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Napolitano's Executive Order Issued Protecting G/L State Employees



Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - Some Gay and Lesbian state employees began their work week on a brighter note, thanks to Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, who signed an executive order ending workplace discrimination, in state agencies, based on sexual orientation.

Napolitano made the announcement, and affixed her signature, during her appearance at the annual dinner, held Saturday, June 21 for the Arizona Human Rights Fund, the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender political organization. This was the first time a sitting Governor had attended this fund raising event.

"To the people of Arizona, I say, 'Welcome to a new Arizona,'" Napolitano said to the sold out event, who gave the new governor several standing ovations after the announcement.

Napolitano's executive order, covers executive-branch agencies, boards and commissions but not the courts, the Legislature or the university system, said Tim Nelson, the governor's counsel, in an interview with the Associated Press. Entitled "Confirming Equal Employment Opportunities," Napolitano's order reads as follows:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-22

CONFIRMING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, the employment practices of the State of Arizona should promote public confidence in the fairness and integrity of government, and should reflect the State's

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Gay West Saturday June 28 Get Your Tickets In Advance And Save

TUCSON - Do you have your tickets for Gay West 7? This will be an extravaganza of entertainment unlike any Gay West of the past. Gay West 7 is this coming Saturday, June 28, at Old Tucson Studios.

characters and situations were developed from the real life experiences of local men living with HIV. Seating is limited. The play will begin at 6:30 p.m. (admission is included in Gay West admission).

Gay West 7 features two concerts in The Arena. The Motels featuring Martha Davis will be performing at 8:30. The Motels originally formed in the 70's and have reinvented themselves more than once, continuing to play for and delight fans of all ages. They have appeared on "Saturday Night Live." Two of their well-known hits are "Save the Last Dance for Love" and "Only the Lonely."

In the intermission after The Motels, Hydra Leather will present "A Fetish Fashion Show" to entertain the audience while the stage is reset.

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts are scheduled for 1-1/2 hours of rockin' music from 10:15 to 11:45 p.m.. Joan, "the original bad girl of rock and roll," is best known for "I Love Rock and Roll" and "I Hate Myself for Loving You."

Gay West 7 opens at 6 p.m.. Entertainment begins immediately and will continue until close. HIP/AZ, HIV Intervention and Prevention, a SAAF project, is producing a tragic comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Sex Tragedy" in the Arizona Theatre. The play depicts the lives and loves of a group of Gay Tucsonans struggling to come to terms with the impact that HIV has had on their lives. The

Two drag shows at once! In The Mission, Diana Flair and Lucinda Holliday present "Ladies with Flair & Lipsticks and Lashes," two hours of fantastic, often irreverent, non-stop drag beginning at 6:15 p.m.. Salud Es Poder presents "Fuerza Latina Travesti" in Jake's beginning at 6:30 p.m..

In the Grand Palace Saloon from 6 p.m. until closing, High NRG Dancing will run non-stop with DJ Brian from Phoenix. Country Dancing with DJ Libby will take place in Jake's from 9 until close.

Non-profit organizations will line Main Street to offer you information about programs and agencies of benefit to LGBT Tucson. Old Tucson rides will be available from opening time as well.

Gay West 7 is produced by Old Tucson Studios and Tucson Pride Inc., and presented by IBTs/Woody's with the assistance of many supporting sponsors. See ads in this publication for more details.

Tickets are \$25 advance (\$30 door) and are available from SAAF, Wingspan, TIHAN, Antigone bookstore, Desert Pride gift shop, Rainbow Planet Coffee Shop, Old Tucson and all Zia Records locations.

National HIV Testing Day Friday, June 27

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is participating in the Ninth Annual HIV Testing Day, a nationwide campaign urging people to get tested to learn if they are infected with the HIV virus.

HIV virus. In Pima County, 4000 people are believed to be infected and unaware of it.

Two locations are available for testing: the SAAF main office at 375 S. Euclid and the satellite office at 1200 E. Ajo Way, Suite 109. Both locations will be testing from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 27. Interested parties are encouraged to call in advance (520) 628-7223 but drop-ins are also accepted. Anonymous testing is available. The testing procedure used at the sites is an oral swab of one's mouth. The Pima County Health Department is partnering with SAAF in this community-wide call for HIV testing.

Knowing one's HIV status is essential to taking control of one's life. Early care and treatment can slow down the effects of the virus and extend a person's life. Many people learn late about their infection once serious illnesses have appeared either in the emergency room or the hospital. Coupled with the lost opportunity for early care is the increased risk of infecting other people unknowingly. In an attempt to reduce these problems, NAPWA has literally thousands of national and local community-based organizations, health providers and others delivering this lifesaving message: "Take the Test, Take Control."

Began in 1995 by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), National Testing Day is a campaign to reach millions of those at risk with a simple message: "Take the Test, Take Control." It is estimated that a quarter of a million Americans are infected with the

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's (SAAF) mission is to create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS. SAAF is southern Arizona's largest HIV/AIDS care provider.

UPDATE

4th Avenue Tucson Pride Parade, June 29

TUCSON (ON) - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and straight supportive Tucsonans will once again show their pride by participating in the fourth annual "LGBT Tucson Pride Parade", Sunday, June 29.

This event, organized by the Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage, wraps up the week's activities in the Old Pueblo, marking the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the birth of the modern GLBT rights movement.

For this year's parade, as in previous marches, the route is from Fourth Avenue Park to El Presidio Plaza and organizers have kept the informality that had marked the event. If someone wants to march, just show your pride and join the parade. Organizers have a party planned, at El Presidio Plaza, for after the parade, with the Betty Diamond Band and Faith Michaels. The drawing for the winning raffle ticket will also take place.

For more information, go to their Web site: www.tucsonprideparade.com and www.tucsonprideparade.org.

Position Open At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan is looking for a qualified individual for the following position:

Advocate/Educator provides crisis intervention and advocacy services to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) victim/survivors of violence and our allies, as well as provides outreach and education about violence within and against the LGBT community. Additionally, the Advocate/Educator provides administrator support for the AVP.

The position is 30 hours a week - bilingual (English/Spanish) with the possibility of 40 hours/week eventually. The hourly rate is \$10/hr, 30 hours/week includes full benefits. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references by July 14, to: Cathy Busha, Director Wingspan Anti-Violence Project, 300 E. 6th St., Tucson, AZ 85705. E-mail: cathy@wingspan.org. No phone calls please. AA/EOE

Desert Voices Singing For Pride Week

TUCSON - When people come together to sing, amazing things can happen! That's what happened for Desert Voices as we opened our doors for a "test drive" during the month of June. We were delighted to have several new singers join us for the "June Joy Ride". But we were also surprised and thrilled to find we had a second invitation to sing and be a Proud Presence for our community during Pride week.

Desert Voices will be singing at Saguaro Christian Church for their service on Sunday, June 29, starting at 10:45 a.m.. Saguaro Christian Church is located on the corner of Broadway and Sarnoff at 8302 E. Broadway. Some of the numbers being prepared include "Anything Goes", "Simple Gifts", "Shooting Star" and "Bridge Over Troubled Waters". Everyone is welcome to attend the services.

Though it might be a little late for someone new to be prepared to sing with us on the 29th of June, everyone is still welcome to come out and join us for a rehearsal to see how we work and what we're all about. So on June 23rd and 30th, please feel free to join us at Water of Life MCC, located at 3269 Mountain Avenue from 7-9 p.m.

Desert Voices is a "production" choral group, in that it typically moves to the music, adding theatrical and dramatic "moments" to the songs and show. We sing from memory and often perform without a director on stage. If you like to sing and have a flair for the theatrical, consider coming out the next two Mondays to meet us and raise your voice in song. The 15th season will start this September with rehearsals in the same location. We are always seeking voices for all parts: Soprano I and II, Alto I and II, Tenor I and II, Baritone and Bass. Watch for more information this August as we prepare for our new season. If you would like to talk with someone in the chorus, please call 791-9662 and leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP. You can also visit our website at www.desertvoices.org for further information about the group. Or come to one of the "Test Drive" rehearsals this June and see what we're all about! Vroom! Vroom!

A Message For Tucson. . . .

By Bruce Cole

TUCSON - What I have seen in the twenty plus years of the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the United States has changed my life and I know that similar personal and professional experiences have impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of others.

Knowing this, I believe it is time for a monument to remind us of those lost to this disease, as well as those living and dealing with this disease and its effects on our daily lives.

I envision something large in scale, but intimate in nature, comfortable and enduring with a message of love and remembrance, with hope for the future, and compassion for the day-to-day caretakers of those affected, as well as encouragement to those who carry the message of prevention so there can be an end to this.

The memorial could be fashioned from any combinations of material to convey a written message or rely on aesthetics alone and be set in a public location open to all. I picture it including a water feature (Fountain?), shade and seating for reflection and remembrance.

We, the interested parties, will design, develop, fund, and dedicate this memorial to our friends and family and our community.

This monument and this effort, I hope, will be all-inclusive and established Tucson.

Monuments serve simply to remind. That can be good for all of us. The first meeting for planning how this can be done will be on Saturday, June 28th, at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The location for this first meeting is at Mujer Sana, just south of 18th Street, at 11 South 6th Ave.

Questions, comments or suggestions can be made to 670-9075 ext. 209. Hope to see you there! Refreshments provided.

