

## Boy Scouts Anti-Gay Discrimination Case Goes To Trial

CHICAGO, IL - In a closely watched case that pits the Boy Scouts of America against a Gay former Eagle Scout, has gone to trial on behalf of Keith Richardson. Richardson alleges that the Scouts denied him employment because he is Gay.

The ACLU has challenged the Scouts' discriminatory policy on the grounds that the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance bans anti-Gay bias in hiring. The Scouts claim that requiring them to obey the Ordinance infringes on their right to free association, an assertion the ACLU disputes.

This case is being monitored nationally, as it is the first time a court will decide if the Boy Scouts can discriminate against Gay people in an employment context. Other cases, which dealt with volunteers, are split as to the legality of the Boy Scouts' policy.

"We firmly believe that the Scouts' claim that their right to free association is somehow restricted by anti-discrimination laws harkens back to the days when similar arguments were made to justify excluding African-Americans and women from the work-place," said ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights Project Director Geoffrey Kors. "Last August, the Human Relations Commission found substantial evidence that the Scouts violated the Human Rights Ordinance when it denied their Motion to Dismiss. We will prove this during the trial."

The case began in May of 1992, when Richardson, a Boy Scouts volunteer and former Eagle Scout, contacted the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, seeking a job as a Professional Scouter. When he asked a Council staffer whether the Scouts would consider a Gay man for the position, he was told, "No way is the Boy Scouts of America

about to give a job to a homosexual." Richardson then decided not to apply for the position, believing that to do so would be futile. He then filed a complaint with the Human Relations Commission, charging that the Scouts had discriminated against him on the basis of his sexual orientation.

In their Motion to Dismiss, the Scouts defended their discrimination with the following three assertions: 1) The Boy Scouts are a religious organization, and therefore exempt from the Human Rights Ordinance; 2) that requiring the Scouts to consider hiring a Gay man violates their right to free association; and 3) that heterosexuality is a "bona fide occupational qualification" for working with the Scouts.

"If an employer tried to claim that discriminating against Jews, African Americans or women was a free association right, people would be up in arms," said ACLU attorney Ann Rae Heitland. "The fact that employers discriminate against people different from themselves is the reason anti-discrimination laws were enacted in the first place. No amount of rationalization can excuse the fact that what the Boy Scouts are doing is wrong."

The ACLU argues that the "free association" defense is generally inapplicable when it is used to duck anti-discrimination laws concerning employment. The ACLU is arguing that the Boy Scouts do not fall within the religious exemption.

In its ruling on the Scouts' Motion to Dismiss, the Commission stated that the Scouts' BFOQ (bonafide occupational qualification) defense "flies in the face of the...Chicago Human Rights Ordinance... Mere prejudice against homosexual individuals does not leave an employer free to condition employment."

## Activist Alert! Congress Comes Home

U.S. Representatives and Senators are scheduled to return to their home districts for a spring working recess this month making April an excellent time to schedule local meetings with members of Congress.

When arranging a congressional appointment, consider inviting individuals from diverse backgrounds to join you. A broader coalition will strengthen your message.

The following are suggested topics you might choose to discuss during your meeting:

**AIDS Funding:** At this writing Senate votes on AIDS funding cuts for fiscal year 1995 and reauthorization of the Ryan White Care Act are still pending.

Senate co-sponsoring are still needed for reauthorization of the CARE Act. Ask that Congress increase, reauthorize, and reappropriate AIDS funding for research, prevention and services.

**Anti-Gay Legislation:** Already introduced are anti-Gay bills from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA) with future attacks, particularly on Gay and Lesbian youth, anticipated. Tell your congressperson the real stories of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and transgender youth and adults. Ask that they vote against attacks on our community.

**Employment Non-Discrimination:** ENDA, a bill to prohibit workplace discrimination against Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual employees, will soon be reintroduced.  
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## "Sum Of Us" Opens In Tucson Friday



Jeff (Russell Crowe, left) and his dad Harry (Jack Thompson) are both searching for true love, one straight, one Gay, in "The Sum Of Us" opening in Tucson This Friday, April 14.

One of the sweetest, gentlest films concerning Gay life will open this weekend at the Catalina Theatre. "The Sum of Us" presents a warm and comic look at the drama of life as it relates to the unique bond between a father and his Gay son.

In the search for Mr. Right, sometimes father does know best. Harry Mitchell (Jack Thompson) has found truth in his mother's dictum on life - "The greatest explorers are those of the human heart." Now if he could convince his young Gay son Jeff (Russell Crowe) to brave the journey toward true love. At the rate he's going, Jeff will never find Mr. Right.

Praised in its native Australia, "The Sum of Us" is the winner of the 1994 Sydney Film Festival award for best film, three Film Critics Circle of Australia awards, including Best Actor and Best Screenplay, and the 1994 Montreal Film Festival and Australian Film Institute awards for Best Screenplay.

More than your average odd couple, Harry and Jeff Mitchell are instead like a well-oiled vaudeville team, sharing good-natured patter and domestic chores. They are like father, like son in every respect - except when it comes to finding companionship and happiness.

Harry has decided to venture into the age of computer dating and finds his heart taken by Joyce (Deborah Kennedy). In the meantime, Jeff is struggling to work up the courage to befriend Greg (John Polson), a handsome young gardener he has seen at the local Gay bar.

Always conscious of the risk of hurt feelings, Jeff opts to play it cool with Greg. Despite each other's temerity, they acknowledge their obvious sexual attraction to each other and bravely head to Jeff's house. Only one thing stands in their way of romantic bliss - Harry's sincere interest and encouragement of

### Jeff's Gay lifestyle.



Jeff (Russell Crowe, right) and Greg (John Polson) test the romantic waters in "The Sum Of Us" presented by the Samuel Goldwyn Company.

That is all we're going to tell you about this story. We highly recommend that you go see the film and find out the surprising twists and turns this marvelous little Australian film takes. For once, the issue of homosexuality is not presented in a political context or wrapped in the tragedy of an epidemic. Instead it is a story about tolerance, not intolerance. And it's about time!

"The Sum of Us" originally opened off-Broadway and critics and audiences responded strongly to its bittersweet and honest depiction of a father's relationship with his Gay son. If played in Tucson last year as an a.k.a. Theatre production to highly receptive audiences.

Inspired by certain experiences, Academy Award nominated screenwriter David Stevens ("Breaker Morant") culled together emotional moments he's recorded throughout his life: Meeting the parents of Gay friends who "made the difficult journey of accepting their children's sexual-

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# UPDATE

## A Coffee Concert Benefit for Shanti

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation presents a Coffee Concert, 3-5:30 PM, Sunday, April 23 at the Shanti offices, 300 E. 6th St.

The concert is a fund raiser to help the Shanti Foundation maintain services to people living with HIV/AIDS.

The event features musical selections, Baroque to Broadway performed by extraordinary musicians. A delicious repast of coffee, tea, and tempting sweets will be served. Admission for this special event is \$10.00, seating is limited.

For more information call the Shanti Foundation at 622-7107.

## Southern Decadence Weekend Sept. 1-4

NEW ORLEANS, LA - On labor day weekend, a very Gay styled Mardi Gras with a grand finale parade through the French Quarter by this year's grand Queen of Drag and her many followers. Some are even bearded ladies.

All the Gay bars have live entertainment and you can always get a geaux (go) cup to carry your drink from one bar to another so as not to miss any of the decadence and debauchery.

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## 12th International Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization May 21

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The 12th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be observed worldwide on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS. It is the world's largest annual community based AIDS event. 243 cities in 45 nations participated this year, and for the first time the event was observed in all 50 states in the U.S.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization is coordinated under the auspices of Mobilization Against AIDS, a San Francisco based non-profit AIDS advocacy organization. MAA supplies event coordination kits to local groups, such as AIDS service organizations and churches, which then coordinate observances of the event in their cities. Local observances range in character from small gatherings in houses of worship to huge marches through city centers.

"A single person, without previous experience, can bring the Candlelight to his or her town with our guidance and support," Program Director Ben Carlson said. "We urge those who care about the HIV/AIDS pandemic to get involved. People are still dying of AIDS. The Candlelight is a powerful way to get that message across."

Anyone interested in organizing an AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization in their area may call Mobilization Against AIDS at (415) 863-4676.

## Shootin' Around Town

by Wayne Steele

TUCSON - Listed below are the pool tournaments happening around town and some of the winners:

Stonewall/Eagle, Sundays at 3 PM. \$3.00 entry, pot matched. Director-David Z., 624-8805/291-3148.

The Graduate, Saturdays at 2 PM. \$3.00 entry, pot matched. Directors-Marty and Robert, 622-9233.

Ain't Nobody's Bizness, Saturdays at 5 PM. \$3.00 entry fee/pot matched. Director-Adrienne, 318-4838.

The Paragon Nite Club, Sundays at 7 PM. \$3.00 entry, 1/2 pot matched. Director-Wayne C.S., 622-5560/574-2272.

Venture-N, Thursdays at 7 PM. \$3.00 entry. Director-Steve, 882-8224.

Here are the results of recent tournaments:

Stonewall/Eagle. Total cash prizes, year to date, \$2,495. First Place, Toni LA - \$50.00. Second Place, Jim BM - \$30.00. Third Place, Mike SM - \$20.00. First out, Jimmy ED. Shot of Day, Leslie AW.

The Paragon Nite Club. Total cash prizes year to date, \$139.00. Tournament #1, First Place, Jim BM - \$10.00. Second Place, Dan LR - \$7.00. Third Place, Rosa MA - \$3.00.

