



## Federal Judge Blocks Discharges For Six Gay Servicemembers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A federal judge blocked the Pentagon from discharging six Gay service members who had challenged the military's new policy on homosexuals. The ruling signaled that the policy itself could face serious trouble in the courts:

In the first legal challenge to the new policy, Federal District Judge Eugene H. Dickerson of New York barred the Defense Department from investigating or dismissing the six, two on active duty and four reservists, until their suit was resolved.

The order applies only to the six service members, but in his 25 page opinion Nickerson repeatedly voiced skepticism about the broader underpinnings of the new policy and the administration's contention that it safeguards homosexuals in the military in ways that the policy it replaced did not.

"There is a serious question as to whether a regulation goes beyond what is reasonably necessary to protect any possible government interest when it inhibits six service members from continuing to speak in court to make a constitutional challenge," said Nickerson, who was appointed to the court by President Carter.

Under the Clinton's administration's policy, which was adopted last year and characterized as "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," Gay men and Lesbians are allowed to serve in the armed forces so long as they keep their sexual orientation private.

The six plaintiffs filed suit because they considered the policy unjust and a violation of the Constitution's equal protection clause and the right to free speech guaranteed under the First Amendment, their lawyers said.

Although none of the six had been pursued by military authorities, they sought the order from Nickerson because they feared that by filing suit they violated the new regulations against publicizing their sexual orientation and therefore were vulnerable to discharge.

Under the new policy, simply declaring one's homosexuality is considered proof of an intent to commit homosexual acts, which is prohibited. A centerpiece of the new policy allows a service member to rebut that presumption, but Nickerson seemed to discount that provision as a serious protection.

"To invite someone to prove that he or she does not have an inborn tendency seems like a hollow offer," the judge said. "That presumption is virtually irrefutable."

Pentagon officials said they were viewing the judge's opinion, but expressed certainty that it affected only the six service members.

"We're studying the opinion and consulting with the Justice Department with our next move," said Kathleen deLaski, the Pentagon spokeswoman.

Gay rights advocates hailed the ruling as a first step toward striking down the new policy.

"It indicates that the court has an understanding of the way this policy actually punishes identity and speech in the guise of punishing behavior or conduct," said Beatrice Dohm, Legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

Lambda and the American Civil Liberties Union filed the suit on behalf of the six, three of whom were from the Army, two from the Navy and one from the Coast Guard.

Congress and the administration agreed on the compromise policy last summer, and it was later enacted into law. A Defense Department spokesman, Lt. Col. Doug Hart, said he was unaware of anyone who had been discharged since the new regulations took effect.

The next step in the case is a hearing on April 15 before Nickerson, when he will consider motions on the case.

## People With HIV/AIDS Welcome To Japan Conference

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN - Officials of the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare emphasized that people with HIV or AIDS are welcome in Japan, and that no visitor to Japan, regardless of length of stay, will be denied entry to the country because of HIV status. Yokohama, Japan, is the host city of the Tenth International Conference on AIDS, to be held August 7-12.

"The contributions and perspectives of people with HIV or AIDS are essential to a successful AIDS conference, and those people are welcome in Japan," said Dr. Naoko Yamamoto, Deputy Director of the Infectious Disease Control Division, Health Services Bureau, at the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare.

Dr. Yamamoto added that Japanese officials do not ask visa applicants about their HIV status or sexual orientation, and do not require them to take an

## Last Chance To Join Team Arizona For Gay Games IV

PHOENIX - Red alert! Red alert! This is the last call for Arizona athletes to join with Team Arizona to march in the Opening and Closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV, Unity '94 in New York, June 18-25, 1994. Plans are being finalized for team uniforms that mark the pageantry of the procession of athletes into Wien stadium at Columbia University's Baker Field. Uniforms cannot be guaranteed after April 15, 1994. Don't delay, call the Team Arizona team line at (602) 264-2645 immediately.

Registration for Gay Games IV has been extended to April 18, 1994 with no penalty for late registration. Anyone that has paid the late penalty can contact Unity '94 for information on how to process a refund at (212) 633-9494. Ticketing information for Gay Games athletic events as well as for the Cultural Festival Events will be available in the next Unity '94 newsletter. Details regarding the events will be outlined in the Priority Ticket form and should be out by April 1, 1994. Two special options being offered include the Unity Pass and the Unity Gold Pass. The Unity Pass allows spectators the option of choosing to attend

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## S.B. 1314 Update: Bill Amended, New Guidelines Reviewed By Legislature

by Mark Kerr  
Observer Political Writer

PHOENIX - S.B. 1314, which would change the procedure for HIV testing in the State of Arizona, was amended in its second reading in the State House of Representatives.

The amendment, offered by House Health Committee Chair, Rep. Susan Gerard (R-Dist. 18), would force the State Legislature to review the new policy proposed in S.B. 1314 in three years time to see if more people are being tested for HIV under the new guidelines.

If the numbers of persons being tested have not increased significantly, the Gerard amendment would revert the policy of HIV testing from informed oral consent with counseling back to the old policy, which requires specific written consent.

S.B. 1314, as amended, would change the guidelines for HIV testing from specific written consent from the subject to informed oral consent. Informed oral consent from subjects could only be obtained by a physician, physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner.

"Informed oral consent" is defined as providing to the subject the following information:

1. An explanation of the test including its purpose, the meaning of its results and the benefits of early diagnosis and medical intervention.
2. An explanation of the nature of AIDS and HIV related illness and information about behaviors known to pose risks for the transmission of HIV infection.
3. An explanation of the confidentiality protections afforded HIV related information.
4. An explanation that an HIV related test is voluntary and can be performed anonymously at a public health agency.
5. An explanation that a positive test result must be reported to a public health agency as require by law.
6. An explanation that the consent for the test may be withdrawn at any time prior to drawing the sample for the test and that the withdrawal of consent may be given orally or shall be in writing if the consent was given in writing.

Also, all points mentioned must be covered with the subject or the care giver would be liable for damages. Hospitals would still be required to obtain spe-

# UPDATE

## Late Entry Wins TLGA '94 Pride Logo Contest

TUCSON - Patrick Fenimore, local graphic artist, submitted the winning entry for the 1994 Pride Picnic Logo Contest. Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, T.L.G.A., which organizes the annual event, held a contest for the picnic's Logo.

Seven local artists, Roland Bayne, Rob Cook, David Hoffman, Patrick Fenimore (winner), Patrick Tobin, Ron Mayo and Michael Tearne all submitted projects.

## Tucson Gay Softball League Forming

TUCSON - Summer's about here and a softball league is in the process of forming. All levels of players are welcome, as are all members of the community are welcome.

