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GLBT Pride Marked In Tucson With Gay West V - Parade / March



By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Tucsonans of all sexual orientations marked Pride in the new millennium by marching in a parade and going to the fifth edition of Gay West.

More than 2,000 Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered (GLBT), and their straight friends and family attended Gay West V, held Saturday, June 23, at Old Tucson Studios.

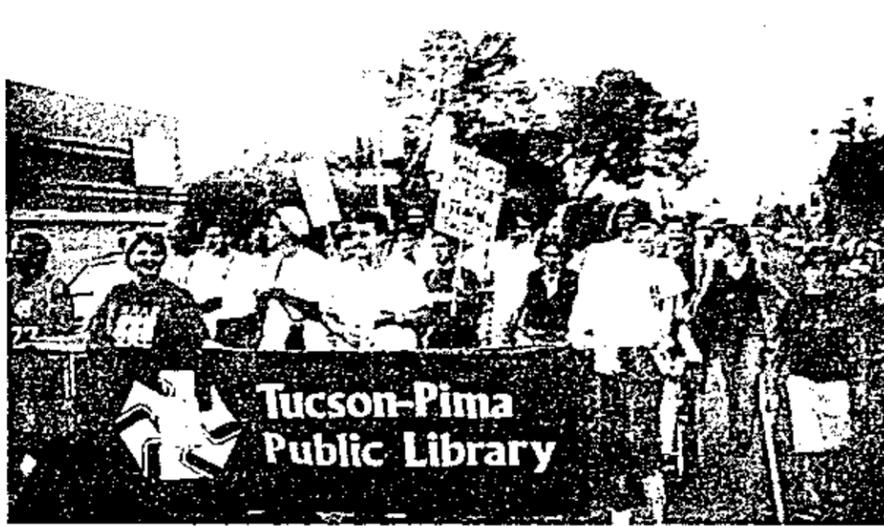
Gay West V was one of many events scheduled to mark Tucson's observation of Pride Week, commemorating the 32nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the birth of the modern GLBT rights movement.

Bruce Corey of Old Tucson stated those present enjoyed many activities at the studio park, including: a dance mix & show in the Grand Palace, a country & western dance under the stars, Reveille Gay Men's

Chorus, and the annual "Lipstick & Lashes" variety show hosted by Lucinda Holliday, to name several of the entertaining events, plus all the fun, games, information tables, rides, food and excitement of Old Tucson Studios.

Commemoration and entertainment were just part of Gay West V, once again, the annual event was a fund raiser for many community organizations, with proceeds from Gay West V will benefit many GLBT non profit organizations.

According to Corey, Gay West has become the largest Pride Week event since it's inception in 1997, shortly after Old Tucson re-opened following the fire of '95. In that first year, a small group of people from the community got together, forming a committee, with the folks at Old Tucson, and came up with an idea to hold a "Gay day" at the park, similar in concept to the annual Gay day held at Disney's theme parks. Everyone involved thought it was a



good idea, but were unsure whether the community would support it.

He went on to say that the committee was confident, but also concerned, because of financial commitments to entertainers, etc. "What if not enough tickets were sold to cover those expenses?" Corey added. Concerns evaporated when over 1,800 people showed up that first year. After expenses, about \$6,000 was raised for the non-profit organizations that sold tickets.

Gay West II saw the event grow in attendance, and a few sponsorships were added, so revenues increased even more. The popular "Lipstick & Lashes" show debuted that year, and has returned annually since then.

Gay West III saw continued growth in attendance, and a big increase in sponsorships according to Corey, thanks largely to the support of Community Busi-

ness Association (CBA) members. Non-profits received \$10,000 from last year's event.

Gay West IV saw growth in attendance, and raising a record sum for Tucson's GLBT non profits.

As a result of growth, the committee saw the need to affiliate itself with an established 501c3 organization. So in April of this year, Gay West became a part of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, which produces Pride Week. Corey stated that since Gay West is the largest event held during Pride Week, it's a natural merger. "TLGA has served as the fiscal agent for Gay West in the past, and the committee is happy to officially be a part of the TLGA family. The same committee continues to produce Gay West, and make event related decisions," he said.

History aside, those present en-

Amnesty International Issues Rights Report

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - Gay men and Lesbians, Bisexuals and the Transgendered are tortured and mistreated in at least 30 countries, including the United States, Amnesty International said in a report.

"There is an overriding tolerance of abuse because of the social stigma attached to homosexuality and (because of) defined gender norms," William F. Schulz of Amnesty International USA, told the Associated Press.

The report, which is entitled Crimes of Hate, Conspiracy of Silence and which was presented in Buenos Aires, documents cases of torture and mistreatment in Uganda, Pakistan, Argentina,

Russia and the United States.

Among them there were cases in which people were harassed while in custody, physically and sexually assaulted, subjected to unnecessary medical or psychiatric treatment and forced to flee their countries because of persecution based on their sexual identity.

"All over the world LGBT people are at risk, especially of being victimized by human rights violations because of their sexual identity," Ignacio Sainz, one of the authors of the report, told journalists.

Amnesty International blamed the Argentine government for the February
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Bush Nominee Backs Anti-Gay Policies

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - President Bush's nominee for the top family-policy position in the Department of Health and Human Services supports policies that would discriminate against Gay- and Lesbian-led families, activists say.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has sent a letter to the Senate Finance Committee opposing the nomination of Dr. Wade Horn, former president of the National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI), as assistant secretary for Family Support.

Although Horn has rarely spoken directly to the topic of Gay and Lesbian households, he has testified before congressional committees in support of programs

that would promote marriage by giving two-parent heterosexual households priority in requests for federal assistance. His proposals would have single and unmarried parents left without access to public housing or the Head Start program until after all married parents were served and leave cohabitating parents without welfare benefits completely.

"Wade Horn wants the government to promote marriage by penalizing families where the parents divorce, separate or do not marry," the NGLTF letter said. "He also wants the government to tell unmarried mothers to surrender their children for adoption. There is very little 'support' for families in these sentiments."

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UPDATE

Local Bartender Could Be The Next Big Star!

TUCSON - In the 80's Ed McMahon helped launch the careers of some of today's biggest stars from Rosie O'Donnell and Chris Rock, to Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake. They were just a few of the hopeful contestants on TV's "Star Search."