Tournament #2, First Place, Jim BM - \$9.00. Second Place, Brant - \$6.00. Third Place, Greg JR - \$3.00.

## AIDS Patients Deported

MOSCOW, Russia - Russia and the other former Soviet republics have deported 452 foreigners who have AIDS, the ITAR-Tass news agency quoting Russian health officials as saying.

The announcement came as Russia's Parliament is considering controversial legislation that would require all foreigners wishing to stay in Russia for more than three months to prove they are not infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The latest figures were released by the Health Ministry and cover the period since the first AIDS cases were officially registered in 1987.

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# Rampant Homophobia Of This Culture

By Robin Kane

On March 9, a Gay man named Schmitz aimed most of his vitriol during a news conference not at the accused murderer, but at the Jenny Jones Show.

discussing Schmitz's "humiliation" with such ease is that homophobia is so rampant in this culture. It does not need to be directly stated. It is just a given that Schmitz would feel humiliated, according to the media and officials.

The accused and confessed murderer, John Schmitz, is an acquaintance of Amedure's. Schmitz had appeared on the Jenny Jones Show with Amedure just three days earlier, when Amedure acknowledged that he had a crush on his straight male acquaintance.

According to that prosecutor, Amedure is dead because of Schmitz's "humiliation." Friends of Schmitz are quoted throughout press reports discussing Schmitz's embarrassment that a Gay man had a crush on him.

While the media focus their attention on the excesses of talk shows and the discomfort of their guests, the very little is being said about how Scott Amedure felt as he lay dying. One man was embarrassed, another man was shot twice in the chest with a shotgun. Surprise, humiliation and embarrassment are no excuse for murder.

Contrary to media coverage of this event, "surprise," "humiliation" and the Jenny Jones Show did not lead to Amedure's murder. Instead, it is the rampant homophobia of this culture that is at the root of this murder.

Wire stories, the Washington Post and a commentary on National Public Radio all focused enormous space on the humiliation and the hysteria of talk shows. The New York Times ran an AP story under the headline, "Fatal Shooting Follows Surprise on TV Talk Show" with a fuller story headlined, "After Killing, Hard Questions for Talk Shows."

This tragedy highlights the deadly nature of homophobia in our society. That anyone should be killed for being Gay is deplorable. Sadly, the murder of Scott Amedure is not an isolated incident. Last year, 59 Gay and Lesbian people are known to have lost their lives in bias-motivated murders. None of them followed a TV appearance, but they are equally dead due to homophobia.

Yes, talk shows are increasing exploitative, with each show upping the ante for drama and surprises. In their thirst for ratings, talk show producers often ignore the real life implications of the drama they create.

Why is it that the sheriff's department, the county prosecutor and the media seem to fully understand Schmitz's confessed feelings of humiliation without real discussion of its cause? Is it because Schmitz was not interested in the person who expressed having a crush on him? Certainly not. Every woman in this country has at some time experienced unwanted interest from a group of men on a street corner.

Rather than wringing their hands over Schmitz's so called humiliation, elected officials, public leaders and the media should use the occasion of Scott Amedure's murder to aggressively condemn and confront anti-Gay bigotry and violence, which are at the root of this tragedy. A different headline, if true, "After Killing, Anti-Gay Bigotry Roundly Condemned", could have helped prevent future incidents.

The producers of this program did not consider the all too real drama of anti-Gay bigotry that would quickly lead to Scott Amedure's murder. These shows need to seriously evaluate their surprise tactics and should refrain from creating volatile situations.

Is it, then, because the person who expressed unwanted interest in Schmitz is of a different sexual orientation than Schmitz? No, not really. As a Lesbian, I navigate my way through the world without buying a shotgun and using it on straight men who merely express attraction.

[Robin Kane is the Media Director at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force]

The sheriff's department, the county prosecutor on the case and the media are all pointing to the "surprise" and "humiliation" of the accused murderer to explain the incident. A sheriff's lieutenant told the press that the public revelation of Gay man's crush had "eaten away" at Schmitz. The county prosecutor who is responsible for pursuing charges against

The sole reason that everyone is

# Activist Alert!

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duced. Ask your congressperson to become a co-sponsor.

**Welfare Reform:** Senators still have an opportunity to pass meaningful welfare reform that does not punish women and their children and avoids the punitive measures passed in the House.

**Arts Funding:** Efforts to slash funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting are well under way in both chambers. Explain how these cuts will hurt your community.

**Censorship:** Sen. James Exon (D-NE) attached an amendment to the Senate telecommunications bill which would mandate unconstitutional restrictions on the content of private mail or conversation sent through electronic or computer networks. Request that Congress first study electronic communication laws before suggesting legislation.

**Affirmative Action:** Many members of Congress, falsely asserting that affirmative action is a quota system irrespective of merit, are working to curtail or eliminate affirmative action policies. Express your support for affirmative action programs.

**ACTION:** Schedule meetings with your senators and representative during the April recess. Check the blue government pages of you local phone book for contact information in your area.



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The consequences are bloody battles, hair raising duels and human tragedy. But this is more than a retelling of Scots violence. It is also a tender love story filled with romance and honor.

The action keeps one's attention riveted on the screen - often even forgetting the oleaginous popcorn in the box between his legs. However, unlike so many other films, it is never violence for the sake of violence. It is, rather, an adventure story for adults.

If for no other reason, this film should be seen for its dramatic cinematography. Never have the Highlands of Scotland looked so hauntingly beautiful.

Ah! But there is more -- much more!

The script is extremely well developed, with some of the dialogue verging on poetry. The score is powerful and soaring. Liam Nesson is superb as Rob Roy, and John Hunt plays one of the most despicable characters I've seen in a movie in a long while.

However, Jessica Lange must be singled out for her stellar performance. If she is not an Oscar nominee again in 1996, something is very wrong at the Academy. As an matter of fact, it is the humble opinion of this writer, that Rob Roy will be nominated for several awards.

This is a "must see" film, and if I had someone else writing this column with me, it would be a definite "two thumbs" up. Unfortunately, since I have only one thumb, that's all I can give it. However, that thumb is raised with great vigor!

Oh, by the way, to those of you have inquired, yes, Liam Nesson looks very good in a kilt!

[Rob Roy is now playing at the El Dorado and Century Park 16 cinemas. Call theaters for show times or check papers for times.]

## 'Roast and Toast Of Bob Ellis'

by Beth Tullis-Perry

TUCSON - It's now just two weeks until the "Roast and Toast" of Bob Ellis. As you know this is a fund raiser for the MPS Society to be held at Club 2520 on Sunday, April 23. It is also a chance to say thank you to a man who had always been there for the Tucson community.

Bob has not only given MPS coverage through the Observer, but he's also been supportive in every way possible. So it's our honor and pleasure to put him in the spotlight, April 23rd.

If you haven't gotten your tickets, call 747-7426.

## Tucson Gay Pride Logo Contest Begins

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has announced their 18th annual Pride t-shirt logo contest.

John Haase, president of TLGA said of the logo that, "All graphics must be 8 1/2 x 11, no more than 6 colors and include, but not limited to saying, '1995 Discover Pride, Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, Saturday, October 14, 1995, Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona. The deadline for entries is May 1, 1995.'"

Haase asked that entries be mailed to: TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717.

## As I See It

by Clark




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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING IN SERVICE, OR HOW NOT TO BE COMPROMISED BY A COMPROMISE

*Straight From The Hip*

by Kenny Jacobs

Clinton announced his intention to lift the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the U.S. Armed Forces very early in his administration as one of his first acts as President. He did so to fulfill a promise, a promise he made campaigning in California.

The Clinton was nearly broke and in need of some momentum in California (holding 1/5 of all votes needed to become president). It was at this time, not before, the Clinton campaign embraced the cause of "Gay Rights". Never before in his public life had Gov. Clinton taken such a pro-Gay stance. It is doubtful he will ever come close to it again.

During a speech to an assembly of moneyed and influential Lesbians and Gays Clinton (introduced by the future Asst. Sec. of HUD, Roberta Achtenberg and then time Clinton friend and advisor David Mixner) uttered the now infamous phrase "I have a vision for America, and you are a part of it."

[The cynic in me says the "vision" turned out to be what an Arkansas trucker sees in the headlights right before he turns a roadside possum into Ozark-tar-tar.]

In short hand, Clinton got the money he needed (approximately \$2 million), the Democratic nomination, and the Presidency. A candidate smart enough to get the office is going to be smart enough to keep it (or try to) so Clinton seeing "Gays in the Military" as a prickly issue passed it off to then Secretary of Defense Les Aspin (soon to be a goner) to bury it quickly.

It is important to note here that it was the Democratic controlled House and Senate (notably Ike Skelton, D-MO and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-GA) that doomed us to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Bother", not the Republicans.

Not that the Republicans were terribly disappointed. Historically (and I'll get into this later) it's the Republican party that came to the defense of homosexuals in service to the country. O.K., ancient history, but accurate none the less. And for the very same reason Newt Gingrich announced that the 104th Congress would reopen the question of "gays in the military" to further institutionalize dis-

crimination. The reason? Political expediency. But we'll handle the history lesson for the history professor (Gingrich) later.

On July 19, 1993, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" was announced. It was the Clinton compromise. He called it an honorable compromise. Woefully, only Lesbians and Gays were compromised by it. It prohibited interviewers from asking recruits about their sexual orientation (don't ask) and barred investigations based solely on determining a service members' orientation (don't pursue).

