

Jell-O Wrestling Raises Record Funds



TUCSON - On Sunday, May 2, the 17th annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza took place at Woody's, an annual fund raising event for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). What follows is a letter to the editor from Anne Maley, executive director of SAAF, about this year's event:

"It was another great year for Jell-O! What a fun, outrageous event...and what amazing support from this community!

"The 17th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza raised \$28,500 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation - I think Reno would be so proud. Outside of last year when we received an unexpected matching gift of \$20,000, this year's total is the most we have ever raised at a Jell-O Wrestling event. So again this year, we have set a Jell-O Wrestling fundraising record!

"We have many, many people to thank. Putting on an event like this is a team effort in so many ways. The crowd in attendance was incredibly supportive and enthusiastic, and once again everyone did open their hearts and gave and gave for those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS in our community. It is in large part due to community fundraising efforts like the Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza that SAAF is able to continue to provide its critical programs and services for our community.

"We owe a huge thank you to Dave Huff and Frank Schepis, and the staff of Woody's and IBT's for hosting this famous event. Their generosity and commitment to this cause are truly outstanding. Woody's is a great bar; you should hang out there more often!

"We were thrilled to have the legendary Gilda Fatale back for this year's

event, along with the amazing Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone. They were extraordinary hostesses, keeping the crowd entertained and keeping the fun flowing right up until the end. We thank them for the gift of their time, and for their ongoing dedication to people living with HIV/AIDS.

"This year's team of wrestlers did an incredible job of fundraising for SAAF, together raising a total of \$9,385 from sponsorship donations alone. They also received generous tips from the crowd before getting into the gelatin. This year the team of wrestlers hit a new record for total wrestler dollars raised, so they deserve a round of applause! Not only were this year's wrestlers great fundraisers, they were also hugely entertaining. Matches ranged from "Roy vs The White Tiger," to "Britney vs Christina," to "John Ashcroft vs The Bill of Rights!" We also had a couple leather/S&M matches, an Army versus Navy mano a mano combat and other crowd-pleasing duos. This was a very dedicated group of people who really put their hearts into the event. We all benefited from the spirit they added to the afternoon. The award for the wrestler who raised the most money goes to George Laos, who raised \$1,957 for SAAF services. Runner-up Juan Noriega raised \$1,215. Their commitment and enthusiasm were instrumental to the success of the event. Arnette Miller also did an incredible job of finding sponsors, raising \$1,015.

A big thanks goes to Joe Roos who returned this year as the referee to keep all the wrestlers safe and happy. And Bob Fischella who was our trusty "hoser-off-er" again this year! We thank John Lochert of Millennium Music Service for providing the great music and sound, and Robin Stancliff for donating her photographic services to make sure we have a visual record of all of the fun we had.

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Arizona Supreme Court Adds Same-Sex Marriage Issue To Agenda

PHOENIX - A legal challenge to Arizona's law banning same-sex marriages goes before the state Supreme Court later this month as the justices meet privately to decide whether to rule on that case and others, the Associated Press reported.

An appeal asking the Supreme Court to overturn a Court of Appeals decision upholding the ban is on the court's May 25 conference agenda, court officials said Monday, May 3.

A Phoenix couple, Don Standhardt and Tod Keltner, asked the Supreme Court on Dec. 8 to review the Court of Appeals decision that upheld Arizona's state law prohibiting same-sex marriages.

Although the case is on the Supreme Court's agenda, it's no sure thing that the court will agree to rule on the issue. And if the court does accept jurisdiction, oral arguments in the case could be months off and an ultimate decision months after that.

The Supreme Court has discretion over whether to hear most appeals, and the justices decline to hear most of those it gets.

Supreme Court spokesman Tom Aughterton said the court typically accepts jurisdiction on only four to seven of the approximately 100 appeals it gets each month.

Anti-Gay Medical Bills Spread To Other States

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Legislation that could be used by doctors and nurses who object to homosexuality to deny Gays treatment or prescription drugs is now being considered in six states, 365Gay.com reported.

