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The AIDS Odyssey (Part III) To test or not to test, that is the question

For the past two weeks OBSERVER has been featuring stories concerning AIDS testing, and the bills that are currently in the Arizona State Legislature for consideration.

A dramatic rise in the trend for testing has been noted in San Francisco. Dr. Tim Wolfred executive director of the AIDS Foundation there said, "The mood has been changing rapidly in the past two months. Everybody is talking about the test now. It's certainly the topic of the moment."

Wolfred noted that the trend for testing in San Francisco has been fostered by city laws that forbid discrimination against HIV-infected people and California state laws that guarantee test confidentiality. The San Francisco Department of Public Health has five neighborhood test sites that offer free, anonymous AIDS antibody testing and counseling. There are also several organizations who offer pre- and post-testing counseling.

Presently, Arizona offers no anonymous testing, and there is no assurance of confidentiality and little or no legislation that prevents discrimination for those persons who are tested, whether or not they test positive.

Gay leaders across the country have been reluctant to support wide-spread voluntary testing among Gay men. Most AIDS experts and public health officials doubt a national trend will develop among Gays for testing without comparable assurances of non-discrimination and confidentiality. Few Gay men are considered likely to take the test if they have to worry that it will cost them their insurance coverage or their jobs.

Along with psychological consequences to testing, there are possible socio-economic problems, warned Ben Shatz, director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of the San Francisco-based National Gay Rights Advocates.

"You've got to remember that this test result will affect the rest of your life," said Shatz. "We're not talking about the SAT test here."

Shatz warned that people who wish to be tested should do it through test sites that do not record the person's name or any identifying information. A test done in a doctor's office, he noted, could very well end up on a medical record and be accessible to potential insurers, leading to later problems in obtaining health or disability insurance.

Moreover, even if a doctor does not place the test result in a chart, laboratory bills submitted to insurers often will state that the lab fee was for the HIV test.

In Arizona the law requires mandatory reporting of those who

test positive. With this mandatory reporting, there is no absolute assurance of confidentiality, which could lead to all sorts of problems in addition to the psychological problems arising from testing positive.

If you must take the test, we recommend that you get pre-test counseling from either the Tucson AIDS Project, 326-2437, or the Shanti Foundation/Tucson, 622-7107. Phoenix residents should contact the Arizona AIDS Project, 277-1929.

tion," he said. "When AZT became available, it made sense for people to know their antibody status because people could change their course" of illness.

The value of knowing antibody status was brought home dramatically to Dr. Robert Anderson when a friend who had been previously healthy fell ill recently and quickly died from an AIDS-related infection. Such stories irk doctors familiar with AIDS because physicians have grown more expert at prolonging life and managing in-

full-blown AIDS or ARC. It is unfortunate that this situation exists in Arizona.

In San Francisco doctors are busy helping the AIDS-infected who are still healthy and are optimistic about their ability to manage HIV related illnesses. The question of AIDS testing has been made more urgent by growing pessimism about the long-term prognosis of the HIV-infected.

When the AIDS antibody test became available to the public in March 1985, AIDS experts estimated that between 5 percent and 10 percent of infected people would contract AIDS. In virtually every study since then, doctors have had to revise these numbers upward.

In what is regarded as the best study of the long-term effects of HIV infection in the world, researchers at the San Francisco Department of Health monitored the health of Gay men who had their blood stored in the late 1970s as part of a hepatitis study.

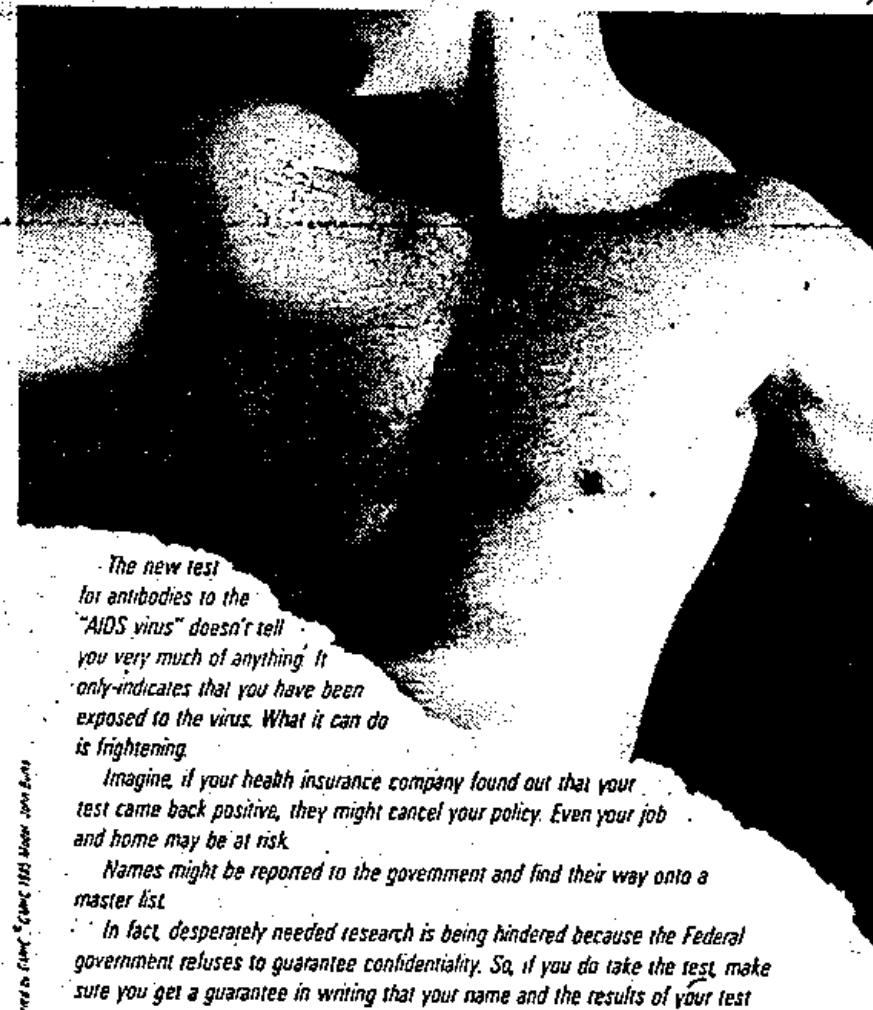
Their research found that 30 percent of men who have been infected with the AIDS virus for at least 76 months have contracted AIDS. Forty-eight percent are suffering either from lymphadenopathy or AIDS-related complex. Both of these conditions are increasingly viewed as precursors to an AIDS diagnosis.