In the new millennium, Ed McMahon is still helping new talent get their start, but this time around he's using the Internet. NextBigStar.com is his newest creation to showcase tomorrow's stars today.

Four, 12 week contests are held each year, where contestants compete in categories such as singing, dance, and stand-up comedy. The winners of each of the four contests get a chance to perform on "The Next Big Star" Television Special in Hollywood, California. And the winners are chosen by how many votes they receive online.

Rodney Shanks, a local Tucson bartender, is the latest hopeful for stardom currently in the finals in the Comedy category. Rodney began his performing career as the one and only Miss Gilda Fatale, and honed his comedic skills hosting numerous fund-raisers and events here in the Tucson area. When Rodney announced that it was time to retire from his drag persona, many people in the Gay community were disappointed to see him go. But Rodney promised that just because he was no longer going to perform in drag, didn't necessarily mean that he was going to give up performing.

"I felt that I had accomplished everything that I had wanted to do with Gilda, and now I wanted to start a new chapter in my life." Says Rodney. "I really enjoyed hosting different shows and events, and I loved making people laugh, I just got tired of having to put on a wig and a dress to do it, Stand-up comedy seemed to be a natural progression for me.

When asked if the recent abundance of Gay themes and characters in Hollywood could possibly help improve his chances, Rodney states, "I don't really focus my act on Gay issues or themes, I try to write about more universal situations like my childhood, growing up in a small town, or family trips with my father. I don't want to become just another "Gay" comic, I'm a comic who happens to be Gay. I don't try to alter my mannerisms, or try to butch it up. If the audience figures out that I'm Gay, good for them, it doesn't really matter to me just as long as they think I'm funny."

If you would like to vote for Rodney, or see a portion of his act, you can log on to www.NextBigStar.com, check out the Comedy category and click on Rodney Shanks, before July 1.

Grand Canyon Chorale 'In Your Dreams' July 1

PHOENIX - The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale, proudly presents the fourth annual Phoenix Phollics, "In Your Dreams," June 30, 8:00 p.m., July 1, 3:00 p.m.

Their concert will take place at the Herberger Theater Center Stage, 222 East Monroe, in Phoenix.

Tickets: \$18 reserved and \$15 general admission, with \$5 off for children under 12. Tickets are available at the Herberger box office, (602) 252-8497, and from Chorale members. Please contact their web site: www.gcmphx.org.

Aviv Update

PHOENIX - AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services on Friday, July 6, 7:30 p.m.

Come and celebrate Shabbat with friends. Experience the opportunity to refocus and rejuvenate. As always, your partners and friends are invited to attend. Don't forget the great Oneg following services!

AVIV is having their annual summer pool party for members and their guests, July 4, 3:00 p.m.

For more information about these events, call the AVIV info line, 602.952.1612 for more information.

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DEAR EDITOR:

Here is the breakdown of the income and expenses associated with the Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza held May 6. Thanks to generous community support, the event earned a record amount. A special thanks to the wrestlers, who really outdid themselves this year. Thanks to Dave and Frank of Woody's, the cost to SAAF to produce the event is minimal, as they pay for most of the expenses associated with the event.

We look forward to spending the next Jell-O Wrestling with you. Thank you again for all your support.

Income: \$24,018.67, Raffle: \$4,373.10, Wrestlers: \$7,403.00, Auction: \$7,160.50, Door Cover: \$1,735.00, Donations: \$3,347.07.

Expenses for SAAF: \$1,399.16.

Net Proceeds from event for SAAF Services: \$22,619.51.

Sincerely,
Anne Maley
Executive Director, SAAF

IN MEMORIAM

GLORIA RYAN
'THE TAX LADY'
MAY 14, 1932 - JUNE 23, 2001

Gloria passed away suddenly last Saturday evening. A Wake will be held Thursday, June 28 Visitation will be held at East Lawn Palms, 5801 E. Grant Road. The Funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 29.

Gloria was very well known in the Gay and Lesbian community with her accounting and bookkeeping business.

Because of the shortness of time, a full obituary will appear in next week's issue of Observer.

Entertainment Briefs

Out actor Randy Harrison, who plays the youthful Justin on Showtime's Queer as Folk, admitted to The Village Voice's Michael Musto that the strip scene for the show's King of Babylon contest was uncomfortable for him. "The sex scenes are fine," he admits, "but to get up there and strip for 40 extras was humiliating. It's hard to fake that kind of confidence."

The Chelsea club Blu has added Rue McClanahan to its weekly spoof of Family Feud. The club has been running the off-color production for predominantly Gay audiences each Wednesday for the past two years, but this is the first time a celebrity has been attached to the project. McClanahan purrs, "I get so much love from all of these sweet people. Plus, I get to dress up in fun outfits—including as a dominatrix." Club manager Michael Gilman says, "She's funny as hell.... She's a big supporter of the Gay community. We are so happy to have her here." McClanahan will be appearing on Broadway this fall in a new production of the Gay-popular bitchfest The Women.

Gay actor Bill Brochtrup (NYPD Blue) tells TVGuide.com that he'll be joining a USO tour this summer to visit troops stationed in Saudi Arabia. He explains, "It's called a hardship tour because the soldiers get lonely away from home." Ever the patriot, he adds, "I'm happy to offer whatever comfort is required."

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GLBT Products Galore!

NEW YORK, NY (SFC) - Who knew that when the rainbow flag was created in 1978 it would lead to this?

What began as a symbol of Lesbian and Gay pride has become an extensively marketed symbol of, well, extensive marketing.

Every year, the arrival of Pride weekend causes hordes of otherwise reasonable human beings to drape themselves from head to toe in rainbows. This is not necessarily a bad thing -- no more awful than, say, forgetting to call home on Mother's Day, or cargo pants on anyone over the age of 35.

It's just that the rainbow-donning instinct might leave others wondering if these otherwise reasonable human beings are heading for night jobs as circus clowns, or multi-marketers for My Little Pony.

Still, you can't swing an LPGA Big Bertha driver at the Pride festival without hitting some poor soul decked out in rainbow gear. It might be as simple as a T-shirt or as elaborate as rainbow-striped matching bra and panty set (not to mention what the women are wearing).

