

Queer On Death Row

By Richard Goldstein

HUNSTVILLE, TX - You may never have heard of Calvin Burdine, but his case should be familiar. Burdine is the Texas death-row inmate whose lawyer allegedly fell asleep during his trial. (The lawyer claimed he was merely concentrating.)

The story surfaced during last year's presidential campaign as a stunning reminder of why Texas is known as the execution capital of the free world. The fact that Burdine's trial took only 13 hours did not seem unusual. But a federal court found the evidence of his attorney's naps disturbing enough to grant Burdine a stay of execution so his case could be reviewed. It is still pending.

Yet, another aspect of Burdine's appeal has gone unaddressed. His Gayness was used by the state in ways that may have marked him for death. Jurors—several of whom admitted animus toward Gays—heard the prosecutor say during closing arguments that "sending a homosexual to the penitentiary certainly isn't a very bad punishment for a homosexual." Burdine's lawyer did not object, but then, he had no problem calling the codefendant in the case a "tush hog." He didn't object when the prosecutor described Burdine's "homosexual life" as "voluntary." Making that point was an effective way to counter any sympathy that might arise from testimony that Burdine had been raped as a child by his father, a truck driver who took him along on runs.

Burdine's victim, too, had been a dark father figure. He took Burdine in only on the condition that he turn over his salary. Burdine testified that when his earnings didn't cover his rent, the benefactor insisted he hustle. When he refused, Burdine contends, he was beaten by the victim's friends. The result was murder in the commission of a robbery—a capital crime in many states, but one that doesn't necessarily lead to death row. Indeed, only 1.2 percent of murder cases end in death sentences. Executing someone requires a separate proceeding in which aggravating factors are weighed against mitigating ones. When the defendant is Gay, sexuality can become one of those aggravating factors—with fatal consequences.

In Burdine's case, the jurors were urged to order his execution by a prosecutor who told them that sending this man to prison would be like setting a kid loose in a candy store.

Calvin Burdine is not the only queer on death row. In the past few years, five capital cases involving Gay or Lesbian defendants have raised charges that homophobia played a role in sentencing. But no one knows how many queers await

execution in America. Though extensive data exist on the race, age, and gender of such inmates, there are few statistics about their sexuality. No one knows how often Gayness is raised by prosecutors as a snide implication, an unfounded assertion, or a fact that may or may not be relevant to the case. But it comes up with such frequency and in such predictable ways that the allegations of anti Gay bias cannot be dismissed.

There are high barriers against injecting race into a trial, and rape-shield laws that prohibit introducing a victim's prior sexual history. But no such restrictions exist when it comes to homosexuality. "The courts are not there yet, especially in capital cases," says Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center. As Burdine's trial illustrates, the rules against statements that might inflame a jury are not necessarily enforced when the defendant is Gay. Ambitious prosecutors are often free to play to stereotypical beliefs about homosexuals. And they have reason to single out Gay defendants when deciding which cases might convince a jury to opt for execution.

After all, a death sentence is never mandatory. No matter how heinous the crime, a jury can choose to spare the murderer's life. "It's all about emotion," says Dieter. "There's no legal formula for who gets the death penalty, and anyone who seems outside the bounds of what's acceptable is more likely to end up being executed." Race, class, and reduced mental capacity all play a major role in capital punishment. The queer defendants in the following cases also fit into one or more of those categories. Their sexuality was hardly the only factor in their fate. But in each case, it was used in ways that played to the most negative assumptions about Gay people. And in the God-fearing counties where these trials took place, it may have doomed them.

Sometimes, the mere mention of homosexuality is enough to spell death. That's what activists say happened to Stanley Lingar, who was executed in Missouri last month for the murder of a young man he and a friend had picked up. According to the friend, who pled guilty to second-degree murder (and served six years), they forced their victim to undress and demanded that he masturbate. When he failed to perform, Lingar shot him, beat him, and ran him over twice. The friend was the only witness to the crime, but the jury bought his testimony, and in the penalty phase, they sentenced Lingar to die.

This second verdict followed a startling piece of evidence that the prosecutor had abruptly introduced. It was something even the defense was unaware

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Rev. Mel White Comes To Tucson May 4

TUCSON - The Rev. Mel White, co-founder of Soulforce Ministries, will be in Tucson, Friday, May 4, 7:00 p.m., at the International Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue.

White has been a Christian minister, author, and filmmaker all his adult life. Raised as a evangelical Christian, taught that homosexuality was a sin, he fought to overcome his own homosexual orientation for decades in all ways available to him: prayer, psychotherapy, exorcism, electric

shock, marriage and family. That struggle and his halting, poignant steps to understand and accept his homosexuality, reconcile it with his Christian faith, and express his sexuality respectfully and responsibly, are described in his book "Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America," published in 1994.

In 1993, he came out publicly when he was installed as dean at the Dallas

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Cooper - Lara Exchange Vows



TUCSON - In a beautiful Holy Union Ceremony held last Saturday, April 21, John Anthony Cooper and Peter Anthony Lara exchanged vows at the Rincon Congregational Church in a service that was officiated by the Reverend James Lumsden. The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus sang a number of appropriate songs throughout the ceremony.