The previous policy (a hard core hybrid by the Reagan administration of the policy in use since World War II) held that a service member could be discharged or prevented from joining, based on sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, even without evidence of sexual activity.

The difference, Clinton tried to point out, was if you kept your mouth shut (pun intended) you couldn't be thrown out (don't tell). Discharge rates for Lesbians and Gays still remain consistent with the pre "don't ask, don't tell" numbers. So much for honorable compromise.

Bill Clinton is a pragmatic man, not a good man, but a pragmatic man. he is driven to be liked and would do (and did) anything to be President. Newt Gingrich is a crusader, and like Clinton, no saint. Gingrich is driven to be right (no matter how wrong he has to get there) and like Clinton will screw anyone to get what he wants.

Now for the professor of the hard right who preaches family values (divorced) knows what's best for the military (although he dodged the draft less skillfully than Clinton), and talks about the return to responsibility and less dependence on the government (even though he was technically a "dead beat" dad.)

(We won't even mention the fact he couldn't call his half sister a Lesbian, in the media she was just another "liberal, left wing Democrat".)

While appearing on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley" Gingrich announced that the Republican controlled Congress will undo Clinton's "Don't Ask,

Don't Tell" and re-instate the previous policy.

"The fact is that we're going to probably go back to the rules that existed prior to President Clinton changing them. Now he may well veto that. I mean, this may get to be an argument. But I'd very surprised if you don't see a Republican congress saying that serving in the military has a unique set of requirements, and if the military feels that in fact it's inappropriate, we're willing to abide by the military judgment," said Gingrich.

Both policies have been found to be unconstitutional by some more liberal lower courts. I don't know how the Supreme Court would rule.

I believe Gingrich wants to make Clinton do something about "Gays in the military". If Clinton goes along with the Gingrich proposal to appear more conservative, Clinton may well get a primary challenge from his party's left. If Clinton vetoes the move he will have pissed off Gays in 1993 and reminded conservatives in 1995 of what he tried to end quickly two years ago.

Prof. Newt Gingrich has a politicians' view of history on the question of "Gays in the military". Back before we were "Gay" but merely "homosexualists" (yes, that's the word) there was a program to root the "homosexualists" out of the military but it was the Republican party that stopped it. Here's the story:

The contribution of the homosexual service member to our military history is indisputable. Starting with arguably the second most important officer in the Continental Army after Washington through Commodore Stephen Decatur, and on to Dr. Tom Dooley and Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, there is a trail of valor and honor.

(Who would you rather have defending our country? Col. Cammermeyer or the people afraid of serving with her?)

It wasn't until World War I that punishing homosexual soldiers first became written law in America. In 1916 the Articles of War listed assault with intent to commit sodomy (emphasis mine) as a felony crime. Three years later the act of sodomy itself became and felony and

resulted in the imprisonment of large numbers of soldiers and sailors. It was also during this time the first attempt to exclude homosexuals from service started.

While this was going on a former police investigator turned Chief Machinists Mate by the name Ervin Arnold decided to investigate the presence of homosexuals at the Naval Training Station in Newport, Rhode Island. This convinced seven enlisted men to snare suspected Gays. The investigation centered on the local YMCA (duh).

[Isn't it amazing? He knew just where to look!]

The young enlisted men were over-achievers and after three months a number of Gay sailors were court martialed and sentenced to prison terms of up to six years.

Some civilians were caught in the dragnet as well, including Rev. Samuel Neal Kent, recently commended by the Army for his work with sick soldiers during the deadly Spanish influenza. Newport's clergy rallied 'round the right Rev. rather than the Navy.

This caused an outbreak of press coverage which questioned the recruitment of sailors to have sex with other sailors. Two courts on inquiry followed resulting in the censure of Arnold and the officials who okayed the entrapment.

One of the way-up higher-ups who knew about the operation, Assistant Navy Secretary Franklin D. Roosevelt, was the Democratic candidate for vice-president. This prompted the Republican dominated Senate to hold subcommittee hearings the year of 1920, to embarrass Roosevelt and resulted in a condemnation of the Newport probe. The subcommittee went on to call upon the Navy to offer better treatment of those accused of "perverted acts," including an end to the imprisonment of Gays. "Perversion is not a crime in one sense, but a disease that should properly be treated in a hospital," said the Republican controlled Senate in 1920!

This was the last time the government would condemn a purge of homosexuals from the military for the next seventy years.

The point to be made here is this, "Gays in the military" has been a political

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## Conservative AIDS Patient Confronts GOP

by Frank Rich

[This is a reprinted article from the April 7 edition of the Arizona Daily Star.]

BOSTON, MA - Less than a decade ago William F. Buckley was proposing that "everyone detected with AIDS" be tattooed on the buttocks. Time has certainly marched on.

This week Buckley's National Review will publish a memoir called "Positively HIV" in which David Brudnoy, the conservative ratings champ of New England talk radio and a National Review contributor since 1968, graphically describes his own near death experience with AIDS last fall and the subsequent outpouring of affection with which his audience greeted the revelation of both his illness and his homosexuality.

Not that everyone has been supportive. Brudnoy writes that "most conservatives take a dim view of homosexual activity" and that "some conservatives" now feel "that the Brudnoy they thought was on their side must be a fraud because homosexuals can't be conservative."

Brudnoy is hardly a fraud. He speaks well of Phil Gramm and touts the economic credos of the John Birch Society. "The Bell Curve" has pride of place in the studio WBZ set up for him in his Back Bay apartment.

Yet the same libertarian conservatism that leads Brudnoy to mock Bubba and oppose big government also drives him to support Gays in the military, Gay marriages and condom distribution in schools. Isn't this what many of his

friends demonize as "the Gay agenda"? Brudnoy replies: "My only Gay agenda is to live."

Though rail thin and requiring a cane to negotiate Boston streets, Brudnoy is back doing his five hour radio show five nights a week, with energy left over to teach at Boston University and review movies for a local newspaper chain. (He also reviewed, "Angels in America", loved the drama, hated the puerile politics). At 54, he talks of living at least three of four more years.

He exults in the limelight, eight minutes on "Oprah," three pages in People, and pictures a former Yale classmate, Sam Waterston, playing him in a talked about movie of the week.

What prompted me to visit Brudnoy though, was the prospect of tweaking him. Isn't he sitting right on the middle between economic and religious conservatives that threatens to split the GOP?

How can he defend Newt Gingrich, who has accused "active homosexuals" of recruiting the young in counseling programs? Could he vote for a '96 ticket that subscribed to the Gay-bashing rhetoric of the religious right?

After a lot of pressing, Brudnoy answers the last of those questions "I'm not sure I would." He also allows that he resigned as film critic for The American Spectator in the 1980s rather than countenance its "stupidity vicious" treatment of homosexuals.

He describes the religious right's rhetoric about Gay people as "grotesque", a word he also applies to hypocritical con-

servatives who tolerate their own Gay friends "but say everyone else is a faggot."

While Brudnoy is politically timid, he isn't a hypocrite. He can't be mistaken for Roy Cohn or Terry Dolan of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, closeted Gay AIDS casualties of the 1980s who vilified homosexuals in their public lives.

Though in the closet until last fall to the point of making clandestine visits to a Washington doctor who treats "a AIDS patients", Brudnoy has publicly argued for Gay rights since 1970.

Even so, he disdains angry confrontational politics and "Gay activists." He doesn't believe in raising his voice. But he almost sounds angry when he speaks of how Barry Goldwater has been "invited out" of the conservative movement for extending his libertarian principles to bedroom issues.

And Brudnoy despairs that anyone will win over the "family values" demagogues in the GOP in this millennium.

His National Review piece notwithstanding, Brudnoy says, "I don't want to be a poster boy for AIDS." He'd rather enjoy what time he had left.

But the fact remains that he's a hugely popular conservative talk show star destined to fight AIDS before a million empathic listeners in 38 states during a presidential campaign.

[Frank Rich is cultural commentator for The New York Times.]

## Navy Ousts Gay Sailor After Court Fails To Block Discharge

SEATTLE, WA (AP) - The Navy discharged a Gay petty officer after a federal appeals panel refused to grant a preliminary injunction against such a move.

Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Mark Philips was notified of his discharge shortly, said Bangor submarine base spokeswoman Patricia Hooks. She said Philips collected his paperwork and personal belongings and left.

A two judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused to grant an emergency motion by Philips' attorney asking that Philips be allowed to continue serving pending his appeal.

U.S. District Judge William Dwyer had reluctantly upheld the Navy's recommended discharge of Philips under the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell policy" of excluding active homosexuals from the military.



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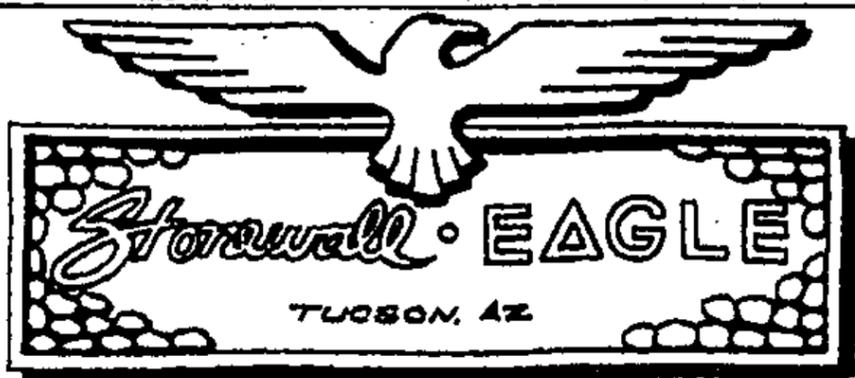
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by Mark R. Kerr

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**THE THIRD TIME IS THE CHARM?:** Senate Majority Leader, Bob "I don't play politics" Dole, (R-KS), threw his hat into the presidential ring with his candidacy.

