

Doctor Wants To Halt Spread Of AIDS Misinformation

By Rita Rubin
Dallas Morning News

ATLANTA — Dr. Harold Jaffe fished the handwritten letter out of his wastebasket.

"It is my belief that all AIDS victims should be isolated, as the lepers are or were," wrote the Daytona Beach, Fla., resident. "If this is not done soon, the American people will soon die off or be so weakened that any foreign power could just walk in and take over the U.S.A."

Jaffe and his fellow AIDS researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control often encounter such misconceptions about how the disorder is spread. Even Jaffe's wife panicked when a gay friend mixed a drink with his finger and then stuck the finger in the mouth of the Jaffes' 9-month-old son.

"I think a lot of information about AIDS needs to be spread to the general public," said Dr. John Ward, an epidemiologist with the CDC's AIDS activity section. "I think we should go out and give AIDS talks to Rotary Clubs."

If AIDS were transmitted as easily as a cold, say the CDC researchers, they would not be so involved in tracking the spread of the disease. AIDS apparently is transmitted in semen and blood, through sexual contact, contaminated needles or blood transfusions.

AIDS research at the CDC dates back to the spring of 1981, when a medical technician became the first person to notice "the epidemic of what later became known as acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

Once the disorder was identified, reports of cases began piling up. In May 1981, the CDC created an AIDS task force. Today, more than 200 of the CDC's 1,200 Atlanta employees work part time or full time in AIDS research, although some work in sections of the agency other than the AIDS group.

Jaffe is the chief epidemiologist for the AIDS activity section. His desk and an adjacent table are covered by a jumble of papers and slides, most of them contain-

ing statistics documenting the spread of AIDS.

So far, the average period between exposure to the HTLV-III virus, which is believed to cause AIDS, and appearance of symptoms is 2½ years, Jaffe said. But AIDS was first identified only four years ago, so the incubation period could be longer.

"Our suspicion is that what we're seeing now is sort of the short extreme of the incubation period," Jaffe said. "One of our statisticians did a mathematical model. He estimates that the true incubation period is perhaps five years."

But, said Dr. Thomas Spira, an immunologist with the CDC's Center for Infectious Diseases. "It's possible we may have to wait many more years before we know" the true incubation period.

Researchers are uncertain why some people whose blood contains antibodies to the HTLV-III virus — a sign of exposure to the virus — or even the virus itself have no symptoms.

"If you can answer that, you really know the real essence of the immune system," said Ward, who came to work for the CDC on a two-year fellowship after graduating from medical school a year ago. "Why do some people who are exposed to polio get nausea and vomiting and others are paralyzed for life?"

One thing that's probably certain, Ward said, is that the HTLV-III virus never disappears from the blood of a person who has been exposed to it. "The HTLV-III virus is a member of the retroviral family. In animals, once they infect a cell, they infect for life. They don't go away."

In a San Francisco study of men who from 1978-1980 donated blood containing HTLV-III antibodies, only 5 percent had gone on to develop AIDS, while another 5 percent had developed lymphadenopathy, Jaffe said. But, he said, researchers still fear that those exposed to the HTLV-III virus still might develop AIDS when they get older and their immune system becomes less effective.

About 10 percent of the patients in the CDC's lymphadenopathy study have gone on to develop AIDS, said Spira. "Each time that happens, you get depressed and more pessimistic. A lot of the clinicians experience what people call burnout. As they see their patients dying, it does become very frustrating."

Spira used to examine every AIDS patient in Atlanta. "Now I don't see them all. There are just too many of them."

Nearly three out of four of the 11,871 AIDS cases reported in the United States have been in homosexual men. But, Jaffe said, "We think to a limited extent that there has been transmission to the heterosexual community. There are people who say they aren't in the risk groups, but their partners are. If it's sexually transmissible, it's not just sexually transmissible between gay men."

Prostitutes might be a reservoir for the HTLV-III virus because of their high needle-drug use, Jaffe said. In New York City, for example, four out of five prostitutes are drug addicts, he said. They could transmit the virus to heterosexual men, who then could infect other women. Such women also might transmit the HTLV-III virus to their unborn children.

The CDC plans a major study over the next few years to see whether women whose blood contains HTLV-III antibodies could infect their children, Jaffe said.

Meanwhile, Dr. James Curran, director of AIDS activity at the CDC, estimates that as many as a million Americans have been exposed to the HTLV-III virus. By next April, Curran predicts, the number of AIDS cases reported in the United States will hit 20,000.

"I feel really pressured to do something, to get something done," Ward said. "You have all this anxiety in the society. You really do feel that urgency. It does increase your motivation."

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Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

As liaison between the Tucson Police Department and the Lesbian and Gay community, I was recently asked by Lt. Patterson for assistance in solving a problem. Recently some reports have been made to the police regarding complaints of "homosexuals" performing sexual acts in Reid Park. It seems that some people have been offended by sexual approaches in the restrooms, including indecent exposure and sexual advances made to juveniles. The problem at this point is not a priority for the police but unless this behavior stops, the police will have no choice but to start performing surveillance which will lead to arrests.