As members of both families assisted during the services, Rev. Lumsden kept a serious but light and humorous note to the enjoyment of the two hundred-some in attendance.

A very festive reception at La Cocina Restaurant at the Old Towne Artisans followed the services.

Observer congratulates John and Pete, and wishes them a long and happy life together. Thanks for a very, very memorable day.

UPDATE

TKO Spring Fling May 25

Memorial Day Weekend is fast approaching and that means TKO is gearing up for their 21st annual Spring Fling.

The Spring Fling Run will begin on Friday, May 25, 6:00 p.m., with registration at the Venture-N. Activities will begin on Saturday morning with a breakfast and a full day of activities, ending with a bathing beauty contest, following by a Suck Dinner in the evening. Sunday will have more food, including a send off brunch at the Venture-N, fun and games, ending with a dinner and show at the Flamingo Hotel, open to the public. Tickets are available, dinner and show, \$10; show only, \$5. Rooms for those who don't want to drink and drive are available, \$39 a night, for four persons, are available for Run participants or for those attending the show.

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Stonewall Democrats Meeting April 30

TUCSON - The next Tucson meeting of the Tucson-Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats will be Monday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Pima County Democratic Party headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway Road. Everyone is invited to attend, regardless of you level of interest.

For more information, call Pima Democratic Headquarters at (520) 370-8554 or send an email to Stonewall-Tucson@aol.com.

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Kolbe: 'Social Conservatives Undermining Bush's AIDS Appointment

TUCSON - Social conservatives are wrong to undermine President Bush's selection of a Gay Republican to run the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, Rep. Jim Kolbe said.

Bush's appointment of Scott Evertz, a former development official for an AIDS ministry in Wisconsin, has come under fire from conservatives who claim the administration is straying from GOP principles.

But Kolbe, the only openly Gay Republican in Congress, said Evertz is the right person for the post, the Tucson Citizen reported.

"I think the appointment is a great appointment, and I would say to those that are criticizing it, rubbish," Kolbe said. "He has all the right credentials."

The nine-term Republican was delivering a State of the District address. About 400 people attended the event, sponsored by the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Conservatives dislike Evertz's appointment because he opposes the Boy Scouts of America ban on Gay scoutmasters and the characterization of homosexuality as a sin.

But Kolbe, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, said having someone like Evertz who is experienced in AIDS prevention programs can be valuable domestically and abroad.

"I have already made contact to meet him as soon as possible to talk about some of our areas of overlap with the aid programs in South Africa on AIDS and HIV, so we can coordinate those with the White House and what we are doing in our subcommittee," he said.

Tucson's Pride Parade/March Seeks Funds

TUCSON - The Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage are pleased to announce the Second Annual Tucson GLBT Pride Parade/March. This year's event will be Sunday, June 24, starting at the 4th Avenue Park (just south of Speedway), 7:00 p.m.

Last year's first GLBT Pride March, "History in the Making," was an un-permitted event which necessitated a relatively short route. This year, because many in the community have expressed interest in seeing a parade (versus a march) for GLBT pride, we hope to obtain city permits for the Pride Parade, and to lengthen the route from the 4th Avenue Park to La Placita Plaza (near the Tucson Civic Center). In order to make this expansion happen, we need your help.

Approximately \$5,000 must be raised to pay for all of the requirements of city permits for a Parade. In order to raise the amount needed, we are asking the community to show their support through sponsorships and vehicle entry fees. We must receive all funds by May 1 in order to finalize the city permit arrangements.

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of. Lingar and his friend had been lovers. But what did that have to do with the case? The prosecutor maintained it would help explain Lingar's motive—though he never made that point to the jury. No matter. The prosecutor had convinced the judge that Lingar's sexuality spoke to his character—and in Missouri a "depraved mind" is an aggravating factor.

Lingar's appeal was partly successful. The court ruled that discussing his homosexuality would have been unconstitutional if it had influenced the jury. But the court also concluded that it had not. Missouri's attorney general called the charge of bias "absurd."

In fact, 12 percent of jurors say they could not be fair to a Gay defendant, according to a survey by the National Law Journal. This suggests that homophobia will likely be present on any jury, not to mention one in rural Missouri. Yet because the prosecution chose to keep Lingar's sexuality a secret until the last minute, the defense had no way to deal with it, or even to poll the jury about homophobia. Situations like this are why activists urge defense lawyers to be proactive when their clients are Gay. Yet in places like Missouri, attorneys will often pretend the issue isn't there—until it's too late.

Wanda Jean Allen's sexuality was never far from the surface of her case. She had killed her female lover in front of a police station; there was no disputing that. The issue was motive, and the defense demonstrated that Allen and her lover had a tumultuous, violent relationship requiring frequent interventions by the police. At her

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arrest, Allen bore scratches on her face, allegedly from being assaulted by her lover with a rake. This was a crime of passion, the defense argued, and in such cases the death penalty is rarely invoked.