Only 22 percent of men infected for 6 1/2 years have no symptoms at all. Researchers on the study expect this proportion of healthy infected people to continue to shrink the longer they are infected.

On page five of this issue of Observer, we present an in-depth article written by Randy Shilts of the San Francisco Chronicle who reports on that community's helping the AIDS-infected who are still healthy. It shows what can take place as long as there are laws that protect those who take the test.

Shilts writes on what is happening in San Francisco with a program that is aimed at treating the huge population of healthy people infected with the AIDS virus rather than wait until they become ill with diseases caused by AIDS. It shows what can happen when people are properly educated and protected by laws from their city, county and state officials.

THE TEST CAN BE ALMOST AS DEVASTATING AS THE DISEASE



The new test for antibodies to the "AIDS virus" doesn't tell you very much of anything. It only indicates that you have been exposed to the virus. What it can do is frightening.

Imagine, if your health insurance company found out that your test came back positive, they might cancel your policy. Even your job and home may be at risk.

Names might be reported to the government and find their way onto a master list.

In fact, desperately needed research is being hindered because the Federal government refuses to guarantee confidentiality. So, if you do take the test, make sure you get a guarantee in writing that your name and the results of your test won't ever be released to anyone.

Otherwise, our advice is, stay away from the test. It's bad news.

San Francisco Gay physicians are more aggressively counseling patients to take the antibody test as well as tests to count the number of T-helper lymphocytes. The T-cells are the key components of the immune system that HIV attacks and destroys, heralding the onset of AIDS.

A positive antibody test result and a low T-cell count can give doctors early warning that a patient's immune system is on the decline - often before the problems manifest themselves with any symptoms. That gives doctors the opportunity to initiate early intervention.

"A year ago, knowing your antibody status or T-cells didn't do any good," said Dr. Walter Krampf. "Now, AZT has changed my posi-

tion that, just two years ago, would have produced a quick death.

One Castro district Gay doctor puts his case for taking the test more bluntly. "There's absolutely no excuse for somebody to come down with pneumocystis (pneumonia) for the first time and die anymore. It's medically stupid not to be tested at this point."

The point here is that it is medically stupid not to be tested, but legally it's stupid to be tested in Arizona when you are faced with the real possibility of losing your job, insurance, home, and friends because of state laws that do not protect you. The test reveals that, if you do test positive, you have been exposed to the virus. Your chances are still very good that you will not get



UPDATE

Leatherfest IV this weekend



PHOENIX - The Copperstate Leathermen will present 'Leatherfest IV' this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26, 27 & 28. All events are free of charge. Some of the Copperstate Leathermen are shown above at their home bar, the Bum Steer.

On Friday, beginning at 9:00 p.m. the program includes registration for the Private Seminars and for Mr. Leather-Copperstate Contest and a "Parade of Leather" - a demonstration of leather from street to playroom.

Saturday, during the day there will be two private seminars open to those who have registered

for them on Friday. Again, there is no charge for these seminars and there is a limited number of registrants.

Beginning at 9:00 p.m. the 4th Annual Arizona Black and Blue Party begins at the Bum Steer and will include the Mr. Leather-Copperstate Contest. There is also audience participation with prizes for the best leather; best uniform and best authentic western wear.

On Sunday the 4th Annual Copperstate Leather Fair will take place from noon to 6:00 p.m. again at the Bum Steer, 4620 N. 7th Avenue.

J/T & Colette's lose softball games

by Jack Stockslager

TUCSON - Tucson Lesbian and Gay sports received a shot in the arm this past Sunday, Feb. 21, as the Shanti Foundation sponsored the first of several softball Sundays for this year.

Over 70 people attended this event to see three bar teams face off. The first game was IBT's versus Colette's. In the first inning, IBT's jumped to a big lead due to a home run, outscoring Colette's 6 to 0. Two more home runs in the second increased IBT's lead to 11 to 2. In the third inning, IBT's gained three runs to Colette's 1, making the score 14-3.

The defense of Colette's showed improvement holding IBT's to only one additional run in the next three innings, while they added two runs making the score, after 6 innings, 15 to 5. Again in the 7th and last inning, Colette's held IBT's scoreless, but were only able to score 3 runs themselves, losing by a final score of 15-8.

After a brief rest, a hastily formed team from the Joshua Tree took the field to challenge the victorious IBT's. The first inning was evenly matched 1-1. In the 2nd inning, the defense of JT's team got nervous allowing IBT's to score 4 runs and falling behind 5 to 1. In the third it seemed that JT's had forgotten how to bat, and the inning went scoreless for both teams. Thanks to superb pitching and a somewhat tired IBT team.

The fourth inning showed IBT's awakening, scoring 1 one to JT's 0. A home run gave JT's one run in the 5th inning, but IBT's, with the help of a home run and a couple of errors by JT's, scored four runs taking a commanding lead of 10-2.

Something got the JT players all excited in the 6th inning (it must have been their captain getting put out at home plate) and with another home run they scored 5 runs to IBT's 2, making the score 12 to 7.