Here are some examples of how far this rainbow thing has gone:

Baseball caps and T-shirts: Because an LGBT baseball game might break out at any moment.

Pet accessories: With a brain the size of a walnut, a dog can be excused for enthusing over a rainbow-flagged bowl and

leash set.

Towel: A must-have for flagging down the Gay rescue patrol when you're stranded at Baker Beach without sunblock. **Bonus:** You'll look fabulous posing on it when the shirtless hunks arrive. **Double bonus:** can turn an orange crate into a scary coffee table the rest of the year.

Freedom rings: The O.G.G. (Original Gay Gangsta) look.

Stuffed bear: A cuddly toy for a visiting niece? Ask her big, hairy-chested Gay uncle.

Ankle socks: What's next: a rainbow doormat to wipe your feet on?

Doormat: It's the home accessory that says, "I'm here, I'm queer and I'm muddy."

Golf balls: Hey ladies -- they're perfect, in case other golfers didn't pick up on your short hair, Dinah Shore tournament visor and tailored shorts.

Salad bowl: Lesbians will love using it to tote tempah salad to the next potluck.

Chains and choker: Perfect for that rainbow B&D party.

Bow tie: Perfect for that rainbow formal party. **Bonus:** can be reused at next year's Academy of Friends benefit.

Candles: Just add lighted match, one stick of patchouli -- and taste.

Supreme Court Boy Scout Decision One Year Later

Thursday, June 28, marks the one-year anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale*. Far from settling the issue, the controversial 5-4 ruling in favor of the Scouts' right to ban Gays has resulted in an unprecedented backlash against the organization and widespread calls to overturn its discriminatory policy.

As a result of the ruling, the Boy Scouts' national leadership has found itself parroting the anti-Gay rhetoric of the far right. However, the organization has been oddly quiet about its anti-Gay policy, and -- in tandem with the far right -- has gone to great lengths to obfuscate the fact that the ban not only affects Gay Scout leaders, but also bars Gay youth of any age from participation in Scouting.

Among the far-reaching consequences of the Scouts' newly codified policy of exclusion:

In compliance with various non-discrimination policies and laws, many local governments, school districts, churches, United Way chapters, and other charitable organizations have cut off their sponsorship of Scouting programs.

Youth leaders such as straight Eagle Scout Steven Cozza (creator of "Scouting for All" and subject of the recent PBS/P.O.V. film "Scout's Honor") have publicly challenged the Scouts' anti-Gay ban from within. Also, the presidents of Scout councils in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Orange County (Calif.) recently petitioned the national organization to drop the ban.

The Washington, D.C. Commission on Human Rights ruled last week that the Scouts violated the city's anti-discrimination law when they expelled two adult Eagle Scouts in 1992 for being Gay. The commission, which ordered the reinstatement of the men and payments of \$50,000 in damages plus attorney's fees, ruled that its decision did not conflict with *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale* due to several key differences between the cases.

The American Medical Association last week overwhelmingly passed Resolution 414, calling on "youth oriented organizations to reconsider exclusionary policies that are based on sexual orientation."

"The Scouts may have won at the Supreme Court, but their victory is being overturned in the court of public opinion," said James Dale, the former Eagle Scout who joined with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to file his landmark legal challenge. "The amazing response from Gay and non-Gay Americans alike is teaching our children that discrimination and exclusion are not American values."

"It's the courageous grassroots activism of people like James Dale, Steve Cozza and others that have kept the media dialogue on this issue going," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "It's especially important because, if the Scouts and the far right had their way, this controversy would just go away. It won't. Fair-minded people across the country will keep this issue alive until the Scouts stop promoting anti-Gay discrimination to America's youth."

Saturday, June 30th, Preview Party for Nico and Dani

opening July 6th at The Loft. Free poster and tickets (limited number by drawing Saturday night)

Thursday, June 28th, 5 pm, Tucson Weekly's Gay Personal Call On The Road

food - free personal ad - fun

Sunday July 1st Party Line-up

11am - 6 pm - Jeff's Bloody Mary/Recovery Bar

4:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Karaoke (pronounced scaryaoke) on the patio with Billy Dee

5:30 pm - 8 pm - Benefit Bar-B-Que/16 oz Beerbust for Desert Voices

9 pm - sign up with the bartender for IBT's Wet Shorts Contest. \$125 first place Contest starts at 10 pm with Ajia Simone. (minimum 4 contestants necessary)

Tuesday, Special 4th of July Eve Girlie Show, 8:30 pm

featuring: Lucinda Holliday, with Ajia Simone, Janee Starr, and Domino Blush

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Millions Celebrate Global LGBT Pride

NEW YORK, NY - Millions of people celebrated LGBT Pride over the weekend in raucous parades and festivals held all over the world. Most Pride celebrations are held in mid- to late June to commemorate the anniversary of the Gay uprising against a police raid at New York's Stonewall bar in 1969.

Pride marches and related celebrations now number in the hundreds worldwide. Some of the larger parades are big-budget affairs underwritten by dozens of corporate patrons. While some political activists are critical of Pride's growing commercialization, many see the willingness of companies to lend their signatures to Pride as a sign of increasing tolerance.

In Toronto, an estimated 850,000 turned out for what is considered to be the city's largest tourist draw. Hotels in Toronto have been booked for months. Several say they were booked a year in advance. "This is the biggest and most profitable festival Toronto has," said a Sheraton manager. "It attracts people from all over the world. We even have people coming in from Australia and Europe."

Paris and Berlin kicked off their celebrations led by their new mayors - both of whom are openly Gay. Bertrand Delanoë - the first Paris mayor to participate in his city's parade - held a banner reading "All together against discrimination," as he led tens of thousands through the streets of the French capital. Police said there were 250,000 marchers and the same number of spectators.

"Any time there are Parisians fighting for more freedom ... I'm with them," Delanoë, a Socialist who took office in March, told The Associated Press. "This is the seventh year that I've gone to the Gay Pride parade - it's not just because I've become Paris mayor that I feel I have to take part."

In Berlin, the rainbow flag symbolizing the Gay rights movement flew over city hall for the first time, as more than half a million people turned out to watch or participate in the parade. Klaus Wowereit, the German capital's mayor, was greeted by cheering crowds as he took to the podium

and promised to lead the city in tolerance and to vigorously oppose Neo-Nazism. "We won't give the right extremists a finger's width," Wowereit declared.