This will be an opportunity to travel and compete in national tournaments, bring teams to Tucson for Gay competition. Some tournaments host up to 100 Gay teams.

Team sponsors are also needed. To join in, call Dan at 622-4503.

## Team Arizona Fundraiser

Thursday, April 21

TUCSON - Only three and one half months remain before the start of Gay Games IV. If you would like to help in sending Arizona athletes to New York come to the next Team Arizona fund raiser at Club 2520, Thursday, April 21. The fund raiser will feature "Sumo Wrestling"!

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## Hate, Lies & Videotape At UofA April 8

TUCSON - A video screening of "Gay Rights/Special Rights", an anti-Gay video produced by the people who brought you "The Gay Agenda". "Gay Rights/Special Rights" was designed to split traditional minority groups from the equal rights movement of Lesbian and Gay Americans.

The screening at the University of

Arizona is sponsored by the Tucson Human Rights Coalition, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Yuma Hall Government & University Democrats.

After the screening a panel discussion will follow, which will be chaired by Robert Bray, medical director and grass roots organizer for the NGLTF.

The screening will be Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., in the Modern Languages building, Room 350 on the University of Arizona campus. The admission is free, but a \$2 donation is being requested.

The event is part of an ongoing educational campaign by the Tucson Human Rights Coalition on the issue of equal rights for all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation.

## Mexican Man Gets Asylum As Persecuted Gay

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - A Gay man who said police in his native Mexico raped and harassed him was granted political asylum in what his lawyer said was the first U.S. case involving sexual orientation.

"We hope that this decision is a wake up call to governments all over the world that the persecution on account of someone's sexual orientation is unacceptable," attorney Ronald Silberstein said.

His client, who identified himself with the pseudonym Jose Garcia, told a news conference the Immigration and Naturalization Service decision "saved my life."

He said he hoped it also sent a signal to all homosexuals "that there are countries in the world which respect the human rights of all citizens."

Garcia, who said he was in his 30s and had been in the United States illegally for about 10 years, won the right to stay permanently on March 18.

Garcia had established a "well-founded fear of persecution" in Mexico because of his membership in a particular "social group," as INS officer ruled.

The INS had not previously concluded that homosexuals were a "social group," a category protected by asylum laws if fear of persecution is established. Silberstein said.

INS spokesman Duke Austin said the decision sets no precedent and does not mean that all Gays from Mexico are eligible for asylum. But he said that "if a Gay who's being persecuted in Mexico can get (asylum) on that grounds, then a Gay who's being persecuted in any other country can get it on that grounds."

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## Congressman Photographed by Local Artist



PHOENIX - Local photographer, B. Roxanne May, recently returned from Washington, D.C. where she photographed Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and his partner, Herb Moses, for the book "Friends, Lovers, Husbands" to be released nationwide June '94.

plish with the book."

Ms. May has traveled extensively as a convention photographer, and her photography has been featured on magazine covers and advertisements throughout the valley.

Regarding "Friends, Lovers, Husbands" (a photo essay of Gay men in relationships), "both Herb and Barney were very enthusiastic about this project," says May. "believing that recognition of Gay couples is long overdue. Herb and Barney shatter the stereotypes of Gay men...and that's what we're trying to accom-

"Friends, Lovers, Husbands," a collection of black and white photos of Gay couples from St. Louis, MO, Washington, D.C., and throughout Arizona will be available at Pride Festivals and bookstores across the country this summer. For more information, please call (602) 495-9250 or (602) 265-4785.

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# POLITICS '94

by Mark Kerr

As you have read in The Observer, S.B. 1314, which would have dramatically changed how HIV testing would have been performed in the state has been altered yet again. But this time a good alteration.

Rep. Susan Gerard of Phoenix, who we all a collective thank you, has amended the bill so that the legislature will be forced in reviewing the new policy, (mentioned in previous columns), to see if more persons are being tested as the ARMA claims it will.

If the new policy results in fewer persons being tested, they will revert to the old policy of testing. [See story in this edition.]

Another piece of crazy legislation which made Arizona a laughing stock, (Yet again!), was in the news this past week.

I'm referring to the infamous "Nipple Bill" sponsored by the ultra-conservative Rep. Leslie Whiting Johnson (R-Glendale), Ev Mecham's mouthpiece in the legislature.

Johnson is known for her outlandish hats, which no self-respecting drag queens would be caught dead wearing and have made Hedda Hopper flip over in her grave, and for sponsoring ludicrous legislation such as this and the world famous "Dildo Bill", which would have banned the owning of mass numbers of dildoes.

This bill, which would have banned thong swimsuits, the public display of breast nipples, the display of buttocks and anuses has been killed by the House Rules Committee, which will not hear the bill.

Speaking of Whiting-Johnson, no friend to the Gay and Lesbian community, Johnson is not planning for another term in the state house (Yeah!!!). The reasons given were of medical nature for her retirement.

Some norteño Arizonans to report about. First off, "Fife's thorn in his side", Barbara "Babs" Barrett has made it official, she is running for the Republican nomination for Governor, challenging the Fifer, with her coalition of Mechamites and liberal Republicans, (what a combo!).

This past week, Barrett, a former official in the Reagan Administration, launched her campaign with a series of television advertisements trying to get her name out to the public. In last months poll by KAET, Barrett was at 8%, behind the Fifer, who was at 44%, and A.G. Grant Woods, who was at 24%

One of my two personal "favorites", no friends of the Gay and Lesbian community, State Senator Peter Rios, (D-District 7), announced his candidacy for Secretary of State. Rios in his announcement stated since the Secretary's position is acting Governor when the Guv is out of the state, Rios stated that he has the experience to be "acting Governor".

Sure, since his dubious record, (anti-Gay to say the least), shows he was an "acting" Senator and "acting" Senate President when the Democrats were in majority. I can honestly say, Rios is the most qualified "acting" candidate to star in the planned remake of "Death Valley Days."

Congressman Jon "I lived there, really" Kyl, the ordained G.O.P. candidate for the U.S. Senate, opened his southern Arizona office in Tucson this past week. The office is located in the 4800 block of east Speedway. [Gee, He likes us, he really likes us!]

Some End Notes for your perusal:

Will "Icky Dicky" ever learn?! Well, our "part time" Secretary of State, candidate for U.S. Senate, upset folks at a recent Jackson Browne concert in Phoenix when candidate volunteers passed out fliers supportive of Mahoney, and also listing the play list for the concert. The flier tried to show that Browne knew Mahoney and support his candidacy for Senate. When asked about this, Browne stated he did not know Mahoney and wouldn't support him because of his campaign actions at the concert.

Phoenix State Representative, Linda Beezely (D-Dist 20) is rumored to be planning a run for the State Senate, to

succeed Lela Alston, whose planning to run for the State School Superintendent's position.

