter *Positively, Black & Proud* is published monthly. It features news, essays, poems, narrative, and photography, created by & for Black gay, bisexual & transgender folk. Submission deadline is the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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Brothers

Using Multimedia to Prevent AIDS

Interactive multimedia is an educational tool whose time has arrived, technology that will come into widespread use in the 21st Century—combining computers, audio systems and state-of-the-art video. The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, a San Francisco-based organization that is recognized as a national leader in HIV/AIDS prevention programming, has already harnessed the power of interactive multimedia to support a strategy for preventing the transmission of HIV infection.

The hallmark of this use of interactive multimedia is “going to where the people are” and where consistent health promotion campaigns are most needed. Interactive multimedia kiosks are currently used for educational purposes in hospitals and museums, but this is certainly the first time an educational kiosk has been placed in the setting of a Black gay bar, where it can be played like a video game by bar patrons. This particular IMM kiosk, custom-built for bar durability, looks like a sleek, high-tech ATM machine.

Our innovative IMM project, designed by and for African American gay and bisexual men, is entitled *Brothers*. It contains a creative combination of original rap music, dramatic dialogues, show-'n'-tell information about safer sex, well-displayed resource directories, and the humor that is part of the Black gay experience. It is appropriate that this educational innovation was launched in San Francisco, a city recognized for its model of extensive community-based HIV/AIDS programs and more recently acclaimed as the “multimedia capital of the U.S.”

The original music used in *Brothers* is written, produced and performed by Oakland rap artist, DJ-KGB, also known as Kevin G. Brooks. He presents a distinctive new theme in social consciousness rap—the dangers of unprotected sex and the positive experience of safer sex between men.

Five characters are brought to life in interactive drama that is the heart of *Brothers*. One is a young Black gay man whose identity is heterosexual because he “only steps out every now and then.” There is an older man who misses the “good ole days” prior to the epidemic. Another character is open about being HIV-positive and readily shares his knowledge about safer sex. The fourth character is a transgender person who promises her/himself only to have safer sex despite temptation to slip. A “diva” character sometimes appears to guide the user who is conflicted or unsure about what is safe.

The dialogues were scripted after focus groups and are based on characters speaking directly with the user up-close and personal, via a video monitor. These characters present choices to the user as the scenario ensues. At regular intervals, the user can select one out of a number of responses presented on the touchscreen, making different video/audio follow, depending on the option chosen. As dialogue between screen character and user proceeds, the options involve negotiating to have sex and making sexual choices that have varying degrees of risk. This has proven to be a great modality for learning new skills and information. The health education message has greater impact and thereby saves more lives. *Brothers*, thus, serves as a training ground for concrete and useful skills.

Background on the Project

The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention began the IMM^{PROJECT} as an outgrowth of our health education and HIV risk reduction workshops. Since initiating our first workshop in 1987, we recognized that an important experiential component was role-playing, in which workshop participants practice negotiation scenarios that establish safer sex as the basis of an impending encounter. We also created role-plays to handle the issues of HIV disclosure and of maintaining safer sex in the face of pressures to "relapse." By 1991, we realized that interactive multimedia could present these dialogues in a professionally produced and more polished manner. Participants could also control the process, perhaps making the exercises more believable, more relevant and less threatening.

In seeking out a partnership that could bring such a project to realization, we began working with the Bay Area Video Coalition (BAVC), a community-based, non-profit organization with over 16 years experience. BAVC received a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Our organization was privileged to be selected into the Interact program, and a pilot entitled, "Hot, Horny & Healthy" was completed in January, 1992. This was used as a prototype to attract additional funding and garner publicity for the project, such as an article in the May, '92 issue of *MacWorld*. In October, 1992, the National Task Force received a \$30,000 HIV prevention contract from the S. F. Dept. of Public Health AIDS Office, which allowed us to purchase the equipment and build the IMM kiosk while a new group of students worked at BAVC for three months on this fuller production, *Brothers*.

Overall, the IMM^{PROJECT} is important to African American gay and bisexual men because it is a continuation of one of the few interventions designed and implemented completely around those cultural-social norms and speaking directly to their needs. We strongly believe, based on current research, that this is the best way for Black gay and bisexual men to incorporate attitudinal and behavioral changes which lead to practicing safer sex 100% of the time.

The key to effectiveness for this use of interactive multimedia is that the IMM kiosk placed in a Black gay bar works overtime, every hour that it is open, and in a manner controlled by the participant. Some men will stand at the kiosk for hours, absorbed by the interactive experience. Others will have a little fun with their friends and walk away. It's up to the individual. The IMM kiosk also lends itself to group interaction. Typically, a group of Black men will laugh and carry on as they recognize their own issues embedded within the snappy dialogue. Our HIV prevention program is based on the premise that we have to go to where the men are—we are challenged to present information and to use methods that "hit home" for African American gay/bisexual men when they are socializing in the bars.

The Brothers Network

Brothers, as an educational kiosk, acts as the heart of a unique community network. It is an appropriate high-tech symbol for this comprehensive, user-friendly network of services, which provide for the needs of African American gay and bisexual men in San Francisco. The network's resources include HIV/AIDS education to change risky behavior, prevent relapse, and encourage early treatment for those who test HIV-positive; psycho-social support services; linkage to substance abuse treatment and mental health services; and referrals to housing, primary medical care and other auxiliary services. Interactive multimedia presents this continuum of service to the user and confronts some of the personal issues that sometimes hinder an individual from seeing the interconnections. It concretely empowers individuals to make use of these resources. It is undoubtedly one of the most effective outreach and education tools yet developed in the fight against AIDS.

BROTHERS Interactive

Award Winning HIV/AIDS Prevention Game

Users of the computer-interactive dating game *Brothers* are confronted with a provocative invitation: "Touch any man on the right to turn him on," reads one of the game's first menu options. To the right of the text appear wallet-sized portraits of four African-American men, potential dream dates who come alive, speak, and engage in dialogue with users at the touch of your finger. This is no ordinary arcade game but a program created for gay, bisexual, and transgendered African American men to generate discussion about safer sex practices. The laserdisc and computer interface are designed to be installed in free-standing kiosks in gay bars and clinics and to be accessed at no cost to the user.



Brothers is a collaborative project of the Interact Program of the Bay Area Video Coalition (BAVC) and the Brothers' Network, a service organization within the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP) that focuses on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, advocacy, and counseling. The International Health and Medical Film Festival has awarded *Brothers* a 'Freddie' for Best of Category: Interactive Health Care, 1994.

"Winning first place in the interactive category, the newest technology in the contest, proves that the ingenuity and collaborative spirit that reigns in the non-profit sector can successfully compete against the very best and biggest budgets," says Sally Jo Fifer, BAVC's Executive Director. Executive Producers David Bolt (BAVC) and Steve Feedback (NTFAP) coordinated efforts for two years to create the product and additional versions are being planned at this time. Steve Feedback can be reached at 415-749-6700 through the NTFAP. BAVC can be reached at 415-861-3282.

Interactive computer programs can offer a very different kind of viewing experience, one that potentially engages its audience in more casual, less structured

settings, effectively reaching people who may not choose to read a pamphlet, attend a video screening, rent a tape, or participate in a workshop. Furthermore, these programs can be designed to incorporate multiple narratives, characters, or kinds of information, which the user can selectively choose from to cut right to their particular interests and needs. Interactives engage viewers in an exchange that has the potential to be more to the point and more intimate than a video screening. They offer experiences that are engaging and informative not because they offer more choice or more viewer control, but because they provide a pleasurable fantasy of interaction and a kind of virtual intimacy, inviting users to play out roles within a narrative that is modeled after their own cultural experiences.

The team that created the final version of this important collaborative effort has continued to work together as Interact Design Associates. They may be contacted through Rebecca Price, 510-233-2984 or Peter Wolf, 510-658-6224.

Segments of this article are from *Intimate Interactivity. Creating Safer-Sex Software*, by Brian Goldfarb, The Independent, Jan/Feb '94



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Whoop! There it is...

The Brothers Network — A Place to Call Home

by Tony Glover

I hail from the East Coast. A dream of mine has been to be caressed by the waters of the Pacific. Dreams can come true.

I first visited San Francisco in 1990 and promised I would return. And so I did. Today, I am Director — the grand diva if you will — of The Brothers Network. I come to you with hope that Black gay, bisexual and transgendered men will help make this my home.