In Milan, Italy, about 30,000 people - flanked by colored balloons - marched through the city center to demand equal rights for Gays in a festive parade. The city of Milan, however, did not support the parade. Vice-Mayor Riccardo De Corato told the ANSA news agency that Milan did "not share the sentiments of this rally."

In Houston, which boasts the largest Gay and Lesbian event of its kind in the Southwest United States, four members of the Houston Police Department took part in the parade - a first for the force and the city's Gay community. "The fact that they are part of our parade is incredible," said Jack Valinski, executive director of the Pride Committee.

Hundreds of thousands tuned out for San Francisco's celebration of its 31st Annual Pride Parade. "Last year's event had three-quarters of a million people, so we are projecting that we're going to have close to a million at (this year's) event," said Cecilia Chung, San Francisco's Gay Pride Parade president.

"This is all about visibility, about the fact that we finally have a place at the table," said Faisal Alam, a Gay Muslim who defied death threats to march in the San Francisco parade. "For a long time nobody knew that there could be such a thing as a Gay Muslim. Well, here we are."

In Chicago, organizers expected an estimated 350,000 to attend what has become one of the largest parades in the city.

In New York City, some 750,000 spectators lined 5th Avenue in Manhattan to cheer on a loud and colorful six-hour procession that is New York's Gay-pride march.

Some of the other marches held took place in Atlanta, Ga., Cleveland, Oh., Denver, Co., Honolulu, Hi., Minneapolis, Mn., St. Louis, Mo., Halifax, Nova Scotia, Edinburgh, Scotland, Zurich, Switzerland and Lisbon, Portugal.

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Yours,
Sober

Dear Sober:

I think you know the answer. When you meet a guy at the bar you don't know how much he has already had to drink or what his tolerance is. I would suggest that you try to have a little dialog with him about this before you get him home. Nobody enjoys having their partner pass out. Remember that he may have had a different agenda. He may have wanted to get toasted, dance and pass out with a hot guy. Maybe you could try him in the morning. We've all been there and had some disappointment. I avoid buying someone a drink until I get a read on the situation. You may need to be clearer with the pro-

spective hotty about your agenda so he keeps a clear head for the festivities. I've said this a million times, the answer is communication; about safer sex, drugs and alcohol.

Dear Dr. X:

I like to go home with couples. I seldom go home with a single guy. My friends say that I am afraid of intimacy and that I'm a home wrecker. I don't know if they are right or not, what do you think?

Signed,
Double Dater

Dear DD:

The issue here is not what your friends think. What do you think? Are you a home wrecker? Have you literally destroyed relationships by going home with couples? I doubt it. If by chance a couple

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Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH), Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) and dozens of other Members of Congress have introduced the Preservation of Civil Rights Protections Act of 2001, a bill to overturn the recent 5-4 Supreme Court ruling against a Gay man that threatens not just the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community but civil rights for all Americans by allowing employer-drafted contracts to override workers' basic state and federal civil-rights protections.

In March 2001, the Supreme Court ruled in *Circuit City v. Adams* that Saint Clair Adams, a Gay man, had waived his rights guaranteed under California law to go to court to be free from sexual-orientation discrimination and harassment in the workplace when he signed the standard *Circuit City* contract, required of all their employees, to submit any such claim to arbitration. The Supreme Court, newly interpreting the 75-year-old Federal Arbitration Act, in effect stated that employers could force workers to give up their civil rights as a condition of employment and force them instead to pay out tens of thousands of dollars to pay the "company arbitrator" to hear their claim, with the arbitrator having no obligation to follow the law and with no appeal to any state or federal court.

"The *Circuit City* ruling was yet another activist decision by the five ultra-conservative members of the Supreme Court to restrict American civil rights," Frank said. "Those that complain about 'activism' on the Court or tortured statutory interpretations should read the *Circuit City* decision, which takes the same words 'inter-state commerce' and applies them differently to employers and employees to create a tortured and illogical new loophole to trample workers' rights. This decision gives a green light to companies around the nation to harass and fire their Gay employ-

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by Mark R. Kerr

'We're Not All Just Gay!'

ees -- even in the twelve states where laws prohibit such behavior -- as long as they make their workers sign their rights away as a condition of their employment."

The Preservation of Civil Rights Protections Act of 2001, endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, NOW, the AFL-CIO, the NAACP, AARP and fifteen other civil-rights and employment-rights organizations, would amend the Federal Arbitration Act to prohibit employers from forcing workers to give up their rights in court, unless the worker voluntarily chooses arbitration after the dispute arises or the worker exercises his rights to union representation under a valid collective bargaining agreement. ...

Support for Gay men and Lesbians through nondiscrimination laws, has increased substantially among people of all political ideologies. This is according to a new analysis of 2000 National Election Survey data by Political Scientist Alan S. Yang, which was released by the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Even a solid majority of Republicans supports civil rights laws and military service, as do overwhelming majorities of the public at large.

Yang's analysis of the National Election Survey data found that regarding nondiscrimination laws, the public supports sexual orientation nondiscrimination laws by a two-to-one margin. Of those surveyed, 63.9 percent were in favor of such laws, 30.9 percent were opposed and 5.3 percent were undecided. "Since the question was

first asked 12 years ago, public support has increased 17 points," Yang noted.

Among Democrats, 74.8 percent favored nondiscrimination laws, as did 69.5 percent of Independents and 55.6 of Republicans. This analysis marks the first time that a majority of Republicans support sexual orientation nondiscrimination laws; in 1988, 1992 and 1996 surveys, Republicans -- while closely divided -- were more likely to oppose than support such laws.

"Elected officials like George W. Bush who oppose sexual orientation nondiscrimination laws are out of touch not only with a majority of the public, but also with a majority of Republicans," said Lorri L. Jean, NGLTF executive director. "A broad consensus in support of nondiscrimination laws has emerged across the political spectrum." ..

As usual, the Arizona Republic, that "fair and balanced" daily newspaper from Phoenix has botched another political story, and this time it wasn't for Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, Arizona's Attorney General Janet Napolitano, gets the Republic treatment in a story by Chip Scutari, dated June 26, entitled "Napolitano Ends Speculation, Will Run For Governor in '02."