The Michigan house passed the Conscientious Objector Policy Act. The legislation would allow health care providers to assert their objection within 24 hours of when they receive notice of a patient or procedure with which they don't agree. However, it would prohibit emergency treatment to be refused.

The bill is now before the Senate Committee on Health Policy

Similar legislation is being considered in Minnesota, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia.

"Tragically, these bills allow doctors to discriminate," said Human Rights Campaign President Cheryl Jacques.

Court officials said the justices look at whether a case raises new issues and whether a lower court has ruled incorrectly, particularly if there are conflicting rulings from Court of Appeals panels.

"We look at the cases that raise important issues of statewide application," Justice Ruth McGregor was quoted by The Daily Courier as telling a Prescott audience Thursday.

The Phoenix couple's appeal to the Supreme Court argued that the justices should hear the case because barring same-sex couples from civil marriage discriminated against the couples and their children in violation of state constitutional rights of privacy and equal treatment under the law.

The Court of Appeals held that there is no fundamental constitutional right to same-sex marriage. It found that the state has a rational basis for prohibiting same-sex marriages because of goals related to procreation and child-rearing.

Arguing that the ban was based on legislative policies and not discrimination, the Attorney General's Office has urged the Supreme Court to turn away the appeal and allow the Court of Appeals ruling to stand.

Legal filings in the case were completed in mid-February.

"Even now, the GLBT community avoids medical treatment at an alarming rate. This package could have a devastating effect on the community."

If passed the bills would allow refusal of treatment for specific medical conditions that uniquely affect the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, including hormone therapy for Transgender people and assisted reproduction for same-sex couples.

Several medical groups have already voiced their concern about the legislation.

"The American Academy of HIV Medicine vehemently opposes any bill that would encourage discrimination in the clinical setting," says AAHIVM C.E.O. R. Scott Hitt.

Further, Kenneth Halter, the president of the Gay and Lesbian Medical

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UPDATE

Opening Night Of Play To Benefit TIHAN

The opening night premiere of Stephen Sondheim's "Assassins," taking place on Thursday, May 13, will be a special benefit for TIHAN featuring a champagne and dessert reception. The Broadway production of this play opened 10 days ago at Studio 54 to rave reviews.

The play, which the New York Times called "a brilliant, frightening, hilarious masterpiece" of musical theater, is being produced locally by Arizona On-Stage Productions. Tickets for the special Thursday, May 13 benefit performance at The Lab Theatre on the University of Arizona campus are \$30 each, or 4 for \$100. The reception begins at 7:00 p.m., with the show beginning at 8:00 p.m., and a party with the cast after the show.

Featuring local favorite Liz McMahon in the cast of 21, a live orchestra, great lighting, sound, and air-conditioning, Assassins has a running time of one hour, forty-five minutes with no intermission. This most American of musicals lays bare the lives of nine individuals who assassinated, or tried to assassinate, the President of the United States, in a historical staging that explores the dark side of the American experience. From John Wilkes Booth to Lee Harvey Oswald, composer Stephen Sondheim (Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods, A Little Night Music) and John Weidman bend the rules of time and space, taking us on a wild journey in which assassins and would-be assassins from different historical periods meet, interact, and become infamous.

The theater is located at the University of Arizona Theatre Arts Complex near the corner of Park and Speedway. Easily accessible parking is available at the Park Avenue Garage Visitor Lot (northeast corner of Park Avenue and Speedway). Fees are collected when you exit the garage. Patrons are strongly encouraged to park in this garage.

Walk from the southeast corner of the garage through the Speedway pedestrian underpass. Call (520) 299-6647 or (520) 270-3332 for tickets or for more information.

AIDS Candlelight Memorial May 16

TUCSON - On Sunday May 16, Tucson and Southern Arizona will join communities from all over the globe in celebration of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

The Tucson AIDS Candlelight Memorial will be held at Jacomé Plaza outside the entrance to Downtown Tucson-Pima Library on the corner of Stone and Pennington. We will gather just west of the huge red sculpture.