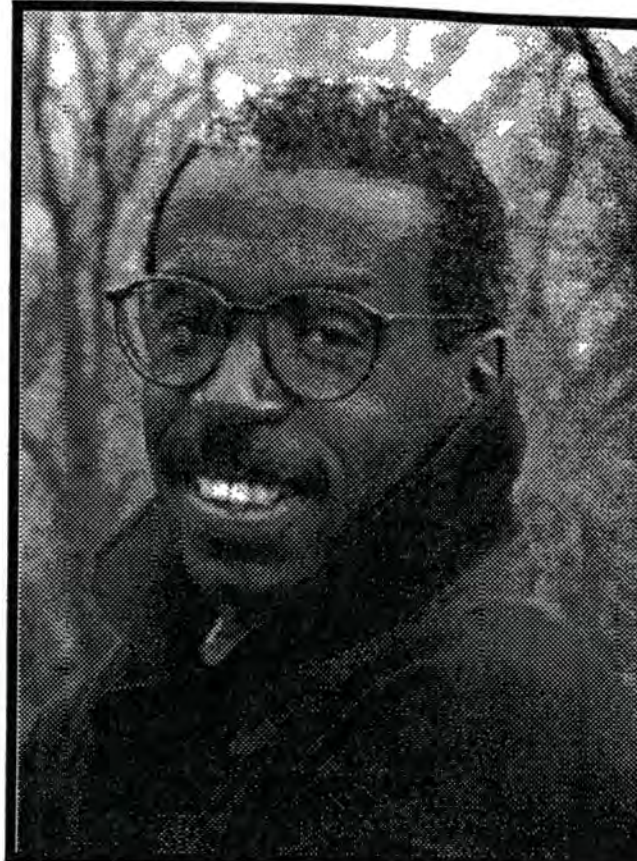
Too often are the times that we, as Black gay, bisexual and transgendered folk don't have a place to call home. Before we find that place, too many of us commit suicide, as young people. Before we find that place, we find drugs and alcohol, as young or older people. Before we find that place, too many of us go through life, wishing in older days for things we were never able to find ourselves. Before we find that place, too many of us find our way to the grave, too young, too Black, too gay to die.

We all need a place to call home. A place to find the love, caring, friendship — the realness — that comes from being part of something you feel is stronger and greater than you alone.

Though many transgender, bisexual and gay people have lost, and never really again find, home, there are others who have found a sense of belonging amongst their own and amongst others — who though they are different share a common experience of oppression because of who they are — Black... gay... woman... bisexual... poor... transgender... young. More than ever Black gays, bisexuals and transgenders are creating institutions that are about our survival, about finding ways to love and support each other.

The Brothers Network is such a place. If you haven't yet become a part of us, we say welcome. Come to a place you can call "home."

A home should be safe. A home should be about not only surviving, but a place where you can lift up your eyes and see each day is worth living. At the Brothers Network we dare to dream.



We at the Brothers Network would like to give many thanks & blessings to Reggie Williams, the retiring Founding Executive Director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and an inspiration to many of us who work in agencies serving men who are either gay, bisexual, questioning or transgendered people. Reggie, thank you for your insight, devotion and, most of all, your courage.

Your comforting presence and warmth will be missed in the office, on the streets and in our hearts, but we know you'll be just a phone call -- only 6,000 miles! -- away.

the boyz

We dare to say that those with the compassion, dedication, intelligence, street savvy, and the political and moral commitment to curb HIV and AIDS can be found amongst our own. We have created an institution that is about keeping our brothers and transgendered sisters alive, safe creative and vibrant.

Together, we have already created and will maintain a dedicated, humane, positive organization comprised of people who refuse to believe that transgenders, bisexual men and gay men of African descent must continue to be infected at higher rates than any other Black or gay population in San Francisco.

The simple truth is this: 55% of all San Francisco-based Black gay / bisexual / transgendered men (nearly 6 out every 10) are infected with HIV. Considering all sexual orientations, if you look at all Black people infected with HIV in San Francisco, 64% are Black gay, bisexual or transgendered men. Perhaps most disarming is this fact: looking at all Black people who have progressed to AIDS in San Francisco, 74%

are gay, bisexual or transgender-identified men. That's right: 3 out of every 4 Black people with AIDS in San Francisco are not heterosexual or women, but gay, bisexual or transgendered men.

Turning to gay men of all races and colors — only gay-identified Vietnamese immigrants come close to approaching the HIV infection rate amongst Black, African-American gay or bisexual men. We are HIV infected at a higher rate than all ethnic groupings of gay and bisexual men.

Therefore, at the Brothers Network our task is formidable but not impossible. We have a staff whose dedication is unchanged by statistics which predict the struggles of our HIV-afflicted brothers and transgendered sisters will not soon end. In the face of such news, I know the Brothers Network staff will be there. I know this for sure, because already, they have been there for me.

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If you are a Black gay man, bisexual man or transgendered person worried about HIV do not be afraid to stop by. Regardless of race, sexual orientation or creed, if you need someone who will listen, our staff can provide you with HIV prevention education and materials, treatment information, advocacy and peer, group and clinical counseling support services.

The Brothers Network — we are an idea whose time has come. Please consider yourself a part of us. You have found a place to call your own.

We encourage our brothers and sisters to make the Network your place for we need you — all of you — to be effective. We will be a network where the diversity of our gender identifications, the diversity of our lovers and personal affections, the diversity of our political and social commitments can be the strength by which we reach as many Bay Area Black/African descendant bisexual, transgendered and gay men as possible.

Our approach will be bold. Our approach will be different. Our approach will draw upon the creative, spiritual and intellectual talents of our staff and those who choose to use the Network to make a long-term commitment toward helping themselves and their brothers and sisters confront HIV and AIDS in their lives.

We are survivors who dare to dream. Our eyes are lifted. Our tongues are untied. The truth is our sword. A collective spirit our strength. We have given birth to our dream and embraced its promise of hope. A place where we all can be as healthy and alive as we need to be.

Come on home brother. Where there is hope, there is help. Where there is help, there is health. And in good health, you shall live. And with life you can dream, then help make real, this place where brothers love brothers. Because of that love, together we will survive.

Welcome home. ♡

For Whites Only? An Open Letter To Edge Magazine...

from James Stokes - Los Angeles, CA

This is an open letter to you [Edge Magazine]... (SBC editorial note: Edge magazine is a West Hollywood-based bi-weekly for the white gay community). ... I'd like to offer my congratulations on your having done what was thought to be impossible: using non-violent civil rights tactics against people of color. You did this by doing two things: first you put what appears to be a pretty boy of color on the front cover, then you printed an article entitled, "AIDS Sees No Color," written by Bill Roberts (Issue #263). The article will be a success because many white gays will learn how to fight civil rights with civil rights.

Most readers of your magazine are moderate in thinking. As a result, most will find the contents of the article to be reasonable. If they are inspired enough, many will write their Congresspersons and Senators urging them to deny further funding to minority AIDS organizations serving people of color. To further drive home their point, they may even picket AIDS organizations of color, and get television coverage while doing so, to add publicity to their cause.

No one knows for sure where President Clinton stands on AIDS funding. No one knows how he plans to finance AIDS programs in existence and those planned to go into existence. Perhaps Clinton, in an attempt to atone for failing to allow gays and lesbians to be themselves in the armed forces, may do what Bill Roberts suggests and create "a comprehensive, uniformed national educational program." Thus, with a stroke of a

pen, all funding to AIDS organizations of color and AIDS services to women and babies would be cut off. This would put them in financial jeopardy, if not out of service.

What the article doesn't say is that this "comprehensive, uniformed national educational program" will be a means of funneling money to white AIDS organizations only. If people of color are HIV positive or have AIDS, they will have to come to the place in the white community where the program exists. Those who can't make it will suffer and die. This program will not reach the ghetto or the barrio. It would have neither the money nor the desire to do so.

What the writer won't say is that he doesn't want people of color treated for HIV/AIDS. He wants to see the HIV rate quadrupled among people of color with no organizations to save them. Thus, a multitude of people of color will develop full blown AIDS and die. This is genocide done in a palatable, non-violent way.

Since the article appeared in your magazine, [I] must assume that you agree with Bill Roberts. In fact, you know that all that is necessary for you to have your way is for enough "good" people of color to do nothing. ♡

[This letter excerpt originally appeared in SBC Magazine: "The Bi-monthly for The Afrocentric Homosexual Man:" January / February 1994]



The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention / The Brothers Network and BAVC: The Bay Area Video Coalition received honors for the interactive AIDS educational/safer sex video game, Brothers (see page 5). Call 415-749-6714 for info on where you can go to experience for yourself this fun interactive video game.

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Magic Johnson Foundation Awards Brothers Network \$50,000 for Gay & Bi Youth/Young Adult Program, The Brothers Physical

Let's Get Physiscal

by Tony Glover

I write to invite you to be a member of The Brothers Physical: Taking Care of Our Bodies, Our Hearts and Our Minds, a program designed for Black/African American young adults under 30 years old who self-identify as gay men, bisexual men, or transgendered, or who are heterosexual-identified but also sleep with men. To join you must be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM and meet criteria specified below.

Funded by the Magic Johnson Foundation, The Brothers Physical offers the following, at no cost, to those who qualify (all Brothers Physical applicants must be interviewed, medically cleared for physique training, become a Brothers Network client, and sign a consent form). The YMCA will be used as training facilities. Consistent with YMCA membership rules, all Brothers Physical members must waive any liability claims against the YMCA. Without signing this release, clients cannot use YMCA gym facilities.