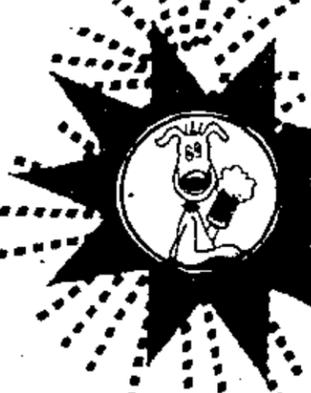
If that's the case, shouldn't Napolitano have resigned her post as Attorney General under Arizona's resign to run law, where an elected official must resign their post if they decide to run for another political office, before the last year of their respective term in the current office? But this is the Republic, where anything goes, in-

cluding using the facts. ...

As previously reported, correctly, in this publication, on May 8 of this year, Arizona Governor Jane Hull signed HB 2016, repealing Arizona's 100-year-old, seldom-enforced-but-used-to-discriminate against Gays and Lesbians, archaic sex laws. Celebrations abounded from repeal proponents, but in Mesa, Len Munsil of the Center for Arizona Policy, and state Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, rattled their troops and sabres for a crusade to repeal Hull's repeal but a week later, their collective mind changed on a referendum.

Instead of a referendum, according to reports, including several puff pieces from the "fair and balanced" Arizona Republic, still the home base of the state chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association, Petersen and Munsil would launch a drive to get a proposition on the ballot to amend Arizona's constitution to define marriage between a man and a woman, even though it is defined in two places in Arizona's laws.

As previously reported in this publication, and not the Republic, Petersen and Munsil hadn't taken out any paperwork to start the petition drive for signatures and launch their latest capital venture, "Gay and Lesbian bashing for profit." So in the last week of Pride month, (That's June Jimbo!), has the signature drive started? According to Jessica Funkhouser, Elections Director for the Arizona Secretary of State's office, nope! In fact, according to Funkhouser, not one call has been received by the Secretary of State on this topic, and Petersen and Munsil haven't take a step in the office to get the paperwork. If any news breaks on this, read it here in the Observer because you sure won't in the Republic, their too busy with their campaign to get rid of openly Gay Tempe Mayor, Neil Giuliano, with their credible candidate, whomever.



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Hormel Ends Silence On Confirmation Battle

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In October 1997, President Clinton nominated San Francisco businessman, philanthropist, and Gay civil rights advocate James C. Hormel to the post of U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

After winning a commanding 16-2 endorsement from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Hormel's nomination was blocked by Republican Senators James Inhofe of Oklahoma and Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas citing his advocacy for Gay rights. They were later joined by a third, Bob Smith of New Hampshire.

Conservative groups including the Family Research Council and the Traditional Values Coalition leapt into the fray with a repulsively anti-Gay anti-Hormel campaign. So-called "information packets" were sent to every member of the U.S. Senate.

Among other scurrilous charges contained in the packet, the FRC accused the nominee of "Catholic-bashing" and held him responsible for the distribution of obscene material owing to his financial support of the Gay and Lesbian collection at the San Francisco Public Library.

The accusations had the intended effect: Hormel's nomination was blocked by Republicans in the Senate, where it languished for nearly two years. The stalemate was finally broken in June 1999 when Clinton bypassed the normal confirmation process and appointed Hormel while Congress was in recess.

Throughout the torturous nomination process and the demands of his 17-month tenure in Luxembourg, which ended last December, Hormel abided by State Department protocol and remained

silent. In an interview with the Washington Post recently, he broke that silence. "I was very angry -- if anger is a sufficient word," says the 68-year-old Hormel.

"First they tried the Gay thing, and that didn't work," says Timothy Wu, 38, Hormel's longtime partner. "Then they tried the anti-Catholic thing, and that didn't work. So then they tried the pedophilia thing, and that didn't work. They were trying more and more base tactics and nothing was sticking."

The battle over the nomination turned into a prolonged 20-month battle punctuated by almost relentless attacks on Hormel and public snickering over his relationship with a man three decades younger. "The stress was relentless," Hormel tells The Post. "Our private time was spent dealing with the wounds we suffered. We had very little opportunity to relax or relieve the stress."

The couple retreated to their home in San Francisco to shore up their reserves, but remained engaged in their public lives, despite the stresses. "We made a point of not hiding. We made a point of being public," Hormel says.

Hormel says he attempted to meet with Sens. Smith, Inhofe and Hutchinson the three Republican senators who put a hold on his nomination. Smith and Inhofe refused even to meet with him, and Hutchinson, who did, "chose to focus... on matters that were straining the truth and inflammatory."

Both men told the newspaper the ordeal strengthened their relationship. "My life has been enriched. Our lives together have been enriched. We have learned the

meaning of integrity," Hormel says.

During the confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, there was much discussion over where Wu would sit. Ultimately, he was seated with other members of Hormel's family, including his former wife, their five children and several of their 13 grandchildren.

"In some ways it was harder on Tim than it was on me because he was the foreign object," Hormel says. "There are spouses, and then there's Tim. I have no doubt that there were some people in the department who thought it would be a lot easier if there were no Tim."

"People in this country are not used to Gay couples, period," Wu says. "They're not used to interracial couples, period. They're not used to couples with age differences, period. You put all those in the same blender and you get a lot of preconceptions and misconceptions about what the relationship is."

The battle over the nomination had other blessings -- it strengthened Wu's relationship with his parents, Singapore residents originally from Shanghai, who had a difficult time accepting their son's sexual orientation.

"They saw these incredibly vicious accusations against somebody they really like and really value and really care for, and they realized this is not the man they knew. This is not Jim Hormel. It made them realize we need to take a stand, we need to support our son, we need to support Jim in this. It made them perhaps confront their own concerns and realize that the people who were saying all these horrible things were wrong."

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QUOTE:
If God dislikes Gays so much, how come he picked Michelangelo, a known homosexual, to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling while assigning Anita Bryant to go on T.V. and push orange juice? —Mike Royko
FROM UNNATURAL QUOTATIONS by Leigh W. Rathedge

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Even lackadaisical queer Libras are pleased with the professional opportunities tossed their way. Send a thank you note to Sun in Cancer for adding a link or two to your corporate food chain. But don't let the ease of flight go to your head and make you dizzy with power. There is always some wiseguy waiting in the wings to bring you back to earth with a splat. Dams de breaks.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
As the Sun moves into Cancer, proud Aries are tickled pink at the thought of hanging around the house in their loosely comfortable flannels. What a sight! You conjure up any excuse to plotz and rejuvenate. Attend to all your quiet home based and family projects and don't feel guilty, cousin; There is nothing wrong with a time out as long as the emphasis is on "out".