The event is based on these simple principles: to honor and remember the 28 million people lost to AIDS; to support the 42 million people living with HIV/AIDS. This year's theme is "Turning Remembrance into Action."

This family friendly celebration includes children's activities starting at 6pm with special memorial quilt viewing, an Interfaith Service, starting at 6:30pm, followed by a secular Candlelight Vigil at 7pm.

The Interfaith Service will consist of music, prayers and readings, while the Vigil will include music, guest speakers, a candle procession from Jacomé Plaza to El Presidio Park, and an opportunity for people to honor the memory of loved ones who have died of AIDS.

Families, friends and individuals are welcome to come for either one or both parts of the Memorial, and are encouraged to bring a picture or memento to add to the Remembrance table.

The event is sponsored by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and Wingspan.

For more information, call Mike at SAAF, (520) 628-7443, ext. 247.

Academy Of Pooches Award Winners Announced

TUCSON - The first annual Academy of Pooches Awards took place May 1 at the Yard Dog Saloon, recognizing the various performers of the dinner theater productions held semi-annually at the Dog Bowl, located out on the patio.

Organizers of the first award's ceremony said all the nominees did a wonderful job and should be proud of their efforts. They also expressed their thanks to the panel of judges convened: Gary Clark, Hilary Madrid and Rick Corley, as well as Ralph Geror, from the accounting firm of Spayed & Neutered, who kept the results a secret.

The winners were as follows:

Best Actor - Robery Pettit as Don Quixote, "The Quest." Best Actress - Jorge Reyna as Aldonza, "The Quest." Best Supporting Actor - David Yurick as the Innkeeper, "The Quest." Best Supporting Actress - James Curran as Kitty, "Hearts Are Wild." Best Song Presentation - Male, Thomas Leslie as Wade, "Hearts Are Wild." Best Song Presentation - Female, James Curran as Kitty, "Hearts Are Wild." Best Narrator - Alex Sanford, "Hearts Are Wild." Best Make Up - Gary Fowler as Rosie Renew, "Hearts Are Wild." Best Artistic Design - Dig Space, Gary Clark, "Hearts Are Wild." Best Show - "The Quest."

A special Achievement Award was presented to Ric Reyna for his many talents and Ray Gregg, owner of the Yard Dog Saloon, was presented a special "Visionary Award" for his inspiration and enthusiasm in bringing a new type of entertainment to the Tucson community. Gregg expressed his thanks to the community and patrons, "who keep our productions going."

Next up for the acting ensemble is "Bad Habits" which should be premiering this fall.

Wingspan Community Forum On Profiling June 1

TUCSON - Whether a homeless person seen as lazy and a drain on society, a Muslim suspected of being un-American, a Gay man assumed to be cruising for sex, or an African American woman denied a home loan, "profiling" is as American as apple pie.

Profiling is when those highest up in the power hierarchy make those outside that social group into the "other." This mechanism of power and control increasingly affects more and more of those further down the ladder.

Stereotypes that play on people's fears, morality, and prejudices allow profiling to continue without question.

In this community forum, we draw together speakers from various communities to address the "whys", the "whats," and the consequences of profiling.

If civil rights are high on your list of concerns, please join us for this important and interesting Community Forum, June 1, 6 to 8 p.m. at Wingspan's main office, 300 East Sixth Street.



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Whose God Do You Serve?

By Rev. Troy Perry

With his endorsement of an anti-Gay Constitutional amendment, President George Bush fired the opening shot in a new culture war. This new war — launched ironically by the President who promised to be a "uniter, not a divider" — has not only divided the larger culture, but has also created a divide between faith groups.

Fundamentalist and conservative religious groups have become the foot soldiers in this new culture war — a war in which LGBT families are the declared enemy.

