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'Pageant' changes ownership, Aviva Diamond named Miss Gay Tucson II



Miss Gay Tucson I,
Stephanie Price
with James B. Curl

PHOENIX - Phoenixians Rob Thorne and Jay Murillo have assumed franchise ownership of the Arizona Gay Pageants - Miss Gay Phoenix, Miss Gay Tucson, and Miss Gay Arizona. According to Thorne, president, and Murillo, vice-president, they were awarded the franchise rights to the Pageants as the result of a settlement in a claims court case against former franchise owner James B. Curl, JBC Productions. When JBC was delinquent on a bill owed to Thorillo Enterprises, Ltd. who are owners of Classic Flowers, Thorne sued JBC.

In an announcement at a press conference, it was revealed that Stephanie Price has relinquished her remaining term as Miss Gay Tucson. Since her move to Phoenix has made her unable to represent Tucson, the crown was surrendered and will be presented to Aviva Diamond, runner-up in the original contest. Aviva Diamond will be



Miss Gay Tucson II,
Aviva Diamond

crowned in a special ceremony as Miss Gay Tucson II. Price will retain the designation Miss Gay Tucson I.

Thorne announced that he and Murillo have received permission to send all four current title holders to compete in Dallas for the Miss Gay America title on October 7. Fundraising events are currently being planned to offset the travel expenses. Current title holders are Miss Gay Arizona, Tamara; Stephanie Price and Aviva Diamond, Miss Gay Tucson I & II and Rhannon who was recently crowned Miss Gay Phoenix II.

The Miss Gay Tucson III Pageant is scheduled for February 1, 1987. Miss Gay Arizona II will be crowned this November 23 and Miss Gay Phoenix III contest will take place March 1, 1987. For further information contact Rob Thorne or Jay Murillo at 247-2777.

Congress okays experimental drug

by Mike Robinson
WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The experimental drug AZT would be provided to 10,000 patients dying of acquired immune deficiency syndrome by the National Cancer Institute under legislation approved by the Senate.

"At least 10,000 people can live six extra months, and I'm not coming off the floor of the United States Senate until I get the money to see that that happens," Sen. Lowell Weicker said last Wednesday, (Sept. 10) in urging the plan.

The provision, which would provide the cancer institute with an extra \$40 million to \$50 million to disperse the drug, was attached to a \$113 billion money bill for the departments of Labor, Education and Health and Human Services for fiscal 1987.

The Senate then voted 83-2 to approve the appropriations measure. The House has passed a differing version and the issue now goes to a conference committee.

While not a cure, the drug AZT can provide an extra six months of life for those afflicted with AIDS, said Weicker (R-Conn.). The Senate agreed to shift the funds from a \$1.9 billion program to help the poor pay heating bills. Weicker, whose subcommittee fashioned the bill, said the cancer institute now has only enough funds to provide AZT to 1,000 of the 10,000 people in the terminal stage of the disease.

The bill provides \$6 billion for the National Institutes of Health, including the cancer agency. That is \$1 billion more than President Reagan requested.

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New AIDS cases in Arizona slowing down

PHOENIX (AP) - The number of AIDS cases in Arizona has tripled each year since 1982, but officials report that the trend is slowing this year. The question, they say, is whether lifestyles are changing or whether flaws have developed in the reporting system.

Meanwhile, Mesa physician David Payne, who has been treating AIDS patients for two years, said he is participating in a research project at the University of Arizona, using experimental drugs in AIDS treatment. "We're using one agent right now called DTC that is an immune (system) booster," Payne said. "By the end of the year, we hope to have two antiviral agents here."

There is no known cure for acquired immune deficiency syndrome, which last week claimed its first Arizona state prison inmate, and no one is known to have survived it. Scientists say it is transmitted through bodily fluids, and that it attacks about 30 percent of the people who are exposed to it.

Reported cases of AIDS in Arizona rose from two in 1982 to eight in 1983 and to 23 in 1984, said Juan Carlson of the state Department of Health Services.

Last year, there were 63 new cases of AIDS in Arizona, but Carlson said only 42 new cases of AIDS have been reported through the first eight months of 1986 in the state.

He said the decline seems to parallel a national trend observed by the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, which counted 1,007 new AIDS

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PERSPECTIVE

THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT ISN'T DEAD, IT'S JUST ON VACATION

by Marakay Rogers

I don't know about any of you, but I am about to burn my subscriptions to all of the various so-called national Gay and Lesbian periodicals. I thought we had finished with 'the X political movement is dead' garbage. First we were told that the 'God is dead' movement was over. We hadn't ever found that it existed outside of Time magazine, which has often had minor problems with accuracy. Then we were told that the peace movement was dead. Wrong again; it was metamorphosed into the anti-nuke/pro Nicaragua/sanctuary movements. We got the information that socialism was dead. Again, that's wrong, it's not dead, but its printed matter is enough to replace Somnax. Finally, we got the 'Feminism is dead' line. The March marches on Washington and L.A. put that rumor in its place. Now, with nothing better to do, the Gay press reports that the Gay rights movement is dead.

Okay, is the Gay rights movement dead? I'm inclined to say that it's not dead, but, like socialism, some of its own press is enough to kill it. One more boring analysis of the phenomenon will kill me. If it's so boring, you may ask, why am I inflicting this topic on you. Because I, and I alone, know the

truth of what has happened to the national Gay rights movement. But before I tell you, let's check our facts. NGTF put an L in its name, closed the New York office, and moved to Washington. It owes a lot of money. It owed lots of money anyway, and then it tried operating out of both New York and D.C. on debts. Smart, folks. We all know that each of those two places is expensive all by its old lonesome, so we imagine operating offices in each on the same minimal funding which operated one. GRNL essentially died of debt after one of the national magazines tried to kill it anyway, so it moved its energies into HRCF. Everything else is going into AIDS. I am making alphabet soup, as you can tell, because I almost forgot to add that LLDF and GLAD are both fine. Are we all confused? If you are, good. If you're not confused, read this again.

Well, HRCF, NGTF, LLDF, GLAD and all the AIDS acronyms agree in print that out of about 20 million Gays and Lesbians in this wonderful country of ours only 6,000 or so different names are on all of their mailing lists. That's me and 5,999 other people bankrolling all these groups and we're broke too. Some of us, clearly more than 6,000 are putting energy into local

groups as well as putting money into local groups. Yes, get our your checkbook at this point and send one or all of the above a few bucks. So much for the sales pitch, and thank you very much.