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
You don't have to weight your words - they come to you by the crateloads when the Sun gravitates into Cancer. Rainbow Bulls wax eloquent and can charm even the most bestial of folks with their sophisticated wit and panache. What a change! Plant those bon mots quickly pal; you have quite a bit of explaining to do and this is the time to win them over... and over... and over.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Be prepared to reap your monetary rewards when the Sun deposits in Cancer. Pink Twins are not usually the most practical of folks but now you know a thing or two about the bottom line. Do your homework and take your time: The Sun makes bulls out of bears, if you do not become too greedy. The secret is to buy low and sell high...or something like that.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
The Sun enters your own sign and starts to rev your engine. It's time to get moving on some special projects that you relegated to the cooler back burners. Hot pink Crabs need not be shy; tell the world what you want and it may just listen to you. Ah, but will The Fates deliver? The secret is to get off your duff and help make it happen. This is the time to do it, lazy bones.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
If your life has suddenly become an open book, blame the paparazzi on the glaring Sun in Cancer which opens the floodgates on any secrets that you have secreted away. Proud and dramatic Lions usually love the limelight but not when their dirty laundry is hanging out to dry. Forget about it, cousin; display the lot proudly. No matter what, you will wear it well.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Seeking a quiet retreat from the world? Too bad; No proud Virgo is an island, as the Sun in Cancer will continually remind you for the next four weeks. You can run but you can't hide from friends, large group activities and other assorted capers. Don't even try to fight it; the planets conspire to widen your social circle. Get ready to fill a stadium with your many fans.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Rainbow Scorps get itchy claws when the Sun dips into Cancer. You are anxious to explore parts unknown and taste the exotic flavors of the world. Tuck in as the expansive Sun casts a wide net to feed your sensory hunger. Not a bad time for a vacation! Who knows what delightful tidbit waits for you in some far off corner of the globe. Feast but don't forget to pack the Tums.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Queer Archers are emboldened and inflamed when the impressive Sun wades into wilde and wet Cancer. You feel absolutely over the top sexy and simply cannot purge the urge to merge. Why fight it, cousin? Use this sizzly time to burn the candle at both ends and try everything that life has to offer sexually. Which end is up? Oh, who cares!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Lavender Caps suddenly find that even the most difficult of relationships seem to reach a level of mutual understanding. Chalk it up to the optimistic Sun in cuddly Cancer and let the rough edges smooth out a bit for the next month. If you are still seeking your soulmate, the Sun offers ample opportunity to pick and choose. But you have to seek in order to find, hiat hint!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Roll up your sleeves and get to work, Aqueerian. The Sun ambles into Cancer and makes every onerous job a little less awful and a little less stressful. You will be amazed at what you can accomplish with a bit of effort and attention. Who knows, you may be able to fob some of the worst work onto someone else. Ahal Now that is what I call a job well done!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Sun in Cancer ignites your creative torch. Ouch! Guppies feel the need to express themselves in any way and with any means possible. Whether that means carving an ice sculpture or a place for yourself among the literati, you must seek unique forms of self expression and bloom. Why not tempt your gay muse with a trip to Paris? Or maybe just something French?

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DIFFERENT SPIRIT

'Inclusive Sanctuary vs. Spiritual Terrorism

One of the terms that is often used for church is "sanctuary." A sanctuary is sacred space. It is safe space. It is space that is set apart and devoted to God and God's love. Church buildings have been used as sanctuary to protect those trying to escape from a threatening world. This is a good thing for church to be.

Yet, for millions of people most churches can't be a sanctuary. Church can be a place of fear and rejection. Those of us who are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered can't find that safe place in most churches because most churches reject us as second-class people. It would be a frightful thing to stand up in most modern

churches and profess that one is attracted to, and in love with another of one's own sex. In many places such an admission could even result in violence and death. Church brawls have broken out from much less controversy.

Church is supposed to safe, loving and accepting, but instead can be filled with terror, hate, and rejection. Sadly those who feel this pain the most are the young queer people who are required to go to a particular church by their families. They know the pain of being told they aren't as good as everyone else. The hurt of knowing that, if the secret were let out, even one's parents might offer rejection. Often we are told that God rejects us and sends us to hell, simply because of who we are attracted to. This is not a place of peace and worship, but a place of fear and torment.

Some Christians are coming to understand that the Bible doesn't really condemn homosexuality. Many are recognizing that Jesus never condemned queer people. Several small denominations have been formed to be inclusive of everyone regardless of the gender they are attracted to. These truly inclusive churches can be a source of strength and courage for those who know the sting of Christianity's rejection.

Yet, these inclusive denominations struggle to bring hope and truth to queer people. They face a difficult and harsh reality from a couple of fronts. First, so many sexual minorities have been so wounded and beaten by the church that they want nothing to do with Christianity. Second, other adult Gay people are complacent within the very denominations that abuse them. They continue to attend, support, and give their money to churches that are not sanctuaries for their own kind. In so doing, they support the abuser of the next generation of queer young people.

It is sad that church is not the sanctuary Jesus wants it to be. It is sad that we are not the people Jesus wants us to be. It is sadder when we support the very source of pain and rejection so many must endure. Thinking people can take a stand and help make places of worship that are indeed communities of safety and sacredness. We can abandon the camp of the spiritual terrorists for the Sanctuary of the Prince of Peace.

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[Illustration of a drag queen in a 'BITCH' top]
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[Illustration of a drag queen in a '2001 OUTDOORFEST' top]

...STILL LATER...
SOON AS I GET KENNETH & VERONICA TO JOIN FORCES ON MY FACE & GOWN, MISS CETACEA WILL BURN UP THE STAGE!! YES SIR!!
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This week, I am continuing my A-Z herbal, and present some more herbs that can help you to heal yourself. If you have any herb-related questions, feel free to e-mail me at the address provided at the end of this article.

