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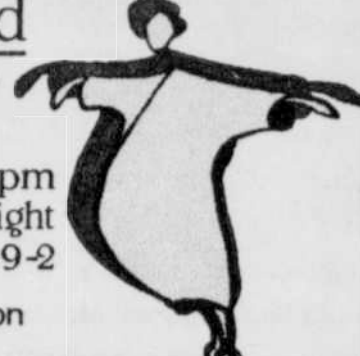
Monday September 22nd

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Studies about HIV Infection:

- 1) **Growth hormone** - for patients with significant weight loss
- 2) **Oxandrolone Plus** - for patients with weight loss or fatigue
- 3) **Combination Antiretroviral Therapy** - a new study for patients who have never taken antiretroviral treatment previously

Other Studies:

- 1) **High Blood Pressure** - two studies of two new medications for high blood pressure are beginning
- 2) **High Cholesterol** - a study for a new medicine for high cholesterol
- 3) **High Cholesterol / Garlic** - a study of garlic supplements to lower cholesterol

To inquire about participating in any one of these studies, call Toni Kempner at the Fanno Creek Clinic at 452-0915

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world briefs

ALGERIA

Algeria's terrorist Armed Islamic Group is killing gay people, reports the underground European newspaper *Al Djamaa*.

The report says the group is also killing "those who do not pray," people "who drink alcohol [or] take drugs" and "immodest or debauched women."

The paper says more than 700 people have been killed in the past three months.



CANADA

Eighty thousand people turned out for Vancouver's 16th annual gay and lesbian pride parade on Aug. 3. Attendees included police chief Bruce Chambers and Mayor Philip Owen.

The 80,000 figure was more than double last year's turnout, and the 1997 event marked the first time a chief of any Canadian police force marched in a gay and lesbian parade.

Chambers walked with a contingent of openly gay and lesbian law enforcement officials—another first for the parade.

It was also Owen's first gay parade.

The theme for Pride '97 was homophobia in the public education system; two of the four parade grand marshals were 18 years old.

CHINA

Beijing's gay AIZHI Action Project is targeting the diagnostic manual used by Chinese psychiatrists to label gay men and lesbians mentally ill.

"We want to declassify or demedicalize homosexuality from aversive psychological treatment or electronic shock treatment," says Wan Yan Hai, coordinator of the group.

The Chinese Psychiatric Association is set to begin work on a new edition of the textbook, known as the *Chinese Classification of Mental Disorders*.

ECUADOR

The governor of Azuay province, Felipe Vega de la Cuadra, has come out forcefully against the nation's ban on gay sex—one of only three such laws in Latin America.

In June, provincial police raided a gay bar in Cuenca and arrested 14 men, sparking the city's first gay protest march by 40 people a few days later.

The International Lesbian and Gay Association wrote Vega de la Cuadra denouncing the raid and he replied, in part: "In my capacity as foremost authority of the province, I have taken the necessary measures to avoid such events being repeated.... I wish to state that this authority shall respect people's liberty of ideology, religion and sexual choice.... Regarding Article 516 of the penal code, which criminalizes homosexuality, our provincial representatives in Parliament are taking the necessary steps for its elimination."

Article 516 punishes gay sex with four to eight years in prison.

Cuenca, population 300,000, is the nation's third largest city. Chile and Nicaragua are the other Latin American nations that ban homosexuality. Nicaragua recriminalized gay sex after the Sandinistas were ousted from power in 1990.

INTERNATIONAL

The International Lesbian and Gay Association's 19th European Regional Conference is set to be held Oct. 9-13 in London.

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SOUTH AFRICA

The High Court of Western Cape province has legalized gay sex.

Although South Africa recently became the

only nation in the world to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation via its Constitution, many older laws still discriminate against gay people.

In their ruling, the judges cited the Constitution's gay protections along with its privacy guarantees.

SWITZERLAND

Swiss banks and businesses are giving away \$190 million to apologize for having kept money that belonged to victims of the Nazis, and the International Lesbian and Gay Association wants a slice of the pie for AIDS causes.

Payments are being made first to poor Eastern European Jews, gay men and lesbians, gypsies and others who never received any form of Holocaust compensation.

ILGA solicited the AIDS money "in memory of the thousands of murders and deportations during the Nazi regime on grounds of sexual orientation."

"Figures from the Red Cross and the Protestant Church of Austria in the 1940s suggest a total of around 350,000 homosexual victims," the group said.

THAILAND

Thailand has 2,237 male prostitutes and 62,649 female prostitutes, reports the Public Health Ministry.

Those in the sex industry work at 7,759 commercial establishments, including tea houses, go-go bars, pubs, karaoke bars, saunas, beauty parlors and barber shops.

According to Ministry officials, male sex workers mostly service Western tourists.

TONGA

Thirteen contestants entered the annual Miss Galaxy transgendered beauty pageant, held July 9-11 in Nuku'alofa, capital of the South Pacific nation.

Participants displayed their creativity in such areas as sewing, dancing and a talent segment. They were sponsored by hotels, airlines and even rugby teams.

The event, which attracted a large audience, was part of annual celebrations surrounding the birthday of King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV. His granddaughter, Princess Lupepau'u Tuita, 20, was this year's pageant patron.

In the end, Natasha Pressland, 18, emerged victorious. Her hobbies are "dancing, praying and meeting people." She plans to become a flight attendant.

ZIMBABWE

In contrast to previous years, the organization Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe was allowed to distribute literature at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair—though not from a booth bearing the group's name.

Instead, a "human rights" booth sponsored by fair organizers offered GALZ pamphlets along with information on women's issues, universities and a host of other topics.

Brochures dealt with how to contact other gay people, safer sex and HIV education, personal identity issues and gay-related family problems.

In 1995, President Robert Mugabe forced the fair to cancel GALZ's booth. In 1996, GALZ filed suit and won the right to be at the event, only to see its booth torched by an angry mob of 60 young men.

The fair was held Aug. 1-9.

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