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Gay West Coming Saturday, June 28

TUCSON - Yes, Gay West 7 is going to happen, Saturday, June 28.

Old Tucson Studios has made some schedule changes for the summer, but the full menu of special events and concerts will continue, including Gay West. Gay West 7 is produced by Old Tucson Studios and Tucson Pride Inc. (TPI) and presented by IBTs and Woody's as title sponsors for all 2003 Pride events produced by TPI.

To fit Old Tucson Studios special event venues, Gay West 7 is expanded as part of the OTS Concert Series. The Gay West Concert features Joan Jett and the Blackhearts with Special Guests: The Motels with Martha Davis, 2 hours of great music.

All the other things, organizers said that have come to expect of Gay West are part of the celebration:

Diana Flair and Lucinda Holliday present "Ladies with Flair & Lipstick and Lashes." Salud es Poder presents "Fuerza Latina Travesti Show." There will be two DJ dance venues all night, Hi-NRG and Country. Old Tucson is presenting two shows: a Stunt Show to kick off the drag shows, and "Gun Belts and Garters" in the Saloon during the dance venue. During the intermission between concert acts, Hydra Leather will present "A Fetish Fashion Show." Food and drink will be available all evening.

Gates will open at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 28, and you will want to get there early as the festivities begin immediately. Tickets are \$25 plus tax in advance, and \$30 plus tax at the door. Tickets are available from Zia Records, Old Tucson Studios, SAAF, Wingspan, TIHAN, Antigone's bookstore, Desert Pride gift shop, Rainbow Planet Coffee House. Other outlets may be announced later. Tickets will also be sold at special events at IBTs from now until the event, and at LGBT bars during Pride Week.

Adding concerts to Gay West 7 makes the event expensive to produce, and organizers said they need to sell lots of tickets! Last year Gay West 6 returned \$10,000 to the community, and \$12,000 in 2001. With your strong support, surplus revenue from 2003 Pride events could make a difference in providing funds to community organizations and agencies.

Community non-profit agencies and organizations are offered free information tables at Gay West. Anyone interested should call (520) 622.3200 or send email to pride@tucsonpride.com. Each group will receive 2 complimentary admissions to the event. Reservations for non-profit information tables should be made by June 12.

Pride Week 2003 is a 12-day offer-

ing of community educational and fun events, including Gay West, beginning Thursday June 19 and continuing through Sunday June 29. Details are available now at www.tucsonpride.com, and will be available soon in the media and posters in LGBT businesses.

Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, Inc., doing business as Tucson Pride Inc., an Arizona non-profit corporation and IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit, plans, produces and promotes Pride events for the Tucson LGBT community. TPI is an all-volunteer board of 10 people who work year-round to produce Pride Week, Gay West, OUToberFEST, and this year a new event, GayWest. TPI does not produce the annual LGBT Pride Parade coming up Sunday June 29, but we encourage the community to support that effort planned and produced by Tucson Lesbian Avengers and OUTRage.

2003 Pride activities are presented by TPI and IBTs/Woodys with the assistance of these sponsors: 93.7 KRQ, Budweiser, Centra Realty, Community Business Association, Creative Communications, Desert Pride gift shop, Elbow Grease, GayTucson.com, Instinct magazine, Old Tucson Studios, Pronto Printing, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Wingspan and Zia Records. Your support of these businesses is encouraged. TPI gives hearty thanks for their sponsorship contributions.

Proposed Amendment Would Limit G/L Marriage

WASHINGTON, DC - G/L rights activists are denouncing the reintroduction of a proposed constitutional amendment in the U.S. House of Representatives on May 21.

The Federal Marriage Amendment, which was introduced in the House last year in a similar form but didn't receive any action and subsequently died, would permanently deny marriage rights to same-sex couples nationwide. It would also circumvent state and federal courts from hearing cases on marital benefit issues.

Two states, Massachusetts and New Jersey, are currently reviewing landmark same-sex marriage cases. "The U.S. Constitution is a document designed to protect the basic equality and civil rights of all Americans," said HRC executive director Elizabeth Birch. "Using the Constitution to deny rights to same-sex couples flies in the face of everything that makes this country great."

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Study: Tobacco Giant Targeted Gay Market

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) researchers have published two papers that document the tobacco industry's attempts to target Gay men to increase cigarette sales, and quell protest from Gay political groups by giving money to AIDS charities, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In the June issue of the American Journal of Public Health, UCSF School of Nursing research associate Elizabeth A. Smith wrote that the cigarette maker Philip Morris (now known as Altria) began advertising in the Gay magazine Genre in the early 1990s in order to "own the market," but then immediately denied it was interested in Gay male smokers after the mainstream media picked up on the move, arguing that Genre was not a Gay magazine.

According to Smith, Philip Morris' ad firm suggested the company move into the Gay market by buying advertising in Gay publications for the relaunch of its Benson & Hedges brand. National advertising in the Gay press was still rare at the time, and Genre's publishers notified the Wall Street Journal it had scored a big ad client. The ensuing media coverage took Philip Morris by surprise, and the company was quick to deny any interest in marketing to the Gay community.

Ruth Malone, the senior author of Smith's paper, noted that the strategy is not new for tobacco companies, but the ensuing reaction was quite different.

"We've repeatedly seen that the industry is very good about identifying communities at the margins," Malone told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. Malone, who has also done studies on cigarette marketing to African Americans,

noted that the industry rarely shied away from such criticism, saying they were playing an important part in the targeted community. Not so with Gays.

"They said they didn't even know if such a market even exists," she added.

Smith's colleague, Naphtali Offen, wrote a related paper for the June issue of Tobacco Control, arguing that a 1990-1991 boycott of Philip Morris by Gay political group ACT UP inadvertently served as the catalyst for the cigarette maker to buy its way into the Gay community. ACT UP went after Philip Morris for its support of then-Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. Instead of fighting the boycott directly, Offen says the company began writing large checks to fund AIDS service organizations and charities, which led to a split within the Gay activist communities, who debated whether receiving the money for much-needed services was the right thing to do. Within time, ACT UP backed off.

"The real story is Philip Morris took the situation and used it to their advantage," the openly Gay Offen said to Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "It was a back door into the Gay community."

Malone, who also supervised Offen's paper, said even though the events discussed in the studies took place a decade ago, the connection to the Gay community is still there.

"The issue is these kinds of behavior are still going on," she noted. "Tobacco kills more (Gay) people than AIDS, Gay bashing and all sorts of other things combined. You have to really consider the true costs."

Bomb Suspect Faces Two Trials

BIRMINGHAM, AL - A suspect in a string of bombings, including the deadly 1996 explosion at the Olympic Games in Atlanta and a 1997 attack at the Otherside Lounge, a predominantly Lesbian bar in Atlanta, appeared before a federal judge Monday, June 2, for the first time since his capture, acknowledging his identity but not entering a plea. Attorney General John Ashcroft said Eric Rudolph will face trial first in Birmingham, Ala., where an abortion clinic was bombed in 1998, and then in Atlanta.

Rudolph, wearing a blue bulletproof vest over an orange prison jumpsuit, spoke only briefly at the 30-minute hearing before U.S. district judge Lacy Thornburg. He sat, straight-faced, next to attorney Sean Devereux, appointed because Rudolph says he doesn't have the money to pay a lawyer, while assistant U.S. attorney Jill Westmoreland read the charges against him. "The defendant is waiving his right to enter a plea of guilty here and instead will face charges where those

charges are pending," U.S. attorney Robert Conrad said after the hearing.

Rudolph faces six charges of using an explosive against a facility in interstate commerce and could face the death penalty. One person was killed and more than 100 were wounded at the Centennial Park bombing. A police officer was killed and a nurse was critically wounded in the Birmingham attack. And five people were hurt at the Otherside Lounge bombing.