Feeling very confident and

in the hope of avoiding the agony of defeat, JT's went to the field in the 7th (and last inning) ready to meet the challenge. IBT's went down in order, 3 up, 3 out. Having last bats was to the advantage of JT's, but due to the excellent fielding of IBT's, the team was put out in order. The final score was IBT's 12 and JT's 7. This was the first defeat of a Joshua Tree softball team in 6 years of somewhat organized play.

Everyone is invited to join the second match of these three bar teams, and hopefully others, in two weeks: Sunday, March 6 and 1:00 p.m. at Himmel Park.

WILLARD MECHAM'S LAWYER ACCUSED
PHOENIX (AP) - The lawyer for Willard Mecham, impeached Gov. Evan Mecham's brother, has been accused of breaking the law in hiring a private investigator to interview former members of the state grand jury that probed the Mecham's activities.

Arizona Attorney General Robert K. Corbin's office accused Willard Mecham's lawyer, Michael Scott, of "outrageous conduct" in hiring the investigator. Willard Mecham, who was his brother's 1986 campaign treasurer, was indicted along with the governor last month on felony charges of concealing a \$350,000 campaign loan.

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JANUS ANNOUNCES 1988 SEASON
PHOENIX - Janus Theatre Company has announced the schedule of its 9th season. Again, commencing with an Arizona premiere, Janus will present Doug Holclaw's "The Life Of The Party." A revival of "The Ritz", back by popular demand, will follow. Last, but not least, will be the ultimate version of a camp classic, "The Rocky Horror Show".

"The Life Of The Party," opens on Friday night, March 4, running through a final matinee performance on Sunday, March 27. This lifestyle masterpiece comedy/drama deals with the everchanging relationships of contemporary Gay men. A prominent California critic states "You'll laugh through your tears." It will be directed by the Los Angeles-based producer/director/actor/author Steve Schemmel.

Terrence McNally's "The Ritz" once again opens its doors to the public on Friday, April 15. This rollicking burlesque, which had a standing room only run by Janus several years ago, takes place in a New York bathhouse. Be prepared anew to chuckle, chortle and guffaw through this knee-slapping parody.

On Friday, May 20, Janus will present its rendition of Richard O'Brien's farcical extravaganza "The Rocky Horror Show". This version will definitely involve audience participation, so start practicing "The Time Warp"!

The new home of the Janus Theatre Company is at 3302 North 7th Street (one block south of Osborne, across from the Phoenix Country Club). Regular tickets are \$7.00, with senior citizen and student discount tickets are \$6.00 with I.D. Group rates are also available by calling 956-4940.

CO-DEPENDENCY SEMINAR

TUCSON - Sierra Tucson is bringing Terry Kellogg, one of the nation's most popular and respected speakers on the subjects of addiction, dysfunctional families and compulsive behavior, to Tucson on Thursday, March 10 to lecture on Part III, Co-dependency.

The lecture will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at Catalina High School auditorium, 3645 E. Pima at Dodge. It is open to the public and free of charge.

Kellogg has worked extensively in the areas of sexual abuse, sexual addiction, alcoholism, chemical dependency, domestic violence and the problems of adolescents.

For further information contact Sierra Tucson, 792-4792.

GREAT OUTDOORS MAKES EARLY PLANS FOR LAKE POWELL HOUSEBOAT OUTING

TUCSON - Great Outdoors is planning their annual Lake Powell house boat adventure early this year. The actual trip will begin on Monday, Sept. 5 and return from Friday, Sept. 9.

Cost this year will be \$220 for members, \$230 for non-members. A deposit of \$25 is due with your reservation slip. Balance is due no later than Aug. 1.

Always one of the big outings of the year for the local Great Outdoors group, the early announcement for the Lake Powell adventure will permit those who find it easier to pay the balance of the run fee on monthly installments to do so, rather than pay in a lump sum.

There is room for only twelve persons on the house boat. There will be a ski-boat accompanying houseboat, which meanders around Lake Powell and pulls into isolated coves at night for further information, call 747-2875 in Tucson.



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by

FLOYD MEEKS

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"My work with the Shanti Foundation/Tucson has enabled me to let go of some of my own fears. It has defused my perception of AIDS as a spectre and allowed me to see it as an illness, a real illness, that real men and women get. People like us."

"Working with my client has been very rewarding for me. Having someone share their life's experience and feelings is enriching and moving. I'm not there as a counselor or advisor, rather I am there to listen one person to another, to act as a sounding board and allow my client to come up with the answer himself."

"It reminds me of the legend of the Phoenix, reborn after the fire. I feel that way about our Gay "Nation" that through this time of adversity, we are brought together, brother and sister, side by side. I feel less and less alone and afraid now."

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Helping The AIDS-Infected Who Are Still Healthy

by Randy Shilts

San Francisco Chronicle
SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The phone rarely stops ringing in the modest Warren of examining rooms in downtown San Francisco.

The calls come from every corner of the nation, but the voices often are the same - panicked and talking as if their lives might depend on the conversation.

"Of course, in some ways their lives may end up depending on it," said Richard White, chief operating officer of Positive Action Healthcare.

Established only seven weeks ago, Positive Action Healthcare has generated enormous interest in the Gay community nationally because it is the first private clinic in the United States aimed at treating the huge population of healthy people infected with the AIDS virus.

The clinic is also stirring controversy by offering a wide array of experimental treatments to AIDS-infected people even though some of the treatments have yet to be proved effective.

"We know what happens to people who are infected with the AIDS virus for a long period of time - they get sick," said Dr. Alan Levin, medical director of the new clinic.

"It's absurd to wait before you give them treatments. We're going to be as aggressive as we possibly can within the law."

Levin's philosophy reflects the growing belief in medical and scientific circles that any strategy for treating AIDS should concentrate on people who are infected with the virus but not yet showing symptoms of an AIDS-related disease.