Drive To Block N.M. Pro-Gay Law Dropped

SANTA FE, NM - Activists opposing a newly enacted gay rights measure in New Mexico have switched their strategy and will not try to block the law from taking effect on July 1.

Instead, the focus will be on gathering enough signatures on petitions by July 2004 to force a referendum on the anti-discrimination law. That would give voters an opportunity to repeal it in the November general election. Organizers say there wasn't enough time to gather the required number of petition signatures to prevent the law from taking effect.

To put the law on hold would have required petitions with signatures of registered voters totaling 25% of the state's 2002 general election turnout—almost 126,000 signatures—and Friday, June 20, was the deadline for submitting them to the secretary of state's office.



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firm commitment to strengthening and developing equal employment opportunities in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the State should use the capabilities of all its employees to the fullest, without regard to characteristics that are not directly related to the ability of the individual employee to perform the requirements of a job; and

WHEREAS, the government of the State of Arizona is committed to employment policies and procedures that encourage non-discriminatory employment practices; provide desirable models for the private sector and local governments; and build from the positive experiences of private and public sector employers that have adopted their own such policies; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's two largest cities, along with several of its major employers and at least 13 other states, have developed policies against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby:

1. Affirm the State's commitment to the elimination of all barriers to employment that artificially restrict hiring, promotion, recruitment, compensation, and tenure on the basis of any status or characteristic that is not directly related to the performance of a job; and
2. Direct that no state agency, board or commission (collectively "state agency") shall discriminate in employment solely on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation; No provided, however, that no state agency shall be required to establish employment goals based on sexual orientation.
3. Give notice to all state employees that acts of sexual harassment or other harassment based on sexual orientation shall be a cause for discipline, up to and including termination of employment with the State.
4. Direct that heads of all state agencies take measures to ensure that:
 - A. Their policy statements, programs, and procedures adequately reflect that equal employment opportunity exists in accordance with this Order.
 - B. Their procedures for evaluating and acting upon complaints of employment discrimination reflect current state and federal law and the policies promulgated in this Executive Order. Such procedures shall provide appropriate requirements for confidentiality

in cases arising from complaints of discrimination based on sexual orientation and commitments by the State agency to resolve all complaints in the spirit and intent of this Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR - Signed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 21st day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty Seventh

ATTEST: Secretary of State

Arizona became the fourteenth state to have provisions of any sort, prohibiting an employer from firing an individual solely based on their sexual orientation. Tucson, Phoenix and Tempe have ordinances on the books prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Baptist Initiative Aims To 'Liberate' Gays

PHOENIX - The Southern Baptist Convention has started an initiative to "liberate" gays from their homosexuality by befriending them and convincing them they should accept Jesus as their savior. At the denomination's annual meeting, which ended, June 18 leaders asked their 42,000 churches to reach out compassionately to gays, focusing on how Christianity can save them.

"Homosexuals can find freedom from this sinful, destructive lifestyle," said Richard Land, head of the Southern Baptists' public policy arm. "They can be redeemed. They can be liberated."

The presentation Tuesday included testimony from a Southern Baptist pastor from Texas who said he realized that his

strident criticism of homosexuals had prevented them from coming to him for help. There are several Christian groups in the United States that try to convince gays they should "become heterosexual."

But David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group, said those ministries generally are attached to "obscure" churches that do not have the influence of the Southern Baptists. "If the Southern Baptist Convention embraces such an outreach, it would be the largest denomination to do so," Smith said. "They're promoting 'love the sinner, hate the sin,' but they're really saying that gay people are bad, and that gives license to violence."

The convention is the biggest
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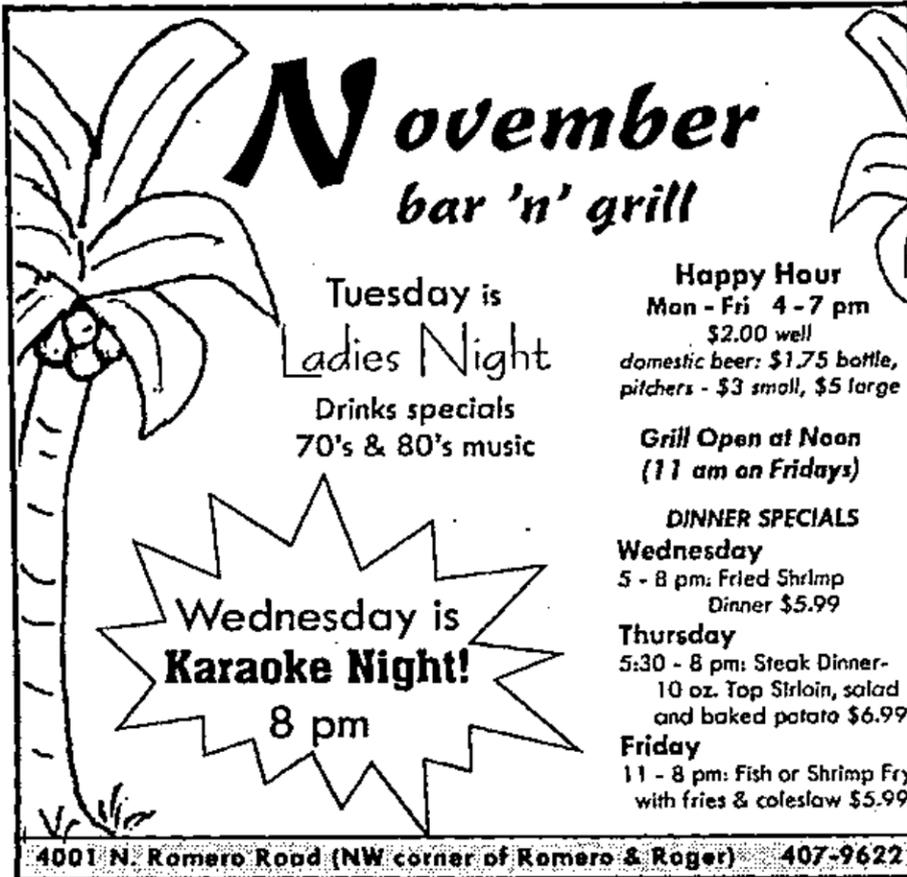
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PRIDE WEEK 2003 WINDS DOWN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
6-8 p.m. "Sex & Desire: Rights of Pleasure" - Pride Week Community Forum for Men: Presented by Gay Men's Health Project and Eric Cuestas-Thompson. "An evening dedicated to all men who want a safe space to talk honestly and openly about all areas of our sexual lives. From vanilla to down right raunchy sex, our sexual lives are rooted deeply in our sense of self. Eric can help you find the keys to unlock your ultimate sexual potential." Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave., Room 101.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
2-4 p.m. "Look Good, Feel Confident" - Pride Week Community Forum: Plastic and cosmetic surgery. 4741 E. Camp Lowell in the Swan Corporate Center. Seating is limited to 20 persons and RSVP is required. To RSVP, you must call 888-4540. The physician holding the seminar is Dr. Todd Case, and he is certified through the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
8:30-4:30 National HIV Testing Day. Walk-in testing all day at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, 628-7223.

7 p.m. - Midnight, Pride Week Miniature Golf Outing, Funtasticks Family Fun Park, 221 E. Wetmore, Entry from 7-10 pm. Cost for two hours of everything at the park; \$10. Tickets available from Tucson Pride booth at the park from 7-10 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
1-3 p.m., "A Black Belt is No Longer Just An Accessory!" Presented by Gay Men's Health Project. Martial Arts Self Defense (Open to all genders). Martial arts theories with a modern approach to self-defense training. Instruction on how to escape from dangerous situations including striking techniques, pressure points, takedowns. How to use common objects as weapons. The psychological aspect of predator/prey relationships. Safer sex as self-defense. The presenter, Larry Maestas, is a 4th degree black belt with the title O'Sensei or major instructor with 20 years experience with Karate, Judo, Jujitsu and Kobudo weapons. Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave, Room 101.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
2-4 p.m., Pride Week Community Bowling, Cactus Bowl, 1630 S. Alvernon Way. \$10 entry fee per person covers shoes, ball and bowling. Organizations and individuals invited to participate. Raffle prizes and prizes for bowlers.

GAY WEST 7 SCHEDULE

Gay West 7 is Saturday June 28. Doors will open at Gay West at Old Tucson Studios at 6 pm. Non-profit exhibitors will be able to enter between 5-6 pm in order to setup. If an organization has not already requested an information table at Gay West, they may contact Tucson Pride at 622-3200 or pride@tucsonpride.com.

6-8:30 p.m. - Non-profit information tables on main street.

6-9 p.m. - Pima County Health will provide free HIV and STD testing in their mobile van which will be located near Jakes' and the Saloon.

6 p.m. until close in the Saloon - Hi-NRG Dance with DJ Brian - "Gun Belts & Garters," Special Old Tucson stunt show during dance 7:30-8 p.m.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Mission - Diana Flair & Lucinda Holliday present "Ladies with Flair and Lipsticks and Lashes" - drag show kicked off by Old Tucson stunt show.

6:30-8:30 in Jake's - Salud Es Poder presents "Fuerza Latina Travesti Show."

8:30-Close in Jake's - Country Dancing.