But Allen had several strikes against her. For one thing, she was black and poor. (Her lawyer was paid only \$800.) For another, she had killed before, albeit in a case so ambiguous that she was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter and received the minimum sentence of four years. A prior homicide can be grounds for death. But according to the Death Penalty Information Center, only 8.4 percent of inmates awaiting execution have previous murder convictions. What made Allen's crime so shocking that she became the first woman put to death in the state of Oklahoma?

Possibly it was the prosecution's assertion that Allen "wore the pants in the family." Spurred on by testimony from the victim's mother, the state claimed that Allen was the man in the relationship, noting that she even liked to spell her middle name G-E-N-E, in the masculine way. The implication that Allen dominated her lover overwhelmed the evidence that both women had abused each other. And it raised the specter of the killer dyke that often haunts female defendants in murder cases. In the documentary *Perverved Justice*, CUNY law professor Ruthann Robson estimates that 40 percent of women accused of murder must contend with "some implication of Lesbianism."

In capital cases, the prosecution aims to convince the jury that the defendant is inhuman. It's harder to do that when a woman is in the dock. "Before we can dehumanize her, we have to defeminize her," says Victor Streib, who has studied Lesbians on death row. It's easier to condemn a masculine woman to death, especially if she is what Streib calls "a tough customer." In several recent murder cases involving Lesbian couples, the state labeled one woman the dominant member of the pair and charged her with capital murder, while allowing her more "feminine" companion to plead guilty to a lesser charge.

But sometimes not even femininity is enough to spare a Lesbian's life. Ana Cardona claimed it was her domineering female lover who had killed her child. But the strategy backfired: Her lover got 40 years while Cardona got sentenced to death. After all, she was the child's mother—or "Lesbian mother," as she was called. She was also accused of being sadistic enough to have beaten and starved the child. But the image of the killer dyke gave her culpability added weight. As Streib notes: "The death penalty is fairly rare for mothers who kill their children." Susan Smith's life was spared, though she had watched her children drown in the car she rolled into a lake. But Smith was not a "Lesbian mother."

Gay male defendants, too, must deal with the image of the predatory queer, especially when the accomplice is a younger man. Even Calvin Burdine's dozing

lawyer knew enough to base his defense on allegations that the victim was a "middle aged, king homosexual" who had victimized young boys.

Gregory Scott Dickens was 26 when he was charged with killing a couple outside Yuma, Arizona. He had been traveling with a 16-year-old who, according to Dickens's current attorney, was the most important person in his life. The youth admitted to firing the gun, but he testified that Dickens had given him the weapon and put him up to the crime. When the defense moved to present evidence that this teen fit the profile of a violent and impulsive liar, Judge Tom Cole intervened. If the defense took that route, said the judge, he might allow the prosecutor to raise an issue that had been kept from the jury: Dickens and his young friend were lovers. Then the nature of Dickens's two previous convictions—for fondling minors—might also come out. "The state could say that in this homosexual relationship, the older partner had control over the kid," says Dickens's current attorney. So the defense backed down.

This time it wasn't the prosecutor's tactics but the judge's behavior that figured in the appeal. Court papers filed on Dickens's behalf claim that Judge Cole had reacted with rage to his own son's homosexuality. He had written a letter expressing the hope that his son would "die in prison like all the rest of your faggot friends." Cole denies writing the letter, but he would not comment on the allegation that he believes his son was turned Gay by unscrupulous friends. "It's insignificant," Cole

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EDITOR:
 A big heartfelt thanks goes out to
 IBT's for allowing GMHP the opportunity
 of their barbecue fundraiser and the Sunday
 version of the Girlie Show.

Thanks also to Richard and John
 for helping run the food during the barbe-
 cue. Thanks also goes to those fabulous

performers Faith Michaels, Miss Saigon,
 Janee Starr, Ajia Simone and Tori Steele
 (whose plane landed at 8:30 p.m. and who
 then came directly to IBT's to perform two
 numbers for GMHP) for going beyond the
 call of duty and helping raise money for
 Condom Brigade.

All together the barbecue and
 Girlie Show raised \$275 all of which will
 go to buy condoms and lube for distribution
 to Tucson's Gay bars. Again thanks to all
 who took the time and energy to help my
 program. I couldn't do it without you.

Bearhugs,
 Scott A. Davey
 GMHP Coordinator
 Tucson

EDITOR:
 What's this I'm hearing?
 That was the question put to me by
 a friend a couple of days ago. We were
 having a cool one on the patio of the
 Venture-N, and I asked the questioner if it
 was bells and whistles or voices from outer

space or what, that was filling his ears. He
 clarified and said he'd heard that HIDES,
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 for good, and I, at least, am looking for-
 ward to my second "retirement." The first
 one was 14 years ago, but I don't think it
 "took." We're both looking forward to
 unplanned weekends (or weeks?), traveling,
 since we haven't haven't been able to fit
 into the shop's schedule, and relaxing by
 the pool.

It's been a great ride, bumpy at
 times, but never quite requiring serious use
 of a seat belt. There's been a leather ship at
 the Venture N since some time in 1993, and
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EDITOR:
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Conservatives Break With Bush On AIDS Office

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - Social conservatives are for the first time breaking with President Bush to express concerns about his appointment of an openly Gay man to head the White House effort against AIDS.