The alphabet above notes that due to increased expenses combined with non-increases in funds and political stagnation, the national movement has floundered, and that some local groups are in trouble - though other local Gay and Lesbian organizations do quite well - due to a shortage of people. Incidentally, if I can write, so can you. Editors exist to clean up all the hard things like grammar, spelling, punctuation and logic. This is not a money plea; it's a suggestion that you, too can be a Gay activist and see your name in print just by joining a local group... like a newspaper. But, to return to the question of 'where are all the people?' that the national press asks, the fact remains that I have the answer I promised earlier.

The answer to the loud cry of, 'Where have all the faggots gone?' is 'They're on vacation, every one.' I hear a complaint, 'Wait!' cries the complainer. 'We aren't all rich, we aren't all on vacation and we aren't all

too busy.' That is a fair complaint. But if vacation isn't the answer, I can think of the answer to the response. Who can't afford vacation? Who isn't rich? By and large, Lesbians. Now the interesting thing about Lesbians is that we don't like being tokens and we don't like working in 'mixed' groups of twenty men and one token female who gets put on display when public occasions arise. The two-fold and simple solution is for male groups that claim to be mixed to make the decision that they'll really accommodate Lesbian concerns, and for a very large number of Lesbians to try. Just once, actually to work with Gay men before announcing that there is no way to deal with said creature.

But for the larger problem of where people and money are, I suggest that the major Gay and Lesbian organizations consider moving their offices to Gay resort areas. Imagine an envelope stuffing party for HRCF on the beach at Key West. Imagine collecting for NGTF by tacking an extra fifty cents or a dollar on those Palm Springs sweatshirts, T-shirts, and souvenirs no one can pass up. Fundraisers for - oh, pick and

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Alleged sister suing for share of Rock Hudson estate

LOS ANGELES, CA 9A) - Attorneys for the estate of Rock Hudson filed court papers aimed at blocking the claim of a woman who says she is the late actor's adopted sister.

The papers filed by attorney Michael Vanic ask a Superior Court Judge to rule that Alice Waler, 32, is not an heir to Hudson's property and to dismiss her motion to overturn the actor's will. A Sept. 19 hearing has been scheduled before Judge Julius Leatham.

An attorney for Mrs. Waler, a resident of Grants Pass, Oregon filed a challenge to Hudson's will earlier this year, claiming she was unfairly left out of it because Hudson's associates isolated him from her by intercepting her calls and letters.

In the court papers, Vanic says Mrs. Waler's petition fails to explain her relationship with Hudson, has no legal standing and was brought too late.

Mrs. Waler's attorney, Paul Monziane, has said the 12-day filing period to contest the will should be suspended because of a failure to notify his client that the will was filed. The wife of a postal worker and mother of five, Mrs. Waler said she maintained a telephone relationship with Hudson until 1983, apparently around the time he learned he had acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Hudson died last October of complications arising from AIDS, the usually fatal disease caused by a virus believed to be passed

through blood and semen. He was 59. Hudson's will left his entire estate to a trust drawn up in 1974. A provision notes that he intentionally omitted his living heirs.

Attorney Earl Bender, who posted an \$8.6 million bond during a probate hearing in December, declined to state the value of the estate or identify the trust's beneficiaries. Bender represents New York accountant Wallace Sheft, who was appointed to manage the estate.

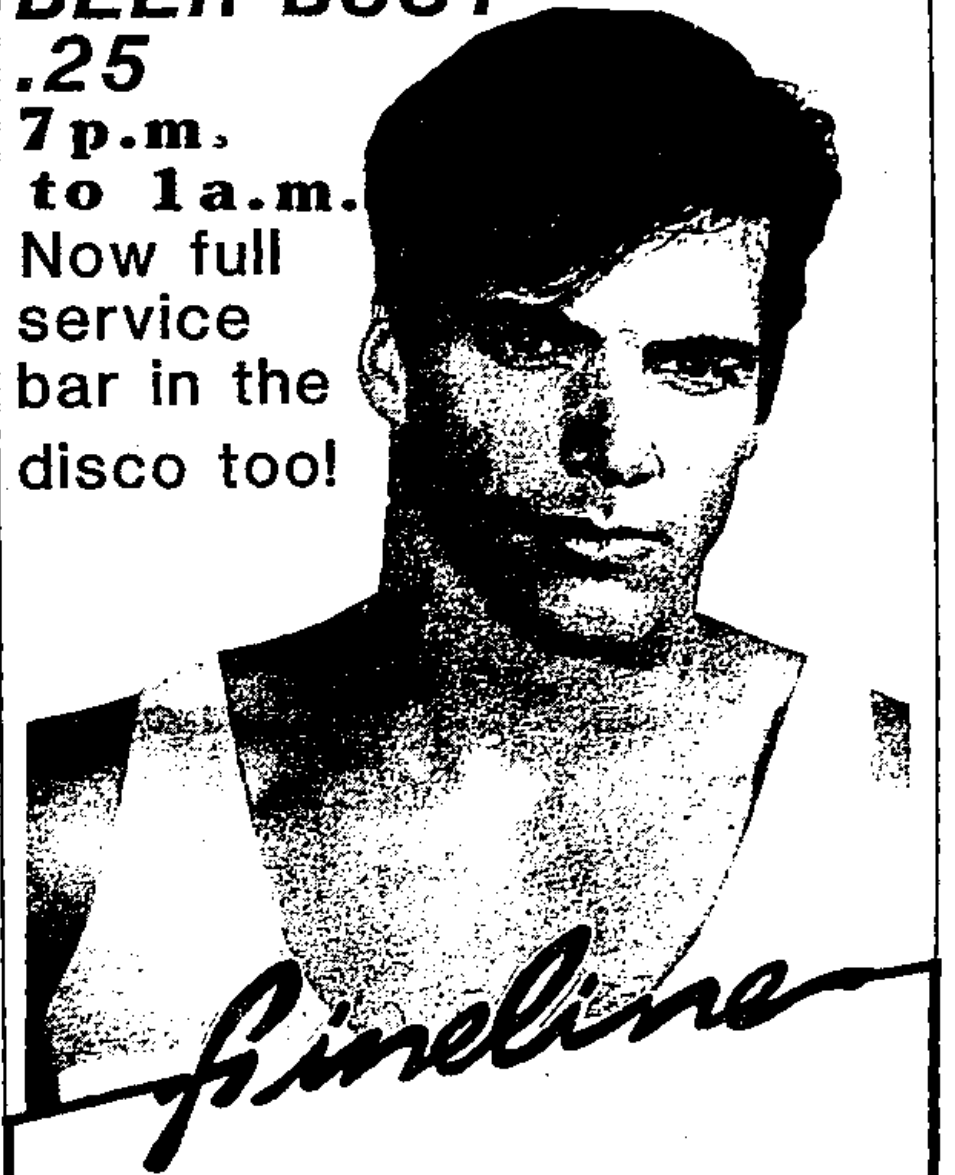
Hudson was born Roy Scherer Jr. in Winnetka, Illinois, and later took his stepfather's name of Fitzgerald before adopting his screen name. Mrs. Waler contends she was adopted by Hudson's natural father, Roy Scherer. Because she and Hudson had the same father, whether by birth or adoption, their legal status is half-siblings, according to Monziane.