In the Main Arena:

8:30-9:45 p.m. - The Motels with Martha Davis

9:45-10:15 p.m. - Hydra presents "A Fetish Fashion Show"

10:15-11:45 p.m. - Joan Jett and the Blackhearts

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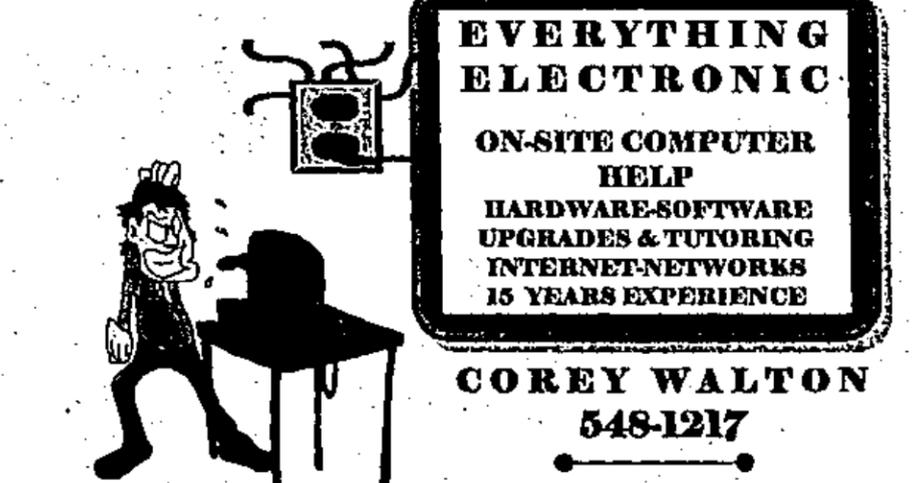
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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kott

'All Elections Are Important!'

Another columnist for this publication had written, for the June 18 edition (Observer #987), about the importance of being registered to vote and in exercising that right granted to all citizens, something this columnist wholeheartedly concurs.

In the same column, an opinion was expressed by the same writer that the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) citizens should solely be focusing on the 2004 Presidential election which is unfortunately, further from the truth at hand.

All elections, from school board, municipal, countywide, state (legislative and statewide offices), and federal (Congressional and Presidential) are important to citizens and should be focused upon when they are scheduled, by law, to take place, and yes, that goes for GLBT registered voters, because we too pay the same taxes and fees for services.

Government affects the GLBT populace even more so, through action taken at all levels and branches:

GLBT students are harassed in Arizona's school districts, including one's in Pima County, and have tried to form Gay/Straight Alliance groups to deal with this problem; HIV education - what can be said about it; and, the never-ending question of what can be disseminated in and from the school libraries, elementary, junior high, high school and community college.

On the municipal level, in the case of Tucson, for example: the anti discrimination ordinance; the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT issues; and, interaction with government agencies, such as the police and fire departments, and how they interact with the GLBT community.

Prosecuting hate crimes against all citizens for their intolerance; and, the rights of GLBT county government workers in Pima County to equal benefits, as their straight counterparts, for their committed partners and family in Pima County.

Meanwhile, at the state level: establishing protections against discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation and gender identity for Arizona taxpayers; recognizing same-sex committed relationships with benefits equivalent to heterosexual marriage; ending censorship of HIV education; expanding the state's hate crime's law to cover misdemeanors; and, proper funding for Arizona's AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

At the Congressional level, there are the issues of enacting legislation to: establish a hate crimes law, protecting employment and human rights for the GLBT populace; recognizing committed same-sex relationships; funding for HIV/AIDS research and medications; adoption rights for same-sex couples; and most important, in the Senate, to oversee appointments to the Judicial Branch of government, from the Supreme Court down through the federal Court of Appeals system because that is the branch the GLBT community has gotten its victories.

For the occupant of the White House, there are the laws proposed and signed, as well as the proposed funding for programs, such as HIV/AIDS research and who is appointed to the federal courts.

Many of these examples show that the GLBT community must be, indeed

registered to vote for, and exercise that right because that is the only one that is guaranteed to us, since all of the above mentioned are not "set in stone" and could be easily rescinded by elected officials not friendly to GLBT concerns and that is why all elections are important.

As the GLBT community marks the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the birth of the modern GLBT rights movement, people, during June, the month of "Pride," are looking forward and back to people, and events that have taken place, which changed our lives.

One of those people who made a great change was Harvey Milk, who was the first openly Gay elected official in this country when in 1977, he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors which is the equivalent of a city council.

Milk paved the way for the other Gays and Lesbians who have been elected to office at all levels and branches of government, and yes, including Arizona, which has currently: one at the municipal level, Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano; four in Arizona's Legislature, Representatives Wally Straughn, Robert Meza, Jack Jackson Jr., and Senator Ken Chevront; and, at the federal level, Congressman Jim Kolbe.

As a community, we should be focused on the bigger picture, the betterment of all our lives since government, all aspects play a part in it, especially for the GLBT populace.

So with that, the City of Tucson will be holding an election, Primary - Tuesday, September 9, General - Tuesday, November 4, for Mayor and three City Council seats, in Ward's One, Two and Four. There is only one contested primary race, for the Democratic nomination in Ward Two between the incumbent Councilmember, Carol West, who is being challenged by Lianda Ludwig.

The deadline to be registered to vote for the Tucson primary election is August 11. For more information about registering, call the Tucson City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213. Tucson also has an early voting program as well, for more information about obtaining an early, mail-in ballot, call (520) 884-8683. ...

On June 22, 1988, this writer and this column began a journey through the primrose world of GLBT politics and this edition marks the fifteenth year of its existence, with 774 columns written (out of a possible 780) for this publication and this writer wishes to thank Mr. Bob Ellis and Mr. Gary Clark for granting the creative freedom and editorial license for this endeavor and hope to continue to do so for as long as the abilities will allow.



A black belt is no longer just an accessory.

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New York State Deletes Sodomy From Books

ALBANY, NY - The New York State legislature has agreed on a bill that will eliminate the terms sodomy and deviate sexual intercourse from state law, according to the statewide Gay rights group Empire State Pride Agenda.

A three-way agreement among the assembly, senate, and governor on Thursday cleared the way for a vote in both chambers. "This agreement will mean the last vestiges of New York's sorry history of stigmatizing homosexuality will be wiped off the books," said Alan Van Capelle, ESPA's executive director.

For decades, New York has categorized sexual assaults as either rape or sodomy. By definition, the crime of rape arises out of "sexual intercourse," while the crime of sodomy arises out of "deviate sexual intercourse," defined by statute to include both oral and anal sex. Advocates for crime victims and Gay rights have long objected to this terminology. "It has been excruciating for a woman who has been raped to...[have to] read in the papers, sign complaints, and testify on the stand that she was 'sodomized' or subjected to 'deviate sexual intercourse'--these words only exac-

erbate the trauma of the assault and have kept some victims from pressing forward," said Susan Xenarios, director of the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Crime Victims Treatment Center and cochair of the Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims.

Gay rights advocates say that because of the common misinterpretation of the biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah, most people associate the term sodomy with Gay sex, when in fact the overwhelming majority of sodomy charges in New York involve oral sexual assaults by men against women. "No longer will any New Yorker read in the papers that a victim has been 'sodomized,' with all the misunderstanding and antiGay baggage that term comes with," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Under the new law, the current crimes of sodomy in the first, second, and third degrees will be renamed "criminal sexual act" in the first, second, and third degrees. The punishments for these offenses remain unchanged. The new law also includes replacing the phrase "deviate sexual intercourse" with "oral sexual conduct" or "anal sexual conduct."

Judges With Ties To Scouts Not Allowed To Hear Gay Cases

SACRAMENTO, CA - The California supreme court has decreed that state judges who are members of the Boy Scouts of America may have to disqualify themselves from hearing cases involving Gay issues.

But in a rule issued Wednesday, June 18, that affects California's entire 2,000-member judiciary, the state's top court stopped short of barring judges from being members of the Irving, Tex.-based Boy Scouts, as several local bar associations had requested.

Legal experts said the move by the seven justices is the nation's first ruling following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in 2000 allowing the Boy Scouts to bar Gay people from membership. "There is no other state that has adopted an express rule like this," said Cynthia Gray, director of the American Judicature Society's Center for Judicial Ethics.

California judicial canons already demand that judges remove themselves from groups that discriminate against women and minorities. Rules adopted eight years ago forbade judges from being members in organizations that discriminate against Lesbians and Gays, but they allowed membership in "nonprofit youth organizations"--an exception carved out for the Boy Scouts.

The issue surfaced three years ago, when the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the

Boy Scouts' discriminatory anti Gay policy. The Boy Scouts argued that its code, requiring members to be "morally straight" and "clean," excluded Gay men. The court said the Boy Scouts was entitled to define its own principles. "What the California supreme court appears to be saying is that a judge who is a member of the Boy Scouts may have to disqualify himself in appropriate cases," said Angela Bradstreet, a former San Francisco Bar Association president who urged the Supreme Court to alter its ruling.

Judges with ties to the Scouts would either have to step down or notify litigants in cases dealing with anti Gay discrimination in the workplace as well as "any case involving Gay adoptions or cases in which the sexuality of the litigant is an issue," Bradstreet said.

Beth Jay, chief attorney for Chief Justice Ronald George, said the high court's decision is a compromise for those wanting an outright ban on membership in the Scouts while protecting judges' right to practice religion, given that many Boy Scouts programs are run through religious organizations. "The court was paying careful attention, both to those who were making the request for change and to those for whom participation in the Scouts is an important value for religious or other reasons, and tried to strike a balance between those interests," Jay said.