During a very staged rally in Topeka, Kansas, Dole announced he will run for the 1996 Republican president nomination. During his speech, Dole called President Clinton a, "clever apologist" (BIG WORDS!), and that U.S. foreign policy should not be based on the United Nations. (Are we back in the 1950's?)

**NEWT:** Yes, Gay and Lesbians favorite elected official made the news again!

The House Speaker retreated on his stance that "Congress would re-open the policy on homosexuals serving in the military."

After waves of public criticism, Gingrich said in an interview that if the military supports the policy. He [Gingrich] respects their judgment, and that if the policy is overturned by the court's, then Congress will look at the Clinton policy.

**AZGOP:** As reported earlier, the GOP dominated Arizona State Legislature dilled out pay raises for County officials. Well, they are at it again!

The State Senate approved legislation that would raise the per-diem rate, legislators who live outside Maricopa County from \$60 per day to \$91 per day.

The bill's proponent, Rep. Bill "I love cattle ranching" McGibbon (R-Green Valley), said it is needed for rural legislators. He added, "In my three years as a legislator, I have worn out a car, and have to keep a year around apartment" to serve. A raise is needed to keep up with the cost of living."

McGibbon said that the raise will be in affect in January 1997, so it doesn't violate the state constitution.

[Right Bill! In addition to your \$15,000 a year salary; plus now an additional \$9,100 per diem; you collect 35 cents a mile for driving, a total of \$4,675 per year. So you could get a new car for the three years you "drove the car into the ground"!

Plus, what about the fact the voters are the ones who can give pay raises? Talk about sneaking around the law! Can we believe that no legislator is going to run for re-election? NOPE!

In the last election, they rejected pay raises, tort reform and "takings laws". The Republican legislators have brought them up and passed legislation over the objections of the voters. Plain and simple, according to the GOP, and by their actions, they believe, "Arizona voters are stupid!"

**LEGISLATION LAUGHS:** Three bills of note to report on. It seems that Arizona holding the first presidential primary west of the Mississippi has died. The State Senate voted down legislation that would have set up a presidential primary election to be held on February 27.

The Senate voted down 15 to 14, with five Republicans crossing party lines, to set up the primary, which would have cost \$2.5 million and would have disenfranchised the 879,000 registered Democrats because their party rules state they can not participate in a primary before March 5.

The bill had sailed through the House, despite the protestations of Democrats. (Gee, I guess they realized they are a faction!) Gov. Symington and Republican leaders are rumored to be planning a special session to set up a primary; most likely on the March 5 date.

Two other bills, the "Veggie Hate Crimes" bill is sailing through the legislature, but the bill that would have made Arizona the fluorocarbon capital of the world, died in the Senate. (Thank heavens for small favors!)

**OH DANNY BOY!:** As reported on in the Tucson Weekly, during a meeting of the House Republican Caucus, a debate had brewed over the bill that would set up the Arizona Military Institute (AMI), a boot-camp for juveniles who've been in trouble with the law.

A Republican legislator from Phoenix raised objections over the wording of the bill, since it didn't say who exactly who be sent to (AMI).

Tucson Rep. Dan Schottel (R-District 12), a proponent of the bill and a sponsor of the legislative attempt to get the Meliti Hate Amendment on the ballot, got up and stated, to the clear the air, that the Institute would be "bisexual." (Good answer!)

**TUCSON TATTLES:** In addition to the question of a pay raise for the mayor and council, Tucson residents will consider three other referendums: One setting a minimum wage in the City. Another setting up how CAP water is to be used. And lastly, setting up Ward only elections for council members.

**END NOTES:** KOLD news has a current series on street gangs, (It must be sweeps!), to show how dangerous Tucson is and how police are responding. The reporter doing the series is Celeste "I can't talk my way out of a paper bag" Gonzalez, decked up in a real butch leather jacket. The report is called "GITEM" named after the police task force. (It should be called GET HER!)

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# NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson is a of, by, and for people living with HIV/AIDS. Membership is free, and open to anyone concerned.

Numerous support groups are offered for those with HIV infection or AIDS. Lisa Alcalá chairs the women's group, "Woman Positive", each Tuesday afternoon at 5:30. John Green hosts the men's group, "Positive Approach" every Tuesday evening at 7:30. Cecily men and women in the same group. The first "mixed" group meeting will take place Thursday, April 20th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. All of these meetings are held at the PACT office, 801 West Congress.

These support groups let you know you are not alone. There is a positive approach to positive focus on the following issues: to share experience with HIV and AIDS; to generate support and fellowship among group members; to exchange information on treatments, medical protocols, and research; to promote skills for healthy living; to relieve stress and regain muscle mass through an exercise class.

There are individuals who are reluctant to attend because they fear they are required to "participate." The only requirement is to "suit up and show up." There is tremendous support and understanding especially for the newcomers. One can participate by just listening and learning. There are many issues to address and only the important ones concerned within each group become some of the topics discussed. There are also many educational and informative materials presented.

For additional information call Lisa, Cecily or John at 770-1710, Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 (except Thursdays, call after 12 noon).

Listed next are sources that may lead to stress reduction. Meditation: A Holistic Protocol for the Immune System by Scott J. Gregory, Tree of Life Publications; AIDS and the Health Within by Nick Bamforth, Amethyst Books; Well-

ness: A Guide To Self Care for HIV Infection, call (213) 993-1487; Love, Medicine and Miracles by Dr. Bernie Siegal, Harper-Collins.

Prayer/Religion: AIDS, The Spiritual Dilemma by John Fortunato, Harper San Francisco Publishers; An Epistle of Comfort: Scriptural Meditations and Passages for Persons Suffering from AIDS by W.J. Dobbels, National Catholic Reporter Publishing.

Drop in on the staff and management of Ain't Nobody's Bizness, 2900 East Broadway, Suite 118, tomorrow evening, April 13th. Beginning at 7:00 PM, you can bid on employees during an Employee Auction. Proceeds benefit Shanti Foundation and PACT for Life.

While you're at it, mark your calendar for Sunday evening, April 30th. IBT's, 616 North Fourth Avenue, will host its second Gayly Wed Game featuring some of Tucson's most infamous couples. The fun starts at 7:30 PM and the couples picked for this fund raising event are: Collette and Carolyn, Patrick and Steve; Scott and Pete; Ron and John. Gilda Fatale will M.C. Proceeds benefit PACT for Life. We at PACT want to invite everyone to attend these two events that, not only promise to be a lot of fun, but, will also help PACT's work in the community.

Election of members to the Board of Directors will be held Monday, May 15th. In order to vote, one must be a member of PACT and deadline for signing up is Friday, April 14th, 5:00 PM. Ballots for this election will be sent to all members whose applications are in by April 14th.

Nominations to the Board are open and interested persons should submit their nominations to the PACT office.

I leave you with this in mind, "The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one." - Seneca.

## Straight From The Hip

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punching bag since the beginning of our nation. All the while, from the Revolutionary War, the War of the Barbary Coast, the War of 1812, Gays have died for their country. Through the Civil War (when Lesbians dressed as men to fight), to the Wars against the native peoples of the Americas (a decidedly more tolerant group), WWI, WWII (some on the decks of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor others in Europe) Gays and Lesbians died or were wounded. They died at Inchon during the Korean War and all over Vietnam. They landed in Grenada and were crushed in the rubble of the Marine barracks in Beirut. Some dug foxholes in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kuwait.

They all died for the freedom of a country they couldn't live freely in themselves. Many died silently. Many still serve in silence.

When will this shameful sham end? Newt Gingrich can be reached by calling his office at (202) 225-4501 or calling the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

I think it would be especially important for Lesbian and Gay retired military to tell Speaker Gingrich what it was like to defend a country that he did not defend.

If you're really feeling punchy, why call the chair of the House subcommittee on Military Personnel, Rep. Bob Dornan (yes, that Bob Dornan!) You can reach him at the switchboard number above or call his office direct at (202) 225-2965. Tell him "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" doesn't work and neither will any bill his rabid mind conjures up. Got friends in Southern California? Tell them to call him at (714) 971-9292.

Comments, rebuttals and/or pithy remarks are welcome: Kenny Jacobs, c/o The Observer, POB 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703.]