How did this happen — after four decades of struggle, advancement, and activism for our civil rights? It's happened in part because the President has blurred the lines that separate church and state. (By the way, let me make a disclaimer: I am a strong believer in freedom of religion for LGBT people who wish to follow a spiritual path — and in freedom from religion for those who do not.)

The struggle for marriage equality is not new — but it is now more visible. In 1969, I performed the first same-sex church wedding in the U.S. at the predominantly Gay Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles. In 1970, MCC filed the first-ever suit against the State of California seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriages. In 1975, Metropolitan Community Church performed the first legal U.S. same-sex church wedding with a civil marriage license. In 2001, Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto filed the lawsuit that led to the legalization of same-sex marriage in

Canada. (My partner Phillip and I were proudly married under Canadian law in July 2003.) In February 2004, I filed suit against the County of Los Angeles seeking recognition of legal Canadian marriages and demanding the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples. This year in San Francisco, Albuquerque and Portland, MCC clergy have performed hundreds of same-sex weddings with civil marriage licenses. And every year, Metropolitan Community Churches across the U.S. perform more than 6000 same-sex weddings — marriages that are blessed by God, but still denied legal recognition by most governments.

Perhaps the most worrisome part of this debate is the President's repeated appeal to "protect the sanctity of marriage." "Sanctity" is word with a religious connotation; it means "holy or religiously sacred." How in heaven did the current government get involved in that?

Take for example the President's current favorite phrase "sanctity of marriage." It's time we were all asking just how much sanctity there is when the law allows straight couples to marry strangers on reality TV shows and permits couples to be married in drive-through chapels with Elvis impersonators? Want a real debate on the "sanctity of marriage"? How about discussion of a Britney Amendment?

There is a genuine societal threat that is far greater than any imagined threat to heterosexual marriage — and that's the current attempt by fundamentalist religious groups to impose their spiritual values on the LGBT communities and in the law.

I've wrestled with this question: What makes so many conservative religious leaders support the denial of our LGBT legal rights? As a religious leader who has worked for 35 years in the LGBT communities, let me suggest that such views may flow naturally from a flawed and negative view of God.

My longtime ministry with LGBT people reminds me that there is a deep well of spirituality in our communities. The oppression and rejection we've experienced from far too many faith groups has not killed our spirituality — for many of us it has served to deepen our faith and strengthen our spiritual lives.

The current culture war has only highlighted the stark and opposing views of God within our culture. And for people of faith, how one views God has a powerful impact on one's worldview.

Believe me, there is a strong correlation between believing that God is harsh, controlling and vengeful — and a worldview that wants to control people and impose its views on others. The Church did this to African-American people in defending slavery, only later to apologize and confess its sin. For centuries, many churches used the Bible to oppress women, only later to apologize and confess its sin. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people are still waiting for our apology and confession.

Many LGBT people of faith have discovered a very different God: a God of creation, love, diversity, joy and hope. Many of us have discovered a God of liberation through whom we integrate our

sexuality and our spirituality. This faith view is so profound and positive that many writers and researchers now refer to it specifically as "Queer Spirituality." Is it any wonder there is such a wellspring in our community to expand freedom and to enjoy the promise of liberty and justice?

As a Christian, the greatest irony is that conservative Christians are using references to Jesus in their anti-Gay rhetoric. But here's what they fail to tell you: Jesus never once mentioned or condemned homosexuality. Not once. Not anywhere. Somehow they left that bit of information out of the discussion. Is it any wonder that one of my favorite bumper stickers says, "Jesus, deliver us from your followers."

Here's what I do know: Jesus spent a lot of time talking about love — and that's something that's missing in both the rhetoric and actions of anti-Gay religious groups.

In my own faith tradition as a Christian, we celebrate Jesus as Love Incarnate. Love is the most noble expression of spirituality. Over the past 35 years, I've officiated at hundreds and hundreds of weddings for same-sex couples. Every year, Metropolitan Community Churches around the world perform more than 6000 Gay and Lesbian marriages. And this is my testimony: In each and every one of those weddings I have sensed the presence of Love Incarnate and witnessed the depth of love present in our community.