Oklahoma City Allows Pride Banners

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - After a two-year free speech battle, the Oklahoma City council has officially decided to allow banners to fly from city light poles without restricting sponsors' messages.

In the summer of 2001, banners for Gay pride festivities were removed from the poles, and council members approved a policy that prohibited the display of banners to promote social advocacy or religious messages.

A member of a Gay rights group that opposed the old policy applauded Tuesday's decision. "It's a turnaround," said Bill Rogers, past president of the Cimarron Alliance, which sued the city over its previous policy. "I think it's a real victory for the city."

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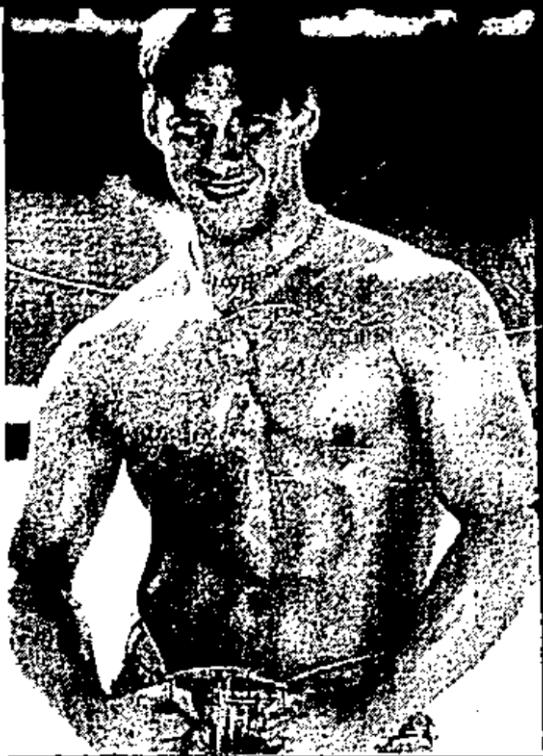
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A Matter Of Pride

Hello readers! I am back at my office early Monday morning after surviving the Yard Dog's annual Luau to kick off Pride Week. I have never been to the 50th state, but if it is anything like that party was last Saturday, I am going to have to invest in some airline tickets. Food, fun and all things Hawaiian made for an awesome evening. Kudos go out to the crew who decorated, fed, and served all of us Don Ho-wannabe's. Rick and George, who got the place as festive looking as could be, and the special guest hula instructor, get a mention this time.

Pride week is celebrated all over the world nowadays. You can literally plan a global trek where each city visited is hosting some sort of event in honor of its GLBT community. Some cities are hosts to their residents more than visitors, while other towns are just the opposite. Tourism is gauged in some places on just their Pride week alone. "It has become in its long journey; a true event recognized and admired by the places that host it each year.

Here in the Old Pueblo, Pride Week is celebrated around the true Stonewall anniversary. Events are held all over town, and a parade marks the conclusion of the special event. No matter what your tastes include, there is something for everyone in town. From the somber to the extreme celebration, we must all take a while to remember the reason we are able to have these times.

It took a bunch of brave folks back in 1969 to stand up to a society that was considered normal at that time. For those of you not familiar with the event, basically it

was a stand held by patrons of the Stonewall Pub who took on the police and the city of New York. The patrons were not really proud as much as they were angry at the discrimination they faced when they headed home from the bar. In true American history fashion, they revolted to show their opposition.

That first Pride Day (it was not turned into a week until the late 70's) like many other historical events, was not viewed in the light we see it for today. Those protesters were not looking to taking their vacation on the anniversary of an event some were not sure they would come out alive from. They did not make plans to meet again in a certain bar or restaurant with friends they have met over the celebration. There was not even a celebration to speak of. It was a reaction to a behavior the city had turned their back on, so something had to be done.

As we enjoy the many events that will take place this week (check this very paper for a list of them), take a short while to remember those who made it possible. The GLBT community of Greenwich Village is to thank for what is seen, heard, and witnessed in every day life now. With every progress in society there is a struggle that nursed it in its infancy.

Remember the struggle that got the progress we have today. Enjoy pride week, I am sure all of the original Stonewall protesters would not want you to have it any other way. Drop me a line at calabazamusic@yahoo.com to tell me your favorite Pride event this year. Have a great week and remember to register to vote!

Presbyterian Council Ousts Defiant Pastor

FORT MITCHELL, KY - The Rev. Stephen Van Kuiken, a Presbyterian minister who continued to marry same-sex couples despite the denomination's order banning the officiation of same-sex unions, was ousted from the clergy Monday night by a church council.

Members of the Cincinnati Presbytery were asked to decide whether Van Kuiken had renounced the constitution and governance of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in refusing to abide by a church court order.

A council vote of 119-45 deemed that he had and stripped of his ministry and his membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA). "I am grieving right now. And part of this grieving is over the forced separation from my congregation," said the 44-year-old Van Kuiken who presided over his parish for 19 years.

"I love them, and my heart will always be with them."

Van Kuiken's case has been closely watched across the country as Presbyterians and other faiths continue to debate the roles of Gays and Lesbians in the church. In the denomination's first ecclesiastical trial on the issue, Van Kuiken was found guilty in April of marrying Gays and Lesbians. He was given a public rebuke and told not to do it again.

In a show of defiance and with the support of his parishioners, he wed two women in a ceremony on May 17.

Van Kuiken said the church is discriminating against Gay men and women and says it his duty and obligation to defy edicts his faith tells him contravene the spirit of his ministry. "It's important for me to be true to myself and be true to what my beliefs are about God," he said. Van Kuiken added his fight was "worth it despite getting beat up and despite the pain and the struggle and the hardship."

The case has been closely watched by Presbyterians and other faiths that continue to debate the roles of Gays and Lesbians in the church. This is the first time any Presbytery in the country has removed a minister for performing same-sex marriages.

Despite the lopsided nature of the vote against Van Kuiken, many in his congregation expressed outrage at his ouster. "I think it's a travesty what they're doing," said Terrell Lackey. "Being a Gay man and a black man, too, I can't believe the world is still the way it is. Cincinnati is sad."

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Same-Sex Marriage In Canada Impacts U.S.

WASHINGTON, DC - Though it is too soon to predict with any certainty how Canada's decision to legalize same-sex marriage will play out in the United States, same-sex American couples who travel to Canada to marry will return to a legal thicket of conflicting laws and jurisdictions.

"Couples who marry in Ontario and return to the United States seeking the same rights, responsibilities and obligations that heterosexual married couples receive should be aware that discriminatory laws in this country remain a problem," said Elizabeth Birch of the Human Rights Campaign.

Most legal experts say it will only be a matter of time before Gay Americans married in Canada press to have their unions recognized, though the range of possible circumstances surrounding any single challenge are so broad, the end result is wildly unpredictable.

Some note that Canadian visitors to the United States may also press the legal boundaries forward. If a Gay married person is involved in a car accident while driving in the U.S., a court may be compelled to "recognize" his or her

uninjured partner as the legal spouse with the right to file a wrongful death suit or make medical decisions. The legal possibilities, it seems, are endless.

An understanding of the dangers inherent in pressing for recognition under the wrong set of circumstances prompted a coalition of Gay civil rights groups to issue an unusual joint advisory. It asked that Gay couples wishing to press for recognition of their Canadian unions in American courts should first contact national organizations with experience in pressing such cases.

"Couples should absolutely not race across the border just to set up lawsuits; the wrong cases could set us back for years," the statement read. "We will be strongest if we work together."

The crazy quilt of jurisdictions and case precedents belies one unassailable fact: that only with rare exceptions have courts in the U.S. not recognized marriages that are valid where they were performed — a concept called "lex loci contractus."

U.S. and Canadian officials said they know of no treaty that requires states to honor Canadian marriage licenses, although

they always have done so, and that fact could produce a challenge under the equal-protection clause of the Constitution's 14th Amendment.

"It's not a question of a test case," said Evan Wolfson of Freedom to Marry. "It's not a chess game. These people now are legally married. Their marriages may be discriminated against when they come to the United States... [but] they are married."

The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act makes federal law clear on the issue. Marriage is to apply only to persons of the opposite sex. As it relates to income taxes, Social Security, immigration and other federal activities, Canadian same-sex marriages would not be recognized.

But marriage remains an institution regulated by the states. Apart from DOMA, the federal government could do little in the face of Vermont's legalization of civil union. The Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause says that one state will recognize the public acts and rulings of another, though many have since passed their own state versions of DOMA to get around the constitutional constraint.

The legalization of Gay marriage in Canada leaves lawyers to seek other precedents. Until now a principle of "comity" has applied to the recognition of marriages performed in other countries. Americans recognize foreign marriages and may expect their own to be accepted abroad.

Thirty-seven states have adopted DOMA-type restrictions, but many large states such as New York and Ohio have not, making them likely testing-grounds for future legal action on the issue.

"The trend is going to be a little bit of chaos for a while," Jon Davidson of Lambda Legal told The New York Times. "It's very exciting. They're calling it the Canadian earthquake."

Gay Bishop Gets Powerful Support

LONDON, UK - The controversy surrounding the appointment of a Gay bishop in the Church of England is heating up as a group of senior church clerics published an open letter Saturday supporting Jeffrey John as a suffragan, or assistant, bishop in the diocese of Oxford, saying it will enhance the church's experience of Gay Christians.

John has said he plans to remain with his male partner of 27 years, although he added that the couple are now celibate.