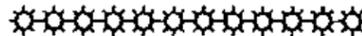
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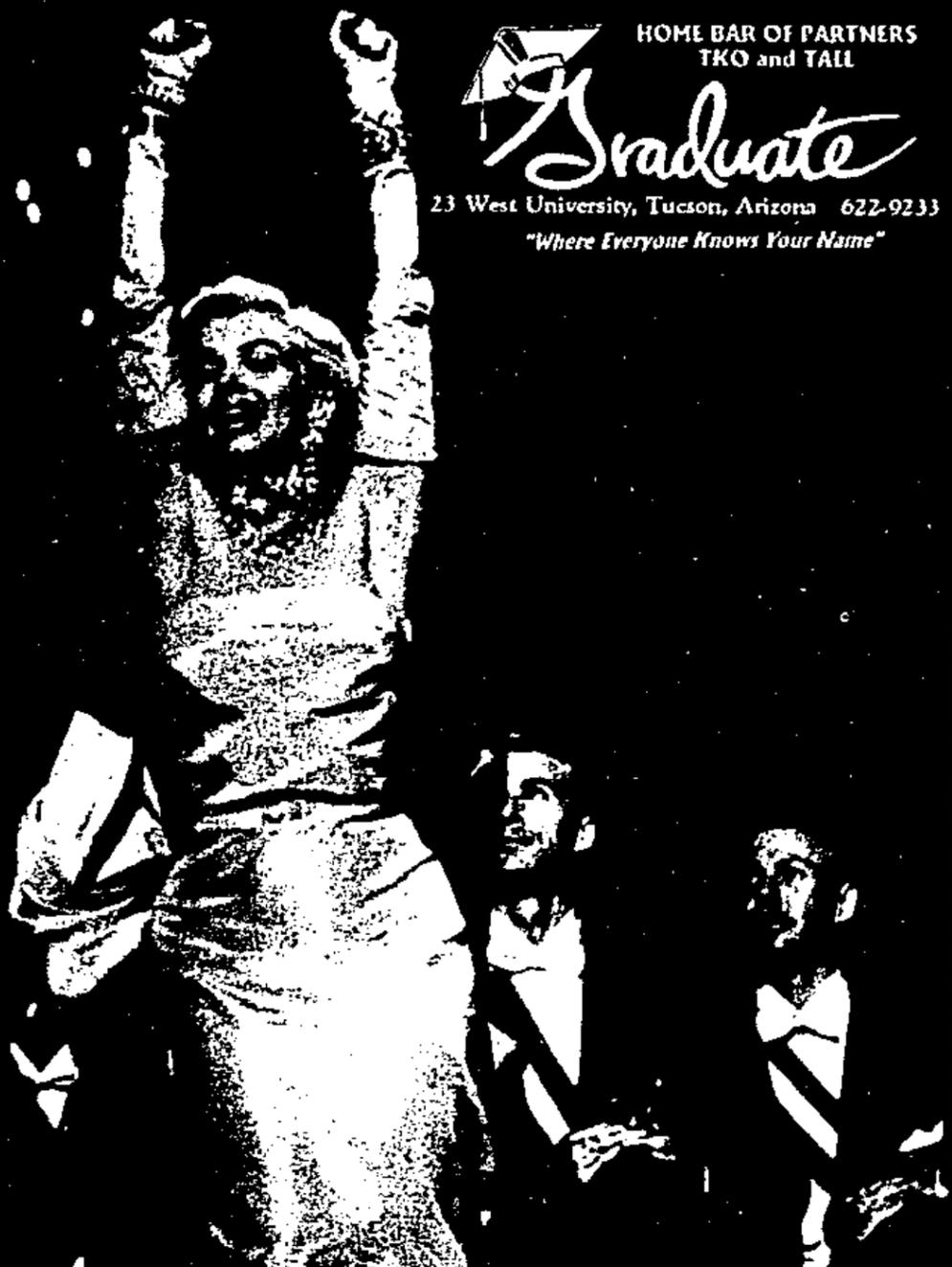
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Maybe it would be different if I weren't changing careers. Seventeen years of turning jargon into something resembling English for publications such as the *Clinical Journal of Pain* were at least ten years too many. By mid-1994, every time I sat down to work, my stomach ached and I sank into despair.

Maybe it would be different if the first new career I tried had worked out. I was hired to ghost write chapters of a business text, at pretty good pay. I was thrilled, and I spent the money over and over in my head. Then the officials authors of the book wouldn't give me any input (except to tell me what I had done wrong) and working in a vacuum brought on more stomach-ache despair syndrome. Eventually, I either quit or was fired, I'm not sure which. Over four months later, I still haven't been paid for the work I did do!

Maybe it would be different if my lover Liz had gotten the job in San Francisco that we really, really, really wanted her to get. But despite all her work preparing for the audition, the fools didn't hire her, so I'm back to trying to make my peace with a city where I can't take walks during the day because the sun gives me headaches, and, of course, it shines constantly.

Maybe it would be different if my friend Charles hadn't moved to San Francisco, but he did, and he loves it! He adores the weather, the energy, the queers in your face on the streets all the things I would adore too.

Maybe it would be different if

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### Mid-Life Crisis

virtually all my friends in San Diego didn't have life plans that will take them elsewhere.

Maybe it would be different if Liz hadn't had the flu on my birthday!

Maybe it would be different if I had won the lottery. Oh, yes, yes, yes, it would be different!

I guess I'm not really upset at aging per se; I'm just having a life crisis that happens to have overlapped with my 40th birthday. And in the 8 days I've been 40, I've already felt glimmers of hope and excitement. Maybe my (older!) friends are right when they insist that the 40s are a wonderful time of growth and self acceptance. I'm hoping that my newfound maturity (assuming, of course, that I have some) will help me achieve one of my fondest dreams, which is to finally write a novel.

Meanwhile, I count my blessings: Liz and I just celebrated our sixth anniversary, and we're still crazy about each other. This relationship is my longest by three years; if I count only the time I actually enjoyed being with the other person, it's my longest by five years and some months.

Another blessing: although I'm currently broke, I have options. One possibility is that I may go back to school to learn accounting so that I can make a living while I write.

It's a blessing that I'm a Lesbian, particularly in a world where Jessica Lange is considering having a face lift and photographs of Isabella Rossellini are airbrushed to hide her, beautifully wrinkled face. If I were straight, what romantic success could I possibly hope for in a culture in which Jessica Lange and Isabella Rossellini aren't considered good looking enough? With millions of older straight women being treated as though they have become invisible, wouldn't I have reason to be depressed at turning 40? But here in Lesbian land, hundreds, no, thousands, no, millions, of Lesbians would be willing to take Lange and Rossellini just as they are, and even regular mortals like me can be considered attractive. Beside which, as a Lesbian, I get to sleep with women!

And I have my health, more or less, if you don't count the jaw, stomach, and achilles tendon problems.

I have good friends and a great sister.

And I'm alive. I'm a 40 year old openly Lesbian Jewish woman, and I'm alive. I didn't die in a pogrom or concentration camp. I didn't die in childbirth. I have a nice life.

Dennis was 40 when he died, and one of the last things he wrote was, "Life is a sacred responsibility."

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### "The Sum Of Us"

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Some of Excalibur's features include:

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\*Reading messages or participating in group chat with other users, all while you are downloading files.

\*Accessing the Internet while calling your local BBS, allowing you to send and receive messages.

Excalibur BBS also allows you two choices of how to preview images before you actually download a file. Users can view a small, 256 color "thumbnail" of the image, or a 1/6 screen grey scale image preview. As a third option, Excalibur BBS allows you to actually view the image as you are receiving it.

Excalibur is completely mouse driven, and was designed from the ground up as a graphical BBS system, not just a patch for an old text based BBS. Excalibur utilizes Windows True-Type fonts which scale to any window size the caller chooses. What's more, screens actually rescale on the fly to match the callers screen resolution. Users can also forget about costly terminal software: Excalibur's terminal software is absolutely free. No royalties, no charges, no hassles! It can be obtained by calling The D.E.N. BBS and downloading the programs.

Not only is the message system easy to use, but it provides enhanced features such as the ability to exchange E-Mail across the Internet. Instead of faxing your corporate proposal or BBS Newsletter, you can send it to the end user to download immediately to be edited or printed without converting it. For those interested in mail network connectivity, such as Internet E-Mail, these features are built into The D.E.N., a local BBS located here in Tucson.

The ability to connect up with the Internet Mail offers a cost effective solution to long distance bills. You can connect up to the Internet via The D.E.N., therefore allowing you to send and receive

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Another focal point of the Excalibur BBS System used on The D.E.N. is the ability to view images during downloads. Currently, Excalibur fully supports the industry standard GIF image file format. Also planned for the near future is the implementation of JPEG image viewing. This new graphic format supports over 18 million colors simultaneously! By implementing both of these graphics formats. Excalibur provides superior compatibility.

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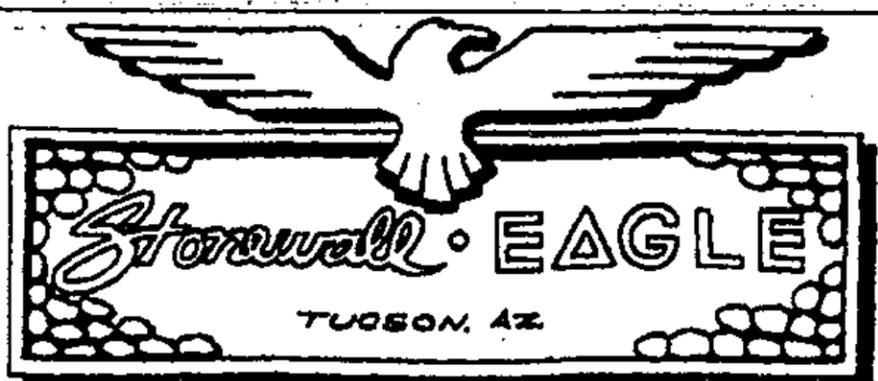
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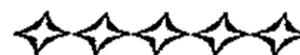


