

# MGRA

MISSOURI GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## A THANK YOU

We, the members of MGRA, wish to thank Kansas City for the invitation and warm reception we received in January. It seems we have stirred some interest for our organization. We have several new members since our trip and hope there are more to follow. We really enjoyed ourselves!

A special thanks is due to the following: Windjammer - Tapps - Connections - and *CHANGES*. Without your support for us, it would not have been possible. We appreciate your support.

JIM GANGER  
Corresponding Secretary,  
MGRA

## RECOGNITION IS DUE TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS ORGANIZATION:

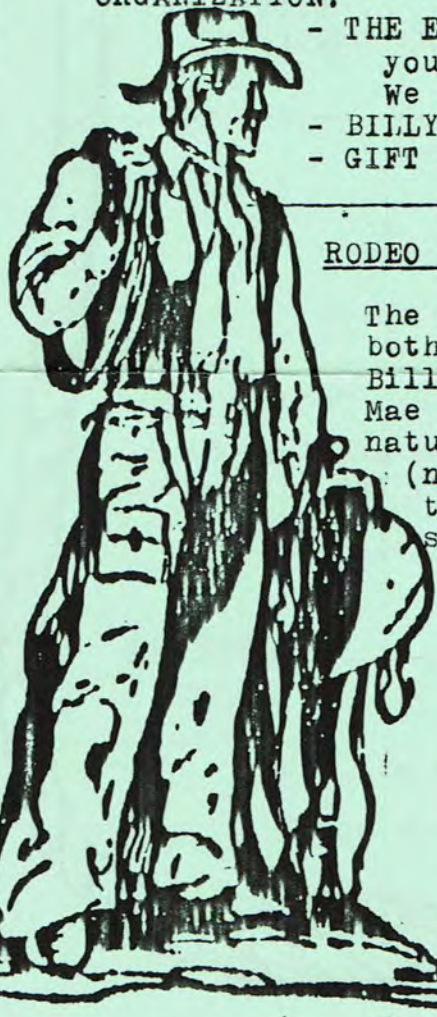
- THE EATERY - A long overdue thanks for the use of your establishment for our dinner at Christmas. We all enjoyed it!
- BILLY JACKS - C.G.'S - COUNTRYSIDE FLOWERS - JASON'S
- GIFT SHOPPE - TRASH AND TREASURES - VALENTINO'S

## RODEO NEWS:


The race is on. Here comes Niki Lee and Miss Mae both riding in their little red wagons across Billy's parking lot. They turn the corner and Miss Mae loses her balance, her legs go up (into their natural position), her dress goes up over her head (no! no! Miss Mae! You can't put the wagon handle there, at least not until after the race!), and she is out of control. Bam! She smashes into Niki Lee's little red wagon and both of them go over onto the parking lot! No one hurt, as both of them stand up (tits deflating) as they realize no one has won the race.

As we all know, both of these "girls" can get pretty wild but this is not a Wild Drag Race.

The Wild Drag Race is a new event this year for the Gay Rodeo. It involves three people and a steer. A woman (a real woman) holds the rope which is attached to the steer in the chute. When the chute is opened, the



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woman drags or pulls the steer out. At this time the man can come and help the woman hold on. The drag (man or woman) can then get on the steer, then the man and woman try to pull the steer over a line with the drag still on the steer. This is an event that almost anyone can participate in and have a lot of fun with.

At our weekend round-up in June, we plan on having some camp events that everyone can have some fun with. So, if you want to learn more about them or how to ride a horse, let me know. We already have a couple of people who want to learn how to ride. If you're thinking of running for Ms. MGRA or Mr. MGRA, you have to have horsemanship skills, so you either need to learn, or start getting in practice. June is not that far away.

I have several people on our Rodeo Events Committee, but still am in need of a few more. If you would like to help, please let me know.

If you are a Rodeo participant, please get in practice. MGRA has no points for rodeo participation for the '87 season. We have several rodeos coming up that are close by. So, let's have some fun and get ready to go win.

When riding, let's practice just like it was sex. Play it safe getting on and getting off. Take care!

LITTLE RAY  
Rodeo Events Chairperson

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JUST A LITTLE P. R. NOTE:

# A.I.D.S.

Think about it! Yes, AIDS! What do you know about AIDS? You should know everything that you can about the incurable disease.

REMEMBER: AIDS IS AN INCURABLE DISEASE!!!

THINK ABOUT IT NOW!

BOBBY LEE

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EXTRAVAGANZA

OGRA EXTRAVAGANZA is planned to be held at:  
Daleo Farms, Jones, Oklahoma  
Date: April 4, 1987 Time: Noon until ?



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Camp/People/Horse Events  
Booths/Dancing/Cloggers  
Fun/Friends/More Fun

Mark the date on your calendar. It will soon  
be here!

### AIDS: AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM

AIDS is a newly recognized disease that is often fatal. The disease was first documented in the U.S. in 1981. Since then, researchers have learned a tremendous amount. It is now known that AIDS (an acronym for Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Sndrome) is caused by a virus. The virus (often referred to as 'HPLV III' or 'HIV') is not spread through casual social contact. In other words, shaking hands with an AIDS patient will NOT give you the disease. Neither will hugging, sitting next to, or talking to someone with the disease.

- There is no cure for AIDS at this time. The lack of a cure seems to cause the most concern among people. It is for this reason that individuals involved in certain 'high risk behaviors' should know how they can protect themselves.