How odd — how perfectly odd —
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TUCSON - Students from the University of Arizona Family Studies and Human Development program are trying to recruit Gay and Lesbian couples to participate in an on-line study, which examines the relationship between positive and negative emotions and their impact on sexual and other aspects of relationships.

"We believe that this project will greatly add to the sparse body of research on daily processes in Gay and Lesbian relationship research. Although, we are recruiting both Gay and Lesbian couples, we have a greater shortage of male couples at the current time. To be able to make accurate statements about the relationship processes in both Gay and Lesbian couples we greatly need male couples to participate.

"This does not mean that we are no longer interested in recruiting participants in Lesbian relationships, however we have had more success in getting these couples to participate in the

past and, now need to focus on the recruitment of male couples."

In order to be eligible for this study, participants must currently be in a Gay or Lesbian relationship, and over the age of 18. Both partners must be willing to participate in the study, which requires about 25 minutes of time to fill out an initial questionnaire, then about 7-10 minutes per day for 14 days to fill out daily questionnaires.

At the end of the study, participants will receive \$20 per person (\$40 per couple) for their time and effort.

This project is approved by the U of A Human Subjects Committee, and the approval can be made available by request.

For more information, or to participate, email Desire2@email.arizona.edu or phone Brian at (520) 626-1199

**How To Speak Out Against
Discrimination, May 13**

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues is sponsoring an evening of inspiration and discussion on the theme of creating kindness in the face of hostility. Entitled "Making the World Safe: Standing up and Speaking Out as Diverse Allies," the event is offered in conjunction with the traveling exhibit from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, "The Hidden Holocaust."

It is free and open to the public, and will take place on May 13, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center 3800 E. River Road in the Heritage Room. The exhibit will be open for viewing.

How might we, as a society prevent something like the Holocaust from ever happening again? By standing up and speaking out against bigotry and discrimination not only when we are the victims, but as allies to other vulnerable minorities who are being targeted. The subtleties and complexities of becoming an ally will be explored in an interactive way.

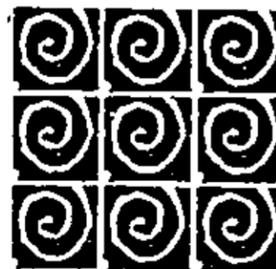
After an opening reception co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center and Tucson's chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), there will be a screening of a 23-minute video made by Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), which features Tucson GLBT and straight-ally youth speaking about their experiences in their schools and families.

Following the screening, speakers from diverse groups in our community,

including youth, adults and elders of different races, genders, religions, cultures and sexual orientations, will offer their stories of finding the courage to stand up to bigotry and speak out against discrimination. There will be an opportunity for comment and reflection among participants in facilitated, small-group discussions. Facilitators will include members of PFLAG, members of Tucson high schools' Gay-Straight Alliances and members of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues.

The moderator for the event will be Ernesto Portillo, Jr., Metro Columnist from the Arizona Daily Star. Speakers include Roslyn Miller, retired educator and political activist; Bill Spalding, social worker and civil rights activist; Matthew Sykora, 7th-grader, Pistor Middle School; Tre Vasquez, Transgender youth activist; Jon Watson, 11th-grader, Howenstine High Magnet School; and Jessica Weinberg, University of Arizona graduate student and peace activist

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Massachusetts Clerks Always Ignore 1913 Law

BOSTON - The 1913 law that will be used to prevent out-of-state same-sex couples from marrying in Massachusetts has not been enforced in decades because county clerks were directed to ignore it, reported the Boston Globe, and also reported by the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Enacted to avoid conducting interracial marriages for couples from the South, the law says that visiting couples may not marry in the Bay State if their marriage would be illegal in their own state. If they somehow evade this prohibition, the law says that their marriage will be "void."