The clinic's instant success also reflects the burgeoning numbers of Gay men who are taking the AIDS antibody test and learning whether they are infected. (ED NOTE: The trend in testing has been fostered in San Francisco by city laws that forbid discrimination against HIV-infected people and the California state laws that guarantee "test" confidentiality. Arizona law requires doctors to report HIV+ persons and offers no guaranteed confidentiality. Quite a different story).

Within days of opening its doors, Levin's clinic had book appointments for six weeks and people were arranging to flying from as far away as Florida.

The philosophy marks a significant shift from the past practice of using experimental AIDS treatments only on those suffering from severe AIDS diseases or serious cases of AIDS-Related Complex, or ARC.

"Early in the epidemic, it was considered most ethical to treat the most advanced stages," said Dr. Paul Volberding of San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS clinic.

The philosophy was accepted in part because the medical prognosis was unclear for those with mild ARC symptoms or those infected with the AIDS virus but apparently healthy. The doctors did not want to use a treatment that could compromise the health of a person who might not otherwise fall ill.

However, studies around the world have given clinicians a new insight into the long-term consequences of infection with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV.

In one study by the San Francisco Department of Health, for example, 78 percent of

HIV-infected Gays either contracted AIDS or were suffering from AIDS-related conditions or lymphadenopathy within 6 1/2 years of infection.

"The distinctions between AIDS, ARC and seropositivity (infection with HIV) are not as clear as I once hoped they were," said Volberding, who is one of the world's leading AIDS clinicians.

If scientists are directing more research toward treating the estimated 1.5 million Americans infected with HIV, individual doctors are also growing more assertive about treating people before they contract the disease.

The physicians have at their disposal a growing arsenal of diagnostic tests and treatments that are helping them manage HIV-related illnesses.

mon killer of AIDS patients.

The treatment successes have also emboldened both physicians and AIDS organizations to seek more aggressively other treatments for AIDS, even if they have yet not been scientifically proved to be effective.

The trend has been accelerated by the pressure from the growing numbers of Gay men who have found they test positive for the AIDS virus and have resolved to take steps to hold the virus in check.

In San Francisco, Project Inform distributes packets of information on drugs that are undergoing government-sponsored testing in various research institutions.

Although the drugs have not yet been approved for use, Project

experimentation by the federal government.

Thousands more nationally are joining groups such as the Healing Alternatives Buyers Club, a cooperative led by John Fox that provides 600 HIV-infected San Franciscans a month with supplies of "lookalike" compounds to the drug AL-721, among them ENLEL.

Although highly touted as an effective AIDS treatment in Israel, AL-721 is undergoing only initial tests in the United States. Because it is made up of by-products of egg yolk, however, it can be sold as a food product.

Between 100 and 125 people now crowd into the buyers club's weekly seminars on AIDS treatments.

At the Positive Action Healthcare, medical director Levin has pledged to make all the various treatment alternatives available to HIV-infected people. If he cannot legally prescribe drugs, he will help people find out where they can get them, he says, will track their effectiveness and issue monthly updates to all who are interested.

"Our philosophy is that we have to do something and that doing nothing is not advantageous," said Levin, who is an immunologist.

This view has raised eyebrows among some scientists.

Dr. Robert Anderson, a long-time AIDS researcher and the former chief of epidemiology of the California Department of Health Services Office of AIDS considers Levin's approach "radical" and warns that a positive antibody test should not always prompt a rush to treatment.

"The earlier we intervene the better, but that doesn't mean every seropositive person should get on some kind of treatment," said Anderson, who plans to open a laboratory in March, geared to monitoring the immune systems of HIV-infected people.

"We're not certain yet what sub-groups within the HIV population need to avail themselves to treatment immediately."

Volberding worries that doctors prescribing AZT to asymptomatic seropositives may later discover unforeseen side effects.

"Will it suppress bone marrow after two years of use?" he said. "We don't know yet and we should be careful."

As for the other compounds now available in the treatment underground, Volberding said, "Patients are paying for treatments that in most cases are probably useless. . . I don't see it as a huge problem even though I don't think it's entirely ethical to prescribe drugs that are of no proven value."

Thirty-year-old Mark Ryan had heard both sides of the treatment debate by the time he got his antibody test and learned he had about 220 T-helper cells.

Because he once participated in an AIDS study, he has been able to determine that he has been infected with the AIDS virus for at least 3 1/2 years. According to the grim AIDS studies, this means that he faces a one in three chance of getting AIDS within the next three years.

Ryan believes he can change those odds by going on AZT and aerosol pentamidine. He has boned up on other available treatments too, and plans to seek out whatever drug trials may be conducted at research institutions.



SAN FRANCISCO - Dr. Alan Levin, medical director of the new

clinic, vowed to be as aggressive as possible within the law.

Project Inform gives instructions on how to find them - either through traditional medical channels or through the vast network of people who smuggle the drugs in from other countries.

"For most people, the length of time that it takes to get these drugs out of trials and into circulation is much longer than their expected lifetime," said Martin Delaney, co-director of Project Inform. "We feel it's important to act, even in the face of uncertainty."

As thousands of Gay men have made the decision in recent months to learn whether they are infected with HIV, Project Inform has found interest in its services soaring. The group answers about 4,000 phone calls a month and sends out about 400 information packets a week, Delaney said.

Among the drugs on the Project Inform list that is currently popular in the Gay community is Dextran Sulfate, an antiviral drug that is officially available only to a limited number of patients undergoing federal drug tests.

"Dextran Sulfate angels" are now traveling to Japan, where it is an over-the-counter drug, and bringing back substantial supplies of it for distribution in the Gay community.

Another drug that a number of physicians are prescribing is Anabuse, which has long been used to treat alcoholism. Anabuse apparently is similar to DDC, an immune-boosting AIDS drug undergoing

BATTLE OF THE BARS: BENEFIT FOR AIDS



Lesbian Marines being investigated

PARRIS ISLAND, SC (AP) -- The Marine Corps is investigating homosexuality among females at the Parris Island boot camp and plans to court-martial or discharge up to 10 women, say three women who report they are being investigated.