Nine Church of England bishops wrote an open letter last week expressing concern over the appointment, while the Anglican archbishop of the West Indies and the Anglican primate of Nigeria have called for John to step down because of his support for same-sex relationships.

But another group of bishops said in a letter published that John's appointment "will enable our attentive listening to the experience of Gay Christians to be in our midst rather than at second-hand." The letter, signed by eight bishops, also expressed concern about the "unwarranted pressure" John and his partner have been subjected to and thanked the cleric "for his willingness to bear the cost of enriching our life in this way." Peter Selby, bishop of Worcester, told The [London] Times that evangelicals are inadvertently provoking attacks on Gays by their opposition to the appointment. "What I don't think they are noticing is what they are doing helps people who are homophobic bigots, because what it does is to supply religious rationality for their attitudes and behavior," he was quoted as saying.

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- ▼ Wednesday, June 25 • Woody's 3710 N. Oracle Rd., 292-6702 - Beach Party - 4-9 pm
- ▼ Wednesday, June 25, 6-8 pm • "Sex & Desire: Rights of Pleasure" - Forum for Men: Presented by Gay Men's Health Project and Eric Cuestas-Thompson, Psychotherapist. Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave., Room 101.
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- ▼ Friday, June 27, 8:30-4 • National HIV Testing Day. Walk-in testing all day at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, 628-7223.
- ▼ Friday, June 27, 7 pm - midnight • Pride Week Miniature Golf Outing. Funtasticks Family Fun Park, 221 E. Wetmore, Entry from 7-10 pm. Cost for two hours of everything at the park, \$10. Tickets available from 7-10 pm.
- ▼ Saturday, June 28 1-3 pm - "A Black Belt Is No Longer Just An Accessory!" Presented by Gay Men's Health Project. Martial Arts Self Defense (Open to all genders). Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave, Room 101.
- ▼ Saturday, June 28, 6 pm - closing Gay West 7 - Old Tucson Studios. Concert featuring Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, and The Motels with Martha Davis, Drag, Stunts, Dancing.
- ▼ Sunday, June 29, 2-4 pm • Pride Week Community Bowling, Cactus Bowl, 1630 S. Alvernon. \$10 entry fee per person covers shoes, ball and bowling. Organizations and individuals invited to participate. Raffle prizes and prizes for bowlers.



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G/L Americans Traveling To Canada To Wed

DETROIT, MI - Gay and Lesbian Americans who live within driving distance of Ontario have already begun taking advantage of the Ontario high court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage there.

news from Canada, "I couldn't believe it," he said. "I thought, let's get in the car and go to Toronto."

For Gay Americans in the industrial heart of the Michigan, a short ride over the Ambassador Bridge linking downtown Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, is all that separates them from getting the kind of legal recognition that remains but a distant dream in the U.S.: a marriage license.

Legal experts caution that, while the Canadian government decision helps create a more permissive environment for Gay rights in the United States, it won't immediately change things for them when they return home.

That trickle is expected to grow following Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien's announcement on Tuesday that he would move to legalize Gay marriage nationally. That day alone, 12 same-sex couples applied for licenses in Windsor, with three of those couples coming from the U.S.

David Buckel of Lambda Legal and lead counsel on the same-sex marriage case pending in New Jersey Superior Court told the Globe and Mail that Gay Americans need to proceed carefully in Canada. "I think there are three words that apply," he said, "surprises, uncertainty and discrimination."

Jennifer Paty and Erin James, residents of the Detroit suburb of Ferndale told The Detroit News they tried to marry in Windsor this week, but were turned away because Canada required certification of James' divorce 15 years ago. The longtime couple said they plan to return as soon as the appropriate letter arrives.

Buckel said that while some state governments may recognize Canadian same sex unions, others will not. Lesbian and Gay couples who return from Canada and list themselves as married on job applications, tax forms or credit and mortgage applications may open themselves up to new kinds of discrimination. "They could be planting a red flag for a tax audit," Buckel said.

"We've waited this long," Paty told the newspaper, "we can wait a little while longer."

Another caution legal experts offer would-be Gay American newlyweds heading north to the border: though Canadian licensing bureaus impose no residency requirements for couples seeking to be married, only Canadian residents can obtain divorce papers in the country's courts. Gay Americans marrying in Canada should be very sure of what they're doing - they might not ever be able to obtain a divorce.

Conservatives Thunder Over Same-Sex Marriage Ruling

NEW YORK, NY - One group of Americans decidedly unhappy with the Canadian government's decision this week to legalize Gay marriage were social and religious conservatives. To hear them tell it, America's neighbors to the north were flirting with the fall of the civilized world.

case is expected by the end of the summer.

"Marriage is the foundational institution of civilization," said Ken Connor of the Family Research Council. "Unless the American people rise up to defend this indispensable institution, we could lose marriage in a very short time. What's happening in Canada is a warning to America."

Matt Daniels, who heads the Alliance for Marriage, a group which supports the adoption of a federal constitutional amendment in the United States banning Gay marriage says a favorable decision by the court on Gay marriage would prompt a swift national backlash.

"Regardless of however the government wants to redefine marriage, the institution will not be tarnished by being open to homosexuals," said Scott Lively of the California-based Pro Family Law Center. "Marriage itself is a union between one man and one woman, regardless of what the government says."

"We're all sitting on the edge of our seats, waiting for the event in the courts that will push this issue to the forefront of public consciousness," Daniels said. "The real trigger won't be the Massachusetts decision, but rather the effort to export that decision."

Lively went so far as to say that Gay marriage threatened the good relations the United States has had with its closest neighbor and largest trading partner. To Canadian leaders he offered this dire warning: "You're going to wake up and realize this was a huge mistake. Relations are going downhill between the U.S. and Canada, and it's not because the U.S. is getting too conservative."

Some opponents of Gay marriage say their best hope, rather than fight state-by-state court battles, would be to enshrine the "man and woman" definition of marriage in the U.S. Constitution. An amendment to accomplish that goal has been introduced in Congress; it would need two-thirds approval in both the chambers and then be ratified by at least 38 states.

More worrisome still for conservatives: a question on Gay marriage decided much closer to home. Many expect the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts to declare a ban on Gay marriage unconstitutional. A decision in the

Daniels hopes elected officials will resist efforts to have Canadian same-sex marriages recognized in the United States. "The American people should determine the future of marriage in this country," he said. "It shouldn't be a foreign government, it shouldn't be a foreign court."



Supreme Court Upholds Internet Filter Law

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, June 23, reversed a lower court in Pennsylvania, ruling that a library censorship law, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), does not violate the First Amendment, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The 6-3 ruling marks the first time that the court has approved an attempt by Congress to limit Internet use.

The CIPA requires public libraries to put porn-blocking software on all public computer terminals, or else lose federal funding under the E-rate program and the Library Services and Technologies Act.

Few jurists would have a problem with the law, if it operated as intended. But filtering technology is in its infancy. Software purporting to block access to Internet porn also blocks thousands of non-sexual Web sites, including Gay and Lesbian services like Gay.com and PlanetOut.com, Gay youth sites, and any other operation that may fall into the broad electronic net by using a targeted word in a name or on a page.

Chief Justice Rehnquist wrote the majority opinion, joined by Justices O'Connor, Scalia and Thomas, with Justices Kennedy and Breyer concurring in separate opinions. A public library, wrote Rehnquist, "does not acquire Internet terminals in order to create a public forum for Web publishers to express themselves, any more than it collects books in order to provide a public forum for the authors of the books to speak."

Given that libraries already

exclude porn from the shelves, and recognizing the strong public interest in keeping porn out of the easy reach of children, the majority saw no problem with the goal or effect of the CIPA. As for the side effect of limiting access to non-sexual sites, the court noted that adults can simply ask a librarian to unblock a terminal, and the problem vanishes.

In his dissent, Justice Stevens called the CIPA "a statutory blunderbuss that ... abridges the freedom of speech protected by the First Amendment."

In a separate dissent, Justices Souter and Ginsburg agreed with Stevens, adding that there is no guarantee that a particular librarian will unblock a terminal upon request. In fact, wrote Souter, the law says a librarian "may" unblock a terminal, not that he or she "must" do so. Nor do the FCC ground rules that implement the act articulate this policy, and in some cases, unblocking could take days and could require a library patron to explain his or her purposes. As such, the justices conclude, the CIPA effectively restricts adult access to otherwise-available information, tramples on the traditional mission of a public library and ignores simpler ways to prevent children from accessing porn.

"Quite simply," wrote Souter, "we can smell a rat when a library blocks material already in its control, just as we do when a library removes books from its shelves for reasons having nothing to do with wear and tear. ... Content-based blocking and removal tells us something that mere absence from the shelves does not."

Gay Man Charged With 9/11 Fraud

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - A Gay man who is accused of collecting \$68,000 by falsely claiming that his domestic partner died in the September 11 terrorist attacks has been arrested in Dallas and will be extradited to Florida to face theft charges, officials said.

Patric Henn was arrested Friday, June 20 in Dallas and charged with petty theft and marijuana possession. Officers there soon learned that he had fled Florida in December, about the time a Broward County judge issued a warrant for his arrest.

Henn has been accused of defrauding the Red Cross with a story about a partner, Jeff John Anderson. Police say he told the charity, the media, and others that he had spoken with Anderson about 45 minutes before the attacks began and that Anderson had told him he was about to visit a brokerage firm in the World Trade Center. But Anderson's name never appeared on any official victims lists, and "to our knowledge, no such person exists," Fort Lauderdale detective James Pott said.