Two organizations, Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council, have expressed disappointment in the selection of Scott Evertz, of Wisconsin, who would become the first openly Gay official in a GOP White House if the Senate confirms him.

The groups are discussing strategies and may oppose the nomination. Regardless, social conservative groups intend to petition the Bush administration to determine how it intends to proceed in the AIDS battle.

The issue marks the first significant break between Bush and social conservatives, who have emerged as one of his strongest blocs of support during his first few months in office.

Christian conservatives have been substantially more critical of the Evertz nomination than AIDS activists who have general concerns about the Bush administration's approach to the disease.

"Based on our discussion, Scott understands the importance of a strong HIV prevention effort," said Claudia French, executive director of AIDS Action, who this week became the first advocate to confer with Evertz since his selection.

"For the administration to appoint Mr. Evertz to this position is to advance a fundamental misunderstanding of what causes AIDS in this country," said James Dobson, president of the Colorado-based Focus on the Family.

The Evertz nomination, Dobson said, is viewed as a "conciliatory effort

towards Gay activists" and is creating "confusion and frustration" among social conservatives.

"I hope the White House will reconsider the potentially harmful message it is sending Americans regarding the issue of homosexuality," he said.

Kenneth L. Connor, president of the Family Research Council, said the choice was "not compassionate, not conservative."

"Scott Evertz has already told reporters he favors drug needle giveaways, thinks abstinence-only classes for teens should be balanced with condom distribution, and opposes the Defense of Marriage Act" which prohibits same-sex marriage, Connor said. "In each instance, his stands as articulated so far are not only contrary to sound AIDS policy, but also they contradict positions President Bush has publicly taken."

"The recent statements from Family Research Council and their allies clearly demonstrate how difficult it will be, not just for Scott Evertz, but for anyone in the administration who is committed to sound HIV prevention policies to get their message out in such an intolerant climate," French said.

French said Evertz "has his work cut out for him."

"I am not overly optimistic about how much room he will be given to voice his views."

The White House has remained supportive.

"The president selected Scott because he believes he is the best man for the job," said White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer.

Pharmaceuticals Drop AIDS Drug Suit

PRETORIA, RSA (NP) - After facing negative press and international protests, the 39 pharmaceutical companies suing South Africa over AIDS drug patent rights dropped their case.

A coalition of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies dropped the lawsuit it had brought against the government of South Africa to prevent the importation of generic HIV and AIDS drugs.

The withdrawal of the suit, which had proven to be a public relations nightmare for the drug companies, clears the way for South African legislators to provide HIV and AIDS patients with access to less expensive versions of the patented pharmaceuticals that can extend their lives.

According to a CNN report, the average yearly cost for each patient for brand name drug treatment is \$10,500 to \$15,000, while the generics imported from Thailand or Brazil would run closer to \$200 per patient per year.

The courtroom in Pretoria erupted in cheers when Fanie Cilliers, an attorney for the coalition, said to Judge Bernard Ngoepe. "By the consent of all parties, we would simply ask your lordship to note that the application is withdrawn."

Kevin Watkins, of the British aid group Oxfam was quoted by CNN as saying, "It's a comprehensive climb down. The drug industry is throwing the towel into the middle of the ring." He said the lawsuit

should never have been filed in the first place. "We have lost three years in the fight against AIDS, but it is a great victory for the people of South Africa and for the global campaign to make drugs more affordable."

In a joint statement, Oxfam, Doctors Without Borders and the South African Treatment Action Campaign said, "The outcome of the case signals a dramatic shift in the balance of power between developing states and drug companies," according to Reuters.

South Africa's Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang told CNN she planned to begin work on legislation allowing import of the generic drugs immediately.

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of South Africa and the 39 drug companies that initiated the suit have agreed to pay the legal costs incurred by the government in the legal battle.

While pharmaceutical companies hailed the decision as a victory for both sides, some expressed concern over its potential impact on patents.

"Intellectual property has been compromised," Barrie James of Pharma Strategy Consulting told Reuters.

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Cathedral of Hope of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). He announced during his first sermon, "I am Gay. I am proud. And God loves me without reservation."

was awarded the ACLU's National Civil Liberties Award for his efforts to apply the "soul force" principles of Gandhi and King to the struggle for justice for sexual minorities.

Mel White founded Soulforce Inc. this year with his partner, Gary Nixon. Though Soulforce was established recently, Mel White has been developing his work with soul force principles for many years.

With his experience in theology and media, White is uniquely qualified for his justice ministry. He did graduate work in communications and film at University of Southern California, received his doctorate and was a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary for over a decade. During this time he also worked as an evangelical pastor. He produced, wrote, and directed 53 documentary films and television specials, focusing on stories to inspire and inform the struggle to be human. He is also an author, among his 16 books (nine best-sellers), he wrote about the Philippines' Ninoy and Corazon Aquino ("Aquino"), the Jonestown tragedy ("Deceived"), David Rothenberg, the child burned by his father ("David") and talk-show host/producer Mike Douglas ("When the Going Gets Tough").