As mentioned last week, Rep. Dr. Andy Nichols (D-Dist. 13), was the first Democrat to support S.B. 1314. It has been brought to The Observer's attention, that last year, Nichols supported a legislative attempt to get rid of specific written consent as a requirement for HIV testing. (We've been had!)

A great politician, who puts his money where his proverbial mouth is, Pima County Supervisor, Raul Grijalva, has become part of the Executive Committee of Arizonan's For Fairness, a political group fighting the opposed Meliti Amendment.

Expect action this week on S.B.

1066, "archaic laws repeal". An effort is being made, as of press time, to get the bill placed as an amendment to another bill to get it out of the State Senate where it has been stalled. More in next week's column.

In this reporters opinion, we should call up Rep. Susan Gerard (R-Phoenix), and give her a big thank you for her actions on S.B. 1314, her amendment defeated ARMA and the radical right that wanted end specific written consent. Gerard is one of the "Greats in the House" and we owe her big time for her actions.

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## Double Mischief

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### They Are All Priorities

Some people with AIDS believe that finding a cure should be the sole focus of Gay and Lesbian activism. I disagree.

Of course, if I were HIV-positive, I would want all activists, and doctors and politicians and religious leaders and everyone else on earth, to fight to save my life. But if I had cancer, I would want those same people to cure cancer. And if I had heart problems, I would want them to cure heart problems.

And those are just the diseases! If I lived in Sarajevo, I would yearn for an average, even dull life where I could cross the street without fearing sniper fire. If I were a 13 year old African-American boy, I would hope to survive past my teens. And if I lived in parts of Asia or Africa, I might settle for clean drinking water and enough to eat.

Finding a cure for AIDS is absolutely the most urgent thing on earth, but so, unfortunately, are many, many other things!

Another important point to consider is that people are most effective working toward goals that fit them, as in the cliché of the kid who gets lousy grades in math yet spouts sports stats off the top of her head.

For a while, I evaluated illiterate adults to match them with tutors. One young man, his face full of scars and his arms covered with devil tattoos, could barely make eye contact. He spoke with great distress of his inability to read. I suspect that, for him, the pain of getting a tattoo was a piece of cake compared with the psychic hurt in his life. The evaluation went very quickly, since he could not read words as simple as "cat." You may say, "Well, still, he was not dying," but, yes, he was.

This activism suited me because I understand words, I love words, I have been liberated by words, and I want the world to share that liberation. (Imagine trying to get money out of an ATM machine if you can't read the instructions, or trying to find out where to get condoms!) On the other hand, I don't have what it takes to do political lobbying or die-ins or scream in the face of CDC researchers.

But the most important reason that a cure for AIDS should not be the sole focus of Lesbian and Gay activists is that such an approach would be bad for people with AIDS!

Many diseases aren't cured so much as they are eased out. Cholera has disappeared in many places due to the simple miracle of hygiene. The life expectancy of some forms of leukemia has improved so much that they are barely considered fatal. Children with cystic fibrosis live longer and longer. Similarly, AIDS may never be cured per se, but people with AIDS may live longer and better and them longer and better still, and fewer may get it in the first place. If that indeed is the road that AIDS takes, other forms of activism will become more and more important.

Take, for instance, Tom, a person with AIDS living in Texas or Wyoming. If I may be presumptuous enough to imagine his prayers, I would assume Tom

prays fervently for a cure for AIDS. But maybe he also prays that no one will find out that he is Gay so that he doesn't lose his job and get evicted from his home. Perhaps he prays that when he tells his parents he's Gay, they won't disown him. Possibly he prays to, just once, walk arm in arm down the street with his lover Al, lost in conversation, fully accepted safe human beings on earth.

Crucial goals of activism such as equal rights laws would not only improve Tom's life, but they might make it last longer by removing some of the white-cell-depleting stresses he lives under. The longer he lives, the more he needs those laws.

And something as simple as positive Gay characters on TV and in books and movies, which activists have demanded for years and continue to demand, gives emotional support and recognition, with all their positive qualities, to Tom (and to the rest of us).

To make sure that no one gets AIDS in the first place, many forms of activism are again necessary. Pushing the TV iceberg toward treating sexual issues honestly is imperative AIDS activism. Coming out to relatives and speaking at schools and letting young Gay people know where to find support, and where to get condoms, are all critical forms of AIDS activism.

There are many important goals to be reached and many different ways to reach them; limiting a community to just one method of reaching just one goal doesn't make sense.

### Monte-Jon Celebration Sunday, April 17

TUCSON - IBT's, in conjunction with Monte's lover Rhett Gable, will host a celebration of the life, laughs, and hangovers of Tucson's own "Thin White Duke", Monte-Jon Gilmer, on Sunday, April 17, friends in the community of Mr. Gilmer are invited to attend. The affair will be a pot luck and celebration of Monte's life.

A photo memory board of Monte is being compiled and will be presented to Rhett at the event. Anyone wishing to contribute photographs, art, or memorabilia of Monte-Jon is asked to contact Big John at IBT's, 882-3053. It is asked that contributions for the board be made by April 10th, so please dig through your memories and contribute. This will not be a maudlin event. It will be a fitting soiree for an old "girl-friend", a party with some food, some drinks, some sniffles, and some David Bowie. Music will be provided by Jon Haase with some surprises. Frankly, the only thing missing will be Monte.

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# At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

## That Word Again

Webster defines the word *queer* thus: "strange; odd; eccentric; behaving, acting, or appearing in a manner other than the ordinary, normal, or usual manner; singular; droll; peculiar." Down the page, the sixth (and last) definition lists "homosexual [Slang]."

Rita Mae Brown wrote in *Rubyfruit Jungle* in 1973: "Looks like nobody wants their queers." Although Rita Mae was speaking specifically of Gay and Lesbian people, she was right in the broader sense of the word *queer* as well. Our society has little room for those who don't behave like good little worker bees.

Last June, I wrote about referring to myself as queer rather than gay: "...calling myself queer...connotes having taken the political step to be out of the closet...Queers are also of many genders; it's a universal, inclusive term."

I hadn't looked up the definition when I wrote that. While I stand by all that I said back in June, I am delighted to find that Webster associates queerness with eccentricity, singularity, drollness, and not being ordinary.

I had been described as droll, out of the ordinary, and even eccentric long before I came out of the closet. How charming to discover that all those things are also included in calling myself queer!

What started this bit of lexicographic research was the reaction of a couple of friends to the Q word.

I told you that I have made a couple of marvelous friends who happen to be straight. Well, that word queer just sticks in their throats. They have absolutely no problem with me being queer, they just aren't used to the term. Web told me that it made him think of one black person calling another *nigger*. I said, "Exactly!"