Personally, I was skeptical about the degree of the problem, so I decided to visit the park myself — strictly for observation purposes — and for my own opinion. Much to my surprise, after making several spot checks both in the day and night times, I found the restrooms and the surrounding wooded area to be very busy with homosexual behavior. Indeed, I find public sexual behavior disgraceful, illegal and profoundly dangerous. It was made quite clear to me by my observations that these contacts are between individuals who are total strangers from the beginning of the activity and also afterwards. None of these people have any idea who the other person is or where they have been before nor who else they may have been with even that same day. The time of "free sex" is over. I hope that those

involved in this behavior take this as a warning and those that will not be more discreet and safe in their sexual choices will hopefully be arrested which may, in the long run, save their lives.

On the more positive side, TLGPC will sponsor the final softball Sunday of the season this Sunday, August 18, 12 noon at Himmel Park. A new team joins the league by the name of The Cow Bells from Sells. They will challenge the Saddle Tramps. The winner of that game will take on the Joshua Tree Pussycats. Please join us for the final games of the year and remember draft beer is available for a small donation.

TLGPC can use all the donations we can get as we are in the process of planning a Legal and Political Weekend for the fall. This weekend will feature local political leaders, candidates for the upcoming City Council elections and two showings of "The Times Of Harvey Milk".

We are also considering sponsoring a Halloween Ball. This fall we hope to be coming out with a very complete and practical Lesbian and Gay Resource Guide for the greater Tucson area. We need more volunteers to fill our various committees. Please join us at our next meeting, the second Monday of September at Ruby's Bar at 6:30 p.m.

NOTE:

In case you are wondering about the different types of columns and various type faces in this issue, blame it on a faulty computer.

Hopefully things will be fixed by next weeks issue. Ah, the wonders of the computer age....

Mayors Group Awards AIDS Grants, Arizona Left Out Again

WASHINGTON, DC (UPI) — The U.S. Conference of Mayors awarded \$145,000 to eight cities to help pay for anti-AIDS projects. The grants will be used to continue public education and awareness drives against acquired immune deficiency syndrome — AIDS.

The Arizona AIDS Fund Trust has made two requests for grant aid from the Conference of Mayors and has been turned both times. Officials of the mayors conference said the grants, the second round awarded by the group, are financed with \$145,000 provided by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Grant recipients are non-profit, private local groups with established ties to risk groups, including Gay or bisexual men and intravenous drug abusers, conference

officials said. The cities named are Nashville, Tenn.; Portland, Ore.; Denver; Miami; Seattle, Berkeley, Detroit and San Francisco. Most of the programs by the local groups will stress providing "safe sex" information to reduce the incidence of the disease.

In addition to the two AIDS related deaths in Tucson last week, it is reported that there were three deaths in the Phoenix area during the same period.

The family of Newton John Skinner have advised that prior to his untimely death, Newton John requested that any donations in his memory should go to the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) to support people with AIDS in Tucson and to help fund the telephone hot line.

Man Bites Policeman, May Have To Take HTLV-III Test

by Will Snyder

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) — Two attorneys involved with a case in which a Gay man allegedly bit a Gay police officer exchanged bitter words. The verbal sparring was a prelude to the court date in which Municipal Court Judge Albert Wollenberg will decide whether or not defendant Lyle Julius will have to submit to an HTLV-III antibody test. Julius, who was arrested by officer Tom Cady not only allegedly bit Cady, but Cady claims Julius told other police officers that he had AIDS.

Public Defender Jan Lecklikner, who is defending Julius, claims the test has not been proven as an effective means of determining whether a patient has AIDS. She also lashed out at Assistant District Attorney Robert Moore, claiming that a quarantine of Gays "is nothing compared to this issue."

"This case could be a launching pad," said Lecklikner. "I can see more and more criminal prosecution of Gay men based on allegations that they have AIDS. We're talking about felonies and state prison in these issues."

Moore was quick to defend his actions. He also had harsh words for Lecklikner. "Obviously, she is blowing this thing way out of proportion," said Moore. "Here we have a person — the defendant [Julius] — who is attacking people at random."

When informed that Lecklikner suggested that "if Cady wants to have the right to know [about AIDS], then he should take the AIDS test," Moore replied that "she fails to mention that

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**SELF DEFENSE PLEAS
UNSUCCESSFUL IN
FATAL GAY-BASHING CASE**

**OTTAWA POLICE
OBJECT TO SAFE SEX**

**GREAT OUTDOORS
T-SQUARES CELEBRATE
TO DEADMAN'S CAVE**

TUCSON - If you've ever wondered what it's like to explore a non-commercial cave, one without paved paths and floodlights, here's your opportunity - and get out of the summer heat at the same time. The trip will be led by a member of the local spelunkers' grotto. This is a perfect cave for beginners; it's relative clean, doesn't require any technical climbing - yet is a live and interesting cave.

It will involve a short hike with some interesting sidelights, such as other grottos and maybe a look at a Great Horned Owl that nests nearby. If there's interest, GO can explore more difficult caves in the future - so get in on the ground floor. This dayhike is limited to 13 people, call and sign up early. For more information call 623-4897.

ANOTHER AIDS FORUM SET

TUCSON - The Pima County Medical Society and the American Red Cross join forces to present a public forum on the topic of AIDS. This informational session will be held Wednesday, August 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Center of Pima County Medical Society, 5199 E. Farness. The forum is open to the public and free of charge.

The speaker will be Gerald F. Giordano, M.D., Medical Director of the American Red Cross, who will discuss such areas as the extent of AIDS in this country, prevalence in our community, the cause, how it is transmitted, and the social and economic impact. The audience is encouraged to ask questions and Dr. Giordano will be present until all discussion is completed.