The 36-year-old Rudolph is a former member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division and is described by acquaintances as a white supremacist who hated Gay men and Lesbians, foreigners, and the government and was opposed to abortion. He was last seen publicly on July 7, 1998, and is believed to have spent the past five years camping and hiding in caves in the mountains in and around North Carolina. He was arrested Saturday morning

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UPDATE

Rev. Joyce Cook To Leave Water of Life MCC

TUCSON - Reverend Joyce Cook has announced that she will be stepping down as the Spiritual Leader of the Water of Life MCC (Metropolitan Community Church). She plans to return to school full time to obtain her Masters in Counseling with an emphasis on pastoral counseling.

Rev Joyce has pastored the Water of Life MCC since December 1996. She is directly responsible for taking a church with 8 members in attendance and turning it into an 86 member House of Worship - not counting the many nonmembers who attend regularly.

The UFMCC denomination honored Rev. Joyce's effectiveness and faithfulness with the Phoenix Award for such a resurrection of a church at the last worldwide conference of over 1900 people in Toronto. In addition to initiating the "Couples Blessing" which occurs annually at Water of Life MCC on the first Sunday of Pride Week in June, Joyce Cook traveled to Nogales and the lower level of the Main Library here, to perform Commitment Ceremonies. Rev. Joyce has worked with Wingspan, TIHAN, SAAF, is a member of CBA and AHRF. She has been active in representing our community at vigils, on panels, at marches- here and in Phoenix, at GLBT functions, rallies, and served on the Mayor's GLBT Commission.

The Congregation will be celebrating Rev. Joyce's tenure as it's leader with an evening of Fellowship & Remembrances on Saturday, June 14, 5:30 p.m. All whose lives were touched by Rev. Joyce are welcome. Come, bring a favorite dish and Celebrate. Rev. Cook's final sermon as Pastor of Water of Life MCC will be Sunday, June 15, 10:15 a.m. Come and hear this Woman of God preach the Word one last time. Come and honor Joyce for her support and work within the GLBT community as well as this church.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Ave (just north of Fort Lowell). The church may be reached by phone at (520) 292-9151 or by E-mail; at WOLMCC@aol.com.

Hate Crimes Forum June 19

TUCSON - Over three years ago, on February 16, 2000 more than 100 people packed into Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center, for the first ever Wingspan Community Forum.

The forum was organized in response to the stabbing of a Gay U of A student at the Rainbow Planet coffee shop on Fourth Avenue. The man charged in the stabbing was reported by witnesses to have shouted "God hates faggots" during the attack. That same week, over 5,000 people marched in solidarity from downtown Tucson to the University of Arizona campus to protest the stabbing.

One year ago, on June 12, 2002 Philip Walsted, a 24 year old Gay man, was found dead near Fourth Avenue. Philip, who had been severely beaten with a baseball bat, was still alive when he was found, and died shortly thereafter at a local hospital. After many months of investigation, the Tucson Police Department later reclassified the murder as a hate crime. In 2002, 25 hate crimes were reported to the Tucson Police Department-15 of those reported were against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people.

Two months ago, on April 7th, 2003 Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), the third highest ranking Republican in the U.S. Senate, compared same-sex marriages to "man on child, man on dog" relationships. He also described homosexuality as "antithetical to a healthy, stable traditional family" and said that it "undermines the basic tenets of our society."

Please join Wingspan (www.wingspan.org) and the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (www.sacasa.org) Thursday, June 19, 6:00 p.m. for an interactive forum as we examine hate crimes against the LGBT community in Southern Arizona.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

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IN MEMORIAM



'Elbie' Linda Brown Vindiola

TUCSON - Elbie Linda Brown Vindiola, 43, born in Flint, Michigan, passed away May 21, 2003.

Throughout her life, Elbie was the most caring and unselfish person. She opened up her heart and home to many foster children that touched her life. She dedicated countless hours to volunteer work. Elbie worked many years for the City of Tucson.

Elbie started her own business that was just beginning to grow. She will truly missed by many people who knew and loved her. We have been blessed by her friendship. She is now at peace forever.

Ian Alexander Tingle
June 7, 1972 - May 24, 2003

TUCSON - On Saturday, May 24, our friend has gone to rest. Ian was known in the Gay community by many and will be thoroughly missed. Ian is survived by his partner, Michael Nobles, Romi "Dad" Gonzalez, and many close friends. There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service for friends on Saturday, June 7, 2003. For more information please call (520) 889-7371.

Desert Voices Limited Offer!

TUCSON - Desert Voices is offering a free, no obligation 'test drive' during the month of June.

As a small group of the chorus prepares to sing at IBM's Diversity Celebration in the middle of the month, this group is opening the rehearsals to the public, as an opportunity to 'sample' the chorus. This limited time offer will take place at Water of Life MCC, every Monday in June, from 7 to 9 p.m., under the direction of Chris Tackett. According to the Chorus, the plan is revive some of the numbers performed at their successful Mardi Gras Cabaret show, as well as some standard favorites for the IBM show.

If you like to sing, and have a flair for the theatrical, check out Desert Voices, who will begin its 15th season this fall, as a production choral group - moving to the music with theatrical and dramatic moments and singing from memory, without a director on stage. The chorus is seeking voices for all parts: Soprano I and II, Alto I and II, Tenor I and II, Baritone and Bass. During the month of June, there won't be any audition process, and new singers aren't expected to sing at the IBM performance.

For more information, call (520) 791-9662 or come to the next rehearsal on Monday, June 9.



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G/L Catholics Walk Out

BOSTON, MA - Gay and Lesbian congregants walked out of mass in Boston's Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 1, after bishops issued a reminder to parishioners that the Catholic Church opposes same-sex marriage.

The congregants, who support equal marriage rights, say whether to allow Gay and Lesbian couples the legal benefits of marriage is a matter for the courts and the legislature, not the church. They also point out that revelations that the archdiocese of Boston shuttled sexually abusive priests from parish to parish have stripped the church of the moral authority to question equal marriage rights. "The church has to clean up its own house before it sets foot in mine," said Mark Murphy, 25, of Somerville, who walked out of church with partner Carl Sciortino, 24.

During the homily at Holy Cross, Monsignor William H. Roche asked parishioners to read a marriage statement printed in the archdiocesan newspaper, The Pilot, and explained why the church opposes same-sex marriages. In the statement the four bishops of Massachusetts have called for action on same-sex marriage at a moment when the issue is pending in both the state's highest court and the legislature. The state's supreme court is considering whether the state constitution allows Gay people to marry each other, while the legislature is expected to consider a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as being solely between a man and a woman.

At the mention of the statement, about a dozen people, mostly men, stood up

and faced the back of the church. Most of them then walked out of the church, with three men walking out at the end of the homily.

'Dr. Kildare' Comes Out

HONOLULU, HI - More than four decades after he captured women's hearts on television's Dr. Kildare, Richard Chamberlain has decided to reveal his identity as a Gay man "because I'm not afraid anymore."

"I'm not a romantic leading man anymore, so I don't need to nurture that public image anymore," the 68-year-old Chamberlain says in an interview that aired on Dateline NBC. "I can talk about it now because I'm not afraid anymore." The Dateline interview coincides with the publication of Chamberlain's new memoir, Shattered Love, which will be released Tuesday by ReganBooks. Chamberlain starred as television's Dr. James Kildare from 1961 to 1966 and as Father Ralph, a love-torn priest, in the 1983 miniseries The Thorn Birds. He also starred in the 1974 movie The Towering Inferno and the 1980 miniseries Shogun.