A certified physique trainer and/or his staff works with you in groups of seven. 3 days a week you train on state-of-the-art equipment including life-cycle, nautilus, universal, and free-weight body-building systems. The training program allows you to participate regardless of past experience or inexperience.

High-carbohydrate, high-protein, low-fat gourmet food will be prepared. 3 days per week, on training days, members receive delicious, fresh, healthy small meals in microwaveable recyclable containers.

Each month you attend 2 sessions on how a nutrition and diet plan maintains health and helps you body-build and reach any weight gain/loss goals. You learn how nutrition/exercise impacts immune systems.

2 times per month you receive tips on how to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS. Featured are creative safer sex "playshops" and up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS holistic and medical treatment options.

In diary form, you learn to track calories, document weight gain, take notes and record thoughts about successes and challenges. When needed, a tutor helps you improve writing and basic math skills.

You play The Brothers Network's award-winning interactive video dating

game. By touching the screen, you interact with sexy Black characters who seduce you for a night of fun while challenging your commitment to practice safer sex. Don't miss this sexy, safe, and hot new twist in video games!

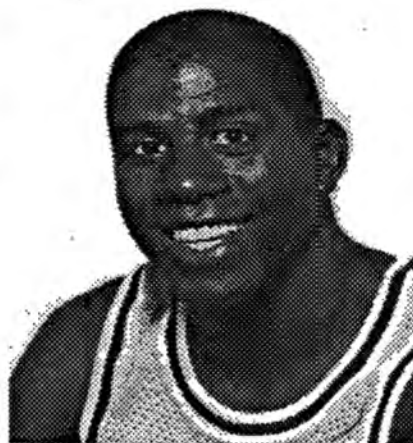
Membership in The Brothers Physical, with all privileges listed above, is for a 12-week period. Only 20 memberships are available during each 12-week period. Certified physique trainers, knowledgeable nutrition counselors and experienced HIV/AIDS educators help you fully participate and maximize your potential to benefit from this program. Upon completing the program, you receive a certificate, and, as a Brothers Physical graduate member, continue to receive (based on availability) passes to local area gyms which are available daily — "first come, first served" — to all Brothers Network clients.

Through The Brothers Physical, developed and applied is an HIV/AIDS advocacy approach that stresses prevention and treatment not only through direct education about these issues, but also by way of a fun, well-planned body-heart-mind program not associated with the stigma and discrimination that often dissuades those who might otherwise seek life-saving information about AIDS. Moreover, because this program is conceived, directed and implemented by The Brothers Network, an added benefit is that each member can access well-trained and informative professionals providing services that welcome and do not judge HIV-affected Black gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning young adults.

Our insight is that young Black adults and youth must be educated that part of what is needed to improve overall health and maintain immune system function is a personalized program that encourages each person to commit to take care of his or her body, heart and mind. Our hope is that through our Brothers Physical Program, we can challenge, and inspire to better health, young Black gay men, bisexual men, transgenders and young Black men who question their sexual orientation.

All Brothers Physical members are encouraged to participate in any Brothers Network program. We offer the following services targeting Black/African American gay men, bisexual men and transgenders:

Prevention Education & Advocacy,



Earvin "Magic" Johnson

Treatment Education & Advocacy, Risk Reduction, Anti-Oppression Services, Support Groups, Facilitation Training, Peer Counseling, Leadership/Self-Esteem, Transgender Services, Cultural Arts Special Events, Volunteer Services, Creative Writing, "Dancercise" Groups, Transportation Subsidies, Drug/Alcohol Abuse Treatment Referrals, Medical, Therapy & Legal Referrals, Case Management/Social Service Referrals, Publications: *Positively, Black & Proud* and *Survivor Stories*.

Since all Brothers Network program staff self-identify either as Black gay men, bisexual men, or transgenders, many of whom are dealing with HIV and AIDS in their own lives, the staff is uniquely qualified to deliver services from a cultural and social perspective which promotes the overall self-esteem of members. At The Brothers Network we take seriously our commitment to deliver services in culturally appropriate ways that are respectful of the ethnicity, culture, race, and sexual orientation of each client.

We'd Love for You to Become a Brothers Physical Member — Apply Now! Our grant with the Magic Johnson Foundation gives preference to young folk between 18 and 25, but anyone under 30 can apply to participate. Only 20 memberships are available for the March through May training period. New 12-week training periods will begin in June and September. But don't wait! Call us today or drop on by! 🍌

All Queens Don't Live In Castles

(Stories from the Transgender Side...)

by Rica Madame Turner

Well, here we are in the early stages of 1994, and how many of our New Year's resolutions have we broken so far? Me, I promised I would cut down on my man intake. (I don't worry about calories just yet). I must be real with my readers, for I can not live with this terrible secret: I have CSB!

You might be asking: "What the hell is that?" The Answer: Compulsive Sexual Behavior.

Yes boy and girls, I'm addicted to good sex. I can't help myself. I find, after two or three days, I break out in a cold sweat if I don't have a thick and muscular man near me in the middle of the night. What do I do? Is there some hotline I can call. Where is Oprah when you need her?

For those of you out there who suffer just like me, we must fight the urge to succumb to the temptation of the manly flesh. "Stop The Madness!!!"

On a more serious note, I just recently returned from a 5-day trip to the East Coast (snow storms and all!) where I attended The Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference in Secaucus, New Jersey, where I had a faboo time.

This is my third year attending this conference, and I think everyone should somehow, at least once in their life, attempt to go. You can retrieve and distribute tons of information from other organizations from across the US. Plus, the people you interact with just may become life long friends whom you look forward to seeing each year. And, of course, since the host city, New York, was just 15 minutes away, guuurrrll, I PAR-TAYYED!!!!

While at the conference, I attended the workshop facilitated by my good friend Sheri Webb, who is Transgender Advocate and Counselor at the Terderloin Aids Resource Center (T.A.R.C.). Her workshop was entitled "Transgenders in the Black Community and Who We Are." Sherri focused on her life as a post-operative transgender person living as a heterosexual woman. She spoke of her beginning struggles, her supportive family, and how she made it to the well-known position she now holds as one of the major forces in the fight for transgender rights. The workshop, very well received, was evaluated and those expressing opinions clearly stated they wanted workshops of this nature to appear at the conference next year. Unfortunately, despite the workshop's excellence, still there needs to be more inclusiveness about providing information to my community sisters.

Now, now! Don't go thinking this trip was all work and no play.

HARDLY!! I had several opportunities to see New York's culture at its finest, and I do mean F-I-I-I-NEST! The Boys there were all over me like footprints in new snow (modesty rarely suits me). I went twirling through Manhattan, New Jersey and experienced this fierce house party in Brooklyn, where I was the only queen in the house. I felt a little uncomfortable at first, but after the boy started asking me to dance, I started opening up (so to speak) and even got a few phone numbers to take home. To top of my trip, I spent my last two days in NYC with a handsome young man named "Justice" (Yes, that is his real name). His life was made a tearful hell when reality set in, and he accepted that I did have to go home. Thank you Justice, for a wonderful time, and may our time together always be a special memory in your heart, as it will be in mine. Au revoir Mon Amour...

Well, that's it for now. Time to end my little journal notation on the journey back home. Tune in next time when I talk about whatever else comes to my twisted little hormone induced brain. ♡



Brothers Video Wins International Film/Video Award

Brothers, the interactive safer sex video game developed by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention and BAVC, The Bay Area Video Coalition received a *Freddie*, the most prestigious medical and health film/video award in the world. It was voted by the International Medical and Health Film Festival to be the best interactive video for its 1994 awards presented on February 12 at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco. The Awards Ceremony featured former Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, Tipper Gore as keynote speaker and was hosted by Chevy Chase.

Pictured in this dot-matrix impressionist photo (l-r) are: Video Exec Producers David Bolt and Steve Feedback, NTFAP Exec. Director Reggie Williams, Video Star and Brothers Network Staff Member Jalousy Jiggets, Video Producer Becky Price, Video Co-Director Tony Williams and two BAVC staff members.

A Lesson in Black History

by Tony Glover

The history of Black peoples is such that we, in our wisdom, often create new projects that challenge racist institutions and create programs that are about our own survival — the survival of our peoples.

Here are some of the heroines and heroes of Black America: John Glover, Fannie Lou Hamer, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Ma Rainey, Langston Hughes, W. E. B. DuBois, Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Ralph Ellison, Malcolm X, The Black Panthers, The Wilmington 10, Medgar Evers, Wilma Rudolph, Arthur Ashe, The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, the Rainbow Coalition, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, A. Phillip Randolph, Ella Baker, Martin Luther King, Jr., Spike Lee, Whoopi Goldberg, Ruby Dee, Ossie Davis, Jackie Joyner Kersee, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson

... Yet more heroines and heroes of the Black community: Coretta Scott King, Hon. David N. Dinkins, The NAACP, The Minority Task Force on AIDS, Hon. Maxine Waters, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Hon. Willie Brown, The Rev. Benjamin E. Chavis, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Faye Wattleton, Hon. Carole Moseley Braun, Dhoruba Bin Wahad, Angela Davis, Alice Walker, Rev. Cecil Williams, June Jordan, The SF Black Coalition on AIDS, AMASSI: African American AIDS Support Services & Survival Institute, Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress of South Africa...