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TUCSON - The T-Squares, Tucson's official Gay Square Dancing group, are celebrating their one-year anniversary this month. Last August, the Desert Valley Squares came down from Phoenix to do a performance at Tramps. They challenged Tucson to form a square dance group so there would be someone for them to dance with here.

On the following Monday, a small group met in a corner at Tramps, and by Wednesday they did their first dancing. That Wednesday saw enough participants for two full squares. They danced to one album, the only one they had.

In December, Don Durham arrived from Albuquerque where he had just formed a square dance group, and the T-Squares began dancing to a live caller. Don has since moved on to Denver, but the T-Squares learned a lot from him while he was here.

In January of this year, the first beginners class started up, about 18 people and several "angels" from the advanced group who showed up to help. In May, the two groups were combined to form the present T-Squares. There are 12-14 who meet regularly, and several others who come into dance when they can. The group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at Tramps.

To celebrate their anniversary, there will be a party at Tramps on Saturday, August 24 from 1:00 p.m. until everyone is tired of dancing, or until the bar closes - whichever comes first. Dancers from both Desert Valley Squares and the Midnight Ramblers in Phoenix will be on hand to add even more excitement. There will be mainstream and basic level dancing from 1:00 until 2:30, when the floor will be opened up for anyone who would like to try their hand, and maybe decide if they might like to join the beginners group which will be starting up in late September.

There will be a break at five o'clock for dinner, which will be served on the back patio. There will be a \$2.00 donation for dinner requested of anyone not associated with one of the three clubs. After dinner, dancing will resume. Everyone is invited to the celebration, and most especially those who have danced with the T-Squares and for one reason or another have not been seen recently.

**AUSTRALIAN WOMEN
PROBABLY GOT AIDS IN
ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (AP) - A hospital spokesperson said that "it was highly likely" four women were infected by the AIDS virus after being artificially inseminated. Experts said it would be the first time the disease was transmitted in this manner.

The four Australians were infected in 1982, almost certainly from sperm by the same bisexual donor, said Dr. Graeme Stewart, an immunologist at Westmead Hospital.

He said the cases raised concern about possible problems in the United States, where he said more than 100,000 women have undergone the procedure since 1980.

But experts said improved screening procedures meant it was almost impossible for women to contract AIDS through artificial insemination today.

SACRAMENTO, CA (GCN) - Two men who say they set out to rob a 'homosexual' were sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for the murder of a 64-year-old retired school teacher, according to the Sacramento Bee. Phillip Eugene Golob, Jr., 21, and John Anthony Gresham, 32, were convicted of the April 20, 1984 robbery and killing of Howard Maddux.

Testimony at the trial indicated that Gresham and Golob deliberately went to a park frequented by Gay men to steal money and a car. Prosecutor Al Locher said they assumed a Gay man would be an easy mark and would not report the crime to police.

Maddux, who was robbed of his credit cards and car by the two men died of injuries sustained in a beating by Golob.

Golob unsuccessfully contended he was "defending himself" from Maddux who put his hand on his leg and that the fatal beating "was an accident". Gresham said the "entire thing was an absolute injustice."

**FORCED HOSPITALIZATION
FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS
ALLOWED IN BRITAIN**

LONDON, ENGLAND (GCN) - The national health department here has issued regulations allowing local judges to forcibly hospitalize people with AIDS, according to the Chicago Tribune. The judges also have the power to hold people with AIDS in hospitals indefinitely and to require special handling of bodies of people who have died from the illness.

The Tribune states that the health department rules are an attempt to calm an alarmed British public.



**Arizona
A.I.D.S. Fund-Trust**

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Dear Friend:

Once again we are pleased and excited to announce our semi-annual benefit for AIDS. This time we have pulled out all the stops and promise you a party you will never forget. On Saturday, September 14, 1985 the Get Physical fundraising benefit for the Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust will be held at Hotbod's, 35th Street and East McDowell, Phoenix, and it will definitely be a night to remember. Once again music will be provided by nationally acclaimed DJ Stewart Barkal from Las Angeles' Probe, and Lights will be under the supervision of John Ford, also of the Probe.

The theme is Get Physical, as we urge members of the community to be vigilant in maintaining healthy sexual practices and to stay fit with proper diet and exercise. We don't want to give any secrets away, but there will be surprises all night long and the decorations will be unlike anything Phoenix has ever seen.

This year we have designed and printed a limited number of exceptional posters and have silk-screened hundreds of gorgeous tee shirts, to announce and commemorate the event. These items are for sale and all proceeds will benefit the Fund.

But Get Physical is not just for those who can and will come party with us. It is primarily for those who cannot celebrate. It is for our brothers and sisters who are fighting for their lives and who need our help.

As I sit this afternoon writing this letter asking your support, I am looking at startling statistics which were turned over to this office this morning. In the past two-week period in Arizona 20 people were diagnosed with AIDS Related Complex, 11 people were diagnosed with certifiable AIDS and 7 people died of AIDS. AAFPT expenditures for the 30-day period ending July 6 totaled \$7,524. In one month! The balance of the Fund's account now stands at just over \$10,000, which means that if we continue to assist people at the current rate we will be out of money even before the benefit can be held.

The irony is that the vast majority of people with AIDS whom we assist financially don't want your money. They try everything possible to avoid coming to the Fund for help. But when they are too sick to work and are let go from their jobs, and the rent and medical bills continue to have to be paid, they have nowhere else to turn. That's why we're here.