This is the first of a series of articles designed to educate the public concerning the facts surrounding AIDS and how individuals can protect themselves as well as those they care about. This article will examine the cause of AIDS and its effects on the body.

AIDS is caused by a virus. Infection can occur when the AIDS virus is allowed to enter the body, via contaminated body fluids, through a break in the skin or mucous membranes. Two body fluids proven to spread the AIDS virus are BLOOD and SEMEN.

The AIDS virus, once inside the body, seeks out a particular type of white blood cell in the bloodstream. This white blood cell is called a T-HELPER CELL. The immune system is regulated by the T-HELPER CELL. (Ordinarily the body is protected by the immune system. It is this system that fights infection and helps one to regain his/her health after being ill.) Once these cells are destroyed, the body becomes vulnerable to infections because of the inability to fight off disease. This is the reason an AIDS patient dies as a RESULT of AIDS rather than FROM AIDS.

It is important to note that people who are infected with the AIDS virus may not always develop the AIDS disease. These individuals may be able to continue their lives without interruption by illness. In fact, they may never know they were infected. There is a possibility that these individuals could be carriers of the disease.

Others may develop AIDS RELATED COMPLEX or ARC. ARC is characterized by symptoms such as



weight loss, diarrhea, fatigue, night sweats, loss of appetite, swollen lymph glands and fever. To be diagnosed with ARC, the individual must have had these symptoms persistently for two weeks or longer and the symptoms not be related to any other diseases or illnesses.



Still others may develop 'full blown' or 'classic' AIDS. They, too, have the same symptoms seen with ARC patients. The diagnosis, however, is made based on the presence of 'opportunistic infections'.

Two of the more common opportunistic infections include a type of skin cancer called Kaposi's sarcoma and pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, a parasitic lung infection.

Unfortunately, it is not known why some may develop classic AIDS and die while others may never develop the disease. However, research continues to answer these questions and others.

Now that you have a basic understanding as to how AIDS is spread and how it affects the body, it is important to understand how to protect yourself. The next article will discuss just that - "Protecting Yourself from AIDS".

STEVE EVANS  
RN, BSN

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#### GSGRA RODEO

The 3rd Annual GSGRA Rodeo is coming up March 27, 28, 29. The Rodeo will once again be held at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Griffith Park. This is an open-air covered arena. All the activities will be taking place at the arena. This year, GSGRA will host an Open Air Entertainment and Arts and Crafts Festival in conjunction with the Rodeo.



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## HOTEL INFORMATION

G.S.G.R.A. does not make hotel reservations. The following is provided for your assistance. Please contact the hotel of your choice at the telephone number shown. Each hotel requires that you refer to G.S.G.R.A. to get the rates quoted here which are all per night. A one night deposit will be required to secure the reservation. Rates quoted do not include local taxes.

### HOLIDAY INN

150 East Angeleno, Burbank, CA 91502  
(818) 841-4770 Attn: Ken

Located approx. 1 mile from the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.  
Single \$45.00; Double \$50.00 (plus \$5.00 per person over 2)

### BURBANK AIRPORT HILTON

2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505  
Inside Calif: (800) 643-7400  
Outside Calif: (800) 468-3576

Located approx. 5 miles from the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.  
Single or Double \$50.00 - 3 or 4 to a room - \$55.00. Rate is for Friday thru Sunday. Thursday night may be higher.

For those wishing to stay in the Long Beach Area:

### THE COMFORT INN

3201 Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, CA 90806  
(213) 597-3374

Approx. 35 miles from the Los Angeles Equestrian Center.  
Single \$44.00; Double \$48.00 (plus \$6.00 per person over 2). Rate quoted is the corporate rate and includes complementary continental breakfast and the hotel offers Pool, Jacuzzi and laundry facilities.

## ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the **Rodeo Hotline (213) 498-1675** between 6 & 9 pm Monday thru Friday. All seats are reserved and prices range from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per day and include the Rodeo, Arts and Crafts Festival and Country Music and Dance Festival. Advance ticket purchase is strongly advised.



## CALENDAR

- Mar. 7 - Ozark Country Jamboree - Billy Jacks
- Mar. 17 -- St. Patrick's Day Party - Billy Jacks
- Mar. 18 - MGRA Meeting - 8:00 P.M. - Billy Jacks
- Mar. 27-29- GSGRA Rodeo - Los Angeles, CA.
- Apr. 4 - OGRA Extravaganza III
- May 2 - KGRA Extravaganza II
- May 29-31 - RMR Rodeo - Denver, CO.
- Jun.12-13-14 MGRA Weekend Roundup III
- Jul.10-12 - IGRA Convention - Albuquerque, N.M.
- Aug. 7-9 - GPR Rodeo - OKC
- Aug.22-23 - Dan's Campout
- Sep.18-20 - IGRA Finals Rodeo, San Francisco, CA.
- Nov.13-15 - TGRA Rodeo, Texas

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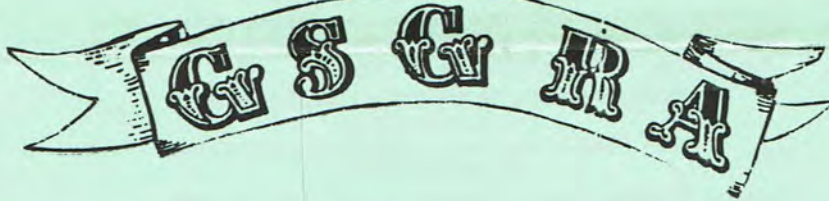
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