



# The Update

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## Is "The Update" addressing your reading interests?

In our ongoing concern to serve our readers, "The Update" is undergoing a facelift to open the new year.

We apologize for the delay of its production this month and a pending delay for our February issue.

"The Update" though has arrived at a crossroad and we are asking our readers to respond to a "Reader's Poll." We are asking all of our readers for their written comments and concerns about our newsletter and if there are any changes you would like to see implemented in its presentation.

Should it address "only" volunteer concerns?

Do you enjoy this package?

Is it informative and current?

Is the information necessary?

Is it targeting your reading concerns?

Is it too much to read?

How would you like it changed?

Please mail or drop your response into the A.V.I. office at 1175 Cook Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 4A1.

Many thanks for your reading support over the last year.

-Daryl Jensen, Editor.

## Volunteer News

Happy New Year! We will be starting 1991 with more training. Communications training will continue January 9th at 7 p.m. Those volunteers interested in refreshing their skills and/or training for the Helpline & the Support program are invited to contact Jo Ann for further information. Yes, its official - we are moving to 733 Johnson St., Feb. 1/1991! It is a wonderful space - light, airy and ours for five years! If you are willing to help us move, please give Jo Ann a call at 384-1511.

Bouquets to Shelley & Dan for preparing such a fine repast for the CAS Reception, held Dec. 14th at Fran Willis' North Park Gallery. Thanks also to Francia, Andrea and Dennis, for setting up and serving. Well done!

## Computer Training

All those volunteers that would like to assist A.V.I. in its word processing and/or have expressed an interest in becoming involved in the production of its monthly newsletter are asked to attend the training session for "Word Perfect," Friday, January 25, 1991 in suite 222 at 1175 Cook Street at 7:00pm.

This training is open to anyone wishing to be involved with the society's computer concerns and is keyed to "the beginner." Computer literate individuals though, are welcome to attend to brush up on the unique needs of our society.

If you wish to attend, please call our volunteer coordinator to register for the class, leaving your name and phone number.

## Volunteer Update

AIDS Vancouver Island wishes our readers - AVI members, volunteers, staff & interested community members - a healthy & prosperous New Year.

AIDS Vancouver Island is delighted to announce our move from 1175 Cook Street to 733 Johnson Street, Suite 304, on March 1st 1991. We have 2000 square feet on the third floor of Maynard Court. We look forward to this move with enthusiasm. Our special thanks go to Fran & Margaret for their decorating assistance.

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A special thanks also to Naim Hollott for the years of volunteer work as Education coordinator. Naim has resigned from this position.

AVI is in the process of recruiting a fulltime Education Coordinator. This is a staff position.

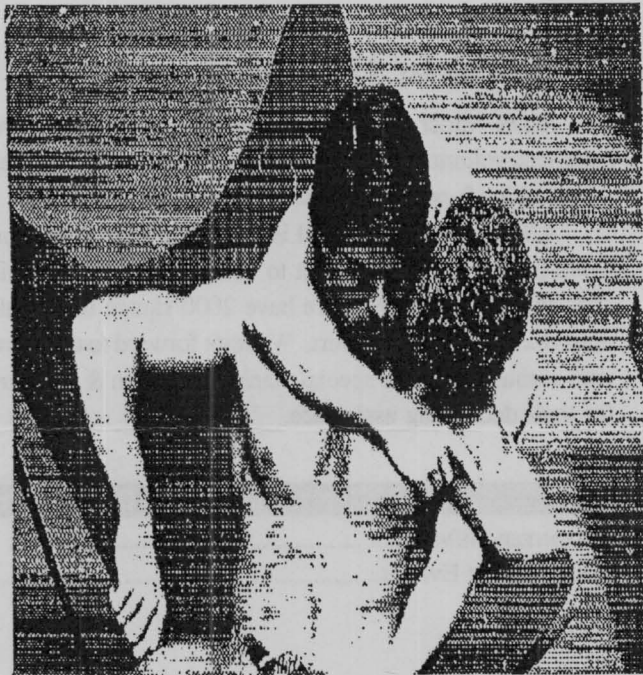
Announcement to come re: Benefit Performance.

## Fabulous February Fun!

February is a busy month for A.V.I. fundraising!

**February 2, 1991** is an evening to mark on your calendar. Plan to enjoy a musical experience with "**Jeff Ronnenburgh and friends**" at the **Newcombe Auditorium**. Volunteers are required to help with promotion of this exciting event and all proceeds will be going to A.V.I.

**February 11, 12 and 13, 1991** is AIDS Vancouver Island's ever popular "**Casino Night**." If you enjoy the excitement of the casino, and would like to help out on the evenings/nights of these scheduled dates, please call JoAnn at 384-1511. This is one of our most profitable fundraisers for A.V.I. and we need your help!



## Surviving Partners Support Group

AIDS Vancouver Island is pleased to announce a support group for "Gay Men" who have lost partners to HIV. The first meeting will be held in our office in suite 106 - 1175 Cook Street on Tuesday, February 19, 1991 at 7:00pm. For more information contact David Swan at 384-2366.

## Obituary

It is with sadness that we have to inform you of Jack's death on December 27, 1990. Jack faithfully printed and mailed out our monthly Update. His friendly manner around the office will be missed. It was his wish that a memorial not be held.

## Library News

The A.V.I. library is pleased to announce its receiving a complimentary copy of "**AIDS, Fears and Feelings**" from the Canadian Hospital Association.

As the national voice of Canada's health care facilities, one of CHA's primary goals is the provision of timely information to the health field.

This video is an in-service educational resource which features the emotional response of health care givers to the concerns, attitudes and challenges relating to some of the "technical" and psycho-social aspects of caring for persons with HIV-related disease. A teaching guide accompanies this video.

If you'd like to borrow this new acquisition or any of our other video tapes, audio tapes, books or research material from our library files (over our two week limit), drop into our office and browse through, view or listen to the many tapes and material available. There's always a pot of coffee on and someone to assist your research needs--should you have any questions.

The A.V.I. library is also pleased to announce a newly developed "Index" for the "**Treatment Update Newsletters**." This will be of special interest to the many that found themselves tearing their hair out in frustration in the past. The newest "**Treatment Update Newsletter #17/October 1990**" is now available and has a large article on AZT.

We're also pleased to announce the acquisition of the manual "**Abstracts of the VIth International AIDS Conference - San Francisco**," and "**Homesupport - Canada's AIDS Training Manual**" (see David Swan for this one).

And for those library patrons that have not yet returned borrowed items, we remind you that there is a two week limit on material and that others may be waiting for exactly what you have under your coffee table...

Thanks to all that have returned items on time.

## Want Ads

Our books, paper and Audio/Video tape is stacking higher every day. If anyone has a bookcase they could let go of, please donate it to A.V.I. The library is in "dire" need.

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# You'll Never Walk Alone

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT  
VANCOUVER ISLAND AIDS SOCIETY

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*Jeff Ronnenbergh*  
BARITONE

*Robert Holliston*  
PIANO

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1991  
8:00 P.M.

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*Newcombe Auditorium*

675 BELLEVILLE ST.

TICKETS \$ 10:00

*available at*

VANCOUVER ISLAND AIDS SOCIETY *or*  
AT THE DOOR

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*information*  
384-2366

\* ADVANCE TICKETS NOT AVAILABLE FROM  
THE NEWCOMBE THEATRE