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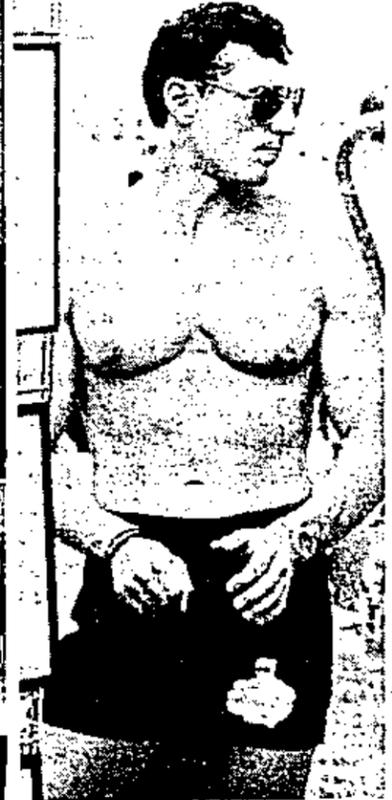
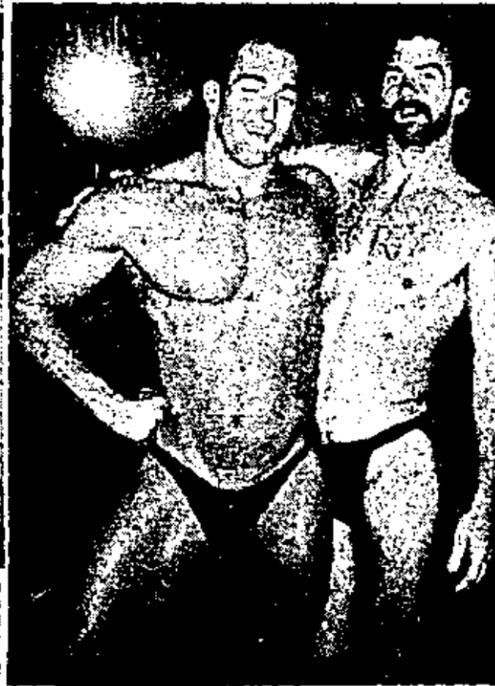
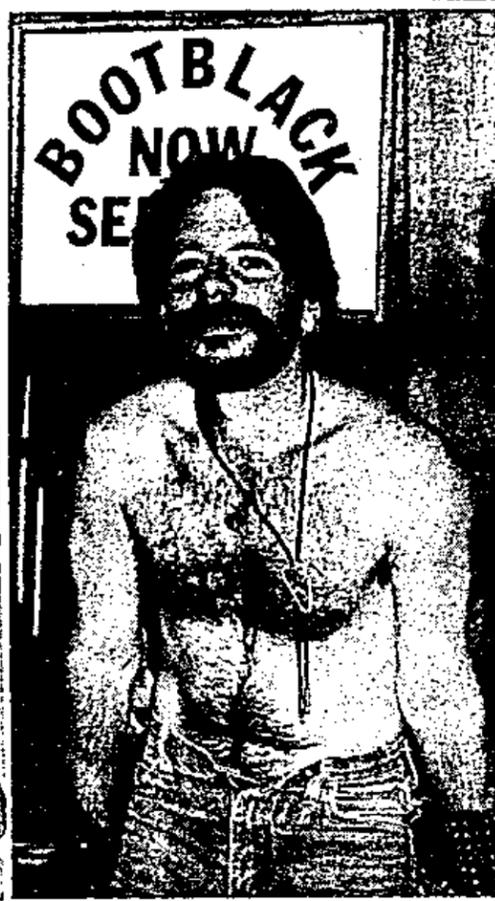
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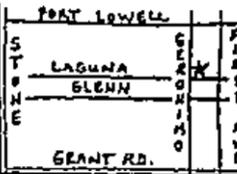
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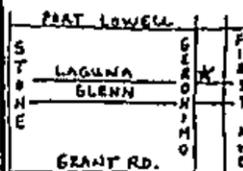
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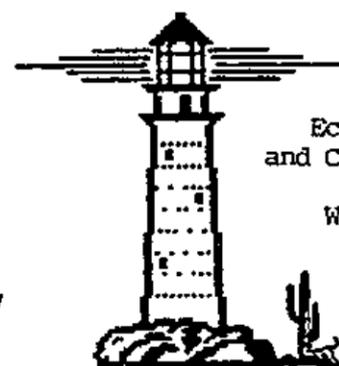


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Yes, with the new DUI laws, we all have to be a lot more careful. But, if you do not go overboard at any one stop, you could stop in every bar on the map found in the Observer. The one important thing to remember is, have a designated driver with you.

Since I do at times like to stop in more than just a few regular spots, this past week I put some miles on my old tired bones. My first stop was out at Sir James. And as history can show, it was jumping. At nights, the parking lot sometimes had as much action as the inside did.

Now it was off to Jekyll & Hydes. To think, as popular as this bar was, with its sunken stage (in the round), center bar, and very large dance floor, it would still be open. But, the city Fathers, when they purchased the Tucson House, discovered they also owned a Gay Bar, guess where that bar went - down the tubes.

That place brought a new star to the Tucson scene, Wanda Star. She was Brenda Star's Mother. The things I'll do just to please the crowd, or a special bartender, Albert.

From there, it was off to the Front Runner. Now, this one was one of the newer additions to the Tucson Gay bar scene. While there, in walks a couple of Tucson finest, Cops. They were assigned the local Gay bar's, patrolling and just being friendly, not hassling. Of course, everyone at the beginning was a little worried, but after word got around, everyone who saw them, welcomed them and just carried on what they were doing.

It's starting to get late so it was time to gather up your trick, a 6 pack of beer or two and head over to the Hide-A-Way. When walking in, I check my beer at the counter and head for the maze. Dam this place is busy, but who in the hell is that touching me? OK you say, fine you say, it felt good, I'm relieved, so out to have myself a beer.

While sitting there, I hear all the gossip from the different bars today. That is the time I should of been writing this column, I would of had a never ending supply of TBBS's.

Time to head home and get ready for another day of traveling around the Old Pueblo, hitting different watering holes. This time I'm starting out on the East side, Michael's. After a couple there, I head back into Tucson, on Speedway. First stop, Collete's. You think the guys are the only ones to dish others, you should hear these gals.

From there, it's over to the Rainbow Room. What happened to the

construction crew working on the place? Who in the hell drew up those plans? Where did they gather all that expensive wood? Well, I didn't stay there very long, so lets head back to the center of the bar scene.

It is time to get some food in my belly, to soak up some of the suds consumed. I stopped in the French Quarter, had a good meal, watched people playing a drawing type, trivia pursuit. Some of those artist can really make the game interesting and funny. But you can bet, there were no Normal Rockwell's.

My final stop for this Sunday, Jim's. This bar, I found when I first moved to Tucson. And the directions I got from the bartender at the Black Door, was not helpful. But, with a little luck I did find it, and soon discovered, this is the place I've been looking for in all my travels, home at last.

It has been an interesting weekend, and next weekend I'm sure I'll be able to find a few more stops to check out. And for a change, after Jim's, it was time to get home, Monday morning comes early, and is painful with a hangover.

This Saturday, it will be time again for Partner's beer bust at the Graduate. So, in short, I may or may not be making a tour around Tucson.

With that, close again for another week. Put this column to rest. Get it delivered to Bob. Sneak over to see Tiger at the Congress. Chit chat with friends, and just relax.

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**Desert Voices Rehearsals**

TUCSON - Come and add your voice! Join Desert Voices as they begin rehearsals for their June '95 "Gala Extravaganza" concert.

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# CALENDAR

## of upcoming events

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

**IBT'S** - Direct from Las Vegas! The "Sin City Sisters" starring Brionna Hemsley, Mercedes and Lee Viason. Also join in Tucson's hottest party, the Male Box Party during and after the show. Also join in The Male Box Party during and after the show.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Live entertainment show hosted by Misti Malone.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 13

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Employee Auction for PACT and Shanti. Proceeds to PACT and Shanti. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

**GRADUATE** - 2:00 p.m. Partners' Beer Bust and then at 8:30 a Benefit Show and Auction for MPS Society with Lucinda Holliday, Adrienne Alexander and Electra Bica and Christina de Alexis.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - EASTER SUNDAY

**CLUB 2520** - Easter Brunch Buffet from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. only \$7.50 with \$2 from each brunch going to Shanti of Tucson - Prime Rib, parsley potatoes, vegetable, butter croissant, garden salad and dessert. A great deal! Also Vanna will be hosting her annual Easter Egg hunt and Mom Bennett's Bunny Farm will be on display with Easter bunnies to be given away to people with good, caring homes.

**GRADUATE** - Complimentary Ham Dinner is advertised as being served around 1:00 p.m. Happy easter all you Grads.

**HOURS** - 2:00 p.m., let the kid in you come out and join the Hours folks in their annual Easter Egg Hunt with prizes and drink specials as well as the traditional bar-b-que with hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins. Then, stick around for country dance lessons at 6:00 p.m. with open dancing at 8:00 p.m. to your favorite country music.

**IBT'S** - Mark your calendars - IBT's Easter Party - fun and prizes.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Complimentary Easter Buffet begins at Noon and goes until it's gone! Then at 7:00 p.m., a big Easter Basket Contest will be held with the winner taking away a cash prize of \$25. Fluff 'em up gang and get down here. Then at 9:00 p.m., a Celebration of the Life of Ken Billingsley with an all-star show in his honor.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

**IBT'S** - Tucson's hottest party 9:00 p.m. to closing - play Post Office here. It's fun, and exciting when you receive your 'male'.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - The marvelous hot salsa sounds of Carmela Con Mas! Mark your calendars.

**CLUB 2520** - Roast and Toast of Bob Ellis. A benefit for the National MPS Society. 4:00 p.m. cocktails. 5:00 p.m. roast begins. Only 125 tickets so get yours now. Call 747-7426 for tickets or more information. All friends of MPS welcome.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - The live comedy of Amy Boyd begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.