The women told "The State" newspaper that the Marine Corps has suspended three female drill sergeants and is continuing an investigation of them and as many as seven other female Marines.

The women told the newspaper in a three-hour interview last week they and others have been accused of homosexuality, sodomy and fraternization but have not yet been formally charged. They said they are not homosexual.

"I think the big picture is that our femininity is in question here because we're doing the job we were brought down here to do," one woman said. "They don't like the way some of us look."

"The qualities and traits that we demand and are supposed to be training our recruits are the same traits that they're saying make us look homosexual," another woman said.

Four of the women, including two who have been suspended, are married and one is a mother, the women said.

The women said they haven't been told why the investigation was started. They think it stems from a report issued last year by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service, which they said cited a problem of homosexuality among female Marines.

Maj. Robert W. McLean, public affairs officer and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, said it was against the

Marine Corps' policy to confirm or deny that an investigation is in progress.

Of the 200,000 Marines, roughly 10,000 are women, officials said.

Parris Island, along the South Carolina coast in Beaufort County, is one of two boot camps in the country where recruits are sent for an 11-week basic training program when they join the Marines, and the only one to which women are sent.

The Marines under investigation have been in the service from four to 14 years, the women said. The lowest rank women are sergeants, and three officers are being investigated, they said.

The women said the drill instructors who have been suspended are assigned to office duties pending the outcome of the investigation.

They said they requested duty at Parris Island because of their love for the Marine Corps, and they are especially upset investigators didn't believe their denials.

Another woman said: "They've made up their minds. Now they just need proof, and doesn't that throw all our rights out the window?"

Lt. Col. John Shotwell, a Marine spokesman in Washington, said the policy throughout the Defense Department "is that, simply, homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

That policy is based on the Uniform Code of Military Justice, to which all four armed services adhere, he said. "Under that code, homosexual acts are crimes."

News From MCC / TUCSON

Beginning Sunday, March 6th, MCC/Tucson will begin the Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. This change in time was made to help facilitate those who find it difficult to attend the Sunday morning Service from starting at 10:00 a.m. The change was on the agenda for the Congregational Meeting last January, but due to some changes in the agenda, this item was not brought up before the congregation. At the Administrative Council's last meeting, it was decided that the 11:00 a.m. starting time would be more appropriate and suitable for the entire congregation. The earlier starting time was initiated so that the heat of the day could be avoided. But with the coolers and the new ceiling fans, the sanctuary is comfortable during the entire day. So, remember, March 6th, the Sunday Morning Worship Service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

Beginning this Friday, Feb. 26th, the Prayer and Praise Group will meet at the church, 560 S. Stone, starting at 7:00 p.m. The group has been meeting at a member's home but his has now changed. The Prayer and Praise Group are members and friends of MCC/Tucson who have an informal meeting each week. MCC/Tucson is a church that believes firmly in the answering of prayers and this is the time for special prayers and the giving of praise for those prayers that have been answered.

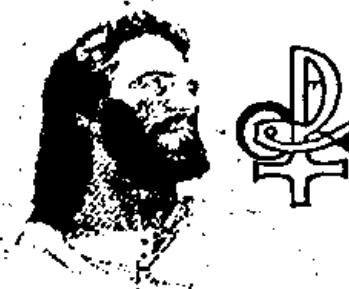
The Raffle for Cash is still in progress. Tickets are being sold for \$2.00 each of six tickets for \$10.00. There will be three drawings with \$500, \$300 and \$200 given to the winning numbers drawn. If you haven't been approached yet, see any member of MCC/Tucson or call the church at

622-4536 to secure you tickets. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold, so the chances of winning are very good.

Two of our Pastoral Staff are on the sick list. Rev. Bernardo David is at home now but at this time we have not found out how he is recovering. Rev. Nita Has been sick at home for some time now and is an out-patient at one of our local hospitals. Today, Feb. 24th, is Rev. Nita's birthday. Happy Birthday, Rev. Nita. Our prayers are with Rev. Bern and Rev. Nita for the speedy recoveries.

Thought for the Week: The Bible is the most widely purchased book printed, but is it the most widely read book?

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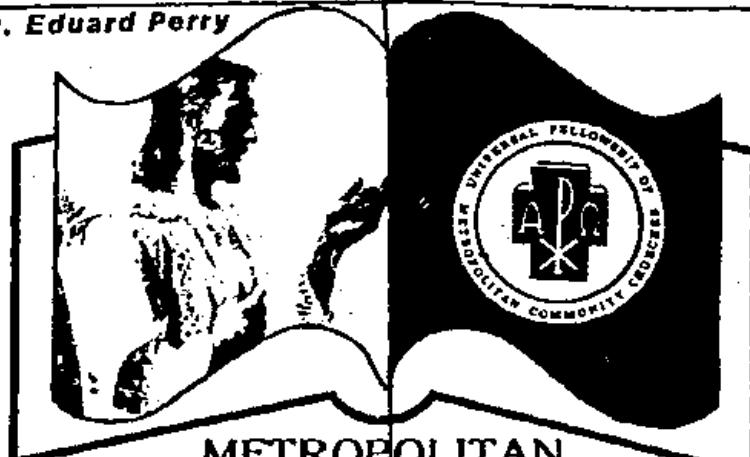
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A COMMENTARY BY

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DISCRIMINATION: the unequal treatment of parties who are similarly situated.

—Barron's Law Dictionary.

"I can only hope that the Court soon will reconsider its analysis and conclude that depriving individuals of the right to choose for themselves how to conduct their intimate relationships poses a far greater threat to the values most deeply rooted in our nation's history than tolerance of non-conformity could ever do. Because I think the Court today betrays those values, I dissent."

—from the dissenting opinion written by Justice Harry A. Blackmun in the recent ruling on sodomy.