One more list — my heroines and heroes: Audre Lorde, Bayard Rustin, Pat Parker, James Baldwin, Cheryl Clarke, Assoto Saint, Tseko Simon Nkoli, Jewelle Gomez, Donald Woods, Barbara Smith, Reggie Williams, Dr. Marjorie Hill, Lidell Jackson, James

Credle, Mabel Hampton Rory Buchanan, Donald Woods, Rev. Renee McCoy, Rev. Carl Bean, Marlon Riggs, Craig G. Harris, Tracy Chapman, Toshi Reagon, Gay Men of African Descent, Men of All Colors Together, Adodi of Philadelphia, Adodi of New York, Black and White Men Together, Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action, National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change...

The first group of African



descendant peoples and organizations are known to history as supporting Black peoples rights in their time. The second group of African descendant peoples and organizations are those known to have openly supported both Black peoples' and lesbian and gay peoples' rights. The third group comprise openly gay or lesbian African descendant peoples and organizations that have supported the rights of Black lesbian and gay people to live free from oppression.

I am open and honest about this list when confronting homophobes of all races, colors and creed who claim that Black people supportive of lesbian and gay rights do not exist... that lesbian and gay leaders within the Black community do not exist... that Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people do not exist.

At The Brothers Network we are proud of the history of Black peoples in America. We are proud of the

history of Black lesbian and gay people in America. The Brothers Network is now a part of both histories.

African descendant bisexual, lesbian, gay and transgendered people will challenge homophobic, gender-biased and racist ideologies — ones that say to us, as Black gay men, as Black lesbians, as Black bisexuals and transgendered: you are not welcome, you cannot be a part of our struggle, nor can you meet the needs of our young people.

We are not a threat to your children, we are your children — the children, in the life, who claim the right to live proud and free of homophobia amongst a community labeled Black...and...free from racism amongst white peoples and communities — including those labeled transgendered, lesbian, gay and bisexual.

Undoubtedly, some will see us as a threat to racism and heterosexism in AIDS delivery services. I would describe us as presenting a challenge to others to deliver culturally-relevant social services. I would describe us as a healthy, sane alternative, for we at The Brothers Network seek to deliver services in ways that do not overtly or covertly subjugate and relegate Black gay men, bisexual men and transgendered to an afterthought.

Our mission statement is clear: *The Brothers Network is an HIV institution created by transgender, bisexual and gay people of African descent dedicated to the health and well being of gay men, bisexual men and transgendered peoples. We have united in response to the needs of peoples whose lives have been impacted by HIV and AIDS. We are an idea whose time has come and whose time to be will never pass, for we are about keeping our brothers and transgender sisters alive, safe, creative and vibrant. Together we have given birth to, and will maintain, a strong, effective, compassionate, risk-taking, trusting, healing, mutually respectful, dedicated, humane*

HISTORY, from preceeding page

and positive organization comprised of people who refuse to believe that transgenders, bisexual men and gay men of African descent must continue to be infected at higher rates than any other Black or gay or bisexual or transgendered population in San Francisco.

Welcome to the Brothers Network. We offer hope.

With hope, there is help. With help there is health. And in good health you shall live.

The Brothers Network claims its place in history. If you are Black gay, bisexual, transgendered and concerned about HIV and AIDS in the life of our community perhaps our history will be instructed and influenced by the power of your personal history and herstories.

You see, we want Black peoples regardless of sexual orientation, color, creed, personal affections and preferences, and biological or self-assigned gender-identification to survive HIV and AIDS, and you can help.

Gay, bisexual and transgendered people must survive HIV and AIDS, for without our history, our contributions, our sacrifice, our intelligence, our street savvy, our spirituality, the history of Black peoples and gay/bi/transgendered peoples would never be as rich nor as special as we know it to be.

Celebrate our history with us by helping us create history. Help us become an organization impassioned and dedicated to those not afraid to claim us as their own - an organization which in all its endeavors strives to make visible, and keep alive, a Black gay/bi/transgender population that too many have forgotten.

Never again will we allow others to disappear us from Black History, Gay History, or World History. 'Nuff said! ♡

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by J.D. Scott-Hoffman

NO He Didn't

"Let history bear witness, that no human bow before a tyrant"

— Krysten Wells

Well, that is easier said than done. People constantly try to oppress other people. I, as a Black bisexual male realize this all too well, as I am sure do many of you, for you too may have had the experience of someone trying to control you, condemn you, or exert power over you.



I also know full well that at times I can be the tyrant. I am a tyrant when it comes to relationships. I ask myself, all the time: *What is it that makes me so control-freakish in relationships?*

My answer is ... whoops ... no ... *my excuses are:* I was shuffled around from one home to another from age 1 to 11... I was sexually molested by my step-father... I was emotionally and spiritually abused by my mother.

Combined these past experiences, during which I had no control, still affect my present - driving me to control my partners. This is what oppression has done for me.

What has it done to you? Think about it for awhile. How does your own journey, through a life in which you were part of a community targeted for oppression, make you act out towards those whom you, in your best moments, care for, love and enjoy having in your life.

I am working hard to figure out why I have to feel rage or why I lash it upon those around me. I find this to be the hardest thing I ever have had to do in my life. I hope that those I have hurt can forgive me, especially you Bob. Know that I never meant to hurt you, and thereby hurt myself. When you can, be my friend, and just maybe, if the time is right, re-join me as my lover. Whether or not this can happen is up to us. ♡

the "black sheep"

by Shelly

I was sitting here thinking about people and things, trying to put them in some sort of order in this messed up world of mine.

It's so insane, this world in which we live. In order to "fit in," you must follow the ideas and beliefs of everyone else.

What has happened to individuality? Don't people realize that you need to be who you are when you are? Can't they see you need to follow your own ideas and beliefs? Evidently not. Everywhere I go, it seems everyone is afraid to be themselves.

What have we all turned into? A bunch of "sheep," I think. If you do what you feel, you're immediately labeled the "black sheep."

I can't understand society's anger towards anyone who is different. To me, this is damned selfish. If you can't be who you are, then who the hell can you be?

And who are you? A clone of society? A clone of your family?

Are you being whom and what you want to be? You follow all the "rules", but... Are you happy? Only you can answer.

I can answer. I am happy. I live how I want, despite what society says. I am the "Black Sheep" in this world of artificial "white sheep."

If you're unhappy with your image, then you should try to change to the person that you are, or, perhaps, the one you want to be. If you can't find the ways to your personal strength, then one day you may wake to find you are just another member of society's "white sheep." ♡

The Kid Is Not My Lover

by Jonathan William Brown

The sex-abuse charges against Michael Jackson have slowly, but surely, disappeared from front-page news since the recently announced multi-million dollar settlement between MJ and his accuser.

As the lead Black entertainer in the United States and the leading entertainer in the world, it's sad to see such a public airing of MJ's dirty laundry... so to speak.

I know a great many of us are tired of hearing about MJ. However, this entire situation brings to mind another scenario — this time a traffic accident, where I tell myself I won't look, but feel I have to.

The profound negative publicity will undoubtedly affect MJ's career. Already, high-powered advisors are scrambling for media and public relations tricks to restore him to public favor. No matter if you supported, or were against, Michael in this latest affair, to a certain extent we are bound by a common disgust. It is not illogical to assert that if his own family was divided in their support, MJ's audience, fans and the media-influenced general public will be divided as well.

Your guess is as good as mine regarding how many tell-all biographies and sex scandal sheets with Michael's name or likeness on the cover, and in-between the pages, will flood bookstores in the coming months and years. The cast of characters could rival *Ben Hur*: celebrity goddess Elizabeth Taylor; 11 year-old Brett Barnes; Jackson biographer J. Randy Taraborelli; pint-sized movie star Macaulay Culkin; private investigator Anthony Pellicano; voice-expert Stephen Laub; former Jackson maid Bianca Francia; La Toya Jackson; former Jackson bodyguards Fred Hammond, Morris Williams, Leroy Thomas, Donald Starks and Aaron White; prosecutor Lauren Weiss; and, of course, his 13 year old accuser.

What movie screen writer could create such real-life drama: La Toya's teleconference from Tel Aviv (is this woman well?)... the Jackson family rebuttal from Encino featuring Jermaine "I-love-Michael-as-a-

brother/I-hate-Michael-as-a-brother-as-long-as-it-gets-me-some-publicity-to-sell-my-next-album" Jackson... the body search by Santa Barbara police (for those who claimed he and Diana Ross were one and the same, we now know he HAS a penis)... Michael's dramatic TV statement (honey, pull back the hair!)... various confessions by past employees (loyal help is hard to find, especially when offered thousands of dollars to tell one's story to sleazoid tabloid TV)... and, finally, the multi-million dollar settlement (wouldn't one million suffice?).