The sheriff's office in Dallas said Henn must resolve his Texas charges before being extradited to Fort Lauderdale, where he could receive up to 15 years in prison if convicted. It is unknown when the Texas charges will be resolved.

Suspicion about Henn's story first surfaced when he approached The Express, a Fort Lauderdale Gay newspaper, to complain that the New York-based Gay rights

group Empire State Pride Agenda was not doing enough to aid him. "He wanted notoriety and sympathy," said Express publisher Norm Kent. "He wanted to be on Larry King Live as a victim of this disaster." The paper conducted an intense investigation of Henn, which led to an exposé in February 2002.

Red Cross spokeswoman Deborah Goldberg said the group contacted authorities once it learned of Henn's alleged deception. "We take fraud really seriously," she said. She said that the \$68,000, if recovered, will be returned to the Liberty Fund, which is earmarked for victims of September 11 and their families.

According to The Express, Henn spent time in Colorado during his travels from Fort Lauderdale to Dallas, repeating his story along the way. The paper received a phone call from a Denver man with whom Henn had spent an evening, during which Henn "maintained the fraud," Kent said.

Kent said Gay rights activists are outraged by Henn's behavior, because they worked hard to ensure that the partners of Gay victims of September 11 received the same benefits as the spouses of heterosexual victims. The paper pursued Henn, Kent said, "because we didn't want him to poison a just human rights initiative.... He's a criminal first and then a Gay man." He said the paper received phone calls from all over the country, pinpointing Henn's whereabouts and activities. "People in the Gay community helped expose him," he said.

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The Sun moves from light-hearted Gemini to achy-breaky Cancer this week casting a fresh new light on our most private personal issues for the next month or so. Open your arms and your heart and prepare to become verry emotionally involved. Life becomes more than just a warm handshake and 'bout time!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams find themselves hanging around the house more and more. Blame it on Sun in Cancer when you want to couch potato on a Saturday night and plotz in front of the tube. Call it recharging your batteries and chilling out. If you can meditate and unwind you'll emerge rested and more in control of your personal pride agenda. Go out and raise a little hell later...

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Sun in Cancer weaves magic with your words and makes you a spokesbull in the truest sense. Ask for anything and you shall receive. What a change of pace! But put this time to good use by becoming a loud, proud and queer voice for any good Gay cause. Expand your reach with some appropriate coursework. Then go out and create a little friction. Hmm anyone we know??

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Money appears to be the solution to all your ills when Sun steps into Cancer. Gay Twins measure their personal stock in dollars and cents (especially dollars...). The drawback to all this capitalism is that deep down you realize that insecure is insecure no matter how many bucks you brandish. However that glistening realization happens next month when the Sun plows into Leo.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The Sun in your own sign catapults you into center stage, so get ready! Personal charisma hits a peak and even the shyest pink Cancers are hogging the spotlight in their peekaboo pink chaps. There is nothing wrong with dressing for excess and soon enough things will start to boil. Don't forget to pack the butter sauce, lover Crab. You want to be ripe and ready for any meal.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Gay Leos are revived by the Sun in Cancer. Explore your spiritual side and discover the soul beneath all that glam and glitz. Don't be afraid of blow your closet off its hinges. The Sun rejects all deception and there is nothing in there worth keeping or worrying about. The real worry is when you hide your true self from the world. You gotta show 'em why Lions are so darn proud.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If proud Virgins feel like great flag bearers of Gay rights, chalk it up to the Sun in Cancer. The planets demand that you become more involved in our global community effort. The danger here is that your desire to belong may cause you to defer personal choices in order to coincide with the group think, but don't compromise cousin! Not all great Gay crusaders have to think alike.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Is it hot in here or is it your career? Sun in Cancer breaks through any blocked professional path so put on your corporate hiking boots and start kicking it up. Proud Libras can succeed in the eyes of others so make your mark on the world and take no prisoners. Dive into the corporate shark tank and swim with the suits. You may emerge unscathed and victorious, despite a few nibbles....

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Life is a happy pilgrimage for queer Scorps when the Sun enters Cancer. Travel to exotic vistas or embark on a new course of study. The accent is on the new so if you're short of cash and can't travel discover something (or someone) different closer to home. A foreign film, a bottle of plonk and a certain unnamed stranger can do wonders for your perspective not to mention your lumbago.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Amiable Gay Archers become more intense and possessive with Sun in Cancer. Deep psychological revelations and solutions are possible for those who dare to explore their psyche. Sexually, you can dive head first into a hottub of passion and emerge refreshed and transformed. Seek a deeper connection to others and I don't mean the internet. The sizzle should be more than a frayed wire.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Relationships become the be all end all for pink Caps as the Sun in Cancer highlights the importance of partnerships in your life. Actions speak louder and prouder than words. If you're still hunting for a special someone, enter the meeting jungle with your guns loaded and ready. You have a good chance to bag your quarry within the next month or so if you pack the right bait.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Achieve the sublime when brilliant Sun enters Cancer. Even perfectly toned Aqueerians can use a personal trainer now. Review your exercise regime...or begin one you lazy thing! And what about your diet? Somehow twinkies just won't do it. Also, roll up your sleeves and put effort into mundane daily tasks. We can often find the answer to life while we're doing the laundry.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Sun in Cancer is well hung in your chart now which means even sensitive achy Guppies can't help but feel pretty darn feisty. The Sun sez relax and have fun! Tap into your great Gay muse through active participation in any creative enterprise whether it is theater, fine art or dance. Or maybe hit a high note with opera. Do I smell romance with this Sun placement? Oh be warned!

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Mary Cheney Joins Father's Campaign

ARLINGTON, VA - Shortly after her sudden resignation from the board of the Republican Unity Coalition, a prominent Gay Republican organization, earlier this month, Mary Cheney pulled up a chair at the Bush-Cheney 2004 reelection campaign headquarters in suburban Virginia.

The 34-year-old Lesbian daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney has signed on as director of vice-presidential operations. "The way my dad puts it, I am his point person for the campaign," Cheney told The New York Times. "I can't imagine doing this for anybody but my father." Cheney recently received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Denver.

Cheney surprised few people with her departure from the RUC. The former liaison to Gays and Lesbians for the Coors Brewing Co. has avoided the spotlight since her father took office. Some speculated that she was responding to White House pressure to reign in pro-Gay activity that might appear too close to home, while others accused her of fleeing amid accusations that she was too weak in her support for Gay rights.

Justice Department Pride Event Moved To Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON, DC - The Gay employee group at the U.S. Department of Justice, DOJ Pride, held its annual pride celebration at the Russell Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill rather than in the Justice Department's Great Hall, as had been originally planned.

Earlier this month DOJ Pride was notified that its annual pride event would not be allowed to take place. After heated protest, the department announced that it would proceed with the annual ceremony but that it would have to be held without department sponsorship and that DOJ Pride would have to pay \$1,000 for use of the Great Hall.

"The DOJ Pride board has declined the department's offer of second-class status," said Marina Colby, president of DOJ Pride. "We cannot and will not be complicit in the message that our membership and the LGBT community must pay a toll to access the Great Hall of Justice. We will not and cannot be complicit in sending the message to every LGBT kid growing up in America today that they aren't quite as worthy as everybody else...and not quite as welcome."

Section 28 Finally On It's Way Out

LONDON, UK - Section 28, Britain's notorious anti-Gay law proposed and passed by Margaret Thatcher's conservative government in 1988, is at last to be repealed, British news outlets reported.

The current Tory leadership has made clear that they will drop long-standing support for the law when its repeal comes before the House of Lords' Grand Committee sometime this week.

Conservative peers, who dominate the unelected chamber, will be asked to back a number of Tory-brokered compromises that will take the place of the widely reviled law. One substitute reform

gives parents the right to scrutinize all sex education materials used in the schools and the other is a "code of practice" local authorities will be urged to follow.

Though the current Tory leader, Iain Duncan Smith, voted to keep Section 28 on the books when it last went before the House of Commons, a lack of support for his position and the ridicule his position earned Conservatives forced a change in strategy.

Moderating the Tory position on Gay issues has been a goal of reformers in the party for years. They maintain that the party's reactionary hardline on Gay issues earns them few votes in modern Britain and much justified ridicule.

Phelps Offers Reward For Capture Of Gay Basher

DES MOINES, IA - After Michael Moon reported to police that he was attacked outside a Des Moines Gay bar and that he believed the perpetrator might have been influenced by the hate speech of Fred Phelps, a homophobic Kansas minister who had traveled to Des Moines to stage anti Gay protests.

Phelps and his church clan want to set the record straight. So they are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the attack, which occurred last month and resulted in Moon's leg being broken, the Des Moines Register reports.

"A crime is a crime," said Shirley Phelps-Roper, a member of Phelps's Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., who is also the church's attorney. "Two wrongs don't make a right." She said the reward offer shows that the church, whose members picketed a Des Moines high school commencement at which a Gay student received top honors as well as a meeting of a Des Moines Gay group a week before the alleged assault, does not condone violence. She also expressed doubt that the reported assault even occurred and wanted to squelch any suspicions that church members' presence in Des Moines influenced the assailant.

Moon, 32, told police his attacker forced him to say he would seek God's forgiveness for being Gay. He then said the presence of the Phelps clan in Des Moines may have gotten the attacker riled up, resulting in the assault at the Gay bar.