"Prejudice cannot be validated by unanimous consent; it can only be made more dangerous."

—Feb. 11, 1988 episode of "L.A. Law."

Early on February 10 word began coming out that the homosexuals had won one. Well, we actually haven't — yet — but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the United States Army was unlawfully discriminatory in barring re-enlistment of homosexuals.

In a nut-shell, the case involved a 14-year Army veteran named Perry Watkins who wanted to re-enlist and continue serving his country. The Army refused, citing his homosexuality. The Court's 2-1 decision against the Army effectively banned the Army from continuing its policy on non-re-enlistment which it began in 1981.

For the moment, let us relish the time in the limelight. The panel which ruled on this case was only a three-member panel and not the 11-member court. Although at the time this column went to press it was not known whether the Army would appeal the ruling, possibly all the way to the Supreme Court.

it is not likely the Army will not fight this decision.

An Associated Press analysis of this ruling (written Feb. 12) calls this ruling a Gay rights landmark. It says the ruling "offers homosexuals sweeping new protection from government discrimination in employment, health care, education and housing, as well as in military service."

Abby Rubenfeld of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund says, "This decision says about discrimination on sexual orientation what Brown vs. Board of Education said about discrimination based on race — our country will not tolerate it."

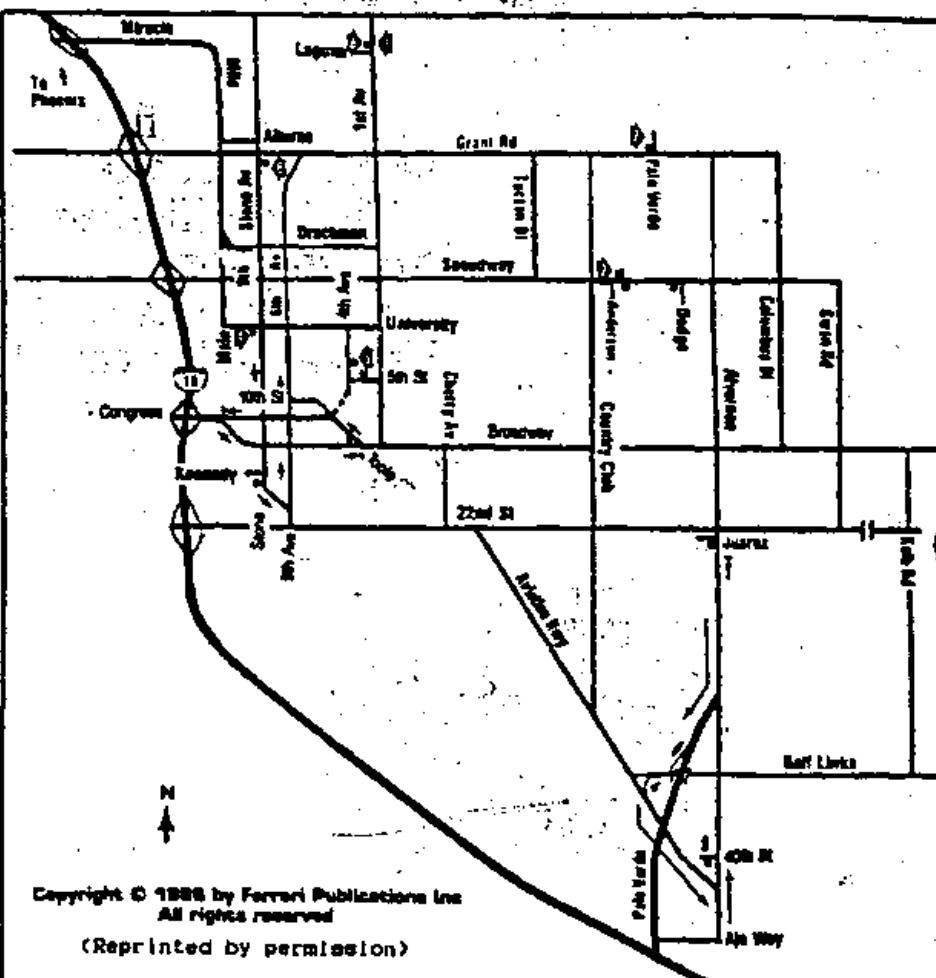
Let us not leap upon the smallest crust of bread and cry, "A feast!" It must be considered that the "Brown" case was a Supreme Court ruling, whereas the "Army" case is merely a panel of a Circuit Appeals Court. Dinner is not served — yet.

What makes the "Army" case monumental is that the court contends homosexuals denied their rights under the 5th and 14th Amendments to equal protection of the law, "must" get the same type of judicial review that the Supreme Court has required only for racial minorities and "aliens". In other words, homosexuals were only slightly equal, before less equal, in fact, than those people who are not even citizens in this country. No court had ever concluded this before.

I am sure we shall hear more about this case before too long. Let us be prepared for the stupidity of the world today to take away our short, sweet victory. Until then, let us celebrate this — at least temporary — victory.

At Spes Non Præcta: See you next week!