"When I grew up, being Gay, being a sissy or anything like that, was verboten," says Chamberlain, who lives in Hawaii. "I disliked myself intensely and feared this part of myself intensely and had to hide it." Now, the actor says, everything is different. During the interview he talked about his longtime partner, Martin; discusses his upcoming appearance in The Advocate—his first interview with the Gay press, scheduled for publication this fall—and remembers his difficult childhood. "I love my life just the way it is," Chamberlain says. "I'm proud of my relationship. I'm actually proud of myself."

Shareholder Support Increases For Pro-Gay Resolution

DALLAS, TX - A significantly larger number of ExxonMobil shareholders than last year have voted to support a shareholder resolution to amend the company's written Equal Employment Opportunity policy to include the category of sexual orientation.

According to preliminary results released at the company's annual shareholder meeting Wednesday, May 28, 27.1% of ExxonMobil shares were voted in support of the resolution. This is an increase of 15% over last year's vote and represents more than \$55 billion worth of shares voted.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, a Gay advocacy group, ExxonMobil's continued resistance to adding sexual orientation to its EEO policy leaves it increasingly isolated in corporate America. It is one of only 10 companies in the Fortune 100 and one of only three companies in the Fortune 50 without such a policy. "Each year ExxonMobil gets more and more marginalized as an increasing number of smart and successful companies add these policies," said Kim I. Mills, education director for HRC. "Every ExxonMobil director comes from a company with such a policy. CEO Lee Raymond even sits on the board of one company that has such a policy—J.P. Morgan Chase. There is no logical reason for ExxonMobil to resist this very reasonable request."

An ongoing boycott of the company by HRC has sought to put pressure on the oil giant and its shareholders to establish a company policy of nondiscrimination against Gays and

Lesbians and to provide benefits to the domestic partners of its employees. Such policies were in place at Mobil before the company merged with Exxon and the policies were then eliminated.

Philly Boy Scouts Defy Anti-Gay Policy

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The nation's third largest Boy Scout council has expanded its nondiscrimination policy to include sexual orientation, defying the national group's anti Gay policy.

The board of the Cradle of Liberty Council, which has 87,000 members in Philadelphia and two neighboring counties, voted unanimously this month to make the change after discussions with Gay activists and other community leaders that began two years ago. "We disagree with the national stance, and we're not comfortable with the stated national policy," council chairman David H. Lipson Jr. said.

In 2000 the national group went to the Supreme Court to defend its ban on Gay leaders, saying that as a private organization it is free to choose its members however it wishes. The Scouts won the case, but the battle led some businesses and public schools to reconsider their ties with the organization, and at least 50 United Way offices pulled their contributions. A few months after the high-court victory, Gay activists and others objected to funding by the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania for a youth development program run by the Boy Scouts, even though the program was open to anyone. "The reality is, we did get some pressure from other groups who said, 'This program may not discriminate, but this organization does,'" said Christine James-Brown, president of the regional United Way.

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Pride In Flagstaff June 13 - 15

FLAGSTAFF - Northern Arizona Pride Association (NAPA) is busy preparing for the Seventh annual Pride in the Pines event, Northern Arizona's annual Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Cultural festival and celebration, June 13-15, 2003 with the festival on June 14th at Wheeler Park.

The Board of Directors of NAPA have chosen the theme: Freedom - Family - Friends for this year's event. "The theme: Freedom - Family - Friends speaks to the very heart of the event. People attend the festival to celebrate the cultural uniqueness and the sense of family that the GLBT community shares. People celebrate themselves and their individual identities while embracing the collective identity of the community. The family like atmosphere encourages you to be yourself and enjoy the uniqueness of others," said David Fiss, NAPA President.

Grammy Award-winner Thelma Houston (Don't Leave me this Way), International Dance Diva Pepper MaShay (Dive in the Pool and I got my Pride), 80's female funk band Klymaxx (Meeting in the Ladies Room and I miss you) and acclaimed singer Mark Weigle are all scheduled to perform on the main stage. In addition, making its first appearance at the daylong event will be "Off Our Tongues: The Progressive Stage" featuring spoken word, music, poetry, performance and drag-kings.

NAPA is currently recruiting volunteers to assist with the production of the festival and related activities. Volunteering at Pride in the Pines is a fun and exciting way to give back to the community and meet new people. NAPA provides free admission to the festival and some of its related events for volunteers plus much more.

In the seven-year history of Pride in the Pines the NAPA board of directors have managed to keep improving the event and serving the community while charging just \$5 for admission to the festival. This year in an effort to ensure long-term feasibility of the event, NAPA is offering \$5 pre-sale admission to the festival and \$7 day of. Typically NAPA fund raises close to 60% of their annual budget through activities other than the Pride in the Pines festival.

NAPA has launched a new web site to serve as an information hub with a free public online calendar as part of our continued commitment to the Northern Arizona GLBT community. Presale tickets are available at: Gopher Sounds, 6 West Route 66, Flagstaff, AZ 86001 and Unique On Central, 4700 N. Central Avenue Suite 105, Phoenix, AZ 85012. For more information on the event please call (928) 213-1900 or visit www.flagstaffpride.org or email at info@flagstaffpride.org.

Gay GOP State Representative Switches Parties

MANCHESTER, NH - Citing the continued intolerance of Republicans on Gay issues, a New Hampshire state representative switched over to the Democratic Party last Friday, May 30.

"One of the motivating factors in my decision to leave were the comments of U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), in which he likened homosexuality to incest, bestiality and an immoral lifestyle," said Corey Corbin, D-Rockingham.

"Being a Gay man and, up until this week, a Republican, those comments truly summed up for me the attitude of the GOP towards the millions of Gay men and women who work, raise families, pay taxes and contribute to our society," he added. "We are hated, we are marginalized, and are basically unwanted by a party that has forsaken the principles of Abraham Lincoln and become dominated by a right wing that falls far short of representing mainstream America."

Corbin, 33, one of the youngest members of the state House, has joined the Elected Officials Caucus of the National Stonewall Democrats (NSD), a GLBT group.

"We are excited to welcome Corey," said Dave Noble, NSD executive director. "As a former Republican, he is able to vocalize the strong differences that exist between the two major parties on issues of equality."

First elected in 2000, Corbin rose quickly through the ranks of the party and was appointed Republican Whip of the Labor and Industry Committee. Corbin held the position for a little more than a year until, he said, he criticized GOP-crafted tax increases.

Corbin added that the budget passed by the Republicans in the New Hampshire House showed how little they cared for the people of the state. "There is no talk about the future, only talk about the next elections," he said.

Corbin reserved his harshest criticism for New Hampshire's Republican governor, Craig Benson. "I don't think anybody takes the man seriously," Corbin told the Rockingham News.

"Even many Republicans agree it is amateur hour in Concord," said Corbin. "A government has to be sensitive to the needs of its people, and Craig Benson is anything but that."

Corbin did not make the decision to switch parties lightly. "It is an emotional decision, as I have been a loyal member of the GOP since high school," he said, and plans to seek election to the New Hampshire Senate in 2004 against the incumbent Republican.

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Four Arrested At Protest

DES MOINES, IA - Four people were arrested Saturday, May 31 during an anti Gay protest at a high school graduation where a Gay student was given a scholarship. They were accused of throwing cream pies at the followers of a Kansas-based anti Gay pastor.

Members of the Reverend Fred Phelps's Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., demonstrated at Lincoln High School's graduation at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The church members were protesting because senior class president Julius Carter was awarded a college scholarship in Matthew Shepard's name. The First Friday Breakfast Club, an Iowa association of Gay men, conducted a counterprotest.