Last November, a \$10 million lawsuit was filed against Hudson's estate by Marc Christian, who claimed he had been Hudson's lover and that the actor never told him he had AIDS. The estate responded with a \$2.07 million countersuit against Christian, alleging he stole some of Hudson's possessions and extorted money from the actor.

The cinema idol's struggle with AIDS won sympathy and attention for victims of the disease. A benefit last September, co-hosted by Elizabeth Taylor and Burt Reynolds grossed more than \$1.2 million for AIDS research.

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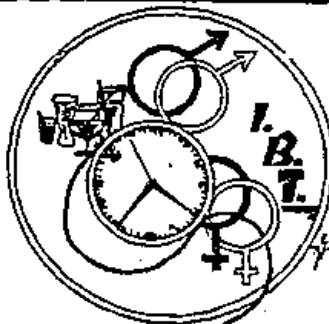
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Appeals Court requires oversight of CIA

WASHINGTON, DC - In a decision with mixed results, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, DC, has ruled that the CIA has the burden to prove that the firing of a Gay undercover employee, if pursuant to a policy of barring all Gays from CIA employment, was "necessary or advisable in the interests of the United States".

The Court of Appeals rejected the CIA's claim that it had the absolute discretion to fire employees for security reasons without any review by the courts. But the Court also found that the judgment of the CIA director was entitled to "great deference" because of the "sensitive nature of (his) decisions...concerning removal of employees." The appeals court ordered the case remanded to the trial court for determination of exactly why the man was fired.

The plaintiff informed the CIA that he was Gay in 1982. He filed suit, represented by the ACLU National Security Project, after the CIA first conducted a three-month investigation procedure and then fired him. In a novel twist, he used the pseudonym John Doe for the lawsuit, not because of his homosexuality, but because of his undercover status.

During the inquiry, Doe was examined for 10 hours by a CIA polygraph officer who later reported that he had answered all questions truthfully. The answers included statements that he had not had sexual relations with any foreign nationals and had not disclosed classified information to any sexual partners.

At one point prior to the firing, a CIA lawyer stated that homosexuality did not inevitably lead to firing. But the agency provided no explanation for why it terminated Doe's employment two months later, other than that it was "necessary and advisable." The agency also said that, although it would give Doe a positive job recommendation, it

would also inform prospective employers that he presented a security risk "because of his homosexuality".

"Nearly all other civilian federal government employees are protected by civil service regulations from adverse action based on sexual orientation," said Nan D. Hunter, director of ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "The CIA is exempted from those regulations because of the nature of its work."

"The irrationality of the CIA policy is evident. They assume Gays are security risks, but they don't interrogate and then fire every employee who has sex outside of marriage," she said. "Yet, considering the history of witch hunting in the agencies linked most closely to national security, even this degree of protection for individual rights is a step forward."

Dissenting from the appeals court decision was Judge James Buckley, former senator from New York, who concluded that the laws did preclude judicial review of the CIA's decisions to fire its employees.

Judge Buckley also dissented from the holding that the constitutionality of an across-the-board policy barring Gays from CIA positions was open to question. "I cannot agree," he wrote, "that an intelligence agency is even arguably precluded from adopting a policy banning the employment of members of any class which the Director might deem to be more susceptible to blackmail than the average."



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We thank all of you in the community who purchased tickets to this event and those who made the \$5 and \$10 donations really add up. Special thanks to Linda E., the Graduate, Rita's, IBT's, MCC, SOS, Chavade for Hair, the Eclectic, James Leather, Rita and Vinny, Chuck & Skeeter, Peter and Roger, Tom & Steve, and Peggy H. for giving that something "extra"!

Finally, our appreciation to those persons working behind the scenes: the music, lights, bartenders, waitrons, and doormen - all of whom helped make this benefit a real "class" affair.

Thanks Ronnie, for including us in Eddie's party!

Sincerely,

Mike Griffin
- for Shanti Tucson

Massachusetts Gay foster parents ruling set for court trial

BOSTON, MA (AP) - State regulations that virtually forbid homosexuals from becoming foster parents are "blatantly irrational," says the chief justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Chief Justice Thomas R. Morse Jr., denied the state's request to have a suit challenging the regulations thrown out. His ruling means that the suit will go to trial.

"Any exclusion of homosexuals from consideration as foster parents, all things being equal, is blatantly irrational," Morse wrote. "It is the children whose interests are paramount, and... prospective foster parents should be selected on the basis of their ability to provide temporary care and support for children, not on the basis of an arbitrary factor as marital status," he said.

The ruling was hailed by lawyers for two homosexual men who brought the suit, by the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and by a Gay civil rights group.

Donald Babets and David Jean of the Roxbury section filed the suit Jan. 30, seeking to repeal the state regulations announced in May 1985. The regulations say foster children should be placed in "traditional family settings" and they require prospective foster parents to list their sexual orientation.

The state Department of Social Services placed two brothers, age 3 1/2 years and 22 months, in custody of Babets and Jean in April 1985. The two men said they told the department they were homosexual when they applied to become foster parents. Two weeks later, after a controversy arose, the state transferred the boys to another home.

Morse said it was perplexing that the state acknowledged the two children's "emotional and physical condition improved dramatically" under the men's care but is now arguing "that its preference for married couples is rationally related to a legitimate purpose". But he also ruled that asking prospective foster parents their sexual orientation does not violate the right to privacy, as the lawsuit argued, because "the very nature of the foster placement system requires that the DSS conduct an extensive investigation into an applicant's background, personality and lifestyle."

Tony Doniger, chief lawyer for Babets and Jean, said, "I think it's an extraordinarily powerful opinion. I would regard this as a major victory."