He was dismayed by the increasing confrontational tone on both sides the homosexual issue, and the hateful words and actions that increased the divide. Inspired by the nonviolence movements of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., White developed a program based on their principles. These principles were called satyagraha or "soul force" by Gandhi, who based many of them on the teachings of Jesus, and White adopted them to address the suffering of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgendered people.

During his six years with UFMCC, he traveled across the country constantly to minister to those impacted by prejudice and hatred against Gays and to campaign for civil rights, theological reconsideration, and social acceptance for sexual minorities. His work has resulted in his being arrested on the White House steps during a hunger strike protesting the Defense of Marriage Act. He was also arrested for protesting the Rev. Pat Robertson's virulent anti-Gay rhetoric. (After a weeks-long hunger strike in jail, White was visited by Robertson, who promised to avoid inaccuracies and inflammatory language.)

In addition, he ghost wrote several books for fellow evangelicals, including Billy Graham ("Approaching Hoofbeats"), Pat Robertson ("America's Date with Destiny"), Jim Bakker, and Jerry Falwell ("If I Should Die Before I Wake" and "Strength for the Journey"). In all those writings, however, he never wrote against homosexuality. White began coming out privately and gradually during the same period that the religious right stepped up its anti-Gay rhetoric. Since 1993, he has devoted himself full-time to minister to Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and the Transgendered and to

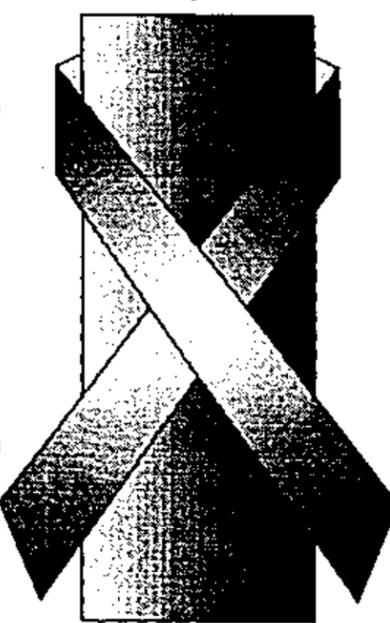
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Gay-Straight Alliances The Norm In Many Schools

BOSTON, MA - Eight years after Massachusetts became the first state in the country to fund a Gay-straight alliance, Gay-straight alliances have become a part of the American educational landscape. The Boston Globe reports.

The formation of the first state-funded alliance was spurred by state health officials who sought to roll back alarming rates of Lesbian and Gay depression and suicide. The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth was created in 1992, and the passage of the "Safe Schools Act," which explicitly bans discrimination against Gay and Lesbian students, was adopted a year later.

Since the 1993-94 school year, Massachusetts has helped pay for Gay-straight alliances at schools that want them - the only state that does so. This year, the Department of Education handed out a total of \$285,725 in grants of between \$500 and \$3,000 to 156 schools.

Massachusetts appropriated an additional \$750,000 in 2000 for counseling to GLBT teens deemed at risk. The Department of Public Health later expanded the program to encompass non-Gay students, as well.

This initiative, coupled with active intervention in putting a stop to anti-Gay violence and harassment in Massachusetts schools, helped lower the suicide rate among 15-to-19-year-olds in Massachusetts to 6.6 per 100,000, the third-lowest in the nation.

Gay-straight alliances born in Massachusetts have now spread to more than 800 schools in 47 states. The number of groups has more than tripled in the last three years, according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, a group that helps students start alliances.

The Globe says that as the groups have multiplied, they have become more than just a safe harbor for students who know they are Gay or Lesbian, according to a Globe survey of Massachusetts schools. They've also become a place for teens who are unsure about their sexuality to explore it -- a development that troubles some educators and parents.

Some argue that Gay-straight alliances encourage teens to self-identify as

Gay, before they are ready. Others question whether school organizations should be involved in helping students negotiate a path leading to sexual maturity.

Michael Kovach, a history teacher at Newton South High School who advises the Gay-straight alliance there, told The Globe the group "helps students to find their own answers, rather than saying, 'This is the right way.'"

Besides, Kovach said, "This stuff is there anyway -- most kids are dealing with this issue from elementary school on. By the time they get to high school, they are already needing a venue, some avenue to try to understand what's going on with them."

Dr. David Fassler, a Vermont psychiatrist who works with teens, told The Globe there is nothing wrong with encouraging teens to explore their emotions and attractions, though parents may heatedly disagree. "The experimentation in itself doesn't determine someone's sexual orientation," he said.

Fassler also sternly rejected the idea that the groups encourage students to identify themselves as Gay. No matter what a student is, Fassler said, a Gay straight alliance can be a comfort at a time of great emotional tumult. "I think it's important for schools to do everything they can to support these kids during the high school years."

Sheldon Responds To Frank/Baldwin Letter

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - Calls issued by Democratic U.S. Reps. Barney Frank of Massachusetts and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin that two anti-Gay activists be removed from a faith-based summit got a surprising response.