Police major Russell Underwood said officers were on hand for both groups' safety. "It's a shame the pies had to be thrown," Underwood said. "I thought we would get by with no arrests."

Barricades separated Phelps's followers and the counterprotesters. Shortly before the graduation ceremony began, four people dressed in black approached Phelps's group and threw pies at them. Police charged Timothy Bossenberg, 22, no address available; Sean Glynn, 20, of Des Moines; Kristen Chilcoat, 19, of Des Moines; and Lacey Hanson, 19, of Altoona, with disorderly conduct.

Lincoln High students helping with the commencement ceremony said the controversy about the senior class president has made the school stronger. "I think it's made more people have Lincoln pride, and it's unified our school," said Jessica Reese, a junior at Lincoln.

Boy Scouts National Meeting Met By Protest

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Bolstered by a recent decision by the Cradle of Liberty Council of the Boy Scouts of America to defy the national organization's policy of excluding Gays, a group of Gay rights activists demonstrated Thursday, May 29, outside the hotel where the Boy Scouts' annual national convention was being held.

Some activists wore Boy Scout uniforms. "What's next? An organization that preaches tolerance and love and loyalty is now ready to tell someone, 'You can't be part of my group because you're an atheist, you can't be part of my group because you're Gay,'" said Gregory Lattera, a Life Scout from Philadelphia. "It's painful that something you love, people you care about are ready to kick you out."

Although the discrimination issue wasn't on the BSA agenda, some of the 1,200 Scout leaders and members gathered for the event would occasionally stop to look out the hotel's windows at the sidewalk protesters. "It's a sensitive subject," said Greg Heleniak, an 18-year-old Eagle Scout from Blue Bell, Pa. "We are taught to be accepting and tolerant of everyone."

The Boy Scouts of America went to the Supreme Court in 2000 to defend its ban on Gay scout leaders and members, saying that as a private organization it should be free to choose its members however it wishes. The Scouts won the case.

BSA spokesman Gregg Shields said the national group considered a resolution last year to leave such policies up to the local councils but rejected it. Controversy persists, however.

In addition to the protest, groups including Scouting for All and the Coalition for Inclusive Scouting ran a hospitality suite at the hotel where the national meeting was being held. The Cradle of Liberty Council--the third-largest local council in the country--isn't the first one to buck the national group's stance either. The Boston Minuteman Council approved a bylaw in 2001 that effectively allows Gays into the Scouts as long as they don't openly declare their sexual orientation.

Call To G/L Center Disallowed in Lesbian Hiker Murder

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA - A federal judge has disallowed from evidence a Columbia, Md., murder suspect's phone call that prosecutors hoped would tie him to the 1996 slayings of two Lesbian hikers in Shenandoah National Park.

U.S. attorneys argued that Darrell D. Rice, 35, killed the couple and then used a phone number from one of the victims' belongings to call the Spectrum Center for Gay and Lesbian Affairs in San Anselmo, Calif. Authorities contend that Rice killed Julianne Williams, 24, of Burlington, Vt., and Laura Winans, 26, of Unity, Maine, because of their sexual orientation. The two women were found bound and gagged with their throats slit. Rice is to stand trial July 24 in U.S. district court. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The judge noted that the phone number for the Spectrum Center is a combination of two numbers that Rice dialed regularly and that no evidence pointed to the phone number as having been among the couple's belongings. The number was the unpublished direct line to the Reverend Jane Spahr, the Spectrum founder who has written and preached on Christianity and homosexuality. Investigators found at the murder scene a journal Williams kept that included a reference to one of Spahr's works but not her phone number, the judge wrote.

KY Gov. Protects GLBT Employees From Discrimination

FRANKFORT, KY - Kentucky governor Paul Patton signed an order Thursday prohibiting discrimination against state government employees or job applicants on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The order applies to the governor's executive cabinet agencies, which together employ more than 30,000 people. Patton leaves office in December, and the next governor could rescind the order. But Patton believes the order "was the right thing to do" and hopes his successor will keep it in effect, his general counsel, Denis Fleming, said in an interview.

The executive order "makes it a policy of the commonwealth not to discriminate" on any of several bases, including race, religion, sex, age, or disability. Fleming said sexual orientation and gender identity are the "key addition" to the policy, having been suggested to Patton by a Democratic legislator, state senator Ernesto Scorsone of Lexington. Fleming also said the policy was in the vein of "fairness ordinances" enacted in Louisville, Lexington, and Covington. About a dozen other states have instituted similar policies, Fleming said. The order does not apply to public institutions or agencies not under the governor's direct control, examples being school districts, colleges, and universities.

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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kerr

'NINE'

A cardinal number, one more than the number eight and as an adjective, a set of nine persons or things, a team of baseball players or the U.S. Supreme Court, and is the name of the musical based on the Fellini movie, 8 1/2, presently running on Broadway.

In the case of politics in Arizona, nine is the number of state Senators in negotiations over Arizona's budget for the upcoming fiscal year that will start July 1.

Thanks to the courageous stance by Republican state Senators Linda Binder and Slade Mead, the Draconian budget, drafted by the conservative GOP legislative leadership has been stopped in its tracks, resulting in the Senate Republican leadership plus two other GOP Senators have been forced to the negotiating table with the Senate Democratic leadership and one Democratic Senator, to create a balanced budget covering a billion-dollar shortfall that the state government will be facing in the next fiscal year.

This conference committee of nine consists of the Senate Republican Leadership: Senate President Ken Bennett, District 1; Senate Majority Leader Tim Bee, District 30 (Eastern Pima County); Senate Majority Whip Marilyn Jarrett, District 19. Senators Carolyn Allen, District 8 and Robert Burns, District 9, who is the Senate Appropriations Committee Chair, and, the Senate Democratic Leadership: Senate Minority Leader Jack Brown, District 5 (St. Johns); Senate Assistant Minority Leader Linda Aguirre, District 16 (South Phoenix); Senate Minority Whip Pete Rios of Hayden, and Senator (Dr.) Robert Cannell, District 24 (Yuma).

As of press time, this committee is in negotiations and the state Senate is currently adjourned until Wednesday, June 4 but capital sources stated that no agreement on the budget will take place for this week.

For Arizona's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) it means a slight reprieve but action is needed.

In the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, ADAP would get \$500,000 for medication, down from the \$1-million dollars the state allocated, and

\$125,000 for training purposes.

This proposed amount would greatly jeopardize the thousands people whose lives depend upon these medications and the program because of the Ryan White federal matching funds given for this in Arizona, totaling \$6.8 million, since the state must show a continued effort, meaning they would need to give at least \$1-million for the upcoming fiscal year to receive the federal funds.

So what does this mean? If the conservative Republican legislative leaders get their way, Arizona's ADAP program will go from \$7.8-million dollars in funding to \$500,000. A memo drafted by AZAPA (Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance), about the importance of maintaining the state's funding for ADAP has been circulated to legislators in both chambers and according to state Sen. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson, it has brought the issue to the forefront but she added that they need to hear from the people about the importance of the funding, maintaining it so that the \$6.8-million in Ryan White federal matching funds continues.

These nine Senators need to get the message to add \$500,000 to the proposed funding for ADAP for the upcoming budget, so that the federal funding continues and those people who rely on the program for their medications, their lives, can continue to do so.

Call (800) 352-8404, the toll-free number for the Arizona Legislature, ask for the nine Senator's offices, and leave messages urging \$1-million for funding for ADAP, or for those so Internet inclined, their E-mail addresses are:

- kbennett@azleg.state.az.us
- tbee@azleg.state.az.us
- mjarrett@azleg.state.az.us
- callen@azleg.state.az.us
- rburns@azleg.state.az.us
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It's life or death, literally, for this and the voices must be raised to make sure voices aren't tragically silenced.