Marjorie Helms of the state Civil Liberties Union said the ruling was "a resounding vindication of Babets and Jean and a condemnation of the commonwealth's conduct."

Boston lawyer Donald Stern, who is handling the case for the state Executive Office of Human Services, said he would not comment on the judge's language. But he said officials are confident that ultimately, the regulations would be upheld.

Law protecting handicapped doesn't cover AIDS

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Gay rights groups say they will rely on state civil-rights laws now that the Justice Department has said workers afflicted with AIDS are not covered by a federal law protecting the handicapped.

The department's Office of Legal Counsel said Monday, June 23, that an employer can dismiss an AIDS sufferer merely by voicing fear that the disease will spread in the work place. The department said such a dismissal does not violate a law prohibiting discrimination against the handicapped.

An AIDS-infected worker

would have no avenue of redress under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance.

The opinion, written by Assistant Attorney General Charles J. Cooper, "really does limit the scope of the possible protections that might be provided," said Nancy Langer, associate director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Gay legal rights group.

"But there are other protections using state law that prohibit disability discrimination," she said, reflecting views voiced by a number of other groups, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Most states already have formulated policies by which AIDS is deemed to be a handicap," said attorney Marvin M. Goldstein, who advises companies on how to deal with employees with acquired immune deficiency syndrome. He said it is a violation in many states for an employer to discriminate against an AIDS-stricken worker, based on the fear that the disease might be spread through the work force.

The opinion did say that it would be illegal to dismiss people from a job or exclude them from a federal program solely because they suffer from the effects of AIDS, provided they are otherwise qualified.

The opinion "doesn't make a lot of sense," Goldstein said. "To say it's not illegal to terminate an individual because of fear of contagion, but it's illegal to terminate because a person has the disease is a distinction without meaning."

Goldstein said that private employers frequently work out a solution with the employee, who may wind up working out of his home, receiving a generous severance or being assured of continuing medical insurance coverage.

The U.S. Public Health Service is urging members of high risk AIDS groups, such as homosexuals, to take the blood test that detects exposure to the AIDS virus.

The Justice Department decision "is going to create the greatest disincentive yet for people to get the blood test," said Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which has 7,000 members. "If you test positive and therefore could be at risk to AIDS, you won't be protected; an employer could express concerns about spreading it and fire you."

AIDS is spread primarily among male homosexuals during sexual contact, to intravenous drug users and to recipients of tainted blood transfusions. The Public Health Service said recently that by the year 1991, more than 50,000 people a year will be coming down with the disease, for which there is no cure.

The ruling stemmed from request for legal advice from the Health and Human Services Department's Civil Rights Office, which has received complaints in which workers employed in hospitals or clinics allege they have been discriminated against by their employers, because they have AIDS or test positively for the antibodies.

HHS spokesman Chuck Kline said the agency still is studying the Justice Department opinion and would have no immediate comment. Kline said about a dozen complaints have been filed under Section 504 by employees with AIDS.



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Juicy Lucy

This past week has certainly been an interesting one. Everyone seems so interested in just who I am. The favorite question going right now is, "Are you Juicy Lucy?" Well, just keep checking around, you might find out, after all there have been a few hints in this column and now that I have been in town almost two months and have met so many interesting people - well, you could almost call me a native. However, I don't think that I'll ever be the native that "Hopli" is.

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned a new bartender in town - Roger. Well, when I met Roger I was new in town and he was new to me. But since then I have found out that he really isn't new at all. I learned that he was actually layed up (and I use that word loosely) with a broken foot - but how he broke his foot, well that story put me in stitches. Roger, I am sorry about your lameness, and I want to say that I'm sorry that I thought you were so new when actually you are the oldest one (bartender, that is) around.

While I am apologizing, I want to say that there had better be some apologies coming my way. That other columnist who writes "What's Up Doc" has a lot of nerve calling someone else "slimy, loose lips". From what I understand and have been told, those lips have been flopping in the breeze for years and who could get a head that bald in just twenty-four years? Sorry Doc, sweetie, but you can keep your long neck beer or two - a discussion of your birthdays would be too lengthy.

I must tell you about this meeting I went to this past weekend. It was this group called S.O.S. - I sure am glad that I went because up until then I thought that S.O.S. meant "Silly Old Sisters". Well, I found out that S.O.S. means "Sisters Of Sonora", but after that meeting, I think that my first impression of "Silly Old Sisters" is far more appropriate. That group does get things done though. Just look out for what

they have planned. I don't remember all of the details because they didn't have any long neck beers and I had to use a substitute and I had what you could call a smashing good time. I still don't know how they got "Sisters" in the name of that group, there was only one real woman there and they all kept discussing her sex life. Sisters would never do anything like that, but Aunties would.

I understand that Annie finally got one of her bras back. She is still trying to find her second one. The last time it was seen, it got into Bert's bulge between his leather chaps. Even that much padding didn't help much - but then, what the hell, it's all Ernie's anyway.

I saw the most interesting shirt the other night. Don't you just love those clever words that they put on shirts now. Well, George was wearing this one that said "I Am A Virgin". So clever, but I must say that the shirt certainly looked like it has been around for quite a long time.

That's all for this time - so until next week, just keep those conversations and remarks going - I love it, I love it!



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Wedding of the Century

Some weeks ago I went to Mississippi to see my little brother get married. He is 24 now; I was 7 when he was born and took care of him as he grew up. Since I moved to Arizona I had only seen him once, 8 years ago, and it was important to me to be there when he made his irrevocable plunge into the real world.

I flew into Memphis, after boarding the plane here at 2:00 AM, and met my mom and her boyfriend and my great-aunt at the airport for the long drive to Corinth, Mississippi. The weather was sultry with a thin haze hanging in the air. Kudzu vines choked all the roadside vegetation, blanketing everything in an unbroken verdant green. Corinth is 2 hours from Memphis and its claim to fame is a siege that took place in the waning days of the Civil War. If you don't realize, the war is very important in the South (especially in Virginia, the center of government for the Confederacy); monuments dot empty fields and many natives can cite a distant relative who fought the good fight. Corinth is drenched in old Southern ambience: run-down factories, forests of scrubby oak and pine, white houses with columned porticoes, ancient bent black men trying to hold the door to the Walmart for you. I have often equated visiting Mississippi to visiting a country bar: there is that edge of tension and unease that pervades you insides and makes one feel terribly out of place. Mississippi is not the place for a comfortable, open gay man.