Where oh where did Michael go wrong? Did Michael go wrong? Was he in the right place at the wrong time or in the wrong place at the right time? That depends upon whether you think the alleged act was worth all the negative publicity that followed. Perhaps it depends on whether you think the alleged sex between MJ, as an older man, and his accuser, as a young teenager, was consensual. Perhaps it depends on whether your homophobia dictated your response to this affair. Maybe you were unable to sympathize with a star, or anyone for that matter, who could not come out of their closets of seclusion regarding sexuality or alleged child abuse.

One thing's for sure though — we all make mistakes. And because of this universal truth, is it really any of our business that we make it our business to discuss it. If I answer no to this I might as well read myself for writing this column. If I answer yes, I better be ready to open all my closets and reveal all my demons. And you must do the same! 🐾

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The Risky Corner

The Experience The Antidote The Cure

I once heard it said that we need to find an antidote for AIDS; others have said we should, "Be here for the cure."

In actuality, we are all living with HIV/AIDS. True, some of us may not be infected with HIV. Still, we are, nonetheless, people living — co-existing if you will — with the existence of HIV and AIDS in our world.

This common experience, of all of us living with the HIV/AIDS, can put each person into various uncommon, even peculiar, states of being.

I have heard it said that "experience is the best teacher." It is for this reason I have chosen to accept the experience of living with, for, and around, just one more epidemic. This epidemic will make me neither any less nor any more than whom, or what, I choose to be — an experience.

This is why I have come to be full of life, rich with color, no less memorable than the most vivid, crisp clear day.

I yearn for the experiences of a lifetime.

To some it may seem regrettable that I must be handicapped with this "life-threatening" difficulty. For others around me, this difficulty has reached the very heart of their beings. It made many of us realize we just might be more than we ever thought we could be. I, for one, accept even the difficulties simply as experiences of MY life — a life filled with zeal and dazzled with brilliance.

My eternal being never can be marred. It remains forever my breath of life and the song in my soul. My one experience is a testament. My one experience is the antidote. I have found THE CURE. 🐾

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Movie This...

by Jonathan William Brown

There is a new, albeit small, crop of movies being produced in Hollywood that entertain the idea of homosexuality.

Six Degrees of Separation featuring *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* star Will Smith comes to mind. And, of course, there is the groundbreaking *Philadelphia* with Denzel Washington and Tom Hanks.

In *Six Degrees*, Smith plays a hustler who is Black, gay and craftily invades the life of a well-to-do white Manhattan couple. Claiming to be Sidney Poitier's son and to have gone to school with the couple's children, the hustle begins.

It seems some of the...ahem...technical aspects of the film were difficult for Smith. While filming, he backed out of an on-screen kiss with co-star Anthony Michael Hall claiming his East Coast homeys just wouldn't understand. Smith later remarked he regretted not doing the scene, excusing his refusal not as homophobia, but immaturity. Is homophobia ever mature?

Having worked in television production, I know the bottom line is money. If "controversial" films like *Philadelphia* make money, it's not unlikely a plethora of "copy-cat" films will be made. Many such films may already be "in the can" waiting to be released?

No media influences so many people in so short a space in time as Hollywood's cinematic films. Though the opportunities for education thus far lost are astounding, one can hope that when, and if, films more often humanely present issues like AIDS and homosexuality, human tolerance might also increase.

From such a tolerant vantage point, one might see that many of our Black brothers and sisters with AIDS still die in silence. Hollywood producers bankroll films that show Black folk killing each other in gang wars, while lost to ourselves and others is the increasing violence of AIDS and racism. Indeed, many are the ways we die.

But yesterday's lesson, today's challenge and tomorrow's promise is this: we always find ways to live. Though if Hollywood were to record our tomorrows, their version of our future would likely hold that we'll all be partyin' in House Party 16. Oh Lordy, NO!

And what of the Black gay experience. Surprise! Currently, there exist no other Hollywood productions about the Black gay experience. Guess we'll all have to do a Marlon Riggs and shoot it (not each other) ourselves!

by Kerrington Osborne

Policy Corner

HIV Prevention Community Planning

Greeting Brothers!

HIV has become the second leading cause of death for young African males (18-35). In San Francisco it is estimated that 55% of gay and bisexual African American men are HIV positive and that 70% of black gay and bisexual injection drug users are also HIV infected. In a recent study by the San Francisco Department of Public Health on Lesbians and HIV, African Americans had the highest rate of HIV infection. The majority of heterosexual women and children with AIDS are also African American. New infection rates among African Americans continue to rise. There is no denying this fact any longer: HIV infection is a concern for all Black/African American communities. We as community activists must make sure that HIV disease remains on our political agenda.

In the spirit of continued activism and awareness, I would like to update you on current happenings on the HIV prevention front. As I discussed last time (*Dec. '93 issue, Positively, Black & Proud*), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to state and local health departments with cooperative agreements on HIV Prevention community planning. Mandated by the CDC is the creation of local community planning councils. The County of San Francisco and the State of California have their own cooperative agreements, and each has established their own HIV community planning groups.

The CDC has mandated that such planning bodies be inclusive and that special attention be paid to socially marginalized, economically marginalized, "hard-to-find," and "at-risk" populations. (This means us).

I am an advisor to the State's HIV Working Group and a member of the San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council. Brothers' Network staff members Jonathan Brown and Reggie Pulliam also serve on the San Francisco Planning Council.

Our membership alone will not be enough! We need to hear from you, for we will need your help to ensure that the issues and concerns of Black/African American gay men, bisexual men and transgenders are heard.

The planning bodies will conduct needs assessments to identify unmet HIV prevention needs. Also, they will evaluate existing strategies and interventions as well as make recommendations for high priority prevention strategies and target populations. In short, it is quite possible they could revamp existing HIV prevention efforts within the State of California and San Francisco County. That, my brothers, is a lot of potential power. Planning bodies will begin meeting in February and March.

It is important that these HIV Prevention Planning bodies hear from you.

I will keep you advised of upcoming community meetings and focus groups.

Finally, we have an opportunity for real community input into HIV prevention efforts in California and San Francisco; however it is up to all of us to ensure we are at the table when decisions affecting our community are made.

Yours in the Struggle.

Next time: Health Care Reform: Part I

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"A Delicate Subject"

I Choice of Topic

Speaking to present & future leaders

Speaking in front of already engaged faculty

Speaking to school already committed to
HIV education/research

II. Where are we on HIV

Changed national perspective

new administration

new #'s

new research structure

Progress but holding

success on some pharmacologic fronts

negot of opportunistic infections at top

hope for prevention of perinatal

~~progress~~ progress in inclusivity & scope

Ryan White / prevention planning

delayed dx, poorly informed providers

III the delicate subject is sex -

- KG's "Victorian" Speech
- Societal science on gay/lesbian youth
- gender role & risk
- health professionals weak spot
(over focus on occupational exposure)

- Please help -

be sure curricula are complete
role model use of knowledge

KG post divorce - psychologist, not nurse
help with research!

parents role in sexuality growth & dev.

improved health ed. frameworks

harm reduction models - please test

community norms & role

e.g. tobacco ?'s

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Thanks for your consideration of this request.

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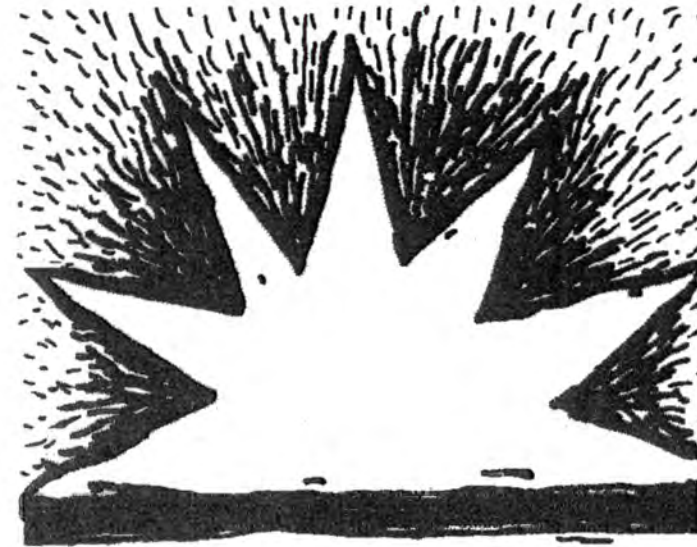
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Project New Hope is dedicated to providing supportive residential facilities and employment retraining services for any person who is homeless, or at risk, and afflicted with HIV/AIDS. The organization was created in 1990 through the auspices of the Bishop's Commission on AIDS Ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

The many potentially debilitating illnesses brought on by the virus render many individuals incapable of working a full-time job. Due to the exorbitant cost of treating HIV/AIDS many individuals are unable to afford the basic necessity of shelter. In addition, an increasing number of already homeless people are being diagnosed with the disease, adding further to the need for housing, supportive services and employment training.