TIHAN Update

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, seeks a 30-hour/week Administrative Assistant.

The Administrative Assistant reports to the Executive Director, and serves as the administrative support coordinator for the paid and volunteer staff in providing quality services to TIHAN CarePartners, volunteers, donors, and the general public by utilizing and coordinating volunteers to the greatest extent possible. Requires proven track record in volunteer coordination, office management, database, and computer network skills. \$9-10/hour, depending on experience, plus benefits. Flexible schedule. Submit resume and contact information for three professional references to TIHAN, 492 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona 85711, or via email to employment@tihan.org. AA/EOE ...

TIHAN is also in need of volunteers to install and maintain networked computers. Flexible hours. Call Irene, (520) 299-6647 for more information.

Wingspan Volunteer Orientation June 7

TUCSON - Have you thought about volunteering for Wingspan, but didn't know what it might involve? Here's your chance to find out!

There will be a General Volunteer Orientation for new and potential Wingspan volunteers this Saturday, June 7, from 9 - 11 a.m., at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. This Orientation is open to anyone wanting to learn about Wingspan's history, organizational structure, and the myriad opportunities to volunteer. Please contact Mark English, Volunteer Programs Coordinator at (520) 624-1779 (ext 15), or email mark@wingspan.org for information and an application.

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Our culture's rush away from responsibility continues apace.

The latest episode to capture national attention involves a once great American journalistic institution, The New York Times. Its nickname is "the gray lady," reflecting its sobriety and decorum. It's often called "the newspaper of record," because it prints all the really important stuff. Its slogan, "All the news that's fit to print," distinguished it from the squalid "yellow journalism" that was the forerunner of today's grocery store tabloids.

The great and venerable Times has been taken for a long and incredible ride by a young reporter who simply made his stories up. But he really went one better than that: he claimed to file stories from places he never even visited!

On one level you've got to love it. This brazen young man singlehandedly — hell, casually — brings this massive institution that's older than your grandma to her knees, to the jeers and sneers of the entire media world.

But what about responsibility? Has anyone above the reporter himself gotten fired? Not a bit of it. Nobody's even in trouble!

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Responsibility Blues

All the layers of well paid editors who are supposed to protect the integrity of this hallowed institution admit that they goofed. One said that they really aren't set up to deal with reporters who intentionally set out to deceive them. But it turns out that there are no adverse consequences for having goofed.

Practically speaking, does it mean anything at all to say that the editors are responsible for what goes into the paper if there are no negative consequences for failing in that responsibility? And if the editors really are not responsible, what exactly is it that they're doing for a living?

For those of you who are keeping up with the ongoing flights from responsibility going on in our society, I can report that people are still suing fast food chains for making them fat; not a single soul has gone to jail for the massive corporate crimes that began with the collapse of Enron; the FBI is still contributing material to Leno as it promotes its most incompetent good ole boys and considers the adoption of

a new slogan, "Screw up and move up."

The most spectacular single recent evasion of responsibility before the Times debacle was arguably the case of a surgeon who put the wrong heart and lungs into his transplant patient. Did he get charged with negligent homicide? Not at all. He admitted his mistake and went right on to the next transplant.

The doctor in this case was frighteningly candid. Said it was his responsibility to avoid organ incompatibility. Said it was his fault. Said he got the news of the organs' availability at 4:00 AM. Left it for us to infer that he's not always at his medical best at that hour.

I return to the question I asked about the Times editors: What does it actually mean to say that someone is responsible for something when it matters nothing, in terms of consequences to him, whether he does the thing or not?

Consider the philosophical and

linguistic implications of my question. Let's say I'm responsible to be a sober driver. I decide to be a drunken driver instead. A cop stops me and points out that I've failed in my responsibility to be a sober driver. I say, "You're quite right. I'm responsible to be sober, but I'm drunk as a skunk."

He says, "You're very straightforward. I congratulate you on your candor. Have a nice day. Drive carefully."

I drive away drunk. Am I responsible?

One of the socially useful aspects of responsibility, back in the day, was that it could be used to change future outcomes. If the responsible person failed, you could punish him or replace him. The hope was that either one of those actions might result in fewer failures in the future. Call it quaint, but it worked.

Some people think that we can replace the concept of responsibility altogether by simply refining the systems that govern our behavior. In the case of the doctor who blew the call he got at 4:00 a.m., why not give him a phone whose ringer automatically turns off between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.? That should do it.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754].

Mary Cheney Ducks Out Of GOP G/L Group

WASHINGTON, DC - Mary Cheney, the Lesbian daughter of U.S. vice president Dick Cheney, has resigned from the board of the Republican Unity Coalition slightly more than one year after taking on the largely honorary post with the Gay-straight political alliance.

Cheney, who once marketed beer to the Gay and Lesbian community as an employee of the Coors Brewing Co. of Golden, Colo., has been one of the few key Gay rights supporters with close ties to the White House. "Working together, we can expand the Republican Party's outreach to nontraditional Republicans," she said in a statement when she signed on with RUC in April 2002. "We can make sexual orientation a nonissue for the Republican Party, and we can help achieve equality for all Gay and Lesbian Americans." She made no public statements about her departure, and she did not respond to calls from The Advocate regarding it. In the past she has labored to stay out of the political limelight and to avoid becoming a lightning rod for criticism, pro and con, over Gay rights in the contentious GOP.

The office of Lynne Cheney, the vice president's wife, said Mary Cheney's resignation from RUC will allow her to pursue business interests in her home state of Colorado, where she lives with her partner, Heather Poe. But some Gay activists suggest that there may be more behind the decision, since it comes on the heels of protests from the religious right regarding pro-Gay comments by GOP chairman Marc Racicot. "Leaders of the extreme right are demanding that the GOP back away from any association with the Gay community," said David Smith, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington, D.C., Gay rights group. "The Right is calling into question what little outreach the party had to Gay voters at the crossroads of an election season. While I can't speculate on the reasons for her decision, Mary Cheney's departure definitely comes at an interesting time."

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What Makes Our Town Tick?
 Calabazamusic@yahoo.com By Jerry D

'Thank You FCC'

Hello readers! It seems as though every other week my column is informing you about the newest government enterprise geared at making our country better. Those of you familiar with my ranting know that for the most part, my view on what the current administration does is usually incorrect. There won't be any surprises with this week's column. I am bringing this current topic only because of my love of what once was.

doom or the end of radio due to the birth of television had the FCC open its policies and allow national sponsorship. This knocked the small business out of the big radio game, forcing them to go to the locally owned stations who still showed an interest in them. When payola was the scary word of the week, the FCC intervened quickly. Now the music that you were treated to came from a derived source, and not the choice of station owners out to make a fast dollar.

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The original intention of radio when invented was simply a means by which to transmit signals without the use of wires. The telephone was in its infancy, but you could not listen to news, or music for that matter on Alexander Bell's discovery. Those who were lucky enough to afford the latest luxury back then were treated to classical sounds and reports regarding farm and livestock.

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EDITOR:

Upon arriving in Tucson on June 2nd, I picked up the Observer and glanced through the "Gender World" column by Joni K. Rose. Spotting my name, I noted that she had correctly identified my affiliation with Transgendered Harmony in Tempe, and the fact that I would be speaking at the SAGA meeting that evening. So far so good. I nearly fell off my Rainbow Planet chair, however, when I found myself described as a "crossdresser."