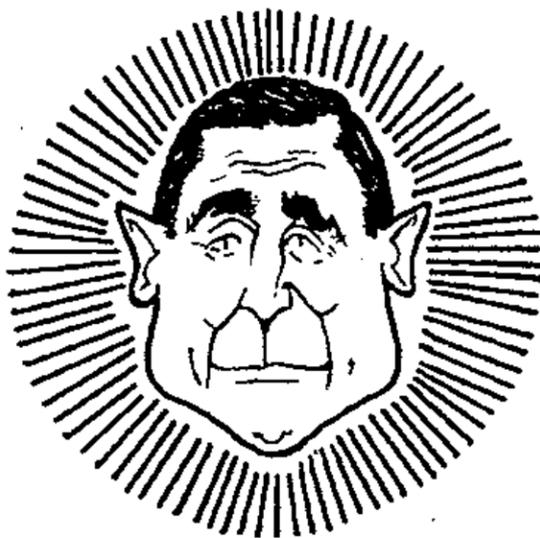
In a joint letter issued, Reps. Frank and Baldwin, both openly Gay, strongly condemned the decision to include Lou Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, and Reggie White, a former professional football player, to an advisory committee for an upcoming House-Senate Republican Faith-Based Leadership Summit.

"The inclusion of people who have been so fierce in their attacks on others

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Arizona Enda Revived; Archaic Laws Repeal Clears Another Hurdle

This year's attempt in the Arizona Legislature to protect Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) government workers employment right have taken many twists and turns, with another taking place Wednesday, April 18, when a legislative committee revived Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) for a third time.

Arizona's Senate Commerce Committee took up HB 2270, originally an appropriation's bill for the state's drug courts, Wednesday, April 18. State Senator Andy Nichols, D-Tucson, offered a strike everything amendment, changing HB 2270 into Arizona ENDA, with the same language as was in the original bill, SB 1225, sponsored by state Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, who was also a sponsor of HB 2270.

James Craig, an employee with the state Department of Education spoke in favor of the new bill, revealing to lawmakers that he is Gay.

In his testimony, Craig spoke of wanting to put a picture of the person he loves on his desk, or talking about the things he did, a meeting or an event he attended, but couldn't because he doesn't trust his work environment because "in the state of Arizona someone can be fired simply for being Gay."

Ron Passarelli of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the statewide GLBT rights group, called James' testimony "significant, because of the courage of the individual for stepping forward and for showing a face to the fact that there is discrimination."

After the testimony, the Commerce Committee approved HB 2270 by a 6-2 vote.

Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, said he was pleased that the state Senate "was being a leader in protecting the rights of workers" in approving HB 2270.

Ken Chevront, the openly Gay state House Democratic Leader from Phoenix, said he was "thrilled and pleased" that HB 2270 was approved.

Openly Gay State Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, commented on "how this just shows how hard we have had to work to maneuver around the opposition on this." "This is now the third bill we have had to use to just to get a fair vote on ENDA. The opposition is powerful, but I will not give up until we adjourn."

State Senator Elaine Richardson had sponsored the original Arizona ENDA bill, then SB 1225, which had received committee approval but was stalled in the Senate Rules Committee, when the chair, Senator Darden Hamilton, R-Glendale, declared the bill unconstitutional, going against Rules Committee staff attorneys' who said otherwise. "I will not stop until we remove these prejudices from our society," Richardson said.

Indeed, Richardson started a discharge petition, getting the signatures of 18 of her colleagues to get the bill out of Rules and was amended to reduce the scope of coverage and allow employers to institute a

gender specific dress code. SB 1225 then lost by one vote on Third Read only to be resurrected by Richardson and finally approved, but it ran out of time, unable to get a hearing before a House committee.

Representative Steve May, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, revived Arizona ENDA, by using a strike-everything amendment to SB 1240, inserting the language from Richardson's bill. SB 1240 was approved by the House Ways and Means, but May couldn't get enough signatures to discharge the bill and get it to the House floor for consideration.

On Monday, April 23, HB 2270 was taken up by the Senate Rules Committee and approved the bill. Unlike the last time, Arizona ENDA, then SB 1225, was before the Senate Rules Committee and was voted down, when the Rules chair, state Senator Darden Hamilton, R-Glendale, declared it unconstitutional, going against the Rules Committee staff attorney's, who said otherwise. Supporters noted that this time, Hamilton and other Rules Committee members knew supporters have the votes for a discharge petition and that if the Rules Committee struck down the bill, it would violate the organizing agreement for state Senate, which forbid any bills from being held in the Senate Rules Committee, for political reasons.

HB 2270 now goes to the Senate Committee of the Whole, which expects to take up the bill this week. If the state Senate does give final approval to the legislation, HB 2270 would go to the state House, for a final concur/refuse vote, and if HB 2270 is passed by the House, then it would go to Governor Jane Hull's desk. ...

The strike everything amendment to HB 2270, changing it to the new Arizona ENDA, was one of the last legislative acts by Senator Andy Nichols, who died of a heart attack on Thursday, April 19. In his four terms in the House and his initial term in the Senate, Nichols was a champion of human rights and for providing health care to all citizens. Nichols was a strong voice for the Arizona GLBT community, when there were so few of them in the Arizona Legislature, cosponsoring legislation to repeal the state's archaic laws and was the original sponsor of the first Arizona ENDA bill. GLBT community leaders called Nichols untimely death, "a devastating loss."