After ensconcing ourselves at a shabby Holiday Inn we changed and drove to an "informal luncheon". The house was a white frame house with columned porticoes, brocade curtains with valances and awags, framed pictures of numerous ancestors, place cards, and a maid serving champagne cocktails. Mercy! Met all her family and saw all my family for the first time in a while. This was the first time my mother's side of the family talked to my father's side since their divorce 7 years ago, so there was a bit of tension in the air. All went well, however, in the capable hands of old line Mississippi. Mrs. Dalton, the bride's mother, is an imposing woman with sparkling eyes and an imperious way of crooking her finger at you - in only two days I found myself acting toward her as if she were my mother!

Informal lunch was succeeded by the rehearsal that afternoon; a solid hour of watching people troop around and mouth various bits of nonsense (forever and always, 'till death do us, etc.). Rehearsal dinner followed at the country club (yes, actually the "Bill and Dale") where many a black, Jew or non-white person was in evidence. This was followed by more babbling concerning familial love and whatnot. Then the kids (I was considered nominally a kid 'cause no one realized how old I am) adjourned to the Ramada Inn to drink vodka and beer all night with the groom, his final send off. It was realized that I am older than I immediately appear and I was made to rent the room ("No, my wife and another retired couple traveling across country." The desk clerk didn't even blink.) It makes one feel pretty tired to party for hours with a bunch of exuberant college students, all looking forward and not having to worry yet about looking back. To my credit, I lasted 'till 3 and had some good talks with my brother and all his crazed friends.

We roused ourselves for 10:00 brunch next morning at a house that resembled a Colorado ski lodge and was about the same size. There were some heavy duty local politicians there; I actually heard one say "There hasn't been a Republican

governor since Reconstruction and we damn well ain't gonna have one now!" Times doesn't heal all wounds. We ate well and drank our orange juice from silver cups.

The wedding took place that afternoon in a packed church built at the turn of the century with gingerbread trim all over the inside. I escorted my mom to her seat of honor (sans earring) and performed dutifully throughout as elder son. No one objected and all was accomplished. My other brother, my cousins and I tried to trash the happy couple's car but her mother had the police chief hide it, so we were done out of that pleasure.

My real pleasure in all of this, aside from the wonderful visit with my family, is the knowledge that I will never have to go through the torture myself!

AIDS virus discovered in Venezuelan Indians

by Daniel Q. Haney
BOSTON, MA (AP) - Some Indians living in the remote rain forests of Venezuela are infected with the AIDS virus, or a similar germ, researchers say, speculating that the virus may have been a natural inhabitant of South America for thousands or even millions of years.

The virus has not yet been precisely identified. But as far as researchers can tell, it does not cause any disease in the people who carry it. If the discovery stands up to further scrutiny, it could raise questions about the origin, history and characteristics of the AIDS virus.

The AIDS epidemic was first spotted among homosexuals and drug users in the United States in 1981, and the disease has since been found in central Africa. Some experts believe that the AIDS virus originated in Africa and spread around the world.

The new report suggests that the AIDS virus or some closely related virus is indigenous, or native, "in non-Negroid Latin American and Negroid tropical populations."

The research was directed by Dr. Luis Rodriguez of the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Investigations while working at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. It was published as a "preliminary communication" in the latest issue of the British journal *Lancet*.

"I'm not about to claim that the virus came from Venezuela, but it might have originated in a number of places," Dr. David J. Volsky, a co-author at the University of Nebraska said. "How it mutated or spread is a question to be investigated. He said the researchers recently isolated the Venezuelan virus but have not finished analyzing it.

At Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Dr. Alexander Templeton said, "It's interesting that it's in South America." He speculated that the Venezuelan virus "is probably merely just part of a belt of disease right across the tropics of the world. I think somebody in New Guinea would find the same thing if they looked."

The researchers found antibodies to the AIDS virus in three separate tests conducted on blood samples gathered between 1968 and this year. The blood was taken from Indians living in remote regions of Bolivar and Amazonas states along the Orinoco River in interior Venezuela.

The researchers sampled blood from 224 people and found that nine of them, or 4 percent, had AIDS antibodies. This apparently means they had been exposed to the AIDS virus or to a germ similar enough that it triggers the body to produce antibodies that also react with the AIDS virus.

One of the people who carried the antibodies was a 70-year-old woman, and this "suggests a possibility that the antibody confers life-long protection against effects of viral infection," they wrote. "There is

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FINELINE - Open 7 pm - 1 am. Draft Beer Bust: .25
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8-12: .50 Draft and .50 schnapps. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Well Scotch \$1 Schnapps .75 noon to 7 pm. **DINNER BUFFET NIGHT** 6 to 9 pm. \$2.75.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Domestic Beer Bust 8 pm to 1 am. \$1 "Brothers" on life-size screen 8 pm. Drink Specials noon to 1 am. Schnapps .75

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm - 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm to 1 am in new room at lobby level.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum \$1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Bourbon \$1 Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Daily Drink Specials noon to 8 pm Square Dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 9 pm Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close. All White Well Drinks \$1.25.

FRIDAY

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Fineline open 7 pm to 1 am in new room off lobby with alcoholic beverages. Skyline open from 8 pm to 1 am upstairs with non-alcoholic disco. Skyline admission \$3. After Hours upstairs.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin \$1.00; 5:30 - 8 pm 2 For 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobbie Jr. DJ 9:00 pm to 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Rum or Tequila \$1.00; Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm - 1 am. Drink Special 2 to 8 pm daily. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Special. Upstairs non-alcoholic disco opens 8 pm. Admission \$3. After Hours upstairs.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobbie Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00. All Well 6 pm to 1 am \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (Non-Premium) \$1. 11 am. to 7 pm.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 to 7:30 pm \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1 (domestic) with other Drink Specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 noon to 5:00. 6:30 to 1 am: Danny's Choice every hour (\$2). Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Bloody Marys or Screwdriver \$1.25 noon to 7:00 pm.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Video Dancing 9 pm to closing.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ.
FINELINE - New lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 till 1 am. plus other specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am Well \$1.50.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm: Well Vodka \$1 and Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special to 8 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to close

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Millers or Millers Lite \$1.00; Bobbie Jr. DJ's in J/T
FINELINE - New lobby level Fineline open at 7 pm Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing; Plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm: Scotch \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close: Well \$1.50.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
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WHAT'S UP DOC?