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I have met Joni on several occasions, and while I admire her contributions to the Tucson Transgendered community, I feel I must take her to task on this. Those of us who identify with one or more of the myriad labels beneath the "Transgender" umbrella are acutely aware of the power of words. It is significant to us, on a deeply personal level, that others refer to us by our chosen names and preferred pronouns. Likewise, categorizing terminology should not be used - least of all, in print - when based upon guesses or assumptions. If Joni was uncertain as to how I define my gender identity, she could have mentioned my name and organization without the personal description, or she could have contacted me to ask which descriptive terms I prefer.

Yes, there is a more generic, clinical use of the term, i.e. one who dresses in clothing not typical of the sex to which one was assigned at birth can be said to be "cross-dressed." By this definition, one could say that the vast majority of those in the Transgender community "cross-dress." However, the term "crossdresser" - as a category - is used to distinguish it from transsexuals, etc.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this.

XOXO
 Hug a PWA today!
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Sincerely,
 E. Tristan Booth
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Pride month is busting Out all over this week and revs up with a rollicking planetary charge. Saturn gathers up its whips and moves into pliant Cancer on the 5th while retrograding Neptune, Uranus and Pluto spice up the stew. Outrageous opportunities send us into new, surprising directions. See you in the pride parade, cousin ... and pack your map!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are in for a psychic boost this Pride month as Uranus blasts your closet off its hinges, ready or not. Be ready and whatever you do, don't behave! This blast of fresh air may place your relatives at odds with you, especially when sour Saturn crosses the threshold into your home and family sector. Too too bad, buster. Deal with it and deal with them. 'Nuf said.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Are your ears burning? Intimacy is anything but this Pride month. Pluto retrogrades and puts a rocket in your pocket. Just be sure that you do not set it off prematurely.... It is sure to create a few nasty surprises around compadres thanks to retro Uranus. But all well that ends well if you can think of the right thing to say. Can you think of the right thing to say, queer Bull?

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It may be difficult to decide which path to take once Pridelike June gets fully underway. Venus and the Sun highlight your finer points while retro Uranus may make your finer career moves a bit, shall we say, blunt and bold? No sooner do you think you are on the top of the heap when you suddenly view life from the bottom of the pack. But maybe that is your thing??

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs might be struck at the power they are able to command especially among acquaintances as wise old Saturn inches into their sign this Pride month. But don't let it go to your head, cousin. In love and sex, retro Uranus and Neptune are ripe for mayhem and chastisement. Those who "kiss and tell" wind up with a frog instead of royalty. At least it will taste like chicken.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Bold and beautiful proud Lions are the leaders of the Pride Parade thanks to Jupiter in their own sign this month. Show the wilde masses how it is done with style, compadre but maintain a good sense of

humor at the same time. Saturn and retro Uranus will find a way to cut you down to size if your ego becomes too big for your body. Does size really matter? Heck yes!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgos are in their Pride perfection this June when your efforts on behalf of the community reach global proportions. Spread the good Gay cheer, cousin, and count your many blessings. Retrograding Uranus may place a tack or two on your domestic super-highway but it is just the cosmic way of encouraging you to take stock and appreciate who you have.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If you have been paying your professional dues, Saturn provides you with a nice payoff beginning this Pride month. However, if you have been slacking off, screwing around and just getting by, this humorless planetary taskmaster will place you on the rack and turn the screws. Thankfully dear queer Libras can always find a bit of respite among friends. Ah but will they hire you...?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You are at your pinnacle of your performance thanks to lucky Jupiter. Don't stop the motion as Pride month gets fully underway, Gay Scorp. Saturn and the Uranus and Neptune retrogrades fail to tempt you to relax and kick back. Good thing too; The secret is to set your course and set sail while the opportunity presents itself. Sit on your thumbs in the fall.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Sometimes a bolt out of the blue is just what is needed to knock down barriers. Expect such a bolt this Pride month when Saturn and retro Pluto conspire to upend your landscape and clear away debris. But are you prepared to haul it away uncomplainingly, queer Archer? Retro Neptune has your tongue in a twist. Use it wisely and don't say a word

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Your eyes may be too big for your stomach this Pride month as Jupiter increases your sexual appetite while Saturn suggests a diet. Deal with partnership issues before they deal with you. Pink Caps may be tempted to quaff their thirst at the office water cooler but you should sip your tall cool one at home even if the taste is a bit lukewarm. Next month the well may be dry...

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are apt to make an even more unusual first impression than usual this Pride month. Could it be retrograding Neptune or that peekaboo faux leopard tutu? Perhaps it is a bit of both. But don't let repressed naysayers rain on your pride parade. When you got it, flaunt it. And you got it, comrade! Just don't spend it all in one place sez retrograde Uranus.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies start Pride month off with a Uranian bang and the month becomes almost uncontrollable from there. As much as you may try to rein events in, the planets prove to be surprising, devious and a bit mischievous. Why ask why, cousin? Swim through the Neptunian funk and fog and apply all that mystique into creative enterprises. Rainbow body painting anyone?

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A View From The Rock

by Joy L. Childress

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

On God's Revelations

In years past, I haven't been too concerned about what God revealed to me, or whether I even believed that there was such a thing as revelations from God. However, I now fully believe that God reveals Himself to those who are sincerely seeking Him.

This past weekend, I experienced one of the highs of life. It didn't come to me through a pill or from an injection or from drinking "joy juices" or from smoking "wacky-tobacky". No mood-altering drug could ever produce such a high as what I experienced. The "high" came from a very simple act: the act of praising and worshipping Jesus. I went to a church conference that was held in Dallas, TX, at a church that ministers to the GLBT community. The "highs" came from this conference. In the praise and worship services people were praising God like I have never seen in my life. They were waving flags, waving banners, waving silks, banging tambourines, singing, and dancing. I thought, "Wow, can people praise God like this and still be Gay and Lesbian?" It was an awesome sight to see and to experience. Tears came to my eyes: to think all of these people in our community can do this, and they won't be kicked out of this church!! How awesome! I know that many of us have been told to leave our places of worship, because we are "condemned" Don't believe this lie! If I learned anything this past weekend, I learned that God honors the praises and worship of our community.

The joy and the total abandonment that our community showered on that conference was amazing! God was alive at that conference, and the revelations of Himself that He showed to those who were hungry to be filled with God's love and His

Holy Spirit will leave an everlasting impression on all of us who were there. God's great love for our GLBT nation was so evident that no one who was there could have missed it. It was powerful, immediate, overwhelming, enduring, and all encompassing! For those of you in our community who have never tasted of God's love through Jesus Christ, I recommend that you search Him out with all of your heart. God does love you! And for those of you who have that knowledge of God through Jesus but have sought out the highs of the world because you were no longer welcome in your churches, I urge you to seek God's face and ask Him to reveal His love to you. He loves each one of us in our community. Another revelation that I experienced at this conference was the knowledge that if America was going to ever have a resurgence of a powerful Christianity where Jesus Christ is declared Lord over all, it is going to come from the GLBT community! And the mainstream churches will acknowledge that we, too, can love and worship God through His Beloved Son!

By the river of Babylon we sat and wept. Our captors demanded a song of praise. But how can we sing the songs of home in this distant place? Though in exile still we have found a home. Hidden beneath Your wings of grace. The gates of hell can never stand against a people strong in praise.

Let our song set us free break these chains of fear, let our God hear our plea, we exalt you Lord of lands far and near. Songs of praise from a strange land in our hearts we are free and though in exile still, we're singing songs of praise. Songs of praise. We're forgiving and we find we are living in Your grace, in Your strength, singing praise. —Marsha Stevens with Cindy Pino—

Proposed Amendment

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The amendment reads, "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this constitution nor the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

According to HRC, passing a constitutional amendment is, by design, a complicated and highly difficult process. After being introduced as a joint resolution in the House and Senate, the amendment must pass both houses by a two-thirds vote. It must then be ratified by three quarters of the states. The Federal Marriage Amendment is sponsored by Republican representatives Marilyn Musgrave of Colorado, Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, and David Vitter of Louisiana and Democratic representatives Ralph M. Hall of Texas, Collin C. Peterson of Minnesota, and Mike McIntyre of North Carolina. Several of these members cosponsored the bill last year. There is no Senate companion measure.