With Nichols death, Arizona law states that the Pima County Board of Supervisors had to name a replacement within ten days. On Tuesday, April 24, at their weekly meeting, the Pima County Board of Supervisors named Virginia Yrun, the former director of Planned Parenthood, to fill the remainder of Nichols term. The board's decision surprised many. Supporters of the late Senate and several Southern Arizona legislators had lobbied for the seat to go to Nichols widow, Ann. Other names mentioned included current state Representative Gabrielle Giffords and former state Senator George Cunningham. Yrun had previously run for the political office in 1991, in the special Congressional election to replace Morris Udall, who resigned because of Parkinson's disease. Yrun's husband, Howard Shore, had run for the Arizona House from District 13 last year, but finished third in the Democratic pri-

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says.

But the defense contends that such an attitude could have induced Cole to allow homosexuality into the trial—especially when the accused might appear to be a sexual predator. In Arizona, the judge decides when a killer should be sentenced to death, and though Dickens was acquitted of premeditated murder, Cole found other grounds to condemn him. Dickens had committed a multiple murder that resulted in pecuniary gain. But so had his young friend, whose life was spared.

Assume that all these defendants are guilty. Grant that their sexuality may have had some relevance to the case. The question, then, is not whether the subject should have come up but how it was used. Homosexuality was seen as a marker of perversion or pathology, the sign of a murderous bent. In these cases, the pretense of tolerance is ripped away, and one can see monsters from the homophobic id. But one can also recognize the biases that underlie ordinary life.

"Anyone can end up in court," notes Ruth E. Harlow, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "And any time a Gay man or Lesbian goes into court, they have to be afraid that sexual orientation may play a role in their case." It might come up in family court, when the judge assumes a Gay parent would expose a child to sexual activity. It could influence a prosecutor's decision about who gets to plea bargain and who must stand trial. It could even determine who is charged with a crime in the first place. "We tend to think of Gay people as crime victims, not prisoners," says Bill Dobbs of Queer Watch. "But in fact, the criminal justice system touches us in many ways."

In New York, court clerks are required for monitoring purposes to list the sexual orientation of each defendant in a capital case. But the law does not address the way homosexuality can be used at trial. "I don't think there is any particular protection," says Pauline Toole, spokesperson for New York's Capital Defender Office. But at least homosexuality is not a crime in this state. In the South and West, where sodomy laws are common, the presumption of innocence for Gay people is compromised to begin with. And when they are charged with murder, their sexuality is "like a powder keg," says Dobbs. "It can easily cause a jury to light the match."

Calvin Burdine knows how homophobia was used against him: from the jurors' pretrial comments to the prosecutor's closing remarks. "I did hear it," Burdine told the Voice from his cell on death

row. "But it just kind of went over my head. I was scared to death."

[Richard Goldstein is a writer for the Village Voice, <http://www.village-voice.com>, from which this article is reprinted with permission.]

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because of their sexual orientation will add to the divisiveness that now surrounds the issue of faith-based initiatives," Frank and Baldwin wrote.

The letter was sent to House Republican Conference Chairman J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, requesting that the invitations for White and Sheldon be rescinded.

Sheldon last year said a Gay rights rally in Washington was "designed to target children and teenagers for recruitment to the Gay lifestyle" and encouraged parents to "vigorously protest this sexual exploitation of children by homosexual activists."

Sheldon also denounced former Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci for "trampling on parents' rights" by doubling the budget of the state's Gay and Lesbian Youth commission, which he decried as a front for "homosexual recruitment."

Given the mentality exhibited by such comments, say critics, it is perhaps not surprising that Sheldon responded to the Frank-Baldwin letter with, "Sticks and stones may break your bones, but names will never hurt you..."

Sheldon continued: "I don't intend to have any response to anything other than to make the faith-based ministers summit a success."

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In other legislative news, on Tuesday, April 24, the Senate Rules Committee approved HB 2016, which would repeal Arizona's archaic sex laws dealing with sodomy and non-familial cohabitation. HB 2016 also moves on to the Senate Committee of the Whole for consideration. Unlike Arizona ENDA, HB 2270, if the Senate gives final approval to the archaic laws legislation, it would go directly to the governor's desk to await action.



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more experience than you, so they might be able to tell you about their "first time" and even give you a few valuable tips or hints about dating.

Are you just coming out? This could play an important role in feeding your fear. In my young days, I remember thinking that I knew the rules for dating men, but was confused about how to approach women. I had been taught that girls do not take the initiative in romantic affairs. How was I supposed to meet a woman if neither of us was willing to take the first step? As you can imagine, we Lesbians sometimes end up finding ourselves in the ridiculous situation of flirting all evening long with no one making a move until months later. Yikes!