Through an affordable place to live and new work skills, an individual with HIV/AIDS will be able to take back their life and exercise their options.

New Hope Courtyard Apartments

Independent living facilities allow a chronically ill person to have permanent housing in which to live with security, privacy, and dignity. Currently with several apartment buildings either in planning or development, Project New Hope is aggressively attacking the problem of potential or actual homelessness among persons with HIV/AIDS. Many infected persons are capable of living independently within their own homes with a minimum amount of support and yet, because of a lack of appropriate affordable housing and services, end up in the hospital. The resulting highly inflated and inappropriate level and cost of care drains the resources of both the individual and the public health care system.

Project New Hope's Courtyard Apartments are designed to be completely handicap-accessible so that, over time, as a person progresses through the various stages of the illness, an individual will be able to maintain an independent lifestyle to the greatest extent possible. Each resident will continue to receive comprehensive case management through collaborative arrangements with community-based HIV/AIDS service providers in the immediate area of the residence.

New Hope Trinity Learning Center

The Trinity Learning Center offers individualized courses in basic computer operation and use, building toward workplace skills in word processing, spreadsheets, and desktop publishing.

The goal of Project New Hope's Trinity Learning Center is to equip persons with HIV/AIDS with computer literacy and skills necessary for effective office/home employment. The program is designed to take the limitations of the disease into account, and to provide a training atmosphere of common purpose, mission, and understanding. All instruction is competency-based, allowing students to work at a pace suited to each individual's skill-level and employment goals.

Services are provided at no cost to consumer through the State of California, Department of Rehabilitation with an instructor provided by the Metropolitan Skills Center, Los Angeles Public School District.

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New Hope Courtyard Apartments WISH LIST

Apartment Units			
Lamp	\$20	Dishwasher	600
Nightstand	150	Stove	500
Chest of Drawers	400	Disposal	150
Bed	1,500	Television/VCR/phone	1,000
Washer/dryer combo	800	Kitchen accessories	250
Towels/linens	75	Art/painting	200
Sleeper couch	1,000		
Chair	250		
Refrigerator	1,000		
Furnish complete			
One bedroom unit			\$7,895
Two bedroom unit			\$11,290

Apartment Courtyard			
6 chairs	\$100ea	Potted trees and plants	3,000
Table	400	Barbeque grill	300
Landscape courtyard	2,500	Outdoor heaters	500
Garden fountain	5,000		
Furnish complete			\$12,300

Apartment Community Room			
Books	\$75	Refrigerator	1,000
Television	400	Stove	500
VCR	250	Disposal	150
Couches	800	Bookshelves	150
Tables	200		
Chairs	250		
Games	50		
Furnish complete			\$3,825
Apartment van			\$25,000

Trinity Learning Center WISH LIST

Class Room			
IBM compatible computer	\$1,750	Desk chair	200
Software	1,000	Computer printer	1,400
Computer accessories	500	Computer workstation	350
Furnish complete workstation			\$3,800

Meeting Room			
Microwave	\$300	Conference table	350
Conference chairs	200	Refrigerator	175
Book shelves	200	Kitchen accessories	200
FAX machine	500		

Student Needs			
Books/manuals	\$75	Bus passes	45
Student kits	200	In-house luncheon	100
Student scholarship (10 days of training)	390		
Complete scholarship fund			\$2,600

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Software packages used in the training include:

- * Championship Keyboarding and Skillbuilding
- * WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows and DOS
- * Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows and DOS
- * PageMaker 4.0 for Windows

Application Requirements: * Verifiable diagnosis of HIV/AIDS
 * A good possibility that these services will help in
 finding a job or maintaining a current job.

Services are provided at no cost to consumer through the State of California, Department of Rehabilitation. Job placement and advocacy services will be provided in coordination with the California Department of Rehabilitation, Los Angeles Unified School District "Workability" program, The Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center, Los Angeles Project with Industry, and additional agencies throughout greater Los Angeles. Program consumers will be asked to submit an employment history, health questionnaire (including diagnosis of HIV/AIDS), and financial statement.

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I. STATEMENT OF NEED

According to statistics and seroprevalence projections for 1993 released by the SFDPH, AIDS Office, 16% (n=4,378) of those living with HIV infection are African Americans. Of this 16%, 74% (n=3,238) are gay and bisexual men including gay and bisexual IDUs. This rate of infection shows a seroprevalence rate of 5.7% for the entire African American communities as compared to 5.0% for the White communities and, assuming the total population estimates for African American gay and bisexual men are accurate, a seroprevalence of 56% among this population as compared to 42% among their White counterparts. More alarming is the fact seroprevalence trends indicate that infections among African American gay and bisexual men are increasing while they are leveling off for White gay and bisexual men. The engine that drives these rates of transmission is made up of a host of factors that include self-esteem issues, racism, homophobia, substance addiction, socioeconomic status and others.

A KAB study of 952 gay and bisexual black men completed by the NTFAP confirms the above analysis noting that from a wide cross section of homosexually active black men, only 53.5% of those questioned reported always or nearly always practicing safer sex despite 96% relating that they know how HIV is transmitted (Minns, et al, 1990). Another study indicates that Black bisexual men have significantly more risk factors than white bisexual men and that 36% of the Black men reported participating in unprotected anal sex while only 12% of the white men reported unprotected anal sex (McKirnan, et al, 1991). Yet another study reveals that African American gay and bisexual men reported a substantially higher prevalence of unprotected anal intercourse during a six month period in 1990 (52%) than did White gay and bisexual men as reported in the AIDS Behavioral Research Project (15%) and the SF Men's Health Study (20%) (Peterson, et al., 1992). This study further revealed that African American gay and bisexual men in the Bay Area were more likely to have practiced unprotected anal sex if they were low

income, had been paid for sex, and/or had injected drugs - these behaviors persist despite the fact that these men accurately perceived themselves to be at risk for HIV infection (op cit.).

The findings of these various studies find that interventions targeting Black gay and bisexual men and youth must address self-esteem, empowerment, substance abuse, education and literacy, and economic opportunity as well as increasing skills to eroticize condom use and enhance their use. HIV prevention behavior change will not occur in a vacuum. It is clear that behavior change will only occur proportionate to the extent that these other issues are addressed as well primary and secondary HIV prevention.

II. GOAL STATEMENT

There are two primary program goals:

1. Empower members of the target population to reduce their risk for contracting HIV disease by providing them opportunities to increase their skills, self-esteem, self efficacy and leadership abilities in life and, specifically, in relation to HIV disease prevention behaviors;
2. Change existing, and establish new, community norms within the African American gay, bisexual, youth and transgender communities that will reinforce the need to change and sustain lower HIV risk behaviors.

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

In San Francisco County, we provide comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention education / advocacy, treatment education/advocacy, and support services targeting Black/African American gay men, bisexual

men, Transgenders and any other Black/African American men who love men. Also served through this program are youth/young adults and substance users who need education and advocacy around HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and support issues. For those who qualify, these services are also available: 1) access to local gym and physique training facilities; 2) diet and exercise programs; 3) dancercise groups; 4) creative arts special events; 5) writing workshops; 6) fun and informative safer sex playshops; and 7) a fun computerized interactive video dating game on safer sex.

ELIGIBILITY

Program targets Black gay men, bisexual men, transgendered men, and other Black men who love men (though services are available to all). Intake interview required. Those who agree to receive services must sign an agreement that details the client's rights and The Brothers Network's responsibilities. Youth/Young adult services targets people under 30 years old who identify as Black gay men, bisexual men, transgenders or as men who love men. To provide ethno-culturally relevant services, some support groups have specific race, sexual orientation, gender-identification and/or HIV-status requirements.

SERVICES

Peer & Clinical Counseling
Prevention & Treatment Advocacy
HIV/AIDS Education
Risk Reduction/Anti-Oppression
Support Groups/Youth/Young Adults
Transgender
Physician Referral, Info/Referral Service
Self-Esteem/Leadership
Volunteers
Newsletter/Publishing
Diet/Exercise/Physique Training
Cultural Arts/Special Events

METHODOLOGY**1. Community Workshops**

Facilitated educational and interactive serial community workshops will encourage participants to discuss how to reduce overall risks that contribute to poor health with a focus on reducing risks related to transmission of HIV. The Brothers Network will conduct five of these workshops every three months. Four series of workshops will be held at various community-based organizations (CBOS) outside of the Brothers Network offices, one series will be held at the Brothers Network offices. Each serial workshop consists of four two-hour sessions and will revolve around themes relevant to African American gay and bisexual men, African American youth and African American transgendered persons. Themes will include self-esteem, personal empowerment, effects of racism and other oppressions on health maintenance and self-care ability, and difficulties with maintaining HIV risk reduction behaviors. The workshops will be promoted through social network channels of members of the target population, by Outreach and Intervention volunteers in bars and special and community events, and through newsletters and newspapers targeting members of the target population and the broader lesbian and gay communities. The community workshops will be led by the Transgender Services Coordinator and the Workshop Coordinator.