It was nice to have another quiet weekend. Even with the show at the Graduate Sunday evening, which I'm sorry I missed, the weekend was quiet. The highlight for me was watching the Arizona Wildcats win another game. Look out Pasadena, here comes the Wildcats.

Having a quiet weekend was also nice because next weekend TKO is heading up to Phoenix for a good-will bar run. It's been awhile since these Knight Owls have invaded Phoenix and raised hell around town, so I am really looking forward to this trip. Tommy and I will also be sitting down during the weekend with representatives from the other members of the Arizona Brotherhood planning the 4th Annual Arizona Brotherhood Run. More on this as the weekend for that run draws closer.

I missed members of the SOS Sunday afternoon after their meeting so I have not received the dates for their casino nights. When I find out, I'll pass it on to you.

Don't forget, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m., at the Graduate, TKO is holding their "Mini Tacky Ball II". This will be everyone's chance to dress up in drag and possibly win a prize. TKO also would like to ask everyone who may be in the bar early that day, please do not remove the props that they have hung around the place. The day and activities is put on by TKO strictly for the customers and participants fun.

I'm passing up my TBBS this week because I want to send a response out to Juicy Lucy. I could care less who you are. If you are getting your jollies off thru that trash you write, and you talk about me, then life for you must be very boring. I'm sorry you didn't get a written invitation to my birthday party, but I only give those out to

people who know how to live happy, productive lives - not bores. Maybe you should hop back onto that freight train you rode into town on and go someplace else - the old fogies farm. Maybe there you would also have nerve enough to let people know who you are. I personally do not have time in my life to pay any more attention to you.

Before closing, I found out that Annie bought a five hook bra, this time in hopes of keeping it on. I hope this week brings love and happiness to everyone. Look out Phoenix, I'm on my way up there with pen in hand!

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almost no chance that they have had contact with the outside world to the extent of allowing transmission of the virus, Volsky said. "It seems to us like it's an original virus there."

Volsky said it's possible that the Indians brought the virus with them when they migrated from Asia 25,000 to 50,000 years ago. If, as some suggest, the virus spread from animals to people, "then the spread should have been before the divergence of the two continents, which sends us 50 million years back."

He said there are two theories to explain why the Indians don't get sick from the virus. One is that the South American virus is a harmless ancestor of the AIDS virus that somehow mutated into a form that causes acquired immune deficiency in other parts of the world.

Another idea is that it's the real AIDS virus. But it requires a so-called co-factor - another virus - perhaps, or a chemical - to cause disease, and the Venezuelan Indians are not exposed to the co-factor.

LEGISLATURE LEFT TO DECIDE SODOMY LAW IN NEVADA

CARSON CITY, NV. (AP) - A constitutional challenge of Nevada's law making sodomy punishable by up to six years in prison is more a matter for the Legislature than the judicial system, according to Nevada's chief justice.

Four people, identified only as two male homosexuals and two lesbians, went before the Supreme Court on Wednesday, Sept. 10 to appeal a Washoe District Judge's dismissal of their suit against the sodomy law. The judge held that he could not act since the plaintiffs were not arrested for violating the law and faced no immediate prosecution.

The plaintiffs contend that the law forbidding sexual activity between people of the same sex "disrupts their ability to form relationships" with other people.

But Justice Al Gunderson noted that the normal function of the court is to review evidence of a criminal act. "You don't have any facts upon which a sophisticated decision could be arrived at," he said.

Chief Justice John Howbray added that "each man can live his own life as far as I'm concerned. Until I hear otherwise, I will let the Legislature deal with these matters," he said.



Review... GRADUATE ALL-COUNTRY SHOW

New faces and new performances hit the Graduate stage with a bang last Sunday, Sept. 14. With veteran Hostess Aviva Diamond at the reins, the show started at a slow trot and ended galloping into the sunset.

Newcomer to the Tucson stage (but a veteran from Phoenix), Bobby Jo, got the audience warmed up with her rendition of a Loretta Lynn medley, and "Hey Loretta" it was great! This cowgirl has nothing to be blue about, with performances like hers Sunday night. I am sure she will be welcome on all Tucson stages in the future. Well rehearsed numbers brought a fine evening of performing for this Tucson newcomer.

The Graduate audiences are some of the best. A party group with lots of good times, they welcomed the other performer of the evening, Alexis. "Where are the t...ts?" was the question when this newcomer came to the stage as the bustling Dolly. Nervousness was a key word for Alexis. Parton, who prides her music for the lyrics, were not very well rehearsed, and the medley came as a disappointment to the country-loving crowd. Performing Tammy Wynette and Lynn Anderson were better accepted by the audience. Relax and have fun is the best remedy that this reviewer can prescribe.

The show was closed with another fine performance by Hostess Aviva.

Who could close a review without saying something about a fine comedy number by Candy Plastique. Always a plus to any show, this performer is one of the best.

Thanks to Roger and the Graduate for a fun evening. My best to Bobby Jo. Good luck. This was a beautiful feather in your cap.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

Our treasurer reports that a total of \$164.12 was collected during our special services during our "AIDS Vigil Of Prayer" weekend. This total amount was given to the several AIDS charities in Tucson. Our prayers are continuing for an eradication of this disease. AIDS is not a political football which our politicians keep kicking around. AIDS is not a religious issue which religious leaders keep trying to find a scapegoat to blame - AIDS is a health problem which we must join together to find a cure and to give comfort and understanding to those who have contacted the disease.

This coming Sunday at our Morning Worship Service, our Associate Pastor, Rev. Bern David will be bringing the message and he will have a special message for all of us. Rev. Bern has just returned from the Hispanic American District Conference in Mexico and the U.F.M.C.C. Clergy Conference in San Francisco.

Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. is a special study time called "The Banqueting Table". Each of these meetings is one hour and it is meant to help us discover the message of God's word - rather than just being

told it's meaning. This week's study is based on Romans 1:18 to 32. Join us for this time for study and learning.

Thought for the Week: Our conduct is influenced not by our experience but by our expectations.

- George Bernard Shaw

COLD BEER BAN GETS CHILLY RESPONSE

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (AP) - A proposal to ban sales of cold beer in Utah in an effort to cut the number of drunken driving accidents has distributors and a national retail organization in a froth.

Beer distributors and retail outlets vow to fight the proposal calling it "neo-prohibitionist."

The Mormon Church, which claims roughly 70 percent of the state's 1.5 million population as members, prohibits use of alcohol, tobacco, coffee and tea. Still, Utahans drink roughly 24 million gallons of beer a year.