Please, now, more than ever, with the alarmingly increasing numbers of AIDS cases being reported, won't you help us? Plan on attending the Get Physical benefit. If you can't attend, you can help by purchasing a limited edition commemorative poster for \$5 or a tee shirt for \$8. Tickets for the benefit are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

We're here when they need us. We'll be here if you need us.

Thank you for your continued support,

Bob Hegyi
Bob Hegyi
Executive Director

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AT THE CURRENT RATE OF INCREASE, EVERYONE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE DEAD OF AIDS IN 12 YEARS.

If you care... if your are concerned... If you want to help or need information, please join with the Tucson AIDS Project at one of their regular open meetings held the second Thursday of each month at the University of Arizona Medical Center, Dining Room "C" [second floor] at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 792-3772.

WE'RE DOING SOMETHING



For your free guide to using condoms:
AIDS Committee of Toronto
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Phone: (416) 926-1626

OTTAWA, Ontario (GCN) - A complaint by an alderman's secretary against a safe-sex ad in this city recent issue of GO Info has resulted in an unofficial warning from Ottawa police, according to Angles of Vancouver.

The complaint by Aldermen Michael McSweeney's secretary, who McSweeney insists acted on her own behalf, concerned an ad from the AIDS Committee of Toronto. The ad, which also appeared in The Body Politic and Rites, promoted the use of condoms during anal sex to reduce the risk of getting AIDS.

Ottawa police had obtained a copy of the paper, which they turned over to Crown Attorney Gulliver. On the same day, morality detective Paul Turner gave staff of Go Info an "unofficial" warning that they could be charged if they ran the ad again. Turner said the ad copy was more objectionable than the accompanying photo (see above).

Ottawa police have also contacted the AIDS Committee of Toronto.

Hollywood expects no AIDS backlash



The quintessential poster guy, Rock Hudson, popularized a style that was quickly adopted in the Gay world.

about Hudson's illness suggest some of the differences between Hollywood then and now.

Openly homosexual friends of Hudson have been quoted as saying that the actor was still angry over having been forced by his studio into a marriage of convenience in the 1950s and that he often visited San Francisco's "gay discos." Although Hudson has never publicly said he is homosexual, numerous articles gave that impression. Dale Olson, Hudson's publicist, said Hudson would not be making any statement in response to the articles.

How moviegoers will react is a question that does not seem to worry Hollywood.

"When you have the president of the United States making a sympathy call to Rock Hudson, you don't have to fear a backlash," said Frank Price, chairman of Universal's motion picture group. "Because of television we have a more sophisticated public than we had 25 years ago. Almost any problem you can think of has been dealt with on television."

AIDS itself will soon be dealt with on television.

In NBC's "An Early Frost," a television movie tentatively scheduled for next November, Aidan Quinn plays a young homosexual whose parents — played by Ben Gazzara and Gena Rowlands — are confronted both by his homosexuality and that he is dying of AIDS. Showtime, the pay-cable channel, is currently negotiating for "As Is," William M. Hoffman's Broadway play about the effect of AIDS on a homosexual relationship.

There appear to be no fervent defenders of morality to lead an indignant campaign against the linkage of AIDS and homosexuality as gossip columnists Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons did against Ingrid Bergman when she had an illegitimate child by Roberto Rossellini.

In fact, a column by Howard Rosenberg, the television critic for the Los Angeles Times, accused the local ABC television station of being

"irresponsible" and "hysterical" for reporting that Linda Evans, who kissed Hudson on "Dynasty" last season, was worried and that the show's producer, Aaron Spelling, had offered to pay for AIDS testing for cast members. Spelling said he never offered or even considered such a thing. Speaking for Evans, Spelling said she was not concerned.

Kim Feltner, information director for the Screen Actors Guild, said, "The Guild has received no calls from performers worried about kissing someone who has AIDS." She said that actors who have called have been more concerned that a blood test for AIDS may be required as part of the pre-production insurance physical examination.

"I've been sticking my own personal head in the sand," said Ed Asner, president of the Screen Actors Guild. "But I just had a homosexual friend tell me he has buried 12 friends."

"In the board room," Asner continued, "the guild will have to address the panic of a person who doesn't want to kiss another person. And I think that panic is starting. But we must beware of witch hunts on the set toward someone whose sexuality is suspect. I do know that scripts are being altered to obviate kissing."

As to reaction within the industry, William Misenhimer, executive director of the AIDS Project of Los Angeles, said that the disclosure of Hudson's illness has triggered "a significant increase" in the sale of tables — at \$5,000 a table — for the organization's Sept. 19 fund-raising dinner.

"The announcement, tragic as it may be, has had positive effects for us," Misenhimer said.

An executive who describes himself as living for the last five years in a stable homosexual relationship, quoted a Joan Didion essay about the important thing in Hollywood being not whether a relationship is heterosexual or homosexual but whether it is stable or unstable.

By Aljean Harmetz
* 1985 The New York Times

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Dozens of powerful executives and a sprinkling of world-famous actors gathered on the roof of a parking structure a few weeks ago to eat barbecued ribs and tacos at the premiere of a new movie.

A producer whose television career has made him a multimillionaire looked at the glittering crowd

moving from the taco bar to a free-flowing liquor bar to elegantly set tables and said, "There are two people here tonight who are dying of AIDS."