Florida Marlins Pro Team Buys Ad In Gay Paper

MIAMI, FL - Major League Baseball's Florida Marlins has become what is believed to be the second professional baseball team to pitch itself to Gay fans by buying advertising in a local Gay newspaper, the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel reports.

The baseball team has purchased weekly quarter-page ads in the South Florida-based Gay weekly The Express. The team also has partnered with AIDS Project Florida and Care Resources and scheduled an AIDS Awareness Night at Miami's Pro Player Stadium on August 11.

"I think that it's historic in the sense that you have a professional sports franchise acknowledging that Gays have economic strength and are representative of the community," said Express publisher Norm Kent. "Gay people go out and participate in and watch pro sports."

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
by Lee Thom

Arizona Biennial

The Tucson Museum of Art's "Arizona Biennial" is up now and stays up till August 17. The juror was Toby Kamps, curator of the San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art.

My first impression of the show was that it was awfully small. Kamps claims to have looked at 1,000 slides and to have been favorably impressed with them, but he ended up choosing only about 60 pieces to exhibit, which leaves most of the Museum's wall space free for other things.

Kamps also claims that the show has an Arizona feel to it. I literally can't imagine what he has in mind on that score.

The best thing to be said about the Biennial is that it only had two videos. I couldn't make much sense of the tiny portions I saw of the tapes. Fortunately, I have a TV at home and, better still, it delivers more than one channel.

But just as the fascination with attempted video art is expiring even in the

cultural hinterlands, an equally pernicious gallery practice is on the rise, that of asking artist to write wordy explanations of their work to be posted next to it. It's been axiomatic in art criticism for at least 100 years that artists are the least competent people in the world to explain their work. Moreover, a work of art that requires an explanation to be posted next to it is a failure by definition. It's the work itself that's supposed to be able to communicate something.

Best of show: "Closet #3" and "Closet #2," photos by Gerard Silva. One picture is of a bunch of hanging fabrics with no empty spaces between them. The other is of a stack of folded fabrics, or perhaps hanging fabrics with the photo turned sideways.

These are works of real originality and great subtlety. They look more like actual fabrics behind clear plastic than photos. In both works the variations in the fabrics' textures are noticeable but not extreme, the range of variety conveying a sense of control and deliberateness.

The same control and deliberateness is conveyed in the artist's use of color. There are some strong contrasts but the lid is firmly on. And the theme of careful modulation is repeated in the shapes of the fabrics, which are very similar at a glance and less so on examination.

The theme of these works is controlled modulation. It is repeated and thus reinforced with texture, color and shape. It demonstrates that combinations of quiet can result in a profound and satisfying visual effect. I have no idea of what the artist wrote on his little explanatory card posted next to these works, but I doubt if it was anything like the above.

There are two interesting street signs bought directly from homeless people by Rick Levinson. The signs' major interest is that they make us wonder about the personalities of their makers, one a veteran who claims not to drink or use drugs, the other a woman who claims to be five months pregnant.

Katherine Walsh's "Danic" is an assemblage of several cut up photos of the same face, that of a teenaged girl. It sounds brutal but it's actually quite pleasant to look at and it succeeds in the same way that all portraits must - it makes us curious about the sitter.

Chris Rush's "Benjamin" in conte crayon succeeds as well, except that Benjamin is a stander instead of a sitter, a portly middle-aged man naked except for a large towel draped over his shoulders. He seems lost in thought, and probably fairly interesting thought.

The Arizona Biennial has been going on for a long time. It used to be regarded as an important show for Arizona artists, especially for those who were just coming up. Resuscitating it would require a better choice of juror.

They ought to consider using a critic instead of a curator. Curators tend to be diplomats. Critics are folks who don't mind being hated. Who's more likely to put on an exciting show?

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

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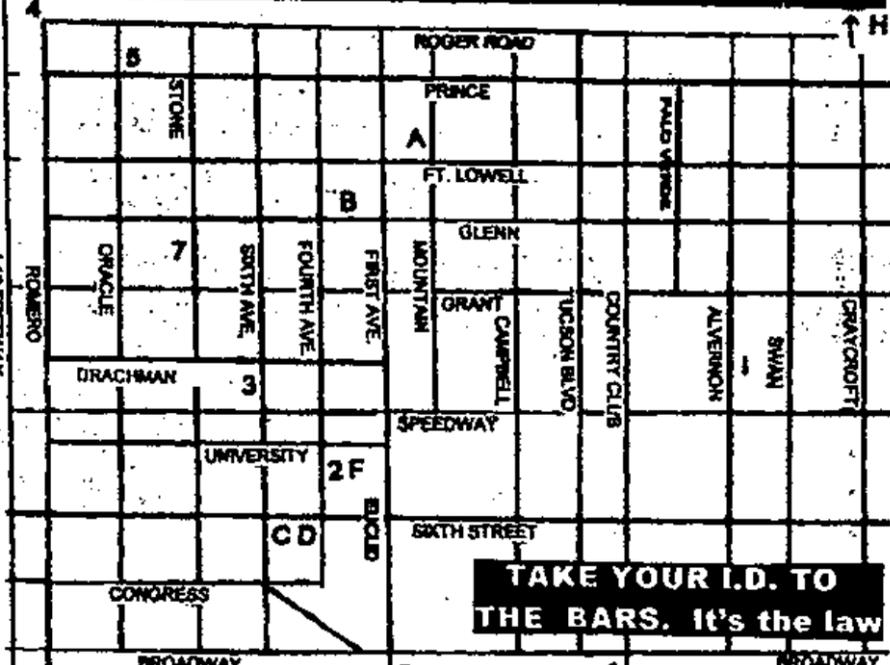
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Signed, Should I feel guilty?

Dear Guilty,

I guess your trick never read the unwritten rules about declarations of love while under the influence. If he's unfamiliar with it, I'll reiterate: all declarations of love while under the influence are considered null and void four hours after being spoken. If the unwanted man is bothering you, then you need to go out of your way to ignore him. If he doesn't get the picture, tell him flat out you made a mistake and you're taken! I also want to say that you and your boyfriend are playing a very dangerous game with your relationship. Just because one of you has cheated does not give the other person the right to cheat (it has not been added to the unwritten rules). Are you planning on having sex with anyone else? Can you and your boyfriend talk about things like this? If either one of these answers are "yes," then you and your boyfriend need to sit and talk about rules and safety issues before continuing with your relationship.

Dear Dr. X,

Why are there so many people who discover their sexuality after their late 20's or 30's? I have a very good friend who is definitely Gay, but I don't know how to drag him out of the closet? Any ideas? Thank you very much.

Signed Closet Cleaner

Dear Closet Cleaner,

Please don't drag your friend out of the closet. You can't drag him out of the closet. Everyone must come to terms with their sexual orientation and sexuality in general on their own; it is often a lifelong process. It is possible to discuss the issue in general terms with your friend and see if he is interested in talking to you about it. If your friend tells you he isn't Gay then you could be wrong. Pushing the point might drive him away and you could lose a very good friend. Lend your support and discuss your own sexuality as well as your feelings about Gay people. Any positive reinforcement will go a long way in helping ease him out of the closet. Last but not least, I want to touch on a crucial point. Many people assume that because a guy is effeminate or has any of the other traits that we stereotypically associate with Gay men, that he must be Gay. Wrong. There are even straight men with good fashion sense.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

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Protestant denomination in the country, with 16 million members. A Southern Baptist task force on ministry to gay people developed the initiative after they discovered that several of their churches and agencies were either conducting or supporting such outreach already. This latest push is meant to make these efforts a priority for churches around the country. The task force developed a Web site that has Bible study materials, testimonials from gays who claim to be no longer gay, and advice on helping people with AIDS.

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a settlement with the Cimarron Alliance last fall required the city to allow the organization to display banners for a Gay pride parade scheduled for Sunday. In February the city also began allowing other banner displays free of restrictions until a formal policy was in place.

"We have had very few problems," said city manager Jim Couch. "If at some point we have problems in the future, we can come back and repeal it. It's not something we have to have forever. I think there's a realization that even unpopular speech is protected, and unpopular speech is what needs protecting. We can all agree on the 'mom and apple pie' speech."

Mayor Kirk Humphreys, who initially sought the restriction on banners with social advocacy messages, said he agrees the benefits of the banners outweigh concerns about potentially offensive messages. "There may be things we don't like, but a judge has ruled," said Humphreys. "We can always change this again if we want to. So far, it seems to be working well overall."

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NON-BAR CALENDAR GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON CONTINUES. CHECK OTHER NON-BAR PRIDE ACTIVITIES ON PAGE FOUR OF THIS ISSUE OF OBSERVER.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Mary for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Mary at 745-0004.

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. The Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. (and Country Club). 7:00 p.m. Video Night - Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

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 681-4582 to reserve a place.

JUNE 26 - JULY 21

"Falsettoland" a musical about life, love, sex (and other unscheduled events) will be performed by the Arizona Onstage Productions at the ZuZu Little Theatre. \$15.00 General Admission. Discounts for students, seniors, groups. Call 270-3332.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host a special "Queens" Pinocchio Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 287-3589.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Gay West VII at Old Tucson Studios. Sponsored by Tucson Pride 6:00 p.m. until midnight. Concert by Joan Jett & The Motels. Also, drag shows, DJ dancing, Country dancing, Food, Soft Drinks, Beer, and Rides. \$25 advance tickets - \$30 at the door.