Just as the N word may be used among intimates, the Q word is no insult when uttered by a friend of whatever gender.

Web can quote from memory Lenny Bruce's monologue on ethnic and racial epithets, but he still won't use those words (I'm glad to say). Of course, there is only one definition for *kike* or *spic* or other such unimaginative labels. The only use of such words is to demean or hurt others; there are no further definitions.

*Queer*, on the other hand, has many aspects — as do we who claim it. How like our narrow, pietistic society to focus on the last — and least — of the senses of this lovely word! Then again, the least definition is the only one having to do with sex, so naturally that's the only one we are socialized to think of.

As Lenny Bruce pointed out, any word, if repeated enough, loses all meaning and becomes gibberish. The sounds themselves mean nothing; how, then, can they be used as weapons? Only if we allow it.

Claiming the name *queer* drains it of its power to hurt us. It unites all of us whose loves and lives are "singular," "other than the ordinary," and even sometimes "droll" or "eccentric."

At the same time, being *queer* does not imply any sort of mythical melting-pot combination. It honors our multitudes of hard-won lives and paths. It pulls every facet of our diverse and intricate selves into sharp focus. The edges may be stylized, even hard, but dazzlingly, brilliantly clear.

In last week's *Tucson Weekly*, Rosiland Jordan characterized me as a "self-described 'queer.'" I have to admit that I winced when I first read that sentence.

After that word drove me to the dictionary, I realized that I couldn't have chosen better. I'd rather be queer than ordinary any day.

## Pride Week Fundraising Underway

TUCSON - Fiesta de Mayo, the big fundraising event for Pride Week and the Picnic will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7-8. Candidates who are interested in running for King and Queen of Pride Week are being sought by TLGA.

These candidates collect money from various fund-raising events and the money is counted as 'votes' and the contestant with the most "votes" wins the title and will reign over the Pride Week activities, the Pride Picnic and other functions throughout the year.

Candidates may run in a variety of ways: as couples i.e. King & King; Queen & Queen; King & Queen; or individually as King or Queen.

Candidates are assigned a color which they represent. There already are candidates for the red team and the white team. Other candidates are needed. TLGA's budget for this year's Pride events is in excess of \$6,000 so more

candidates are needed to raise that amount.

The 'votes' are counted at the final show on Sunday night, May 8 at the Fiesta de Mayo extravaganza to be held this year at IBT's.

Clubs, business and organizations are also sought for booths at the Fiesta. There will be a limit of 20 booths so early reservations are urged. There is no charge for the booths which can be used as a fund raiser for the club or organization. Game booths are encouraged.

TLGA is also seeking crownholders past and present to participate in the annual pre-Fiesta Crownholders show to be held at the Graduate on April 30. All crownholders are asked to check in by the deadline of Sunday, April 23 to be assured of performing. The same deadline applies to booth reservations. Call 321-0985 or come by a TLGA meeting for more information.



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## \$2,000 Raised For THRC In Benefit Concert



TUCSON - As everyone knows by now, or at least hopefully so, the Tucson Human Rights Coalition (THRC) was formed primarily to fight the impending Meliti's amendment which would take away human rights ordinances as they pertain to Lesbian and Gay people. The battle is only just begun, but the THRC is very active meeting regularly with their counterparts the Arizona Human Rights Fund in Phoenix to plan for the expected battle with the religious right in this fight.

Last March 12th, a benefit concert was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church building headed by singer/songwriter/recording artist, Jamie Anderson. Also appearing were the improvisational theatre group Women of the Bloodhut, singer/songwriter from Los Angeles Rus McCoy, singers Patty Sunilberg and Molly Who, aka The Courage Sisters, poet Meikil Berry and Pastiche, the choral ensemble from Desert Voices.

At the end of the evening, over \$2,000 was raised thanks to the efforts of these performers as well as the hard working staff who put the fund raiser on in the first place.

Pictured above are just a few of the local people who worked in various capacities to make sure that the evening went off without a flaw. In the back row from left to right are Pat Ojeda, performer Rus McCoy, Jamie Anderson, and producers Natalie and Beth Perry. In the front row are Kathy Mayer, Chair of THRC, Erin Duffy, helper, Meikil Berry, Poet and Melody Boubreau, usher.

## Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

Last week, there was a slight mix up. I've always printed in this column the correct and up to date Bear event information. Unfortunately, in last week's Observer, the ad for the Venture-N listed our Bear Bust as March 31 instead of April 7 as it was listed in this column. We had quite a few people show up that night and wound up getting pissed off because it didn't happen. Well, we apologize that we didn't have a chance to check the ad ahead of time, but do us a favor. If you are a Bear or are slightly Bear-ish or know someone who is Bear-like or know someone who likes Bears, please shove this column under his nose. This is the best info you can get about one of the best groups in town.

We're going to try this again, so listen closely. This is the correct Bear info:

Thursday, April 7 - Come down to the Venture-N at 7:30 p.m. because the Bears are holding their General Meeting in which all are invited, and THEN at 9:00 p.m. is the Bear Bust serving 50 cent drafts until midnight. We promise!!!

Saturday, April 9 - Ralph G. is hosting the Bear Hug at his home starting at 8 p.m. This gathering has gotten a bit of a reputation around town, so let me stop all the rumors floating around this party by simply stating that all of them are true. Call one of our contacts for all the info. There is a small gate fee, and be sure to BYOB (you're welcome to interpret that last "B" anyway you want: bottle, Bear, bullwhip, etc).

Saturday, April 16 - It's a Bar Crawl. Starting at 7 p.m. at the Venture-N, we'll be hitting all points of interest in between until we wind up at the Stonewall/Eagle before closing time. A full schedule will be printed in next week's Observer. Just follow our colors and, the "bouncing Bear". It goes something like this: 1st - Venture-N, 2nd - Graduate, 3rd - IBT's, 4th - Rumors, 5th - Club 2520, 6th - Hours, 7th - Stonewall/Eagle. Join the fun and find out what we're about.

Wednesday, April 20 - Restaurant Night. Meet at Venture-N at 6:30 p.m. and we'll leave for a local restaurant at about 7 p.m. If you miss us, just ask one of the bartenders where the Bears went.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Reddington Pass. Fun in the sun, and in the shade, and in the water, and in the...

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### FYI

by Big John

Congratulations to Patrick Fenimore this years winner of the Pride Logo contest and \$100.00. I wish to thank the six other contestants who submitted thirteen pieces to choose from. It was a difficult decision to make, and I'm pleased to say because of the quality of some of the art, a very arduous one at that. We hope you will be pleased. I hope to have t-shirts ready to "market" by Fiesta De Mayo Weekend at IBT's May 6, 7, and 8th.

mine in already. Appointments to panel are made through your city council person in whatever ward you live in. Get involved, we have a new police chief coming our way and we need people who are courageous and "out" to shape the future.