Said Birch: "This amendment, and the small handful of people supporting it, not only faces strong opposition in the hearts and minds of most Americans but also has to overcome significant built-in constitutional hurdles. Ultimately, this amendment will most likely equate to little more than a mean-spirited sideshow."

Bomb Suspect

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in Murphy, N.C., while he was rummaging for food behind a grocery store.

News of Rudolph's arrest brought back painful memories for 35-year-old Memrie Wells-Cromwell, the patron most seriously injured in the February 21, 1997, attack at the Otherside Lounge. "I thought I was getting better, but I guess the arrest kind of sparked some hidden emotions," Wells-Cromwell told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "I am ready to see Rudolph get his just rewards."

Wells-Cromwell told the paper that she had gone to the bar on the night of the attack in order to celebrate a friend's birthday. She was sitting on a stool inside the club watching a friend play pool when she heard something that sounded like shots and saw other bar patrons hit the ground. "I felt numb and immediately started sweating. I felt cold," she said. "Then I looked down and saw my arm shaking and saw blood spewing out. I told my friend, 'I think I've been shot.'" Doctors later found that a large nail had pierced her upper right arm, severing the brachial artery. "I almost bled to death in the bar," she said.



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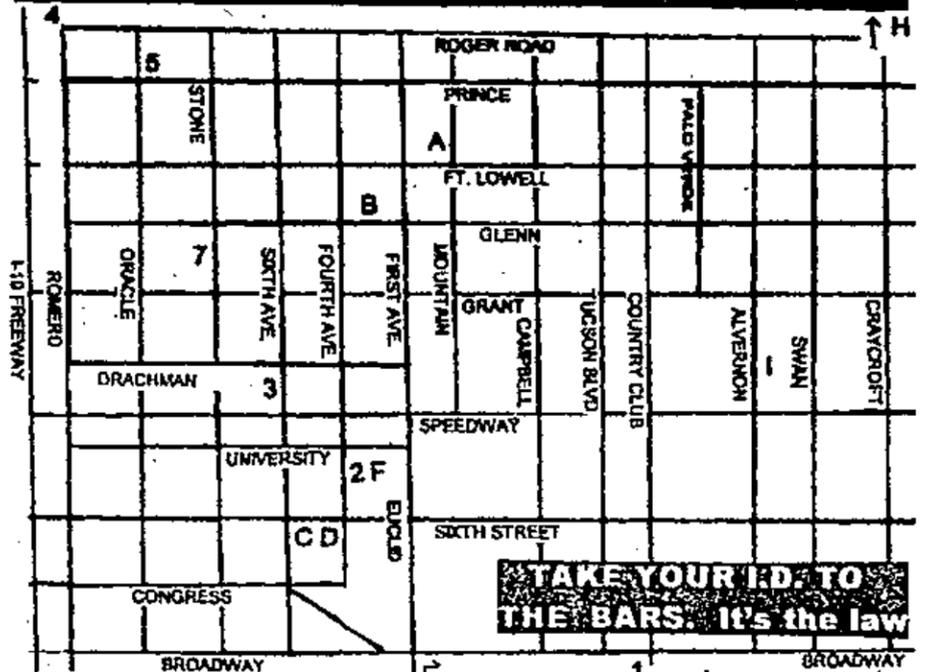


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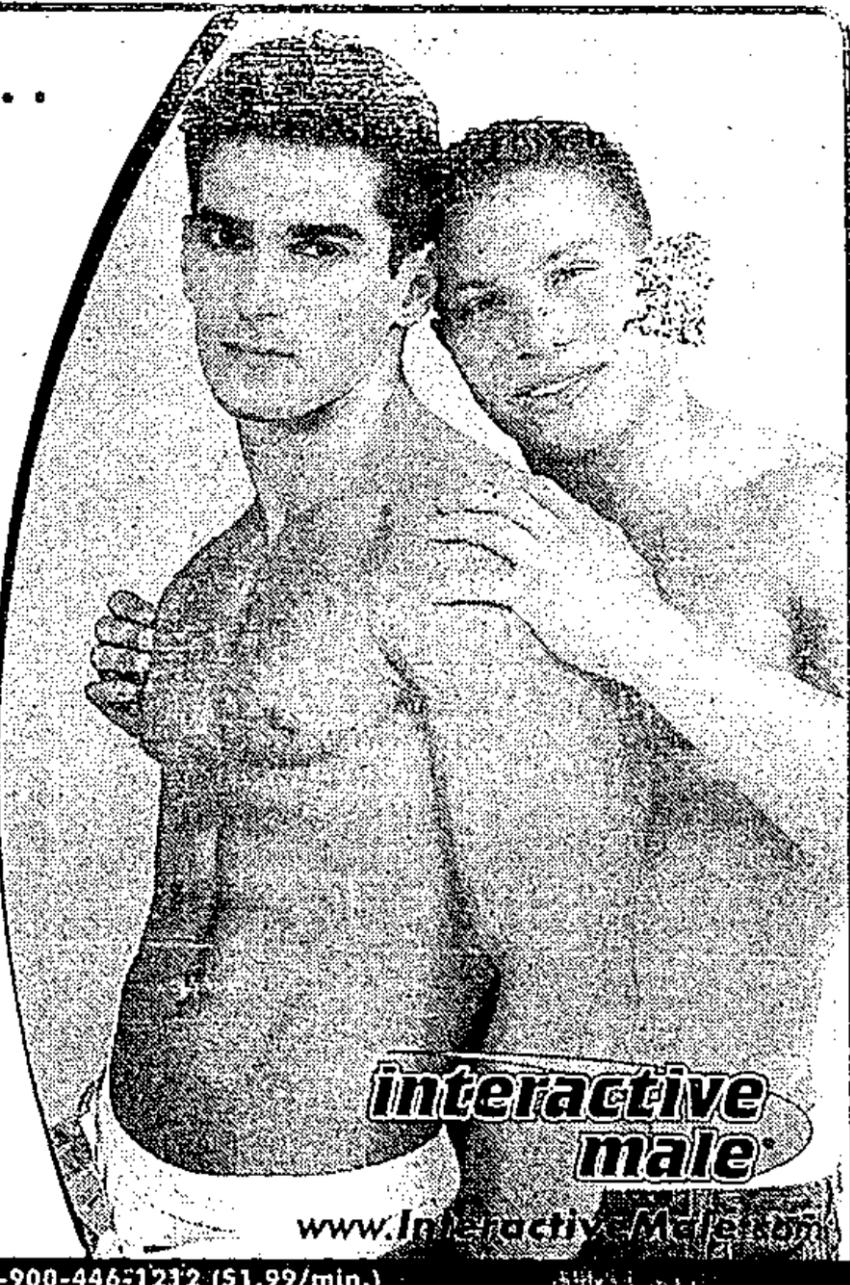
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GENDER WORLD

BY JONI K. ROSE

While I was sending off last week's column I noticed two stories in the daily paper. One was about the new female leader of the Tohono O'odham nation. Evidently they have a long history of female leadership. The other story was about Lori Piestewa, the Hopi woman who was killed in Iraq, and for whom Squaw Peak has been renamed.

To be born female was no disadvantage in Native North America, particularly here in the Southwest. And there have always been women warriors, women who took on masculine clothing and social roles. Unlike their Euro-American counterparts, Indigenous females who assumed the masculine role did not have to be in the closet. Their female birth was known, but had no bearing on their right to assume masculine roles and duties—including taking a wife if they wished.