The comment was made several days before Rock Hudson flew to Paris, and the story of his yearlong battle with acquired immune deficiency syndrome became public. In retrospect, the casual remark, the movie premiere and the publicity



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WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN ?



by Loretta von Oystershucker

Well are you surviving the summer? Are you staying cool, keeping your cool, acting cool? No you say! You say you're hot, your temper is short and you just don't care! Well, my friend, I know how you feel. I can relate. I too have reached that point of not caring and just want to say "Who really cares. Who cares if....."

Jim M. likes to expose his meat to the night air....If someone thought Bill W. was old enough to live in Green Valley....Mac Mck. was caught feeling up the coffee man and then went on to feel Ed. N's muscle....Brian M. got so excited about someone or something that he left his pants at Rita's....If a certain new bar owner likes to air his business problems - good or bad - at the Graduate....That Jim S. (the blonde one - natural of course - likes to talk during a movie and now nobody wants to sit by him....Jim S. the grey one, what's left - spent the night at John H's and brought everything he owns with him. About seeing funny marks on the side of Peter S' neck and Roger B. saying they were not from him....To find out that Bill McT. wants until he leaves a bookstore before he rear-ends someone. He calls it having safe sex!....To hear about Miss Ellie's (aka Mac Mck.) film career taking off. Just finished shooting Sunday, Bloody Sunday and is now redoing old Turylon cigarette commercials....That Rusty S. and David G. have really hit hard times and are now peddling their asses all over town and quite often near Eddie F's house....To hear Bill N. over at the Graduate deny that he was the transvestite that was arrested for hooking on Miracle Mile....If you thought Bruce V. was trouble, just wait until you see double trouble now that his twin Terry V. is back in town. Just ask Denny W. and Loyd H....If someone asked if JoJo was having trouble giving it away when he was listed as "FREE"

on the Daily Special Board at Rita's....To find out that Ricky D. and Jason were seen buying yarn and someone said Ricky was going to be knitting booties soon....To find out that P.J. has taken up the Candas philosophy on being faithful to one's loved one. Don't move and you are not cheating....To discover that Don A. and Bucky L. will soon live matching his & hers dental caps. After several cocktails things could get rather gummy around the bar....That Andy S. has two gorgeous house guests from Dallas named Jerry and Murrell and Andy can't tell which one has the bigger one....To hear John H. talk about Nickey D. being the only cute one at the bar last Sunday....To know that Fred Y. and George R. make so much money during the week that they don't have to work on Saturday....To see Thom S. in the kitchen playing with some chicken's meat. This of course, happened before he left for Disneyland and Bucky L. asked "Did Tinkerbell die and they need a new fairy?"....That overhearing some queen talking about her navy years, Jim T. commented, "Oh yeah, a real 'ankles away' man....Everytime Don P. brings in a fellow worker to the bar, they claim to be straight, talk about women and love to let you know about their big personalities....To know that Stuart's cousin Richard said he knew a fellow that talked just like Mark P. and loved to get it, but never mentioned if he meant Avery, Dennis, Pierre, etc. etc....That realizing it will cost him extra, it did not matter to Jackie W. "If I win the cruise, I'm taking the dumpster with me!"....After looking over the dance floor at the Fineline and seeing all of the young guys, J.B. commented, "I feel right at home!"....That just to stay home and watch the construction workers next door, Tommy S. pretended to fall off one of his high heels and couldn't work. Well, who cares????????!!!!

COUNSELING CONCEPTS

PUTTING ON THE MASK

There is one time a year where we can get away with putting on a mask. Halloween is a neat occasion. I can be a kid again and put on my mask, but is that really the case? I believe that Halloween is in a lot of cases, not only a time to be a kid again, but a chance to be me. The real problem is that we tend to put on the mask every day of our lives.

True, it is easier to wear a mask, safer. People don't see in as easily let alone get in. The defense mechanism is in action. I've heard the cry from all over, "I want a relationship!" But, they're doing all the wrong things. In effect, actions say, "I don't want a relationship." **THEE** relationship is the cure-all. I hate to break your bubble, but it's not! I wish I could get that across to people. How can you have a relationship when you have too many unresolved things inside? "Just a minute, I'll put on my mask and everything will be fine and dandy again." Come on people, give me a break.

When one gets used to putting on the mask, it's done automatically; it's so safe. But when a person wants to take it off, they can't seem to release themselves from it. Trapped in a feelingless world, their demise now is complete. What could have been a wonderful, caring person, is buried. The process of rising and beginning to feel again is not always easy.

This masking of the real me business is one of the major causes of the superficiality we find so rampant in our community today.... "Since Gay and Lesbian persons can't have lasting relationships anyway, don't risk getting involved with anyone. If you should, whatever you do, don't risk taking off the mask or dropping your guard. A person could get hurt that way. Whatever you do, don't care for another or love someone".... So goes so many persons' sense of demented logic.

Yes, there are failures but there are successes too. The success stories aren't heard very much, not a whole lot of gossip in, "Why they've been together for 40 years" - or so we are led to believe.

If I want to start letting people in how do I keep myself from putting the mask back on? First and foremost is to hear and believe the fact that you are a unique and worthwhile person. That being the case, why hide that specialness of your person? You are a unique person who has a unique contribution to make.

The second thing is not to worry about how others react to you. If a person won't go past their own shallowness to know you, it is their loss. They lose - not you. Don't be afraid to set up situations where friends will have time to talk. As you talk together, you need to gradually let yourself out. Bit by bit - not all at once.