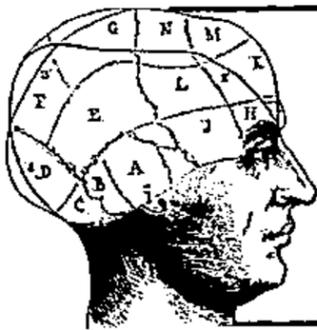
Now some sad news to report. The CDBG #151 is alive and kicking. It seems our council members have been given a "guilt" trip from the people at CEDAC who have done an about face on amount approved for funding. CDBG = City Development Block Grant, #151 = the proposed TAP, Pact, Shanti and El Proyecto requests for \$250,000.00 to use as a down payment to buy real estate to house all ASO's in one location in one part of town. All the letters I've seen at various city council members offices in support of this ill conceived project have come from TAP employees. People who get a paycheck. Petitions have been circulated and turned in from our community to protest this absurd land scam. It is urgent you call your council person or city of Tucson 791-4700 comment line NOW! Several of us will file a law suit against the city if this passes.

[The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily represent the views of the management and staff of The Observer.]

There is still booth space available for anyone interested in participation at this event. You can sell merchandise from arts and crafts to "rubber daddies." All booths must supply a game activities even if you are an "information only" booth. TLGA requests that you give 10% of your income, not profits to the team of your choice and there is a \$10.00 up front fee for the booth construction, which will be completed May 5th so you may decorate your "space" all day Friday May 6th. We request that your booth be "manned" or "womanned" by 5 PM all three days (no requirement about the time you leave). Saturday, May 7th, we will have "live" music in and outside. **IBTS WILL BE THE ONLY PLACE TO PLAY IN MAY!!**

TLGA also welcomes Roland and Jeff from Rumorz to the staff at IBTS. Stop by and see what everyone should know - IBT's is hot!

Now - some serious stuff! What's been goin' on at the police advisory panel? It seems that the city of Tucson has no data file on anyone Gay or Lesbian interested in participation in its panel and that the people involved are now "over it" or have resigned as in the case of Colette Barajas (who doesn't live in Tucson but now resides in Oro Valley). I've had several conversations with her these past couple of days and she has indicated her plans to vacate the "chair" position she holds. I would request anyone interested in this type of community service to send a resumé or bio to Phil Carlin, Human Resource, City of Tucson. This could be very rewarding and fulfilling time spent for the civic minded. I for one have sent



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# From The POOP SHEET

by Ace Lunden

Well kiss ma' gnts and butter ma' buns! Ol' Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't jus' walkin' 'round with his head up a dark place, was he? He laid it all out in the open, didn't he? Got himself killed for it too, didn't he? He said "the most dangerous thing in the world is ignorance systematically pursued"...and the ignorant got upset because the truth hurt. Now, I ask myself: Why? Why would "ignorance systematically pursued" be the "most dangerous thing in the world"? The answer has to be: ignorance breeds fears in people, and, albeit unfounded fears, they are nonetheless frightening. Hmmm! Maybe it's even more frightening to the ignorant; maybe that's why it's so dangerous!?

Fear truly is an insidious monster! It makes wonderful human beings act less than human. Straight phobics aren't the only ones affected though. Gays and Lesbians know all too well what fear is. It exists, basically however, from two standpoints: Reality fears and, fear created from the unknown.

So what are reality fears? It's those areas of life where we face a definite known threat which could harm us. Like being bashed because we're Gay. A legitimate fear, so we take precautions. Reality fears should awaken us to falling off a ladder, driving on a busy street or crossing a street, contracting a contagious disease.

In over a half century of living I have found foundationless fears are more prevalent. Of course, they are equally as frightening as legitimate fears, but, these fears are illegitimate, since education and knowledge have the ability to eliminate them. These fears become phobias when allowed to exist and grow. They may create monsters out of us where psychological therapy may be needed to free us from the grasp on our mind, body and spirit. Homophobia is one of these illegitimate fears.

Homophobia is the fear of homosexuals. A fear created from centuries of ignorance pursued in a systematic manner through keeping homosexuals in their

closets. "What you don't know won't hurt you" may have been the pervasive thought which kept hidden the realities of homosexuality.

Time passes though and hopefully intelligence increases. We now know that homos come in all shapes, colors and sizes. We now realize that it is entirely probable one may exist in our own Family Tree. We now know so much more than we did even a couple decades ago; yet homophobia still exists. We may have "come a long way, baby" but there's still a long way to go in eliminating this horrible monster. In the minds of so many precious people who are infected with this fear...precious people who may even be our own grandparents, parents, Aunts and Uncles, cousins, co-workers, neighbors. We who are "out" have the opportunity of helping educate them.

What possibly could be the seed-thought which creates this monster fear? It may well be the dormant idea that homosexuality is something which can be "caught", like a disease, or something which can be taught, like a job skill. To erase the fear/phobia, however, might be facing the questions: If one is a homo, could you be a hetero? Or, if one is a hetero, could you ever in your wildest dreams be a homo? The answers, of course, are simple. Those of us who know we are naturally as we are, know if we continue in our closets: know what others see of us will be an act. So, could we be a hetero? It is an act many of us have put on for our public. The hetero also knows deep down inside that there is no way in heck they'd ever be able to put up a facade of being of homo. Yet many still fear.

Maybe they're afraid of being the "other" group in society called "Bi-sexual".

The task we all face is accepting who and what we are; then learn to live in love and harmony with those around us who are not our clones. Our sexuality is not something we wake up one day and say "I think I'll be this or that today". The way we live, however, is a choice, whether we be homo or hetero.

Out of curiosity, do you find most of the people in your life to be straight? Or Gay? My life has found me with two or three out of ten to be Gay/Lesbian. I personally think the majority of Gays live with most of their friends and acquaintances be straights. But, think of the impact our individual lives could make if each of us were out of the closet to these straight friends and acquaintances. The next thing we'll have to learn how to do is driving them to the voting booths when our lives on the line.

Drop me a line and tell me how it would be if you set for the world the rules of love. Keep your chin up, your shoulder to the wheel. Walk proudly if you deserve to. Allow the world to see the love which our creator did give abundantly to our community.

Well, that's it from the Poop Sheet.

[Mr. Lunden is former Managing Editor of Zipper Magazine and The Coast To Coast Times. His autobiographical legacy: The Closet Are Empty...The Dining Room's Full is in hardcover by Ponderosa Publishing House.]