Horsetail is a good herb for the kidneys, yet another diuretic (such as Cornsilk), it helps with gravel and kidney troubles. This herb has a high mineral content, and is a source of both silica and calcium. Anyone with kidney trouble should have horsetail, cornsilk, and dandelion on hand, and cranberry capsules also. (These will aid your recovery.)

Huckleberry is an herb that is said to help with vision, improving circulation, and is used for metabolism problems. It is said to help with diarrhea and hemorrhoids.

Hyssop is a diuretic, and a mild respiratory sedative, and it is good for indigestion and gas, and is another expectorant.

Juniper berry (whose action is similar to Cedar berry) is an herb used for both bladder and kidney conditions, and it is very helpful when you have chronic bladder infections.

Licorice (yes, it's an herb, not just a candy!) is used for coughs and congestion, it is a stimulant, and promotes the production of estrogen in the body. It is said to improve adrenal function, and I have read that some AIDS patients are using it. (when the adrenals are depleted, exhaustion occurs.)

Lobelia is a strong bronchial dilator, and in larger doses, an antispasmodic.

Dr. X

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split after having sex with you I would say the symptoms of break-up were there before you arrived. If one of the people left the other to be with you, then you have to consider your part. There are many couples that take home a third person; I don't think it's unhealthy if they have ground rules. As for intimacy, let me say that you are entitled to be afraid of it; most of us are. Relationships are scary and a lot of work. Maybe you just don't want to be coupled right now in this part of your life. It is also possible that you like all the attention that comes with being the guest in the couples bed. I know when I have been in this scenario in the past it was exciting and erotic, not to mention fulfilling, hot and full of variety. Ask yourself the questions you asked me and really try to feel the truth deep inside. If your friends are off base and you are okay with the situation than tell them thanks for the concern and move on!

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Safe Sex



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it is said to help one to stop smoking. Lobelia is used in ear infections, and is said to help with hiccoughs and any type of lung congestion, including asthma.

Lomatium (often combined with Osha) is a strong antibacterial and immune system stimulant, I have used this herb to fight chronic fatigue syndrome (Epstein-Bar virus) and have found it to be invaluable. It is good for colds, flu, viral sore throats, chronic viral disease (AIDS patients take note!) respiratory infections, it is also good as an anti-fungal and anti-parasitic. When combined with Osha, it's action is intensified.

Marshmallow (yes, this one is an herb too, not just the fluffy sugary things you put in your hot chocolate) is an excellent herb to soothe the mucus membranes in gastrointestinal, respiratory, and urinary tract disease. It is also good for laryngitis, and lung congestions. This is a soothing herb.

Milk thistle, (also known as Silymarin) is the most powerful liver tonic around, it aids liver regeneration after toxic exposure, and helps to cleanse the liver. Did you know that all toxins, alcohol, and medicines are metabolized by your liver? This one helps your liver to function, and if you drink alcohol you should take this herb to help ward off any future trouble.

More herbs next week. Til next time, Goddess bless, and Go in Good Health.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the two hour season finale of "Queer As Folk". For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

7:00 p.m. the Man to Man Club meets for current and new members. Come experience the new social/spiritual club for men. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up or for information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a recreational softball/volleyball/rugby practice. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Men to Man Club workshop of the summer 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. This will make you a better lover for yourself and your partner. This is the spiritual/erotic connection to create more harmony in your life. \$15-M/M members, \$25-non-members. Come and see Queer as Folk on Showtime cable at 9:30 p.m. Call Marc at 881-4582 in advance.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Carl hosts the Tucson Stockmen-an investment club spun off from MSN. If you'd like to know more, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

AVIV the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having this annual summer pool party for members and their guests today at 3:00 p.m. Call the AVIV InFo-Line at (602)952-1612 for more information.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a 4th of July Pool Party. It's a small pool, but adequate enough for cooling off and playing some games. The hot tub is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for "The Producers"-the classic comedy that has found new life as the current toast of Broadway. Come rediscover this comedy about the American dream run amok. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

AVIV the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services this evening at 7:00 p.m. Come and celebrate Shabbat with friends. Experience the opportunity to refocus and rejuvenate. As always, your partners and friends are invited to attend. Don't forget the great Oneg following services! Call the AVIV InFo-Line at (602)852-1612 for more information and location.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jerry & Les host the Broadway play version of "Victor/Victoria". The play was filmed for Japanese TV, and was released on DVD in this country. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 740-1451.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Our twice-monthly Bridge Night is a good place to play a friendly game of bridge with nice guys. If you don't know how to play, this is a good place to start. For more information, please contact Terry at 577-3545.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jorge hosts Dinner Out at El Mezon del Cobre. This Mexican restaurant Italian eatery has great food, a nice atmosphere, and nice guys from MSN! For more information, please contact Jorge at 869-7219.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for Game Night and a Pool Party. Board games and card games of all sorts will be available, and you're invited to bring a favorite of yours. For more information, please contact Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a recreational softball/volleyball/rugby practice. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of Retro TV, as we salute funny ladies of the small screen. We'll show episodes of "I Love Lucy", "Marty Tyler Moore", "Designing Women", and "Murphy Brown". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. The "Girly Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander and Veronica Lake.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

IBTS - The Tucson Weekly's "Gay Personal Call On The Road". Food, Fun and free ads!

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. Preview Party for "Nico & Dan" movie which opens July 6th at the Loft. Drawings for free posters and tickets. Limited number of tickets available.

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pitchers \$1.75 or Glasses 75¢.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke (pronounced "Scaryoke") 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 week's proceeds go to Desert Voices. Then at 9:00 p.m., Sign Up for IBT's West Shorts Contest. \$125 first place prize! Contest starts with Ajia Simone at 10:00 p.m. (Minimum of four (4) contestants necessary).

TUESDAY, JULY 3

IBTS - 4th of July Eve Party 8:30 p.m. Special "Girly Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring with Ajia Simone, Janee Starr and Domino Blush.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Come on by for an Independence Day Cook-In. Free grilled hot dogs and hamburgers from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Plus Happy Hour from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

IBTS - Community Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free To Be You Dance Party 9:00 p.m. to close. Cherry Bombs 50¢ / pick a color well or call shots \$2.00.

VENTURE-N - Drink Specials all day. Holiday Bar-B-Que from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Free Hot dogs all day!