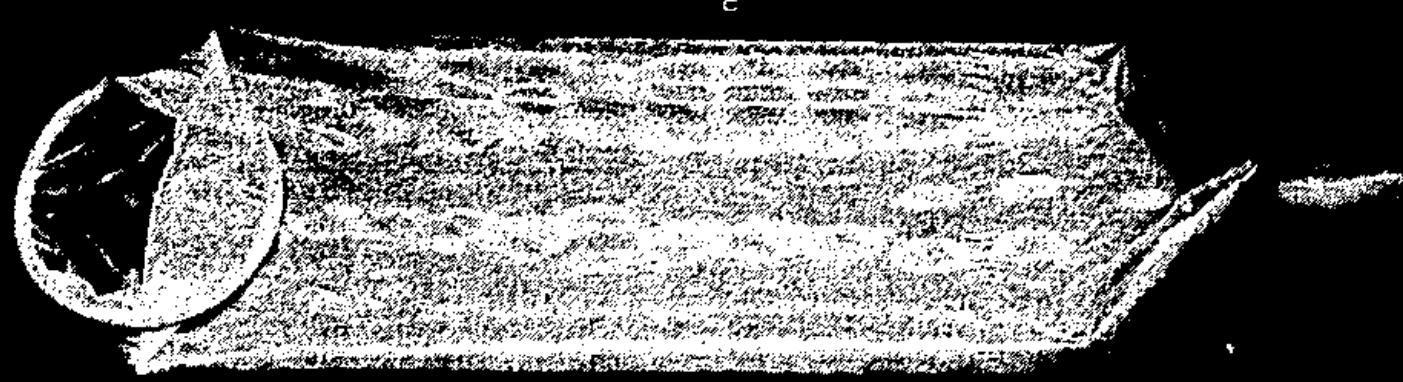
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As I See It

by Bruce Fowler

Some time ago, there was a flap in our community over whether or not women should be allowed to join leather/levi clubs and take part fully in activities. Last week I was again reminded that there are a number of feminist Lesbians in our community who believe that they have a right to a place that is totally devoid of all males.

Our organizations and clubs often set-up membership rolls that exclude specific individuals or "types". And many of our clubs/organizations that say, "all are welcome" present a posture that proclaims otherwise. Like it or not, much of Gay and Lesbian life in Tucson and Phoenix is exclusive and limits "belonging" to those who are like minded - all others will be denied admission - some will be actually shunned.

Most of us who have been discriminated against because of our Gayness find this "exclusiveness" highly offensive, especially among "our own people" and within our own organizations and clubs. And most especially if we're the one excluded. After all, "they're supposed to know better"; "They should be more tolerant."

But wait, don't we as individual human beings have a right, perhaps an obligation, to discover who we are? Shouldn't we be seeking to find out who we are and doesn't that search often mean that we have to "look" for ourselves in communion with others who think, act, and see things as we do?

I join a leather/levi club to find fraternal support in search for an understanding of my role as a Gay male who is attracted to the leather/levi scene; can I do that with women present? Won't they inhibit the process? I

am a Lesbian, raised on traditional mid-west ideals of what a woman should be; can I explore my sexuality and my womanhood and find new dimensions to myself if men are ever present even in the places where I want to go to do that exploration?

As I see it, there are many times, in the early stages of our personal development, when we need to be alone with like minded individuals and I believe that is good. On the other hand, I think to go on year after year living as if this life of isolation were the reality and our ultimate goal is detrimental to our individual and collective mental health.

We are called to explore our entire being. If we are Gay - that is part of what we need to explore, but that is not the whole package. If we are a Lesbian, we need to explore our Gayness AND our womanhood within the modern concept of feminism, but we are more than Gay and we are more than a Feminist. We all belong to a larger world, even when that world may not want to recognize our existence, to say nothing of our individuality. We live in a world that encompasses more than sex and sexuality. If we are to have mental health, then we must embrace all that we are and all that is possible.

Yes, I am personally offended by clubs, organizations and individuals who want to be "exclusive", but I'll try to be patient - I understand that the process may take longer for some than for others. I will always urge everyone who will listen to me to be "inclusive" for I really believe that it's only in expanding the possibilities that I can become fulfilled and complete. And doesn't that hold for everyone else, too?

PERSPECTIVE

by Brent Nicholson

Recently the third anniversary of what I consider a major event in my life passed. It was on January 11, 1985 that I, after an adolescence and over four years of College knowing I was "different", had my first exposure to any aspect of Gay life when I finally gathered enough courage to stop at the Joshua Tree, the only place I knew of anywhere that Gays congregated.

At the time, and for quite awhile afterward, I considered that Friday night my "Liberation", for, indeed it did open up an entirely new facet to my life. Initially, it was very exciting; there is something about being tall, blond, 21 and newly "out" that does make for someone being noticed. And although I would hardly call myself a tramp, I did have my fun. However, as the initial thrill of Gay life wore off, and the spectre of AIDS continued to grow in leaps and bounds, I naturally gravitated towards a less "exciting" lifestyle.

As time went on, I became more comfortable with my Gay identity; it slowly became just another of my individual characteristics rather than something to emphasize in bars but to hide in public. I have reached a point where I feel it is neither to be flaunted or suppressed.

As part of my growing identity as a comfortably contemporary Gay man, I soon discovered two very important aspects of Gay life: Friendships and a sense of "Community". With respect to the former, I must admit that I consider myself very fortunate for the close, loving and supportive friends I have come to know in the past three years. You know who you are, guys, and I do love each one of you.

In terms of community, it is tragically true that it has taken something as devastating as AIDS

to motivate many of us to get involved with our Community. This is essentially the case with me, but I do regret that I haven't been able to do more. Lastly, and very unfortunately, these two aspects have made for an unpleasant blend in my life, as it has in many of yours. I have two friends with AIDS, both of whom are constantly in my thoughts and prayers.

I would like now to return to the concept of "Liberation". True, in the last three years, I have grown and changed (I hope for the better) a great deal, and I expect to continue growing and changing. But am I liberated? I really don't think so. And, more importantly, is our Community liberated? Obviously not - because of the standards of a considerable segment of society, but also because of apathy, inaction, and improper action within our Community. We are quite some distance from liberation.

One hundred years ago, 11% of the population who were left-handed were harassed and looked down upon. (The Latin word for "left" is "sinister"). Someday, I am sure, society as a whole will cease the discrimination of the 10% of the population who are Gay and who are currently being subjected to the same sort of harassment, disdain and ridicule as the Southpaws were. However, it will take time, and it will take work. Only then, will you, will I and will the Community be liberated.

I want to thank Bob Ellis and the Observer for the opportunity to write this article. By the time it is printed, I will be in Los Angeles, presumably and hopefully on my way to a successful career in my field. I will miss you, but I'm sure I'll be back often. Tucson is a nice place with a lot of nice people. See ya all soon!