In the Lesbian world, a wide variety of relationships begin as friendships, since women often feel a need to relate to a new partner as a trusted friend with compatible interests and goals. Just as many romances are sparked by chance at a conference, a meeting, in a bar, or through mutual friends. Apart from luck, you can increase your odds of meeting a partner by asking your friends to introduce you to their friends. Shyness and a cautious attitude are perfectly normal, especially at your age. It will get easier, believe me. Don't despair and have fun dating lots of different women. That way, you'll find out what type of personality you're most attracted to.

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High Series Scratch: Keith D., 768; JoAnn S., 667; The Breeders, 1835.

High Game Scratch: Keith D./Jeff T., 300; JoAnn S., 265; Rebellious!, 670.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00pm luncheon at New Super China Buffet, 1160 N. Wamot at Speedway. Call 529-9344 for details.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Spin The Bottle"-a film about 5 former friends who meet up again after 10 years-and one of them has a plan that will change everything. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee Etc. on Campbell & Glenn. Coffee, food and conversation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the latest showing of "Queer As Folk" at Bill's house. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Bears of the Old Pueblo, 3-7 p.m. Picnic at Tournay Park (19th Street and Venice Avenue). Burgers, hot dogs, & sodas provided. Volleyball, horseshoes, croquette, good music and company. The Bears will be near the middle of the park on the 19th Street side.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinocle is the game we're playing-and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00pm luncheon at Wildcat House 1801 N. Stone Ave. Call 529-9344 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Investment Club (Tucson Stockmen) meets the first Wednesday of each month. There are new openings in the Stockmen, so please call for more information. For reservations and directions, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jorge as he hosts Dinner Out at P.F. Chang's. Seating is limited, so call early. For reservations and directions, please call Jorge at 869-7219.

Bears of the Old Pueblo 7-9 p.m. Coffee Etc. on Campbell & Glenn. Coffee, food, conversation. Everyone is welcome.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MAY 4-5-6.

Bears of the Old Pueblo Sedona Campout. This annual event sees over 50 Bears and buddies camping in the forest above scenic Oak Creek canyon. Full details on Club Web Page of infoline 790-5775.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Dr. Mel White, co-founder of Souforce will be at the International Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Ave. At 7:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by St. Francis In The Foothills United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 At the door. They are available at Antigone's, Desert Pride, Men's Social Network, Rainbow Planet, Tucson Trunk or at the church. You do not want to miss this dynamic speaker. For more information call 742-4433 or 750-0626.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Mel White will come to Tucson to discuss Gay spirituality and how we're affected by the separatist actions of homophobic people in the church. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For tickets and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest Gay guys in town (like you!). It's a nice, safe place to meet 80 guys all at once! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

Something Special Mobile Music Service invites you to celebrate the 5th on 4th (Avenue). Dance the night away to country, tejano and norteño from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. 315 N. 4th Avenue (The Hut). \$1.00 Cover includes a fiesta food buffet and door prizes. Smoking on the patio only. Must be 21 or older. This is a Gay/Gay-friendly event.

MONDAY, MAY 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe - a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

6th Annual Tucson AIDS Candlelight Service from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Georges Demeester Band Shell in Reid Park at the Northeast Corner of Country Club and 22nd Street.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

IBTS - Special Miss Gay Tucson Pre-Pageant Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Bunny FuFu and Mr. Kenneth Blake and special guests.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

IBTS - Miss Gay Tucson America Pre-Pageant Show. 8:30 p.m. Starring Lucinda Holiday, Bunny FuFu, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Elektra Bleu and Tori Steele.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to PFLAG. At 9:00 P.M. Sign Up for IBTS first pf 2001 Wet Shorts Contest! \$100 to the first place winner. (Minimum of four (4) contestants).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" Lipsync Contest. \$50 first place. Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Naomi Knight. (Contestants call Lucinda at 327-1576)

SATURDAY, MAY 5

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Cinco de Mayo Weekend Bash. Party inside and outside! Latin music 8:00 p.m. to close.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Cinco de Mayo Weekend Bash! Party inside and outside! Latin music 8:00 .m. to close.

WOODY'S - Summer's here and that means it's time again for the Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling festivities. The big fundraiser for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will take place here. Watch for more information and be sure to pick up your Jell-O Wrestling Packets now.

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Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Bosa Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm \$1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light \$1.50 from 9pm to close. DJ Rayman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - ADL employees.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Pitchers all nite. Country music with DJ S. 8:30 to closing.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with DJ S. 9pm-close. \$2 Long Island and \$1 Puckers all night.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. \$1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Hot Dogs 50¢, \$1.50 small pitcher Bud & Bud Light 5-9pm. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. \$1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open 7pm to midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

IBT's - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather opens at 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Touney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 5:30 - close. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass. \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm.

NOTICES

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm; Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 682-7723

PFLAG - 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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 824-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 681-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 325-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history of experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnetarizona.org> - e-mail address: agoodnum@uswest.net or.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:45 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St. offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-0063 and ask for a contact person.

HKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpplcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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 Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

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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, Call the Bears Hotline (520)760-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St between St. Marys and Congress.

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CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 894-7063.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4805.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Miro Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-8219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8650 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 824-8788.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7288.

NOTICES

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday 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 from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

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

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

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 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 or 327-4283.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext 448 or Emmett 322-6057 (ewelten@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail lyan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

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THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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