Even more common were genetic males who assumed women's clothing and social roles. Found throughout the Southwest and elsewhere in North America, these feminine males were honored and respected. Some served as medicine bearers. Most married and had husbands. These customs were widespread and considered normal before European people began decimating the land and its peoples.

Have you seen the June 7 issue of TV y Mas? On pages 24-25 they talk about two travestis whom they call, initially, Francis and Armando. Maybe someone who knows Spanish better than I can help us out here. I really don't understand all the unladylike comments the actresses are said to have made about each other. What I do

note is that as the description of each of the two performers goes on, the author begins to shift from the masculine to the feminine names and pronouns, which would seem more appropriate. As the article notes at the beginning, Mexican actors and actresses who are Gay or gender-variant are finally beginning to come out of the closet.

I only caught part of the film on masculinity last Thursday night; but what I did see I found disturbing. Not only are boys still being programmed to be violent; but sexism is as alive and well as ever. The image of masculinity that's being portrayed in the media is bigger and more muscular than ever; while women are now supposed to be thinner and more feminine than ever.

This goes a long way to explain the increase in gender nonconformity. We males who can't buy the macho stereotypes may be regarded as sissies and fags. And some of us eventually choose to embrace that image, come out of the closet, and drop the whole manhood masquerade. On the other hand, if even successful women are expected to be slim, demure, and feminine all their lives, is it any wonder some will rebel and assert their masculinity, either as butch tomboys or as transmen?

My first book published by Desert Wordsmith Productions, "The Joy Beyond Craving", is coming out this Friday. I'll be doing a book-signing at Wingspan from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday. The book will also be available at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Avenue. Or try Reader's Oasis, 3400 East Speedway #4; or Mostly Books, 6208 East Speedway.

But this book isn't about gender. That's the topic of my next book, which I'm writing now. And you, lucky you, have already had a head start in reading it. But there will be a lot more to it. I want to collect more people's life stories of how you found your true self in a world that tries to push us into roles that don't fit us. Send me your stories, your dreams and your goals. And your photos—before and after, if possible: desertwordsmith@yahoo.com.

Remember that the Desert Girlz MTF support group meets at Wingspan Monday night. Thank you, Cherie and Angie and Michael and Sarah and all the others, for the party Friday night.

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Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Marty at 722-8531

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Avenue, play with Bloopadoopa. Sing or strum along. Original songs and irreverent tributes to other artist perpetuated by Tom Maza and Curt Beal.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Dinner Out at the Eclectic Café. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for Game Night on Friday, June 6. All board games or card games are available for you to play, and if you have a favorite of your own, bring it along to teach others. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. 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 directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - 11:30 a.m. Molinas Casa del Norte, 3001 Campbell Ave. (between Blackledge and Ft. Lowell)

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. T. Jay invites you to join him for music under the stars as the Tucson Pops play a series of free summer concerts at Reid Park. For more information, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Men's Group Massage meets. A great way to meet new men and make friends. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. a new HIV+ Men's Social Support Group meets at the Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. This new group will meet every Tuesday here. Then at 7:00 p.m. it's Game Night at the Annex. It's open to community members of all ages, genders, sexual orientations, cultures, and gaming abilities. Are you interested in playing board or card games for fun? Bring your favorite game to share, or just bring yourself (cards, dominos and Monopoly are provided). For more information email Cubby at Cubby_L@hotmail.com

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Chris at 304-5814.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Michael for Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, the guys are willing to teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Michael at 326-3555.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Marty at 722-8531.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:30 p.m. Join Karol for an afternoon of miniature golf. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

The Men's Relationship Group meets from 7 to 10 p.m. The meeting will include a video on tantra. A great way to meet new men and make friends and have some clean fun. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 to reserve a place.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join the guys of MSN for Hearts Night-a fun card game (and we teach if you don't know how to play). For directions and reservations, please call Karol at 744-9017

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

IBTS - 9:00 p.m., The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Chantelle Douglas, Nikki Knofs and Lady Ashley.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Night. Latino Men's Health Project Drag Show with Gailea. \$1.50 Tequila. \$1 Kamakzes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. 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 P-FLAG 8:00 p.m. It's Sissy Bingo hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone. Than at 9:00 p.m., it's Wet Shorts Contest with \$100 for First Place. (Minimum of four (4) contestants).

MONDAY, JUNE 9

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 9:00 p.m. it's the live vocals of "Bliss"! There is no cover and there will be drink specials from 9:00 p.m. until closing. 50¢ draft too!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Faith Michaels Teri Akki and Diana Flair.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

YARD DOG - 'Graduate Family Reunion'. Wear a Grad T-Shirt for drink special. Present a Grad Diploma for free drink. Tucson Knight Ows (TKO) Beer Bust. Special drinks for non-drinkers. PLUS a Grad-style drag show at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

IBTS - It's time for IBT's Rainbow Party. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

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welcomed): 4:00 p.m. We have a matinee showing of 3 episodes of "Queer As Folk". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. Bill leads us up the Catalina Mountains for a Full Moon Picnic at a scenic site along the Mt. Lemmon highway. For more information, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. John offers a "Massage 101" class for men. You'll learn basic anatomy and massage techniques. For more information, please call John at 327-3135.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 19

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#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Jerry & Les show "Red Dirt", a movie about a Southern family with secrets that hold them prisoner. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Art & Jeff as they host Pizza Night at their home in Vail. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.
IBT's - 10am-6pm \$1.75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at noon. 10 oz Miller draft 75¢ all day. From 12-8 Bloody Marys \$1.50 or Domestic beers \$1.75. From 8-10 \$1 kamikazes and \$1.50 Jellios & Mimosas.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).
WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Happy Hour noon to 6pm plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Specials til 7pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 6pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear- fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.
IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour noon-6pm 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$9.99.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players). Steak Nite 6-8 pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTH game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.
Friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.
IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ T.C. Wildman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour noon-6pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm Country Western Dance with Libby 8pm-closing.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. 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. Kennel open daily at 5pm

Saturday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pot. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.
IBT's - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Oaquis 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Margaritas \$3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Drag Show 11/3rd Sat. 10:30. Free SAAF HIV testing
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.
WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

Monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.
IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Undie Mondie- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 6pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour until 9:00 p.m. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 Bloody Marys. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 Jellios & Mimosas 6pm to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis
WOODY'S - Open Noon \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

Tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool toumey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8 to close.
IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 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 close w/DJ-Q
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens noon. Happy Hour noon to 9pm. \$1.75 domestic beers & \$2 all wells. Ladies Night 9-close \$1 Kamakazi, Jellios. 70s/80s music
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 8pm. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open at 5pm.

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 8pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.
IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.



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 Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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 Anabeli at 325-0892

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 Jennifer at 838-3975.

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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. Dezent Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezent 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

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.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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.

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 681-4582 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 PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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. 694-7063.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 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), 5:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

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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 602-279-4895.

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

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 Mirto 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)534-6219 (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) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsasoftball.org

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 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.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. 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.

GREATTER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgclcc.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. 322-5555. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavencks, 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 64-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

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)

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

TGNatArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnat-arizona.org - e-mail address: bigoodnum@uswest.net.org

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4839 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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HALLELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-8:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo 622-4626.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication! 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.saat.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. 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.

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 WORLWIDE** 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 690-4613, 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 881-1794 - 6 am - 5 pm Mon - Fri.

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.

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 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 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, 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 824-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 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.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lightning for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 689-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 781-9662.

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

GLBT Buddhist meditation group meets Sundays from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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