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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Cronies Social Club vintage movies plus special selections. Call 624-6768 for more information.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Skate for Shanti tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Skate Country North; 2700 N. Stone Ave. \$5 admission (skates included) Sponsored by BGALA.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Enjoy a delightful dinner with new and established friends at the Good earth restaurant. A separate banquet room is reserved. For more information and/or reservations call Jerry 690-9565.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Good Friday Service at Cornerstone Fellowship, singing (including a solo), scripture reading plus a dramatic presentation. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Join the Lesbian Avengers in descending upon Tucson Saturday Night! Meet at Wingspan at 7:00 p.m. Join the crowd, our yourself, and bring a sign or wear a Lesbian Avenger T-Shirt. They'll be available for \$10. For more information call 792-4957.

Rainbow families is a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network with a monthly support and discussion group held every third Saturday. Meet at St. Francis in the Foothills Church at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Cornerstone Fellowship Seder at 6:00 p.m. Traditional foot washing followed by a complete passover meal. Learn how the elements of the meal apply to Christianity. Tickets are \$3.00 per person. Please call for reservation. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Sunrise Services at Cornerstone Fellowship 6:30 a.m. followed by a potluck breakfast. Resurrection Celebration at 10:30 a.m. 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

Tucson Prime Timers monthly meeting at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Mark Kerr, political columnist for the Observer. Members of At-Base-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome. All join us at Caruso's after the meeting to celebrate April Prime Timers birthdays.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Cronies Social Club Mid-month Dinner at a local restaurant. Call 578-0840 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Volunteers Recognition Night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the old Ramada Inn downtown. Shanti, PACT and TAP will gather to thank the many wonderful and caring volunteers who give of themselves to better the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). Enjoy bowling with MSN men at Golden Pin Lanes. Call Glenn at 290-4266 for info.

Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will traverse Hatch's Pool (9 miles; 500 foot elevation gain). The group will catch the first tram (\$3 per person) at 9:00 a.m. and meet any avid, energetic hikers at the end of Sabino Canyon at 9:30 a.m. This is a fascinating and fun destination on a hot day with pools, falls a water slide and beautiful views along the way.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). MSN video night "The Crying Game", an Oscar-winning picture from 1992 will be shown. For space reservation and/or info call Jerry or Lea at 690-9565.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Cronies Social Club Picnic on Mt. Lemmon. Call 888-7264 for more details.

### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MAY 5-6-7

1995 Fiesta de las Flores will be held at the Paragon. The money raised will be equally split by PACT, TAP and SHANTI. For more info, call Ms. Minerva the First at 326-4741.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

Teo off for Team Arizona in a golf tournament at San Ignacio Golf Course in Green Valley. Shotgun start begins at 8:00 a.m. Cost \$75 includes 18 holes - closest to the pin, longest drive and the awards banquet dinner. For more info call Colette or Carolyn at 742-1535.

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# CALENDAR

### sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Beer Bust 3-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Horn of Curves. Main Sundry! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 7 p.m.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Salsa Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance Lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-11. Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Steady Marys and Servers \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Beautiful B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4-7. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.

**PARADISE** - Open 5pm. Open pool all night. \$2 pitchers. Austin Dizzy. **STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10 am until 8 pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Beer Bust 3 to 5pm. Stoveball opens at 7pm with country and 50s-60s music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. Patio Beer Bust 3-8pm 50c draft. 3-1 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burger 4-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

### monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Live jazz with Lisa Drey 7-9pm. Reverse Happy Hour 9-11. DJ 9pm. **CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Monte and Bruce Madson \$1.25 well and shot specials 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 8pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Money Mondays, \$1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stoveball opens at 9pm, Trash Disco site.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am to 8pm.

### tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Dart Tournament 7 pm.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Country/Salsa Music 8-1.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and giveaways.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Beer Bust 50c Draft. Stoveball opens at 9pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

### wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Mix. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schnapps Shots \$1.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all site. ID required. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rod Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night: Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Red Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

**PARADISE** - Open 5pm. Pool tournament 7pm. Then/Now Top 40. 50c draft.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Stoveball opens at 9pm. Corona or Casero Cold \$1.50.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Casero Cold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm.

### thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Beer Bust 9 to midnight, \$1.25 pitchers.

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Men's Mix - 50c draft beer and 50c Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Pride T-Shirt Specials - \$1.50 domestic & well drinks for those in any Gay-themed T-Shirt. Dart Tourney at 8, \$2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all Well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Hire 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

**PARADISE** - "Ladies By Choice" show. Hip-Hop late site. \$1 domestic.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Other specials all night long. Stoveball opens 9pm. Hot male strippers.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Patio Bar & Tuff Stuff Tool opens 8:30pm

### Friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Stars O'Corvus  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. Extended 99c Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. C/W dance 8-1

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. .  
Coke dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Louey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**PARADISE** - Open 5pm. Beer Bust Party \$1 well, 50c schnapps.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Horns d'Corvus 6pm. Stoveball opens 9pm. In house specials.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Patio Bar and Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

### saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, winner take all.

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pilsa Colada \$3. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Louey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and On Go dancers begin at 10pm.

**PARADISE** - Open 5pm. Dessert Calvia Beaks. 2-4-1 til 10pm. DJ Kurt

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - (6am to 7pm Francis Margarita Special): \$1 glass, \$3 pitcher. Stoveball opens at 9pm.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Dishes & Bagels w/ \$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Patio Bar & Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

**HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON**  
by RY

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association has launched the 1996 Road Runner Regional Rodeo Poster Contest. The contest is open to everyone and the winner will receive \$100.

The winning design will be used on posters and tri-folds promoting the 1996 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. For contest rules and information, call the AGRA Hotline at 323-0805.

Don't forget that elections for the 1995 AGRA Tucson Chapter Board of Directors will take place at the April 23 meetings. The meetings will be held at Fort Lowell Park. The Board Meeting will start at 3 PM. The General Membership Meeting will follow at 5 PM. All current AGRA members are encouraged to attend and vote.

The Board Nominees are as follows: President-Bill Nugent, Vice President-Richard Gerardi, George Kaminski, Recording Secretary-Diane Dexter, Corresponding Secretary-Craig Coder, George Plentzas, Henry Warner, Mobility & Logistics-Terry Delaney, Public Relations-none, Fund Raising-Edgar Calma, Dance & Entertainment-Jason Mattern (aka Adri-

**AIDS Virus Resistance Is Complex**

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The AIDS virus becomes resistant to many members of a promising class of drugs if exposed to just one of them, according to a study offering new evidence of just how slippery a foe HIV is.

The study involved protease inhibitors, which are experimental drugs designed to stop the virus from reproducing by disabling a crucial enzyme.

Researchers said the finding suggests treating a patient with one protease inhibitor may make the use of another one later less effective, and that using several protease inhibitors at once may not avoid resistance, either.

Other experts said it's too soon to draw conclusions about what the findings mean for therapy.

The work is reported in the issue of journal Nature by Jon Condra and colleagues at the Merck Research Laboratories and scientists elsewhere.

The work involved a Merck drug called MK-639. Condra stressed in a telephone interview that the results do not question the usefulness of that drug or of other protease inhibitors.

Patients appear to be benefiting from MK-639 despite the development of resistance, and Merck is developing the drug very aggressively, he said.

The results do suggest that if researchers want to test combinations of protease inhibitors, they should keep in mind that one drug in the mix might create resistance to the others, he said.

Condra said the results do not mean that the variants would show resistance to all protease inhibitors. He also said nobody knows what percentage of patients treated with MK-639 develop resistance to multiple drugs.

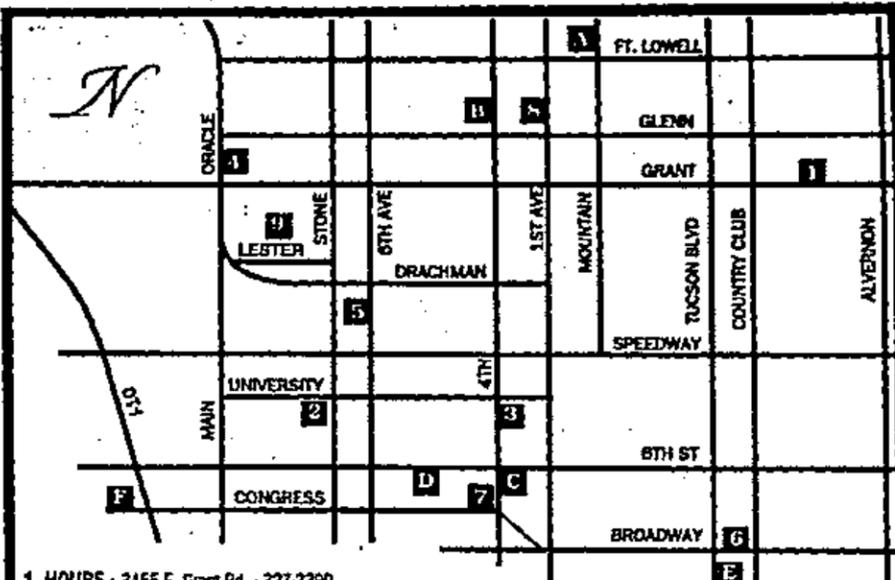
enne Alexander), Addison McDorman, Rodeo Events-Bryan Collins.

Immediately following the General Membership Meeting there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Party for all the 1995 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Volunteers. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings will be provided by AGRA.