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Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Old Tucson Studios, Gay West- 201 S. Kinney Rd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

4th Annual GLBT Pride Parade through the downtown area begins at 6:00 p.m. Parade begins at the 4th Avenue Park and marches down 4th Avenue and winds up at El Presidio Plaza. Party afterward with the Betty Diamond Band, and Faith Michaels. The parade is organized by the Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage. A wind-up event for Tucson's Pride Week activities.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 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 Luncheon - 12:30 p.m. Wildcat House 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

#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 Carl for the Investment Club. For directions and reservations, please call Carl at 331-4238.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marty at 722-8531.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. A 4th of July party will be held at a location to be announced. For more information, please call Jerry at 680-8565.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 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 681-5733.

#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 680-8565.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The 'DivaLicious' Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Bunry FuFu, Janee Starr, Veronica Hallwell and Heather Boa.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The Diva Licious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Miss Gay Phoenix America Saché, Lady Ashley and Teri Akid.

WOODY'S - Celebrate your pride here with an official Woody's "Beach Party" from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. Wear your bathing suit! Volleyball, food, contests, prizes, music. Complimentary BBQ 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Hula Hoop Contest \$25 first place; 7:30 p.m. Hula Contest, \$25 first place; 8:30 p.m. Limbo Contest \$25 First Place; 9:30 p.m. Bathing Suit Contest, \$50 first place. Johnny DJ will be playing the music on the Patio with great Beach music!

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

VENTURE-N - Official Pride Steak cooked on the patio here from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. You can bring your own or buy a steak from the bar. Fbings provided by V-N. The Bud Team will be here from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bud longnecks \$2.25 all day long.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

IBT'S - 10:00 p.m. until closing there will be a special guest appearance as IBT's Go Go boy, the June 2003 Playgirl Centerfold, Heath Pricel

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

GAY WEST! Winds up Tucson's Pride Week. Check out the Tucson Pride's full page ad in this issue for an exciting evening at Old Tucson Studios. Get on out there and enjoy! Pride - Pride - Pride!

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

IBT'S - Party line-up includes IBT's famous Recovery Bar from 11:00 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 Wingspan. 8:30 p.m. It's a special Benefit Show for Veronica Hallwell, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona America. Show stars Lucinda Holiday, Teri Akid, Janee Starr and Bunry FuFu.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The 'DivaLicious' Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Deora Le Blanc, Faith Michaels and Sade Michaels.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - New here on Wednesdays is Karaoke Nite beginning at 8:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - A new event here every Wednesday. 9:00 - Close, Underwear Wednesdays with Gay Mens Health Project and your host Chris. \$1.00 off any drink or bottled beer for all in their underwear or leather. (Excludes draught beer & Schnapps). 10:00 p.m. Wet Shorts Contest with \$50 first prize.

WHAT'S BLACK & WHITE & READ ALL OVER?



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-8pm. \$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 High Life draft 75¢ all day. From 12-8 Bloody Marys \$1.50 From 6-10 \$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.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Dinner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 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 8pm-close. Queer As Folk show beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1.75 Domestic Beer or \$1.50 Bloody Marys. Free Pool 8pm to close. \$1.50 Jellios & Mimosas 8pm 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. 9-11. 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 pool. 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 4-7pm. \$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. 80s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-11.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Happy Hour 4-7pm. 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 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-fetish-leather role 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 9-11 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm, \$8.99.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

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 NTN 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 8pm - 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 8-9pm. 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 4-7pm. 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 Martinis \$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 pool. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

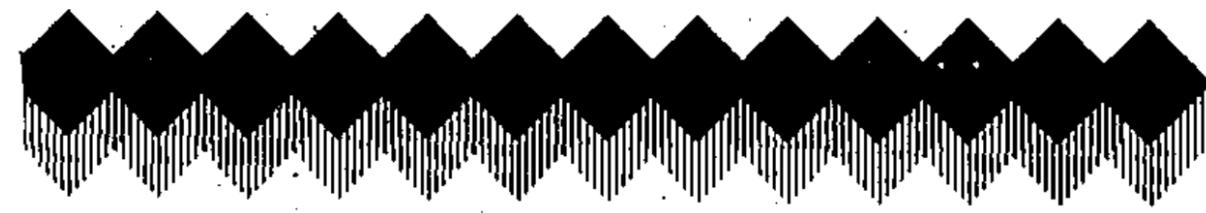
IBT's - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquiris. 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dances Party 9-11 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Grill open 1-7pm. Margaritas \$3 6pm-close. Latino Nite. Drag Show 11:30rd 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



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 791-7678.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel 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 638-3975.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@thenver.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. Dezen Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezerl 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. SAGA Email@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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 626-7223.

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 891-4592 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA). Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-8436 for more info.

TUCSON 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 OUTober/FEST. 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. 684-7083.

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

GAY OR BISEXUAL 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 745-5877. 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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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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)782-6424

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.lutucson.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.

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Maverick, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-9020

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)

REVELLE 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.

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

"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 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd 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 WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 615-3491, 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 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

BEARS OF THE OLD POEBLO - 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.betop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

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 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

GLBT Buddhist meditation group meets Sundays from 9:30 - 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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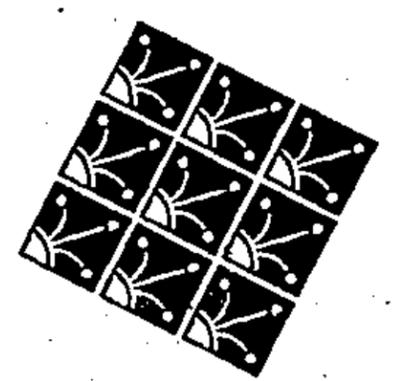
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Researchers: No HIV Vaccine Until 2009

NEW YORK, NY - A vaccine against HIV will not be ready until at least 2009, experts said Wednesday, June 18.

Seth Berkley, president of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, or IAVI, said there were many obstacles and few drugs in the pipeline, reported gfn.com.

"The earliest date to get a vaccine and a license is probably 2009," said Berkley. "But that's based on current timetables," he added, referring to the time it typically takes for new drugs to go through the necessary testing phases and Food and Drug Administration approval.

What had at one time been considered the best hope for an effective HIV vaccine, AIDSVAX, was found in February to be ineffective at preventing HIV transmissions, reducing overall risk by just 3.8 percent. VaxGen's failed attempt cost about \$150 million.

One or two potential vaccines would begin trials in 2004 or 2005 and the trials would take four or five years, he said.

"How much has our world done to try to end this epidemic? The answer is virtually nothing. The only way is through a vaccine," Berkley said. The role of IAVI, a non-profit organization founded in 1996, is to make that happen.

Even a successful vaccine may be only 30 or 40 percent effective, enough to slow the epidemic and make drugs firms sit up and take notice.

"We don't know if we need a single

vaccine or a cocktail of vaccines or whatever," said Wayne Koff, IAVI's senior vice-president for research and development.

"The bigger companies are waiting," said Koff, although he added the U.S. firm Merck & Co and Franco-German Aventis SA were developing one of about six drugs considered by IAVI to be the best hopes for a vaccine.

"We think the next major advance is to find something that works a little bit so the rest of the field can build on it," Koff said.

Females Get Aroused By Both Sexes, Study Shows

EVANSTON, IL - A new study confirms what researchers have suspected for some time - women may prefer to date one gender or the other, but they get sexually aroused by both.

It's no surprise that Lesbians like to watch Lesbian pornography. But the big news in a new study is that they also get turned on by watching heterosexuals and Gay men have sex.

And straight women? They like it all, too.

The findings confirm what researchers have suspected for some time - women may prefer to date one gender or the other, but they get sexually aroused by both.

Men, on the other hand, aren't nearly as flexible. Straight men like to watch women have sex, and Gay men like to watch men. Case closed.

"This may well be relevant to the flexibility of female sexuality. I wouldn't be surprised if this is one reason why women transition more between sexual identities than men," said study co-author Michael Bailey, chairman of the psychology department at Northwestern University and author of "The Man Who Would Be Queen: The Science of Gender-Bending and Transsexualism."

In his study, completed over several years, Bailey and colleagues recruited 69 men and 52 women, both heterosexual and homosexual, to watch two-minute snippets of X-rated movies in a laboratory, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The men hooked themselves up to a rubber-band-like device that detected erections by measuring the thickness of the penis. The women used a small device that shines a light into the vagina and detects reflected light. According to Bailey, the vagina becomes darker during arousal.

The videos featured various types of sex (vaginal, oral and anal) and various types of partners (male-male, female-female, male-female).

The researchers will report their findings in an upcoming edition of the journal *Psychological Science*. They released an early report this month.

Heterosexual men were most stimulated by watching Lesbian sex, followed by heterosexual sex. The Gay men responded most to male erotica.

But the women - straight or Lesbian - tended to enjoy watching all the types of partners have sex. Only 63 percent responded most to sex involving their preferred gender, a much lower number than among the men.

The study findings confirm the experiences of many women who find themselves suddenly developing a new sexual orientation, said Lisa Diamond, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Utah.

"With women, the experience of sexual attraction doesn't revolve around the gender of the partner as it does around other things," she explained. "Women say, 'I didn't think I was attracted to women, and then all of a sudden, boom!' This fluidity does not appear to be as common among men."

The next step, Bailey said, is to study sexual arousal among Bisexuals. Initial research suggests that Bisexual men share something in common with straight and Gay men - they're significantly aroused by one gender more than the other.

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