Coming soon to a theater near you

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William F. Buckley Jr., in a syndicated column last fall that compared Nushawn Williams unfavorably to Billy the Kid, proposed that the names of all people with HIV be made public. This was Buckley's second stab at prevention: A decade ago, he argued for tattoos on every HIV positive buttocks. Funny guy, huh?

Gay Men's Health Crisis didn't think so: When Buckley called, "Tattoo!," GMHC cried, "Screw you!"

But times change, and Buckley's names-reporting bedfellows now include not only the CDC, AMA and state legislatures but -- in a memorable one-night stand last January -- even GMHC, which awoke with morning-after regrets.

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