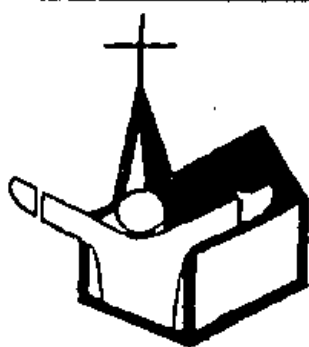


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GAY HEALTH

The following is reprinted from the June, 1986 newsletter of Great Outdoors/Tucson - "Trail-Headlines". The message is directed at their membership who are avid hikers and campers. The message, however, is for everyone who lives in the desert country, and who does any kind of exercise in the weather such as we are experiencing in Tucson and Phoenix currently. Take heed!

DESERT RATS

Summer has arrived and it is time to consider the importance of some warm weather survival basics. Our greatest and most immediate danger while doing summertime desert hiking is dehydration. It happens quickly and insidiously and can be fatal. Anytime water availability is questionable along a proposed route, be equipped to carry at least half a gallon of water per day. Now for us sweaty types, that would be cutting things pretty close on a 5% humidity, 100 degree day. I have found that I will easily down close to a gallon of water plus juice from fresh or canned fruit on a summertime dayhike in the Tucson area (and that's with twenty-five years of acclimatizing!)

Good conservation is likewise something to remember: a moderate, "no sweat" pace will help keep the water in you, as will keeping the body covered by light (weight and color), loose fitting clothing and head gear. Take note of the traditional Arab or Saharan fashions - light-colored, loose-fitting, covering to the max.

Also, avoid food high in salt and proteins; both require much more water for processing in your body than do carbohydrates. Some folks find a few salt tablets helpful in very hot weather; but these should be used very, very cautiously, especially in the presence of medical problems, hypertension or heart problems particularly. Your doctor should always be consulted if there's a question. Take salt tablets only when lots of water is available, if at all.

Too much salt is a greater hazard and more likely than salt depletion. In personal experience, I've never had any good feelings come from a salt tablet. GatorAide, ERG, cranberry juice, bananas, figs and apricots offer the same electrolyte replacement with much less stomach discomfort. (Personally, I prefer the juices and fruits. Drinks which contain the same chemical in the same amounts as are lost through sweating taste exactly like what they replace: sweat).

Keep in mind, too, that dry skin doesn't necessarily mean no water loss through perspiration. On a dry desert day, the little sweat drops evaporate as quickly as your little pores can squeeze them out! Check it out: after a mile or so of walking, touch your tongue to that dry skin..... "Ooooh, salty", you say, "maybe I should stop and have a drink." Good idea: The water hanging on your back or around your waist does your cells no good hanging there. It needs to be in you! Better to drink moderately and frequently than to save the full canteens until you are too nauseated to drink it.

Remember the old tales about skeletons sprawled on the sand with full canteens wrapped around bleached cervical vertebrae. The first detail which the dehydrating hiker will notice is very dark urine. (To avoid unnecessary anxiety, be aware of the nature of asparagus or B-Complex urine. If you are on a megavitamin or mega-brunch regimen). Loss of about one and a half quarts of water will reduce bodily efficiency by 25% or so. This is in addition to efficiency already reduced by high temperature.

When hiking in a hot, dry environment, water loss due to perspiration can be as much as two quarts per hour!!! Severe heat cramps can result from loss of water or chemicals from the body due to excessive perspiration. Heat exhaustion, which follows, is characterized by

weakness, feelings of faintness or dizziness, nausea, headache, cramps and heavy sweating. The skin is moist, pulse rapid and body temperature will be near normal. Loss of consciousness is a possibility; this is a good example of why we should never go hiking alone.

With heat stroke, there is a suppression of sweating and the body's thermo-regulating function. Nausea, headache, pounding heartbeat and weakness may be observed. This condition can occur very quickly, and for a solo hiker the accompanying delirium, confusion, lack of coordination and unconsciousness can be deadly. Very high body temperature and hot, dry skin (even the armpits) are distinctive signs of heat stroke. This condition is a life-threatening situation which requires immediate action. Not a pretty sight, but one easily avoided. So, pack along that water and DRINK it. Keep cool - even paloverdes give shade. Keep covered, especially your head, anyway. And don't go off alone for a day in the desert.

CATCH A RISING STAR!!!



FALWELL'S MISNOMERS - PUBLIC RELATIONS NAME CAMPAIGN WON'T CHANGE

(ED NOTE: The following is an editorial reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star:

Americans don't like to be preached to - the Moral Majority has learned that lesson.

Unfortunately, the fundamentalist group has used that lesson to regroup and rename itself. The newest creation is Liberty Federation.

Be wary of that name, though. It's a misnomer for a group more likely to erode, not protect, civil liberties. The tradition of misinforming the public is a Jerry Falwell trademark - the Moral Majority does not represent a majority opinion, for instance.

Liberty Foundation is the same old ideology wrapped in a shiny new public-relations package.

So far, Liberty Federation has said it supports President Reagan's "Star Wars" plan, "financial aid" to the Nicaraguan Contras (sounds as if the group wants the rebels to finish college), and would help resist "possible communist takeovers in Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines, South Africa and all over the world."

It all sounds rather familiar. While Liberty Federation focuses on more political questions, the Moral Majority will continue to focus on anti-abortion and anti-pornography campaigns.

Falwell has learned a lot since he forged the Moral Majority in 1979. He has learned that his political endorsement - once considered vaguely influential - is a political liability. It can cost a candidate more votes than it can gain.

The public relations name change is Falwell and the Moral Majority coming to terms with what they are - a political organization forcing its ultraconservative agenda, one that more and more Americans have found to be irrational and misinformed.

"By changing its name and

charter, Moral Majority is finally acknowledging its true identity," said John Buchanan of the People for the American Way. "He should stop pretending to be chairman of the Lord's political action committee and stop suggesting that to disagree with Jerry Falwell is to side with Satan against God."

Falwell is smart, but Americans have shown they are also smart - too smart to listen for long.

AIDS CLASS APPROVED IN LA SCHOOLS

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Los Angeles School Board voted last Tuesday, Oct. 15, to begin teaching about the acquired immune deficiency syndrome in all schools and to let physicians decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether children with AIDS should be permitted to attend class.

A city councilman and a series of health experts told the board of the nation's second largest school district that education is the best - and only - means of stopping the AIDS epidemic. "We need to communicate to [students] how serious this disease is," said school board member Roberto Helmsbraub.