2. Workshop Facilitator and Outreach & Intervention Volunteer Training

The Brothers Network training module consists of a six hour, three day training, which includes, but is not limited to the following areas: Client support; methods of facilitation; providing ethno-culturally relevant support; respecting cultural diversity with regards to race, sex, gender, creed and national origin; administering evaluation instruments; meeting needs of the facilitator versus meeting the needs of the participants; and, identifying and properly referring clients in need of additional services. These activities will be carried

out by the Workshop Coordinator, the Special Events/Volunteer Coordinator and the Transgender Services Coordinator at the BN offices.

3. Curriculum

The Brothers Network curriculum is designed to impact seropositive Black/African American gay men, bisexual men, transgenders and other Black/African American men who have sex with men. The curriculum has taken into account factors such as low literacy by incorporating materials that do not rely upon a client's ability to read. This includes, but is not limited to, the Brothers Network's interactive video game on safer sex, negotiating with partners to reduce risky behavior, and practical and emotional support resources available at The Brothers Network and at other San Francisco medical, health and social service institutions.

4. Location of Services

Support groups will be convened at easy access, handicap accessible locations including but not limited to locations in Bayview Hunters Point, the Western Addition, the Tenderloin/Polk Gulch, South of Market, Haight Ashbury or the Castro. Wherever possible, sites will be chosen to respect participants' needs for confidentiality. One support group with a duration of at least eight weeks will be initiated during each quarter of the contract year.

5. Outreach Methodology

Outreach and recruitment of seropositive African American men for the support groups will be coordinated on an ongoing basis by the Program Coordinator and shall utilize Brothers Network Volunteers. Volunteers will be recruited to provide outreach activities -- to include but not be limited to distribution of support services posters, brochures and condoms -- in local bars, sex clubs, African American gay and bisexual social/political organizations, and community fairs and events.

6. Peer Counseling Methodology

On an individual appointment basis, the Program Coordinator and Intake Workers will be available to meet with clients to provide peer counseling, assessment of support needs and/or linkage to other services i.e. primary medical care, health care, mental health, drug/alcohol recovery, detoxification programs, or other needed practical support and social services.

7. Self-Care Workshops

The Program Coordinator and Intake Workers will develop a culturally-specific and competent self-care workshop curriculum that will be implemented in quarterly six hour workshops to help clients to acquire and maintain self-care skills and learn effective self-care strategies.

8. Client Linkage & Case Conferencing

Linkage to other in-agency Brothers Network services will be arranged by the Program Coordinator and/or Intake Worker who will arrange, chart and document the referral in client files. Toward effective client support through referral to outside agencies, all Brothers Network Staff will case conference once per week for two-hours to discuss clients, out-agency linkages, including follow-up on referrals made to outside service agencies. Case conferences will target for extra support, clients most in need of increased primary medical care, health care, mental health, drug/alcohol recovery, detoxification programs, or other needed practical support and social services. As needed, the Program Coordinator and/or Intake worker will arrange client conferences between The Brothers Network and staff from outside agencies to ensure follow-up and coordination of additional support services.

9. Staff & Volunteer Self-Care Training & Education

For the first two quarters, a clinical Consultant (MSW) will be contracted to train and provide needed support to the program staff and volunteer facilitators. Staff and volunteer facilitators will then use this training to provide self-care workshops to clients.

10. Facilitator Training

The Brothers Network training module consists of a 16-hour, two-day training which includes, but is not limited to, training facilitators in the following areas: Client support, methods of facilitation; respecting cultural diversity; administering evaluation instruments; meeting one's need as facilitator versus meeting the needs of support group clients; and identifying and properly referring clients in need of additional services. The training will be conducted by the Program coordinator with additional help as needed from other Brothers Network staff.

11. Staff & Volunteer Self-Care Training & Education

For the first two quarters, a clinical Consultant (MSW) will be contracted to train and provide needed support to the program staff and volunteer facilitators. Staff and volunteer facilitators will then use this training to provide self-care workshops to clients.

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The centerpiece of the campaign will be the development and distribution of a culturally-specific poster advertising the availability of the support groups with a phone number to call for more information.

The poster will be distributed to: 1) HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and support service organizations; 2) hospitals, clinics and other health, mental health and social service organizations; 3) drug/alcohol treatment recovery homes and detox centers; 4) bars, affinity organizations and safer sex clubs that cater to gay, bisexual and/or transgendered clients.

12. Transportation Services

Taxi vouchers and bus tokens will be made available for clients to attend the support group meetings and to obtain necessary medical or social services. Any client participating in the support groups will be eligible to receive transportation assistance by completing the necessary paper work and submitting a letter of diagnosis from a medical doctor. Priority in distributing transportation assistance will be given to clients with disabling HIV or AIDS. Transportation services will be coordinated and supervised by the Program Coordinator.

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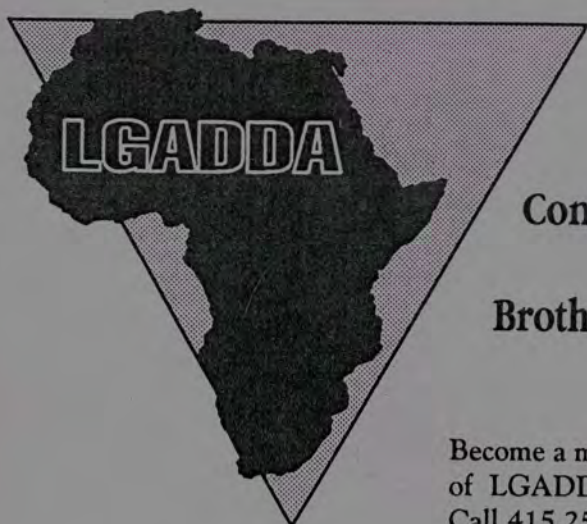
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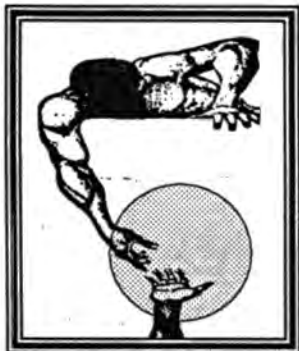
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REQUIREMENTS:

To participate in the program applicants will need have a signed consent form and receive a physicians permission to participate in the physical training and also be available at the following times:

Tuesdays	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursdays	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturdays	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

All participants are required to sign a consent form to participate in the Brothers Physical Program and youth under eighteen years of age need the consent of a parent or guardian.

PHYSIQUE TRAINING:

There will be two hours of physique training (catering to the needs and body structure of each individual participant) on all three days. The sessions will also include two sessions of Nutrition and Diet per month, the remaining two days of the month will be comprised of one session on Prevention and one session of HIV Treatment.

NUTRITION / DIET / HIV PREVENTION & TREATMENT:

Training sessions will include a personalized physique development plan, full balanced and nutritional low fat high carbohydrate and high protein gourmet prepared meals; also mandatory attendance at weekly classes on proper nutrition and diet, HIV/AIDS prevention, and HIV/AIDS treatment.

MATH / WRITING / COMPUTER SKILLS:

Besides tutorial educational services in Math and Writing, each participant will be asked to keep a diary recording their physical improvements and their increase in knowledge about HIV.

INTERACTIVE VIDEO:

Lastly, all program participants will have frequent access to the Brothers Network Interactive Video Dating Game. This features creative interaction with videotaped men and women who seduce and challenge you around Safer Sex and HIV transmission issues.

The Brothers Network is a program of The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention: Advocates for Gay Men of Color
We are Black/African American and Caribbean gay men, bisexual men and transgender persons providing comprehensive
HIV/AIDS prevention and support services to gay men, bisexual men and transgender persons of African Descent

Ro Paul Says

You Better Work!

Diana Says

Work That Body!

Ro Paul Says

Dance Girl! Dance I Said!

Janet Says

I Want You Much

**Sexy
Safely
Stress-Free**

Move Your Body

**Body Language that's all
action and no talk**

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Dance/Exercise support posse for Black gay/bisexual men and transgenders (No! Not a Sex Club!)

Dance tapes featuring jazz / house / hip hop music by the divas at The Brothers Network

Is that the end? Janet says, "NO"! The Brothers Network says there's always,

SEX(Y)ERCISE!

**For Life ...
Exercise with sex-positive men**

DANCERCISE!