The process is calculated. One needs to be persistent in it. Yes, it can hurt too. When you open yourself to feel, one cannot pick and choose. Be that caring person and not a careless person.

Paul W. Reigle
for Counseling Concepts, Tucson

Tom Cady is not the defendant, he is the victim."

The events which led to the problems between Cady and Julius happened on November 14, 1984. Cady was conducting a routine traffic stop on Matilda Mayo at the corner of Divisadero and Turk Streets. In his incident report, Cady stated that he noticed the ejection of Julius from a nearby taxi.

Cady stated that the taxi driver said Julius was "crazy". When Cady attempted to conduct a pat search of Julius, the latter allegedly attacked Mayo. A scuffle between the officer and the defendant then followed. Cady said Julius bit him. The officer requested and received help from other officers. He detained Julius but not before Julius allegedly bit him again. One of the bites became infected.

Cady did not mention Julius' alleged claims of AIDS in his incident report. Lecklikner said this is a major consideration in the case. "The police report did not mention Julius telling other officers he had AIDS," said Lecklikner. "That was in November, 1984. No mention was made on this subject until March, 1985."

Moore refused to comment as to why this statement by Julius was not brought up until almost four months later. One of the underlying issues of the Cady/Julius case is whether Moore would be violating a new state law which deals with AIDS blood tests and privacy. Governor George Deukmejian signed a bill in April, sponsored by San Francisco Assemblyperson Art Agnos, that states, "no person shall be compelled, as specified, to identify any individual who is the subject of a blood test to detect antibodies to the probable causative agent of acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

The bill prohibits "a person, except as specified, from testing blood for evidence of antibodies to the probable causative agent of AIDS without the written consent of the subject."

When Agnos heard of the Julius/Cady case, he wrote a letter to District Attorney Arlo Smith. Agnos chastised Smith for a press release in which the City Attorney is quoted as saying that "The case involves the rights of citizens to know if they may have been infected with a fatal disease." Agnos asked Smith to brief all members of his staff on the current state law.

Moore defended his action of attempting to get a blood test out of Julius, however. He filed a brief with the Municipal Court in which he said his actions did not violate Julius's rights. He said the Fifth Amendment protects individuals who were "actually compelled to disclose [information] which tended to incriminate him."

Moore's office maintains that Julius waived that right by telling police officers he had AIDS. Lecklikner refused comment on whether or not Julius said he had AIDS.

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STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Stunt Malibu Christi has been in the closet lately (with Macho Man?), but it seems her friends have been out - from the parks to the mountains. Here we go.

Well, it's off to the mountains for Midge, Mae and the novice to the mountains, J.W. Does Loretta know what the parks and the mountains have in common? A new ball park has been discovered. The terrain is just not quite right. Too many rocks and too much incline. But how much can a one man team do anyway. The audience, minger as it was, seemed semi-pleased or maybe just curious. Who cares whether they wear clothes or not. If anyone cares, the final scores was eight to four to three.

Well, here it is kids. Toasted Tottie makes a strike at the old ball park. Up to bat now for the first time with knocking knees of course, she dutifully swings and misses. But low and behold, the short stop is getting up and play is held up. Meanwhile, the second string, Miss Mae at her best, checks out the ball pen. Upon returning and having found no worthy opponents, she joins Tottie in her stand off (stare down) against the "Fuzzy Flash". THIS IS OBVIOUS! Remember Tottie, next time keep your eyes on the ball[s]. Looks like Flash in the Pan has some competition. (Remember the blue shorts?) Speaking of whom, Ronda Jons seems to be keeping busy in Benson.

Miss Mae also struck out at the old ball park, but rumor hazzit never made it to home plate. Was a Grand Slam made? Only her trainer knows for sure.

Laning one having struck out, it is time for the not so victorious to drown their sorrows in a few libations. Tottie out early, like a good hostess, to arrange the

semi-quasi-pseudo monthly meeting of the "Friends of Dorothy" at her fashionless Northwest Pink Shadows Estate. Macho Man, Polly Pickernell aka Harpidious and Miss Mae decided to make it a double header at the old ball park only to strike out (2). Drown more sorrows and miss the minutes at the all toooooo festive meeting. Tottie, never one to give up after one try, opted for a rematch at the park. The game was long and slow and hard, but aren't all the best? But we're sure that all concerned would appreciate some climate control in the locker room. Miss Tottie's chignon will never be the same, not to mention how rusty that Rusty Nail might be by now.

Yes, it's time Toasted Tottie dropped a few of those unwanted pounds and after-bar burritos will do it every time. Looks like T.N. Crumpets could be the dietician Tottie needs. But, hey kids, try some sleep too!

Getting away from the park, what are friends for, right Jane? Seems Miss Jane, Miss Mae, Tina L. and a few friends met at a local bar one Sunday afternoon only to end up at Miss Pittman's Den. Somehow Miss Jane and Miss Mae ended up swapping husbands in midstream. Thank you Miss Pittman, J.W. and Miss Mae managed to sneak off and leave Miss Jane to enjoy her company as Miss Mae did enjoy hers and has since. Somebody has to keep Miss Mae in line, right J.W.? He's been doing a great job so far. Stick around, it gets better.

Remember, Josie Mae, Tottie Tries, Ronda Will and Midge Might.