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Partners would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the Graduate and all those in attendance last Saturday evening in support of our "Gypsy" production. This being a benefit to help defray expenses for the trip to Las Vegas, a little over \$160 was raised. Again, all of us in the cast of "Gypsy" thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you and the staff over at Rumor Hazzit for our March showing. For you up in Phoenix, Partners will be bringing this "Gypsy" show to Stixx on April 23.

Let's all head over to IBT's this Sunday and support SOS's Hoe Down. Check their ad in this week's paper for more details, but from personal experience I can tell you this is always a fun-filled day.

This week's column is a lot shorter because I'm giving my pen a rest. As for the stack of Cub Reporter TBBS's, I'm saving them for next week to include some of them in Juicy Lucy.

Other than SOS's Hoe Down, for the first time in I'm not sure how long, my schedule for activities from the clubs is open this weekend. Now, maybe some of us hard-working club members (ha!) can rest up.

Have a beautiful week everyone, and play it safe. Join me at the Hoe Down and give me some notes for this column.

In closing, I hope this column finds MLO Elmer in the best of health and a late Happy Birthday to Bill Bill. I'm saving it to write about him later.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

COLETTE'S - Internationally acclaimed performer Robin Flower makes a concert appearance here for one night only. Appearing with Robin is Nancy Vogl. It begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and they are available at Colette's, Bentley's, and Antigone Books. A very reasonable price and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents of this great performer. Get there early!

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JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - SHOWTIME with Tabitha Scott and Veronica Lake plus it's Free-For-All-Talent-Nite. If you can sing, dance, mime, impersonate, do comedy, come by and make arrangements to join the cast. Bring your tapes to Bobby Jr. by 5:00 p.m. by this Friday, Feb. 26 if you are going to mime to a tape.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

COLETTE'S - "Leaping Lesbian Party" is scheduled here in celebration of Leap Year 1988. More later.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

COLETTE'S - Appearing tonight will be Ann English singing and playing for a very entertaining evening.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

COLETTE'S - Movie for tonight at 7 p.m. will be "Hollywood Shuffle".

SOFTBALL & QUILTING PARTY/HIMMEL PARK - A Battle of the Bars to benefit Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Softball begins at 1 p.m. at Himmel Park, Field #1. At 2:30 p.m. The Names Project Quilt-Making Party and Potluck will take place. Bring needles, thread, fabric, ideas, encouragement and whatever will help make the panels for the Names Project Quilt which is now on national tour and will be on view in Phoenix mid April.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

COLETTE'S - Talented Lisa Otey will be playing and singing some great jazz and blues during Happy Hour. Some great sounds while enjoying some great prices.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

COLETTE'S - Singer Ann English will be playing and singing here for your enjoyment.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

COLETTE'S - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day here in style with Corned Beef and Cabbage and some other specials.

RITA'S - A real Irish Buffet will be served here to honor St. Patrick and his special day. Watch for more info.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Annual Closet Ball scheduled here. Applications printed in the Observer and rules and more entry blanks available at all the bars. Come on and join the fun.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey will be singing and playing some great jazz and blues during happy hour and then: A Pre-Observer/Community Benefit show starring Miss Gay Arizona Penelope Poupe' and Miss Gay Phoenix, Lady Casandra plus guest stars to be announced.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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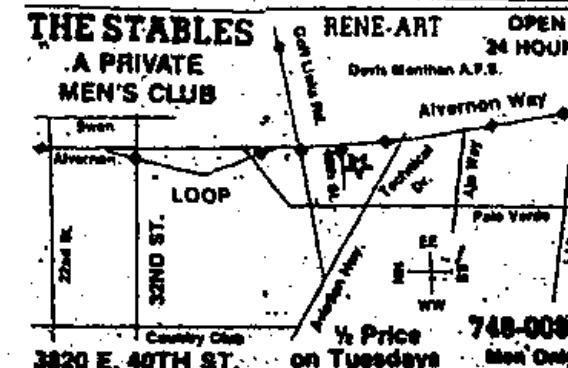
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COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Video/Disco Dancing 9-1.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - \$1.25 Nite! All Nine Coolers, All Well, All Domestic Bottles Beer \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson, DJ, 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Video/Disco dancing with David Ross 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps \$1.00 each from open to closing. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50 (with juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - \$1.25 Well drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus Munchies 1-7 p.m. Video/Disco dancing 9-1 with David Ross.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's In J/T 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to 11pm.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

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RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - Corona Nite 8 pm - 12. Open Noon till 1 am. Video/Disco dancing with David Ross 9pm - close.

sunday

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COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottles Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (7). Dance 8pm-1am.

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monday

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COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - Popular pianist/singer/comedian Doug Cooper plays Cocktail hour to 7:30 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1.25, Munchies. Video/Disco Dancing 9-1 with Gavin

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Spuds McKenzie Nite" Bud Lite Long Necks \$1 plus \$1.50 Well Drinks from 9 pm to 1 am Bobby Jr. DJ's In J/T beginning at 9 pm.

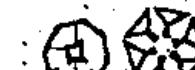
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GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. "Trashy Tuesday" show begins at 4 p.m. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - Popular pianist/singer/comedian Doug Cooper plays Cocktail hour to 7:30 Well drinks or domestic long necks \$1.25, Munchies 1-7 pm. Video/Disco Dancing 9-1 with David Ross.



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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS/HIV; Community education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUP is now sponsored by Matrix Community Services/Anity Incorporated and meets at the following locations: Wednesdays 6 to 9 p.m. at 1030 N. 4th Ave., 884-7413 (Matrix), and on Saturdays 3 to 5 p.m. at 420 S. Main, 792-0204 (La Plilita). For more information call Wayne Blakenship at 882-4009.

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