YARD DOG - Drink Specials and 4th Dawgs plus view the fireworks and watch "A" Mountain burn from their patio.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

IBTS - 5th Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Contest. Fundraiser for TIHAN. Pick up your wrestling packets now at IBT's, Yard Dog, Woody's or Venture-N.

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, side dishes, and dessert-and a chance to meet 50-75 really nice guys. The pool is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Bill hosts another organizational meeting for the sports teams. Bill is looking to start up gay softball/volleyball/rugby. For more information, please contact Bill at 297-3569.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a Matinee Club outing to a local theatre to see a current movie. For movie choice, theatre location and time, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. Jack hosts a free class in making stained glass wind chimes. You'll be given the material you need and all the instructions to help you take home your very own work of art. The class is limited to 14 students so early calls are advised. For more information, please contact Jack at 745-8844.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jim for a morning of birding in cool Madera Canyon. One goal is to spot the elusive Trogon. Please call Jim at 629-0766 for more details.

MONDAY, JULY 23

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBTS - 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). Boss 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

AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBTS - 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 Toumey 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 - AOL employees.

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

Tuesday

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool toumey 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.

IBTS - 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

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with DJ S. 9pm-close. \$2 Long Island and \$1 Puckers all night.

IBTS - 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

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. \$2 Kamikazees and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - 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

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - 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

IBTS - 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 Martini's \$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

AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

IBTS - 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 Toumey 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

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 299-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

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 791-7078.

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 864-9920, Ex.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KOCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Gitz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-278-4805.

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)325-0131, or http://www.aazds.net/dd

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 Mirlo 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)534-6218 (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 293-8524.

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.

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 or 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, 3268 N. Mountain. Have any history of experience singing? Join us! Call 817-3100 for more info.

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnearizona.org - e-mail address: zigoodrum@uswest.net or

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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 888-6541

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. Ellis 881-8850 or Ronn 988-2384.

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 624-8788.

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. Gerontimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 869-7298.

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips 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 Arroyo Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3268 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 890-8565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9878 or Bertie 318-3415.

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 299-8647.

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 615-8436 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 8 weeks. 894-7063.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION http://www.tgsaonball.org

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.

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 743-6977 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 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

HIKE & 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)225-6444.

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 NUDISTS - 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.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

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)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.btop.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.

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 Easley, facilitator. 882-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - 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 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

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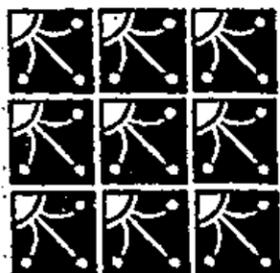
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GLBT Pride Marked In Tucson

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joyed Gay West V, with the activities and shows offered. Most importantly people could be themselves, holding hands, and sharing affection with their loved ones or significant others without having to "look over their shoulders." Disney World may have their Gay days, but Tucson will have "Gay West."

More than 800 GLBT Tucsonans, friends, supporters, parents and children marched down Fourth Avenue, Sunday, June 24, in the second annual GLBT Pride Parade.

This year's event was organized by the Lesbian Avengers, and OUtRage, and sponsored by TLGA, KXCI, the Tucson Pima/Public Library, Wingspan, the local chapter of the AFL-CIO, Godat Design and the Tucson Weekly.

This year's "people's" march, according to organizers, was a celebration of the repeal of Arizona's archaic sex laws and to empower young Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgendered, reminding them that the struggle for equal rights is ongoing and the community must be visible.

Some of the groups took part in this year's parade/march included: EAGLE IBM employee's group, the Gay/Lesbian Raytheon employee's group, the Stonewall Democrats, Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, Green Thursday Theatre Productions, and Meryl Sloane.

As the crowd assembled to march the parade route, from Fourth Avenue and Second Street to La Placita Village, a sense of excitement built, as marchers watched the several floats put the final touches on their decorations. Dace Park of the Lesbian Avengers led the crowd in remembrance of

the repeal of Arizona's archaic sex laws, which dealt with crimes against nature and non-familial cohabitation.

After practicing chants, and viewing several cheers from the "Rad Cheerleaders," marchers packed the south bound lane of Fourth Avenue, with the floats following, and a police escort. As the participants proceed down the route, people came out of their homes, businesses and restaurants to watch, applaud, and in some cases, join the parade.

When the last marchers had come into La Placita Village, a party awaited the participants, celebrating the second of many Pride Parades to come.

Organizers of the event are planning for next year's parade and the inevitable fund raising to cover the costs of the city permits, persons interested can send donations to Lesbian Avengers, c/o Dace Park, POB 87214, Tucson, AZ 85754. For more information, persons can E-mail: tucsonparade@juno.com.

Bush Nominee

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"Horn argues that promoting marriage should be the highest priority in welfare policy," said the Feminist Daily News Wire. "He bases his arguments on gender stereotypes, such as his assertion that wives should 'submit' to their husbands and his belief that mothers and fathers inherently parent differently."

In a 1998 fathering advice column for the Jewish World Review, Horn offered advice to a man whose son was Gay and had tried ex-Gay programs, but had not succeeded in changing his sexual orientation. Although Horn cautioned the father

against trying to force his son to change, the resources suggested at the end of the column included virulently anti-Gay organizations such as Exodus International and the National Association for Research and Treatment of Homosexuality, with no mention of PFLAG or other Gay-positive groups.

"George W. Bush campaigned on a theme of 'leave no child behind,'" said NGLTF executive director Lorri Jean. "If the U.S. Senate confirms Horn's nomination, we might as well change that slogan to, 'leave no child behind as long as their parents are happily married heterosexuals.'"

Amnesty International

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death of a Gay man who was killed while in police custody. The report included information about the persecution of Gays and transvestites in Mexico and Ecuador as well as countries in Africa and Eastern Europe.

The report condemned the sodomy laws that still exist in Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Puerto Rico.

To stop torture and mistreatment based on sexual identity, the group urged the repeal of such laws and said forced medical "treatments" designed to "cure" or change a Gay person's sexual orientation should be immediately closed and banned.

It also called for the protection of refugees fleeing torture based on sexual identity and government prohibition of all types of discrimination based on sexual identity.

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Nuestro agradecimiento a la propietaria del Escandalo Nite Club, Rosita!

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