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NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

A special Congregational Meeting will be held at the Church this Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public but only those who are members in good standing with MCC/Tucson will have a chance to vote. This meeting is being called to decide on the funding of a new building to be owned by MCC/Tucson.

This announcement might bring a few questions to mind for those who are not fully aware of the procedures of MCC/Tucson. "What is MCC/Tucson?" "Who is MCC/Tucson?" "Why is MCC/Tucson?" In this article and articles to follow, these and other questions will be answered and discussed. It is hoped that a better understanding of our purposes, our objectives and our reason for being in existence will clear away many clouds that have obscured and shadowed that understanding.

What is MCC/Tucson? Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches [U.P.M.C.C.]. As a member congregation of the U.F.M.C.C., we have agreed to follow the directives of the Fellowship as set forth by the General Conference. The General Conference is made up of all clergy and lay delegates from the MCC Churches around the world. These meetings are held every two years, with the last

General Conference being held last month in Sacramento, Ca. MCC/Tucson is a congregational church. This means that the members of this church exert control over all aspects of congregational life. The congregation elects members to the Board of Directors who manage the physical and financial affairs of the Church. The congregation also elects their own Pastor from the recognized clergy of the U.F.M.C.C. Congregational meetings are held once each year with special meetings of importance being called when necessary.

Membership classes are held periodically, instructing anyone interested in MCC/Tucson the functions and purposes of the Church. These classes are held in a series of four meetings and are open to anyone who would like to become members or who would just like to know more about MCC/Tucson.

MCC/Tucson is a family, and it is a family who is ready, with open arms, to embrace anyone who wants to be a part of the family. Rally Sunday is coming up on September 9. What better time to get introduced or re-acquainted?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If an argument is inevitable, stop and ask, "Maybe I don't understand your point, please explain".



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Put your cards away TKO. If you will think back, I warned you about Mary B. If it hadn't have been for Bob B. she would have probably won all the prizes. She was even able to teach a few things to one of your dealers. TKO also learned how to get Dwayne B's attention - just yell "Auction - Plants". All in all, TKO's "Casino Nite" at the Joshua Tree last Sunday turned out to be a lot of fun for everyone. Let's hope we do not have to wait too long before another Casino Nite.

Now TKO is breaking out the camping gear, buying food and beer getting ready for this weekend, the

City of Rocks Run. I'm not going on this run, but I hope to get some reports back from it. Also, Im sure, I'll hear some good THOS' Have fun guys and don't bother my rattle snake. Bill H., are you going to take David to the hot tubs? Last year at the hot tubs it was "balls down to here."

I'm sure some of TALL are going on the City of Rocks run, so maybe next week I'll have a little to report on them.

The first night of Club Appreciation at the Graduate saw the T-Squares, SDS, TKO (dual members) and TALL. Let's get some more to help this fun night.

THOS: I praised Nancy and Jean I would be nice to them after Rusty's party so all I will say is, this time it's on me. But their mother is another story. She asked Ken if she could help him when he bent over.... I understand Ray D. received a box of Maxi-Pads in the mail....See Paul, your name can be in the paper, so be careful.... Wayne was saying at the Graduate Saturday before Rusty's party, "It was nice to wake up in my own bed for a change.".... I've heard of kinky sex, but Bill H. takes the cake. He had a tooth pulled to make a larger hole.... Finally, it's a good thing the OBSERVER has two such great reporters for Tucson. Reporting on the bar and people from Rita's Rendezvous and the Congress we have "Loretta Oyster Shuckin Lip Shit" and from the Graduate and Rumor Hazzit, sweet and innocent me!



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DEAR EDITOR:
This is a response to the Weekly OBSERVER's article titled "Incurably Ill For Animal Research", published July 31, 1985.

Having been both an animal and human activist for over thirty years, I respond to the article in this manner. These are not separate streets to be walked upon. Indeed, one who is aware would not blatantly be pro-animal use, although pro-animal use may not be the issue. It is what is done with the animal, how they are obtained and the conditions they endure during their "period of vivisection" that is a central issue for animal and human activists. We have kept our heads buried too long, please do not contradict a deserved issue, one that you have made look "meaningless".

A few laboratories in the truest sense of the word, raise their own animals; this increases the genetic strain to enable highly critical hypothesis to be tested. These laboratories also have excellent conditions for the animal to live under, comfortable indoor and outdoor facilities, proper diets, and hands that yield a bit of love. Also, these rare laboratories do not use the same animal for countless tests, experiments and surgeries yielding a pathetic creature.

Is there another side of the coin? Yes! People have been used for research and experimentation since God only knows when. Are there controls for humans that have been demanded and in part obtained for other animal species? No, to a majority of these limitations. Being in the medical/counseling professions, I have urged for such controls for human beings. Few have become realities. So, you are asked to sign a paper stating that you are aware of the experimental use of drug X, or surgical procedure Y, or psychiatric treatment Z, and this is supposed to make it all OK.

I have seen inhumane treatment of the human animal just as well as other species of the animal kingdom. I have called for justification and have spent sleepless nights working on some angle to just get people to listen in hopes that they would understand. We have a long way to go... Tread carefully friends, address issues rationally, carefully and with compassion.

Addressing AIDS and other life taking and threatening processes, I concur with the pain that lives in my heart for all those that are and have been affected. That research needs to be stepped up to the highest potential. Let us simply go forward carefully with the entire combined species of animal. With humanness and compassion let us enter the future with qualifications that are advantageous for all.