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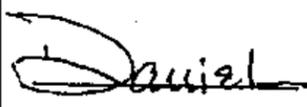
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# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Bosnia, Somalia, the Middle East, all around the world violence is on the increase. Even in our own country, the World Trade Center bombing, and in our own cities, our own neighborhoods, random drive by shootings, murders at convenience stores, carjackings, and on and on. These events all continue to grab the night time news reports.

What is our natural reaction to this violence and the threat of harm to ourselves? Many of us react in fear as we search for new ways to distance our personal lives from the perceived dangers we find all around us. Another reaction is anger. We buy guns in increasing frenzy. We invest in guard dogs. We want revenge. These are all natural human reactions, and everyone has a logical explanation for their individual viewpoint.

The increased violence is just an added problem to those which homosexuals have lived with for ions. We have lived our lives with such things as the fear of a knock on the door in the middle of the night, a "bust" in a bar by the vice squad, unequal treatment in courts and by other authorities. There have also been the crusades by the traditional fundamentalist churches as well as discrimination on many fronts. Like the Jews or World War II, we have walked quietly to the ovens of rejection, persecution, and trials.

In more recent years a lot of that has changed. In groups and individually, our people have begun fighting back. I am glad to see our community begin to stand up for itself, yet there are some ways we fight back that worry me. Some segments of our community out of frustration or anger are taking to the streets and retaliating with their own violence.

What should our reaction be the

injustices and violence around us? The only way that has ever proven effective has been shown to us by Jesus Christ. The Old Testament God was revealed largely as a God of revenge and vengeance. Then with the coming of Jesus, we see God's forgiveness, grace, and love poured out in abundance on all who will accept it. Jesus, referring to the Old Testament, said, "You have heard that it was said, "eye for and eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matthew 5:38, 39) Jesus also said we are to forgive our enemies countless times.

I have learned in my own life that the only road to peace is forgiveness of all those who have wronged me. My next discovery was that I didn't have the strength to do this by myself. Where could I find this power? I found it in Jesus Christ, who taught that if I wanted forgiveness for myself, I had to forgive others, and who also told me that when I am weak, he is strong, and his holy spirit would hold me up and give me the strength I need.

Jesus stands at the door of your heart, knocking, with the simple message of love and forgiveness. If you let Jesus into your life, peace that transcends all else will be yours. You can walk through life with catastrophe and disaster all around you, yet have the perfect peace because you know that the lord of lords, Jesus, walks with you. Won't you think about that today? Peace in the midst of turmoil! Jesus promises it, and what he promises he does! If you have any questions, we can help. Gives us a call at 622-4626, or come to a service at 2902 N. Geronimo some Sunday morning or evening. Until next time remember God loves you and so do we.

## A Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Community Center

## WINGSPAN

[This is a copy of a letter sent to Tucson Mayor George Miller from Wingspan President, Ken Godat.]

Dear Mayor Miller:

This letter is written to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community Center, to extend our support to Tucson AIDS Project's recent request for additional funding of their efforts to provide HIV/AIDS care services to the citizens of Tucson.

Wingspan wishes to acknowledge the hard work that the staff of Tucson AIDS Project has provided in the past in the areas of education, prevention, and client care. TAP's contributions have (for many) meant the difference of life over death. It is Wingspan's desire that TAP be permitted to continue providing the best

possible services to Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals and all persons in the greater Tucson community.

The City of Tucson and the Tucson AIDS Project cannot afford to ignore that HIV affects everyone. All of us must recognize the magnitude if this disease and the personal devastation it brings to every person it touches. HIV/AIDS is not just a medical issue, but a social problem of global concerns affecting both women and men, and persons of all colors. With all people, working together, we will be able to come to terms with the dire consequences of this epidemic.

The current proposal to combine Tucson's four community based AIDS service organizations is a promising step toward improving efficiency and the quality of education and care. Implementing this plan would begin the elimination of duplicated services and enhance the possibilities of increased funding from outside sources. Wingspan supports all four ASOs in their efforts to rethink their strategies as we all dig for the long battle.

Wingspan appreciates the concern you have shown in the past in the fight against HIV/AIDS and urge you to continue your support of our community.

Respectfully, Ken Godat  
President

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# CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

**STONEWALL** - It's Salsa Night here with DJ Marc and it all begins at 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**RUMORZ** - Join the gang for "The Last Hurrah" a grand send-off for Rumorz who are moving on to new places. All day and all evening there will be specials on all drinks plus hors d'oeuvres and music and memories.

**STONEWALL** - Hot male erotic dancers will begin here at 10 p.m. The strippers include Airion, Atryu, Sebastian and Ked.

**VENTURE-N** - Bears of the Old Pueblo general meeting at 7:30 followed by a Beer Bust from 9 p.m. until midnight. Y'all come!

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

**STONEWALL** - Karaoke will begin here tonight at 9:00 p.m. Hosted by Crash of Rising Star Productions.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**GRADUATE** - Tucson Knight Owls monthly Beer Bust begins at 2 p.m. Cash pool tourney begins at 2 p.m. also. Then at 9 p.m., Miss Gay Tucson Candidate Party begins for Lucinda Holliday and the show will feature Paris St. Claire, Sasha, Crystal Abrams, Mama Reyna and Felicia Reynard.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

**STONEWALL** - The Falsies Revue will begin here tonight at 9:30 p.m. Show features Mama Reyna, Adrienne Alexander, Tatiana Landanova and a Special Guest.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**IBT'S** - Benefit for the National MPS Society will feature a show and auction beginning at 9:00 p.m. The auction which will be held during the show will feature special items from local Gay & Lesbian celebrities, including Madame X's Miss Gay Tucson Crown; Monte Jon's "Dietrich" by Clark; Rick Norman's Cowboy Hat; Rodney's "Route 66" vest and many more items. A fun night, a fun show and a great cause.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

**CLUB 2520** - Big Fundraiser for Team Arizona going to the Gay Games in New York. The night will feature Sumo Wrestling. If you want to volunteer to wrestle, come on down or call 881-6212 and sign up. It looks like a fund night some come on down.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

**CLUB 2520** - Anonymous HIV testing by Pima County Health Department will take place here from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. Here's a great chance to get tested.



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# Non-Bar

# CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**UBGLAD** (United Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians with Dignity), the Pima Community College Group will meet in Room RC-5 from 3:00 to 4:30. For more information call Nicole or Wayne at 884-6562.