Please feel free to bring along a dish if you like. AGRA has also obtained a beer permit for anyone wishing to bring their own beer to the party. Please remember that no glass containers are allowed and you must have a valid ID in your possession at all times. The weather should be great so throw on some shorts and come on down to Fort Lowell park and join AGRA in celebrating another successful year and rodeo.

Now talk about being bored! Seems a small group of AGRA members gathered one recent Saturday evening for a little debauchery on the Internet (something called Cybersex).

All sitting around the monitor (cocktails in hand of course) the group proceeded to converse with other individuals across the country. Word is the conversation turned rather "graphic" and "explicit" at times. I hear things got so intense that the group even received a telephone call from one of the Internet members in Florida. Could a new 900 number be in the works as a fund raiser? We'll keep you posted.



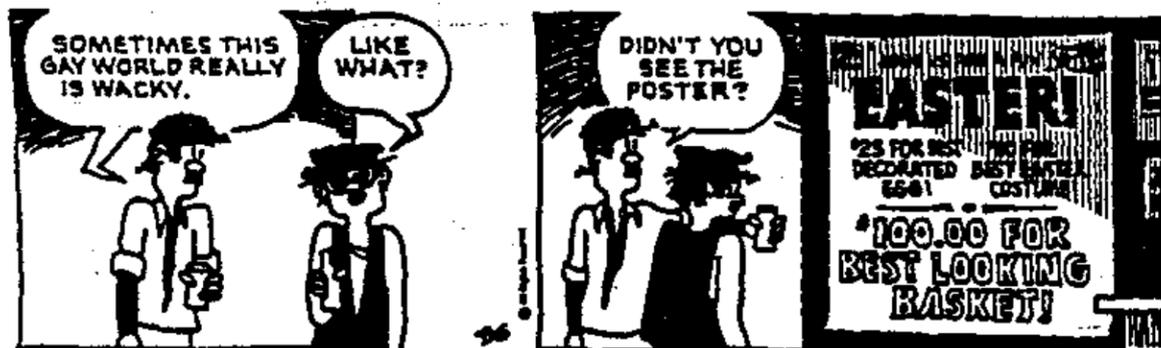
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- 2. THE GRADUATE - 23 W. University - 622-9233
- 3. IBT'S - 616 N. 4th Ave. - 882-3053
- 4. CLUB 2520 - 2520 N. Oracle - 882-5799
- 5. VENTURE-N - 1239 N. 6th Ave. - 882-8224
- 6. AJN'T NOBODYS BIZ - 2900 E. Broadway - 318-4838
- 7. CLUB CONGRESS - 311 E. Congress - 622-8848
- 8. STONEWALL/EAGLE - 2921 N. First Ave. - 624-8805
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Uranus, the planet of the unexpected slowly winds it's way into unorthodox Aquarius this week after over seven years of mischief in cold, cold Capricorn. Aquarius and Uranus are well suited for each other and, being the eternal optimist, I predict that many of the Uranian surprises we face in this wily Aquarian transit will be happy ones. Let's see a little of what we can expect now and beyond the millennium.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Uranus' foray into Aquarius will bring many unusual friendships to your door. It may be "gone with the old gang and onto a fresh new bunch of faces". It may be high time to challenge the group dynamic; change how you view yourself relative to your social circle or change your social circle to fit your new perspective. For those of you who have curtailed your lifestyle to suit the prevailing winds, prepare for a new breeze to sweep you up and out!

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Gay Bulls may experience a complete upheaval in professional aspirations when Uranus enters independent Aquarius. Clashes with authority figures may bring a parting of the ways, but you are far too proud and capable to allow imbeciles to run the show. If you can watch your more anti-political displays, this transit could in fact provide you with ripe opportunities for career success or a much needed change in your social status.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Uranus in Aquarius demands that you keep your view of the world open and flexible. The planets offer you a superb opportunity to review the problems that we as a people face everyday and find new and innovative solutions to these old challenges. This is not the time however to pursue legal remedies; Uranus is a mischief maker and lawsuits may take an unexpected turn for the worse through no fault of your own.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

New and surprising sexual encounters may be in the cards when Uranus enters unusual Aquarius. Wild, untamed and transitory sex may be the easiest part of this transit. (Heck, some of us have lived off that for years.) Some may go through far more challenging times with powerful, subconscious reevaluations of one's life direction. Something or someone may suddenly go away and force you to throw out the old in order to usher in the new.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Proud, ornery lions may turn into petulant pink cubs when unruly Aquarius ventures into Uranus. You nip at relationships and there may be more than a few partners that decide to pull up stakes during this transit. Even relatively strong and secure relationships will undergo some sort of change. My advice is to avoid affairs at this time; they are unstable and generally unsatisfactory for the long term.

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

The best way to handle the transit of Uranus in Aquarius is to try to break free from any oppressive patterns in your every work-a-day life. You could change jobs, which is one way to break free of onerous demands, but look before you leap. Uranus is making you more rebellious than usual and you certainly don't want to jump from the frying pan into the fire. It may be best to explore new solutions within the old framework.

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**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Lucky Libras will get all the breaks when Uranus enters Aquarius. Use this fabulous transit to be all you can be creatively. Allow your self expression full form; dance with the creative muse until your feet hurt. Don't be surprised if you find yourself romantically involved with someone far different from yourself in age, race or even temperament. It will work out surprisingly well, as long as the champagne flows, that is.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

As oppressive as some ancestral shackles and family obligations may be, they often provide a sense of stability, self and "home". However, now that Uranus has entered unruly Aquarius, a new broom must sweep clean the old family dust. Happily, you may discover that dramatic change can be good, even great, when family dictates have not allowed you to live your life true to yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Intellectual activity may seem more acute and directed that usual when surprising Uranus dances into Aquarius. New and unorthodox ideas will practically leap into mind and you can pursue even the most obtuse studies with a certain mental clarity and understanding. The interesting part of this transit will be in change in day-to-day activities; everything old will be new again as everyday routines take new and unexpected turns.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Uranus in Aquarius may make your financial situation fairly unstable as you experience either great losses or great gains during this transit. It may be impossible for you to build a solid monetary foundation to weather the impending storm, but at the same time, you could find all of this change liberating. A change of income could bring on a much needed change of philosophy. Don't be ruled by the all mighty dollar.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Rebellious Uranus in your own sign may make you seek change for change sake. Some call this pointless rebellion, but it is not all bad. We often change our behavior to fit the dictates of the straight world. Now, people will be forced to see you in a new light. You will redefine your relationship with the world at large and you will like what you will eventually become.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

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**LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, Grand Canyon Region for information about membership or activities call Mike White 588-0471 Tucson.

**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellis 581-8850 or Rose 968-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meet monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Betsy Waters, (602)371-1102

**ARE YOU A MAN** who enjoys fun and fellowship with Gay men? Call CRONIES 888-7264 - A social group for Gay men.

Take **GAY SQUARE DANCE LESSONS** with T-Squares every Tuesday 7-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Germansheim. New Basic class begins Jan. 31, 1995. Join the fun. Call Dene, 745-9212.

**GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. On a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Monty Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

**SUN COUNTRY NATURISTS**: Social Noddy Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

**LIGHTNING LIGHTING** will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

**GAY & LESBIAN HIKING CLUB**. Persons interested in desert and mountain hiking and backpacking experiences which average 8 miles or more are encouraged to join. Hikers must be willing to create a drug/alcohol free, environmentally friendly experience. For information about hikes, call pager number 446-3111 and leave your number followed by a # sign or write Les McAllan, P.O. Box 42512, Tucson, AZ 85713-2532.

**MALE MEN**: Long-haired Gay male peepal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Sanoce R. Ottawa, CANADA, X1P6C4

**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

**"AT EASE AGAIN"**, a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome. 422 N. 4th Ave.

**LESBIAN/BOY WRITERS**: Long and short fiction workshop at 7:00 p.m. fourth Friday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

**DESERT VOICES**, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Group meets in front of the Hinson Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 325-3535

**FACT** - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

**SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON** Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with life-threatening illnesses and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street, 622-7107. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.**

**P.P.L.A.O.** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER** now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Alcohol 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

**SORORITY** - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. **NOT A DATING SERVICE.**

**YOUNG AND GAY?** Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 421 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

**WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Steve Jan. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIDE TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men over 50 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP)**, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 9-5. 323-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

**GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON** Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

**AIDS HOTLINE** - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

A young Lesbian and Bisexual women's Support Group is starting Sunday, March 14 at Noon at Wingspan. Ages 18-23 only. Group will meet every Sunday at Noon. Call Wingspan for info.

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP**: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussion in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foot-hills Church, Swain and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

**LICHEN HIKING CLUB** for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rhythmic Journal available at Amigone's Books.

**MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK**: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. 338

**TUSA** - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 City Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8313 or Mary O. 770-9779

**UofA FACULTY AND STAFF** for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

**ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.L.D.A.** - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

**ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER**. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRATucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

**AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS** advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2923. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

**GAY COWBOY CLUB** - Nationwide Personal Ad. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

**ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS** - Tucson Tumbler is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoor. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tumblers, P.O. Box 84-G, Corvair, AZ 85652.

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**PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP** now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For windows and the community. YAO, Box 3663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

**GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP**. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Nancy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570-0027

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, #15, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Poodle Lodge Clubhouse.

**TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE** Men and women both welcome. Office 574-2272.

**CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX** For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

**AFFIRMATION Support group** for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormons and ex-Mormons. For information write P.O. Box 78461, Tucson, AZ 85709 or call 791-7946. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

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