Respectfully submitted
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COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor \$1.00 - 9 to Midnight.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S - Free Hors d'oeuvres 5-7 p.m. Well Scotch .75 opening to 8 p.m. Longest cocktail hour in town 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Video dancing plus daily drink specials opening to 8 p.m.
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THURSDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.00 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4:00 a.m.
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GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey 9 to 1
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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. Drink special daily open to 8 pm. Video dancing 9 p.m. to close.
TRAMPS - Disco music by David 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

SATURDAY
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open noon until 1 a.m. Movie Special at 2:00 p.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.
TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust Noon to 4:00 PM, .30 glass draft.

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OPBPA (Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association) - P.O. Box 44033, Tucson 85733
PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. 332 S. Freeway 624-8271
ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON - 622-3808 (NO FEE)
SENIOR GAYS - 795-7810 (Russ, coordinator)
TALHA - Tucson Alternative Lifestyle Health Association, 101 W. Irvington. Open 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. 573-0096

TIGPC - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee - 1111 E. Limberlost #143, Tucson, AZ 85718 293-3515
TUCSON YOUTH GROUP - 540 S. Stone, Tucson, 85701 - 792-3772 (Under 22 meets every Saturday. Not a church group)
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Poetry Corner

A MATCH

by Patrick E. McCurdy

Long thin body.
 Hard and stiff.
 Bulbous head.
 White tip.
 Take it.
 Hold it carefully,
 But firmly.
 Look at it.
 Single beauty.
 Then rub the head,
 Watch it explode.
 See it flare,
 Feel its heat.
 Let it burn you.
 Sensuously.
 That's what I have.
 Just for you.
 A match.
 My match.

POPPER

by Patrick E. McCurdy

Breath deep,
 Even deeper.
 Feel the heart pound,
 The blood pulse.
 Smell the sweetness.
 Feel the weight in the balls.
 The heat, the beautiful heat.
 Oh Amy!, Amy!
 Ecstasy, extreme ecstasy.
 Breath deeply,
 Oh the wonderful rush,
 Sweet aroma.
 Heaviness in the balls.
 Heat, the explosion.
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GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL has over 90 resources for Gay men and Lesbians in Tucson. Call 792-3772

GAY OR LESBIAN??? AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM???

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THE ARIZONA LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE, your organization aimed at furthering human rights, education and networking with other national and local organizations, invites you to participate. Come and attend our meetings and input your ideas. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings: Every Monday. Membership: \$10 per year. Contact: Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard (7 p.m. - 11 p.m.) 234-2752 or write P.O. Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281.

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TIGPC) meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call 293-3515 for location. Everyone welcome.

NOTICES

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (Second Floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

SENIOR GAYS (Over 40). If interested in forming a new group, call Russ at 795-7180 Tucson.

TUCSON GAY MEN'S CHORUS now meeting every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. If you like to sing, please join us. We practice at MCC, 560 S. Stone. We are not church affiliated, but appreciate using the church for practice.

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TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) Gay men's clinic for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and counseling on AIDS, the HTLV-III blood test and for the worried-well. Located at 101 W. Irvington; Open 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5 donation is requested. TALHA also is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. AT MCC, 560 S. Stone. For more information call 792-3772

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited 792-3772

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A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

WHAT IS LOVE?

I am a person with a never-ending curiosity. I find interest in all sorts of things from the sublime to the bizarre... I also read a lot, and am always surprised when I read something that has anything to do with love.

[Eeek! LOVE!]

Yes, Love. The one word that probably holds the record for being used the most by people who know the meaning of it the least. It is used in place of the word friendship, lust, infatuation, like, sincerity, trust, companionship, comfort (and on an on...) Most authors write about the things which involve love in one form or another. Most people (and I place an emphasis on the word most) live their lives looking for the ever-elusive feelings that we associate -- correctly or not -- with the abstract concepts we name "love".

Well, I know what I think love is, and I also know what I think love is not. And I am not going to divulge either here. No, instead, I am going to ask you to tell me what you think love is or is not.

It is all very simple, really. I want you to write to me and tell me what you think love is; what you think love is not. If you are involved in a relationship now, tell me about it. If you have recently broken up with someone, tell me about that, too. If you are looking for a relationship, then tell me about that.

I am looking for opinions, and stories; fantasies, and experiences. [Keep these all clean folks.] I am seriously looking to glean the nature of love, and to find the definitive answer to the question, "what is love?"

If you have a special love for your parents, a friend, a boy - or girl friend, a child, whatever, your

stories will be welcome. If you once loved someone who you love no more, that's good too.

I will use no names if I put any of this into a future column. I would like to be able to reprint anything that you may write to me, so please put [somewhere in your letter] permission to reprint what you write, or a request not to print anything: I will honor your wishes.

I have no idea what will come of this search. I am looking to define love, but I might find some truths here. I know a lot of people who confuse love with sex; love with dependence; love with financial need. It is all too scary.

I know you all have heard that many outsiders think homosexuals cannot feel love. I know I can, but maybe I am alone in this ability. [I honestly don't think so, but one never knows.....] Maybe I will find out that homosexuals can't feel love; maybe I will discover that men love each other differently than women love each other. Maybe I will find no difference; maybe many.

So, please, take a few moments to jot down your thoughts; I am sure I will find them of interest, and maybe others will be helped by this.

Thanks:

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