Board members also noted that many teenagers are inclined to experiment with sex and drugs, the two potentially common means of AIDS transmission. Under the board plan, approved unanimously, the school staff will prepare factual materials that will "explain to students how to be safe and how to avoid acquiring AIDS and other diseases which can be sexually or intravenously transmitted."



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organization - in the bar next door to the Gay hotel you're in while staying in San Francisco. We're talking painless. And it's all done with tourist trap surcharges we'd expect to pay anyway, or with a little labor in the early evening between the time sunbathing ends and the search for a gay restaurant we haven't been in yet starts. Or it's done at a nice, disorderly fundraiser of the sort that has everyone saying, "Oh, I went to Laguna Beach last summer and there was this party, I mean, you should have seen it because everyone on earth was there." This is the sort of painless effort that can be handled comfortably by the many, many Gay and Lesbian vacation-minded sorts out there. Nobody writes checks, but everyone expects to blow money on vacations. There are only so many bars and beaches; people are invariably looking for new things to do while on vacation, so why not make those infamous "volunteers needed to stuff envelopes" events that national groups call for in their cities of origin into tourist extravaganzas?

As I said earlier, I don't want to see any more articles asking where all the Gays are. The national groups have been put on notice. If they want to find us, they know where we are - the only thing left is to bring it to the beach. We'll be waiting.



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NUMBER OF NEW AIDS CASES SLOWING IN ARIZONA

cases in 1982 and 9,213 in 1985. This year, there were 5,626 new AIDS cases nationwide through Sept. 1, Carlson said.

He said researchers believe that the slowing incidence rate may be due to education efforts among high-risk groups. "People are changing their behavior and the things that they do that are responsible for spreading the disease," he said.

However, DHS epidemiology specialist Don Selvey said the slowdown could be caused by some physicians' reluctance to report confirmed AIDS cases to state and county health departments.

"Another possibility is that because of the public hysteria associated with this, some people are refusing to be tested for AIDS," Selvey said.

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EXPERIMENTAL DRUG TO BE PROVIDED TO AIDS PATIENTS

AZT - Azidothymidine - is a drug being used in clinical trials by the cancer institute. Also known as Compound S, it interrupts the production of the AIDS virus. The drug improved the conditions of 15 of 19 advanced AIDS patients at the cancer institute and Duke University Medical Center in early tests.

The Labor-HHS bill provides \$355 million for AIDS research, \$100 million more than in 1986. Reagan originally asked for \$203 million and later proposed \$321 million.

A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

FLY THE FRIENDLY SKIES? THINK AGAIN

A couple of weeks ago I was flying home from Los Angeles. I fly to Los Angeles a lot. I fly to San Francisco a lot. This fall, I'm going to fly east -- for the first time.

When I was flying home from L.A. recently, I -- again -- was amazed by how a big, heavy object like an airplane can become airborne -- and stay that way. Yes, yes, I know which laws of physics allow planes to fly, but still there is that wonderment...

Anyway, back to my recent flight home. I am always thinking about things to do columns on. A lot of my columns are about homosexuality -- for obvious reason. But I don't always write about homosexuality. Well, anyway, when I was on this plane I was thinking about how it could stay airborne -- laws of physics or not -- and I thought that a column about air safety might be a good idea. Air safety seems to be the "in" thing to write about nowadays. So I thought what the heck?

Okay, so I'm on this plane and I'm thinking about the searing, scathing things that can be said about the state of air safety. Well, I get home safely, and a few days pass, and I'm forming this column in my mind. I don't have to tell you what happened in Cerritos, California a couple weeks back, do I? I thought, great timing. I'll do this air safety column on the heels of another mid-air collision.

Then, as if this wasn't bad enough, as I get this column on paper I see the special bulletin over the air about the hijacking of a Pan Am Jet in Karachi, Pakistan. Good grief!

So then, (this is really building, isn't it?) I see an old friend of mine who works for a locally-based air lines (and seeing how America West Airlines is probably the only locally-based airlines I guess I don't have to tell you for which airlines he works, right?) and we're talking about how dangerous it is to fly in and out of L.A. I tell him I'll probably start driving more to L.A. rather than fly, and he tells me how they have three or four near-misses a week. A WEEK! Good grief.

(What point was I trying to make? Oh, yeah.) This Aero-Mexico collision was only a case of luck running out. It was not a case of a near-miss occurring, because near-misses occur all the time in and out of L.A.

You can just imagine how much flying to L.A. has been on my mind lately. Now I have to worry about (A) a heavy object, like a plane, attaining and retaining airborne status; (B) whether or not some geeky Joy-rider in a private plane is going to violate restricted air-space around the airport; and (C) whether or not the security guards in charge are doing their job and keeping hijackers and crazies with guns off the plane. (Gees!)

Then, this fall when I go east I also have to worry about (D) getting snowed-in at Denver; (E) making my connecting flight in Denver; and (F) not being hijacked over Connecticut to somewhere in Europe. (I guess I had best take my passport, just to be on the safe side.....)

I wonder how long it would take me to talk to New York?

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A relationship you are having might be disappointing. This could have you confused about what others are saying about you. Do not believe everything you are told. Someone may try to deceive you.

TAURUS

Your work environment may be the scene for gossip. Your judgement isn't good now. An investment you have been considering should be made now.

GEMINI

You and a loved one are getting along much better. Be careful with joint finances, there is a degree of secrecy on the part of your associate.

CANCER

Your relationship with someone in your home is clouded in mystery. Don't take what is said too seriously. Your work load increases.

LEO

Communication with a work associate is due to hold hidden meanings. Be sure to read between the lines or you might not perceive the whole truth.

VIRGO

Be careful with your finances or you may have overlooked an error. Think about your domestic scene and how to improve your relationships at home.

LIBRA

A poor self-image can have you feeling insecure. Responsibility for what you have said in the past might trouble your mind. Spend time alone and communicate by phone.

SCORPIO

Your inability to express your intuitive hunches will not affect your ability to work. In personal contacts of the emotional kind, you might be wise to keep your hunches a secret.

SAGITTARIUS

An invitation from your friends might conflict with your need to earn money. Budget your time wisely and you may find time to do both.

CAPRICORN

A degree of confusion can have you feeling uncertain about your career plans. Friends can help you with your doubts. Talk to them.

AQUARIUS

Your intuition is very strong at present but it is not accurate. Use logical thinking rather than following hunches. A friend has an interesting message for you.

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