FRI, SAT, SUN, APRIL 8-9-10

"Accepting Our Blessing II" the second annual weekend retreat for Lesbians and Gays at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, examines the recent progress we have made as a spiritually motivated people, and directs us to an appreciation of how our special call contributes to world ministry. Registration begins Friday, Apr. 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the retreat concludes Sunday, April 10 after lunch. The suggested donation of \$75 covers all costs. For more info. call 744-3400 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

The Cronics will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the CIAO Church, 3269 N. Mountain. This will be a pot luck. Call 888-7264 for more details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Deidre McCalla, a prominent urban singer, songwriter will be performing at the Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Ave. at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For more information or tickets call 884-1221.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

"Living With HIV" will be the discussion at a wellness workshop to be held at the University Medical Center (Arizona Cancer Center Conference Room) from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is no admission but there is limited enrollment. Please call 626-7301 by April 3. Lunch will be catered by Dakota Cafe. The medical center is located at 1501 N. Campbell.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network meets for a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. This month's meeting is a play day at Reid Park; 3:00 p.m. at Ramada #24 in Reid Park. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are invited to attend. Call 325-6001 for more information.

"Everything you always wanted to know about Sex(ism) will be the subject of the Prejudice Reduction Discussion Group at Wingspan this morning at 10:30 a.m. Learn how we can grow beyond our perceived notions about the opposite sex. Call 742-1535 for more info. Wingspan is located at 422 N. 4th Ave.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Today and every third Sunday of the month, Picture Rocks hosts a spiritual celebration for Lesbians and Gays with mass at 6:00 p.m. and a potluck supper immediately following. For additional information on programs or masses call 744-3400 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

A special classical music concert as a benefit for Frensdorff House. Pianist Edward Muller will be performing at the Deaf and Blind School beginning at 5:00 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 with tickets available at Antigone's and 4th Avenue Social Club. For more information call 622-1437.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

An all-women's dance beginning at 9:00 p.m. presented by Lesbianas Latinas de Tucson and featuring g the popular women's band Rare Breed. 9:00 p.m. at the 4th Avenue Social Club. \$5 donation requested. Proceeds to sponsor Latina Lesbian Cultural Evening and Conference Sept. 16 & 17 featuring Cherric Moraga.

FRI. SAT. SUN. MAY 6-7-8

Fiesta de Mayo Weekend. This is a major fund raiser for Pride Week activities including the big annual picnic. Watch for more details.

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# Tucson

# CALENDAR

sunday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon, Salsa Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. ADRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$3. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB** - Brunch 11-2; Live music by Horton & Hill, Friendly Fire 7:30-11:30 (Usually a cover for the band)

**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

**RUMORZ** - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - The Eagle opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 3pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust. T-Dance begins at 4 p.m. in the Stairwell.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Monte Madson "Buckles". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps. 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. McDow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 7-8, \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer, 8:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stairwell opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to those in leather.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. \$2.50 pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8-10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trak Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 7pm to close

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 8 pm to close \$1.50 Well Drinks.

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Felicia show at 9:30 p.m.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stairwell side opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer to those in leather.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

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

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

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salm Nite 9 to close, \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips + "Fim" salsa.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 10am to 7pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stairwell side opens at 8pm for dancing. 8-1 specials on well and domestic beers to members of bowling teams and leagues.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 Longnecks & Well. Patio Bar opens 7pm. Bare Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "specially waked" men.

thursday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar matches 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. Hinekas or Corona \$1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Kleins underwear, \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Male Dancers 9:30.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 7pm with \$1.50 well and domestic longnecks plus a special on domestic can beer for \$1.25. The Stairwell opens at 8pm slightly for dancing. Uniform Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer if wearing military, police or other uniforms.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9 to 1 with DJ David

**RUMORZ** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Horn D'Ocuvres.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 7pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Hot Horn D'ocuvres. Stairwell opens at 8pm for dancing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longnecks & well. Patio Bar opens 7 pm.

saturday

**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 3pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

**RUMORZ** - Open 3 p.m. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close.

**STONEWALL/RAGLE** - The Eagle opens at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers. Stairwell opens at 8pm for dancing.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.



# WHAT'S UP DOC???



Well, I guess we have to wait until next year, again. Regardless, I am still a Wildcat fan and their record this year is nothing but great. Even the final winner, had losses, and it is just unfortunate that we had one more than them. Now all we can do is wait for the football season, and wonder, Will roses be in their future this year?

Took a little trip up to Phoenix this past weekend and saying it was interesting, is putting it mildly. Yes, we did see Mother Johnny at the 307 and he sn't changed a bit. He was still complaining to me that when he was in Tucson recently, I made him go to work during Partners beer bust. Poor thing, as if he didn't enjoy every minute of it.

This coming Saturday will be TKO's beer bust. On the menu for the day will be hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato chips. Don't worry, I will not be doing the cooking. Also, time is getting close for their annual Spring Fling run so pick up an application and get it mailed in, or hand delivered.

For those of us that have been around for a few full moons, on April 16, up in Phoenix, the Arizona Rangers MSC will be celebrating their anniversary. I'm not sure what number this year is for them but I can tell you that they were one of the original three on the first Arizona Three Way run, this run now being the Arizona

Fellowship Run. My congratulations goes out to them and I hope the day is very festive for all of you. I also look forward to many more years of your club, and getting together in some of the different runs over the year.

Sorry to get the news that Rumorz will be closing their doors for good, as a Gay bar that is. I have and I'm sure a lot of you do also, many fond memories over the years, off and on, as a Gay bar. Hell, I was one of the original inside builders of the bar, which opened back then as Lucky Pierre's. Thanks gang and we will all be seeing you over at the Stonewall/Eagle.



Here is one that was given to me and I take no responsibility for it other than passing it on to you the readers. There is a new club being formed here in Tucson and as of this writing, the two main founders are Candace and Stan. They will be calling the club the Leather Snails.

With that, I'll close for this week and leave you with the following quote, since this is the TAX MONTH TIME.

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**ARIES**

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Brainstorming takes a big sweep in generating your plans this week. You consolidate trips by planning ahead and making a list of priorities. Friends give you a hand with a pet project and give you some good input.

**TAURUS**

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Most of your professional accomplishments are noticed when a complete report is related on your behalf. Family has made a commitment to keep open the lines of communication and strengthen ties. A short trip is in order.

**GEMINI**

MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Breaking barriers helps you to realize the potential power you possess. Most of your abilities are put to the test in the aspect of finances. Look to slow moving investments to protect your interest and speculation.

**CANCER**

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Full ticket concerning social obligations. Pot luck meal comes off as a success thanks to your efforts and cool attitude. Someone will come to you for counsel of the years and wisdom which you gladly share.

**LEO**

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Someone close to you has struck your "achilles heel." You emotional level could use a boost and you could use some fresh air. Break out of the norm and raise some racket and exercise when possible.

**VIRGO**

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

A sudden inspiration causes you to take to the road. However short or long this break proves to be just what the doctor ordered. Use this quality of time to rejuvenate your outlook and motivate your career.