**For Health ...
Energize with dance!**



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The Bayview Hunter's Point Foundation for Community Improvement offers a spectrum of prevention and educational services and direct services for low income African-Americans at risk for HIV infection and for those living with HIV disease. These services include:

- ▶ **HIV testing and counseling.** This program offers free confidential HIV risk reduction counseling and testing for HIV antibody to approximately 300 men and women substance abusers at risk for HIV infection. Referrals to necessary services including further risk reduction education or practical support for those testing positive are routinely offered.
- ▶ **AIDS Emotional Support.** Practical assistance of food and clothing along with individual counseling and limited advocacy are offered.
- ▶ **CADRE,** a program of practical and emotional support for men and women living with HIV disease. Volunteers are also recruited trained in providing support.
- ▶ **Health Education and Risk Reduction (HERR).** This is a effort with several other San Francisco based AIDS agencies offering group and individual risk reduction counseling to men ^{who have sex with} and women identified as at risk for HIV infection.
- ▶ **Prevention Case Management.** This is also a effort with several other San Francisco based AIDS agencies offering comprehensive case management to people living at risk for HIV infection and their sexual partners.

Our client population is primarily low-income African-Americans living in the Bayview-Hunter's Point area of San Francisco. Currently approximately half our clients are African-American gay men, and a large proportion are IDUs or other substance abusers. Approximately one-third of our clients are women.

ARB

AIDS Regional Board of Los Angeles County

AGENDA

Community Meeting Watts Health Foundation June 20, 1994

Welcome	Gill Fernandez Wendell Carmichael Cynthia Davis	5 Min.
Guest Speaker	Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Coordinator	20 Min.
Round Table discussion	Invited Guest	20 Min.
Public comment	Open	15 Min.
Introduction of Guest		15 Min
Additional dialogue/Comments		45 Min..

June 16, 1994

THE L.A. WATTS TIMES

COMMUNITY

KRISTING GEBBIE, NATIONAL AIDS COORDINATOR, APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON, will be the guest of the AIDS Regional Board in conjunction with the Watts Health Foundation and Charles Drew University from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, June 20. Gebbie will participate in a round table discussion with AIDS Service Providers regarding the national expectations of community based organizations (CBO's) from 1995 and beyond.

This dialogue will also provide an opportunity for the community to speak directly to Gebbie and inform her of any concerns, suggestions or recommendations to combat this deadly epidemic. The public is welcomed. This roundtable event will be held at the Watts Health Foundation, Board Room 10300 South Compton Avenue, Los Angeles. For more information call (213) 351-8026.

LAST	FIRST	AGENCY	REPRESENTING
Alonzo	Henry	Milagros AIDS Project	Community-ELA
Belay	Million	Ethiopian SVCs Ctr.	Community-Ethiopian
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Branch	Cheryl	Mini 12 Step Program	Women's Sub. Abuse
Canham	Joyce	Incarcerated Task Force	ARB Task Force
Carmichael	Wendell	WHF	So. Central-AIDS Prog.
Cohen	Susan	AIDS Service Center	Community-Pasadena
Coronado	Robert	AIDS Service Center	Community-Pasadena
Davis	Paul	M.A.P.	Community-Gang
Davis	Cynthia	Drew	Mobile Testing
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Dykes	Joei	BGLLF	Afr. Amer. Gays/Lesb.
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Edgington	Renee	CNN-Needle Exchange	Community-AIDS
Gay, Ph.D	Patricia	Harbor General	Post Doctoral-HIV
Hall	Ramona	Ctr Alcohol/Drug	County-Alcohol
Hampton	Preston	Cerritos	Community Church
Harris	Alice	Parents Of Watts	Community Activist
Jones	Nicole	Councilman Svorinich	Politician
Kuhl	Greg	Independent	ARB
Lemons	Antonio	Imani Unidos	Church-food pantry
Mays, M.D.	James	Mays Medical Clinics	Homeless Commissioner
Najera	Evelyn	UCLA	University-Ed/Prev.
Ouellet	Denis	L.A. Free Clinic	Community-Youth
Page	Jaie	Legal Aid	Community-Legal
Payne	Grace	Westminister Assoc	Community Institution
Plimpton	Jack	Episcopal Church	AIDS Ministry
Richards	Robert	Lighthouse Coun SVCs	Community Drug
Rodriquez	Linda	NEVHC	Community AIDS
Rule	Amy	Housing Exchange	Community-Housing
Salsburg	Nancy	Senator Steven Horn	Political
Sanchez	Kyletta	Brothman Hosp	Community Liaison Dir.
Smith	Peter	Inst. Travel Svc. Found.	Community-Transport.
Stanford	Jodie	Watts Times	Community Newspaper
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MEE NEWSLETTER

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MOTIVATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

MAY 1994

Greetings from MEE

This is the inaugural issue of our 1994 newsletter, designed to keep you abreast of the latest research on the Hip Hop Generation. Our objective is to provide you with the most innovative and effective ways to communicate with and positively impact young urban America.

Over the past three years, MEE has conducted research, created video products and sponsored workshops and symposiums focused on the critical issues facing urban youth.

Research:

God preserve us from - "If I had known!"

- Hausa Proverb,
Black Pearls

MEE Goes Int'l !

MEE has been selected by UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Agency, to assist in formulating a mass communication and mobilization program targeting South African youth.

According to Ivan Juzang, President of MEE Productions, who departed for South Africa the first week of May, "there is emerging evidence

that issues such as alcohol abuse, tobacco use, unintended pregnancies, lowering of the age of first sexual intercourse and peer expectations pose a significant challenge to the further development of South Africa."

MEE will help UNICEF and other governmental/non-governmental partners to achieve the long term goal of promoting the health of South African youth by mobilizing mass communication programs designed specifically to reach and empower them.

Accolades & Awards

MEE has received two international film awards this year for its video documentary, "Reaching the Hip-

Hop Generation:" **"Finalist"** Awards from both the **New York Film Festivals** and the **International Health and Medical Film Festival**.



Nationally recognized for its groundbreaking research, MEE has also received the **1993 Business and Labor Award** from the National Association for Drug Abuse Problems (NADAP).

MEE's research has also been well received by Planned Parenthood, Disney Pictures' Buena Vista Marketing, the U.S. Office of Minority Health, and the Robert



FROM MEE TO YOU

***Not all African Americans do drugs as the media portrays.
Legal drugs kill 10 times more
African Americans than illegal drugs.
Blacks make up 13% of the American Population,
Yet account for 26% of all smokers.
We want our fair share of the American Pie,
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The first workshop was held on Monday, March 7, 1994 in Philadelphia, PA. The sold out workshop was attended by 200 participants from around the country.

Attendees received a resource packet of MEE's video products and research materials and were provided specific strategies to effectively communicate with and reach today's youth.

The success of the workshop, resulted in requests that MEE conduct workshops in Atlanta and Los Angeles this summer.

More than 91% of the participants rated the workshop favorable or very favorable. 93% said the workshop met their expectations.

To schedule a workshop specifically tailored for your company or agency, or for more information about the location, dates and topics of upcoming workshops, call or write MEE at the address below.

RAP Forum



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FYI

According to the annual *Kids Count* report, 4 million American children, 84% of them African American or Hispanic, are growing up in deeply troubled neighborhoods where poverty, unemployment and school drop out are a way of life.

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*"Developing socially responsible,
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strategies targeting urban youth"*

June 15, 1994

Mr. Gilbert Fernandez
AIDS Regional Board
600 S. Commonwealth Avenue, 6th flr.
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

This letter serves as an invitation for your organization and youth affiliations to become active members in our (research) efforts at MEE Productions, Inc. Due to our research-based approach, MEE conducts focus groups around the country. This requires frequent travel to your city and a great deal of effort in coordinating, scheduling and recruiting focus group participants for a range of research topics. We want to establish a network of organizations and individuals who can help us.

As you know, MEE's mission is to understand, reach and positively influence urban youth. We achieve our mission through research, consulting and video production. MEE has become a nationally recognized authority on urban youth. We have conducted hundreds of focus groups that have always provided new insight into our subject matter. As an African-American communications company, we pride ourselves on our ability to uniquely converse with and express our youth's opinions.

Focus group are conducted in a fashion that educates both the youth, as well as the adults who view or participate in our sessions. For the youth participants, we provide a meal and stipends, depending on the project's budget. More importantly and satisfying, young people thoroughly enjoy working with us via focus groups and, often, ask when will we work with them again. Young people not only have fun in a peer setting but like the experience of being engaged in a serious dialogue about issues affecting them.

And for your organization's assistance, we extend the following benefits:

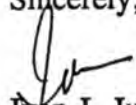
- MEE's research and video products for your use or library;
- Free admission to any local or regional MEE workshops; and
- Additional participation in an exciting dialogue with youth on a variety of issues.

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Mr. Gilbert Fernandez
June 15, 1994

I have enclosed our May 1994 newsletter to update you on our current activities. I will follow-up with a phone call to see if you are interested in assisting us. We will keep you abreast of upcoming MEE events in your area and throughout the USA.

Again, we believe in mutually beneficial partnerships and we are looking forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan J. Juzang', written over the printed name.

Ivan J. Juzang
President

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