**LIBRA**

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

You seem to find that you are two steps behind for every step forward. Be sure to look at the "big picture" and things will not seem so overwhelming. All things are surmountable and can be broken down into small groups to tackle at your own speed.

**SCORPIO**

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

A great amount of pride is quickly diminished if not nurtured properly. Try to stick to your new approach on health and attitude, it is not always easy but, certainly the right path to take when there is a choice to be made.

**SAGITTARIUS**

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Many topics come to the surface when engaged in a casual conversation which reveals truths about a rumor that had been circulating around. Treat this new found information with respect and your source will be respected too.

**CAPRICORN**

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Determination and will power will get what you want this week. Look to others to help speed the momentum in your favor. Smooth sailing in all other aspects of your life style and lots of positive feedback.

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- Tucson AIDS Project, 151 S. Tucson, #252

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Sunday, April 17, AGRA Meeting, Stonewall/Eagle. Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m., General Membership Meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Beer Bust!

Howdy Tucson! Little by little we're getting back to normal and recuperating from the rodeo. But then again, we're already talking about next year and how to make it even bigger and better. Looks like when rodeo gets in the blood it keeps you going.

Hop up on a horse and ride off into the sunset with Tucson's nicest cowboys and girls on Saturday, April 17 when the second AGRA Trail Ride takes place. The folks who went last time raved over it so we're doing it again!

AGRA invites the entire community to join us for an evening of fun, a scenic sunset trail ride and a hearty chuck wagon dinner following, all at El Conquistador Stables. For only \$35.00. You get your horse, a ride up into the hills, a full dinner with all the fixins and a great opportunity to hangout with a fun group of guys and girls. Space is limited to only 50 people so hurry and call AGRA at 323-0805 to get your tickets. If you can't make the ride itself but would like to come out for the dinner only, the price is \$15.00. Don't miss it!

AGRA members, don't forget the meeting on the 17th at Stonewall/Eagle, this will be the conclusion to the nominating process so it'll be your last chance to get in your nomination for the new Board of Directors. There were a few rodeo t-shirts left over so all of you who were working hard at the rodeo and didn't have time to buy one, will have another chance, they'll be available at the meeting, so bring along some extra cash.



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specific written consent from subjects for testing.

When reached for comment, Rep. Susan Gerard (R-Dist. 18) stated that her reasoning behind her amendment was "to force the legislature to review the data and to have in place an 'action' that would automatically revert the policy to the current system before S.B. 1314."

Gerard had been the original sponsor of legislation which required specific written consent in all HIV testing. Her reasoning behind the original bill was to "force communication" between care givers and patients. She stated that there are 15 states which have specific written consent for testing.

She stated that Doctors have not been doing the counseling and getting the written permission from patients. She added that "lab techs, in cases, have been handing out the consent forms." "Doctors, in cases, will not offer testing because of the consent form, their wish-not to deal with patients and the paperwork."

The bill, now awaits third reading by the full House, due to the engrossing process, and if passed would go to a conference committee to be reconciled with the Senate version of the bill.

# S.B. 1314

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HIV antibody test. "The policy applies regardless of length of stay, and it applies not only during the Yokohama conferences, but at all times," Dr. Yamamoto said.

According to Ministry officials, Japan has never denied access to any visitor or immigrant because of HIV or AIDS.

In a related matter, Dr. Yamamoto also stated that discrimination against people with HIV or AIDS in hotel accommodations is illegal in Japan. The Conference organizers have reserved 7,000 Yokohama hotel rooms for conference guests, and are providing AIDS education to hotel managers and employees.

"Education efforts are being specifically targeted for hotel managers and employees, to assure that guests living with HIV or AIDS are welcomed and always treated with respect," said Dr. Yamamoto. "Since AIDS cannot be transmitted through normal daily contact, turning down a guest because he or she has HIV or AIDS is not permitted under the law."

The Ministry's Environmental Health Bureau has notified local governments and a national association for hotel health standards that the Japanese Hotel Business Law does not allow discrimination against people with HIV or AIDS. In addition, the national association has been hosting seminars and lectures to ensure that hotel personnel are well educated on AIDS issues.

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**UofA FACULTY AND STAFF** for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meet 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.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE** 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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# Kentucky Student Suspended, Arrested, After Wearing A Dress In School

LOUISVILLE, KY (AP) - A teen age student suspended and then arrested after wearing a dress to school turned down a prosecutor's offer to drop all charges if he would perform community service.

John Paul Poynter, showed up for classes at Louisville's Central High School wearing an ankle length, embroidered black dress with a side split, black pantyhose, women's shoes and a wig.

He was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing and disorderly conduct after refusing to leave the building.

Poynter explained that he was trying to express "another side of my personality" and that the issue was his right to express his homosexuality.

He spent the night in the Jefferson County Jail in lieu of a \$150 bond. But he was released on his own recognizance after an arraignment in Jefferson District Court.

Poynter, who appeared in court clad in a unisex orange jail jumpsuit, refused a county attorney's offer to perform community service in exchange for dismissal of the charges. He was scheduled to appear again on April 14.

"I wore the dress because I wanted to be myself," said Poynter, a senior. "It was just a way to say this is another side of me."

Principal Harold Fenderson said he suspended Poynter for three days because he refused to change clothes or leave. He said Poynter refused to leave with his stepfather and ran off and hid in the school until lunch time.

Lauren Brown Roberts, spokesperson for Jefferson County Public Schools, said Poynter's dress violated district policy that a student's appearance should not be disruptive.

Fenderson said Poynter's stepfather suggested he call police and he did, because after being suspended and asked to leave, Poynter was considered a trespasser.

Another boy, who had been a student at Central until about two weeks ago, also wore a dress but agreed to leave when asked, said Roberts.

Poynter lives with his mother and stepfather. His mother, who uses her current husband's name, asked not to be identified because she didn't want the publicity to affect other family members.

She said she knew her son intended to wear a dress to school, but she said she thought it was a school sanctioned activity.

"I don't think what he did was right," she said, "But he's going to stand up for he believes is no matter what anyone thinks."

In an interview at the jail, Poynter said he didn't leave Central High because he had a right to be there. He said his attire shouldn't have mattered if it didn't violate the school dress code.

Poynter said it was the principal who was disrupting school by making an issue of his attire. He said reaction from some of the students was good, although two students had pulled off his wig and some had taunted him.

Poynter said he doesn't normally wear women's clothing to school, although he had come to school dressed as a woman for "Opposite Sex" day, an activity during homecoming festivities in which students can dress as the opposite sex.

"If I was violating the dress code, why was it okay to for Opposite Day?" he asked.

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