According to the Boston Globe, the statute didn't simply fall into disuse. Instead, the state of Massachusetts proactively ordered town clerks to ignore it. This information makes the law's sudden revival more questionable.

The Department of Public Health has repeatedly issued memos and policy statements, instructing town clerks to avoid interrogating couples who are obtaining marriage licenses. In 1995, the Globe reports, a memo stated: "A clerk cannot and must not question the citizenship or legal status of a marriage applicant," adding that these officials should not "routinely ask for birth records or other proof of age."

The hands-off policy, dating back to the 1970s, was designed to cut down on paperwork, make life easier for the clerks and encourage marriage. It now stands in stark contrast to the rules and regulations announced by Gov. Mitt Romney (R) that will come into effect as Gay couples start

marrying on May 17.

Romney told the press that clerks will start requesting proof of residency for all couples, both Gay and straight. The even-handed application of the procedure is superfluous, since straight couples may marry regardless of where they live. But according to Romney's strict interpretation, the 1913 law means that no same-sex couples from anywhere in the country may avail themselves of legal marriage in Massachusetts.

However, some states, including New York, might well recognize a couple who returned home from a Boston wedding. In March, for example, New York's attorney general issued an informal opinion, concluding, among other things, that New York must recognize same-sex marriages conducted legally elsewhere.

On Thursday, April 29, Romney sent letters to his counterparts in the 49 other states, as well as to the 49 attorneys general around the country, asking the officials to confirm that same-sex marriage is not legal in their states.

According to the Globe, not every politician is inclined to cooperate. A spokesman for Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said Rendell doesn't think Romney has the right to interrogate other states. And an aide to New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid said that Madrid only responds to requests from New Mexico officials. As for New York's Eliot Spitzer, his office said the attorney general was reviewing the letter and had no comment as yet.

More Fortune 500 Firms Bar Anti-Gay Bias

WASHINGTON, D.C. - More Fortune 500 companies than ever before have adopted corporate nondiscrimination policies that include sexual orientation. A total of 389 of those companies, or 78 percent, now include the policies, according to Equality Forum, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

That's up from 323 companies in fall 2003, based on a list compiled by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

"It's always a good thing when a company adopts a nondiscrimination policy covering sexual orientation because there is no federal law protecting Gays and Lesbians from workplace discrimination," said Kim Mills, education director for HRC.

The new figures were released Wednesday, April 28 by the Equality Forum at its GLBT civil rights conference.

"Over the past five months, we received positive response from 66 (37 percent) of the 177 noncompliant Fortune 500 Companies," said Kevin Ray, treasurer of Equality Forum.

Federal Express, Goodyear Tire, JCPenney, PNC Financial Services, Tyson Food Corp. and Unocal are some of the companies that recently included sexual orientation in their workplace protections.

Organizations including HRC, the Equality Forum and the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce have been urging noncompliant companies to include anti-discrimination protections for Gay and Lesbian employees.

Mills told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that doing so "communicates to employees, consumers and investors that they are indeed welcoming companies."

A recent Gallup poll found that over 85 percent of Americans support including sexual orientation in workplace protections.

Meanwhile, with Massachusetts poised to allow same-sex couples to marry beginning May 17, some companies in that state are eliminating domestic partner benefits for Gay and Lesbian employees.

Employees at those companies who wish to keep their same-sex partners on their health insurance plans will be required to be married.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, one of the state's largest employers, and Babson College will drop domestic-partner benefits for residents of Massachusetts at the end of this year, according to the Associated Press.

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POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

'Except For Homosexuals'

America, land of the free, home of the brave, and justice for all, except for homosexuals:

whose relationships, and the subsequent 1,138 benefits afforded heterosexual couples, aren't fully recognized by government fully in any form; shouldn't be allowed parental, adoption (including second-parent) adoption rights; unable to serve openly in the military but can be asked whether they are a homosexual, especially at an educational institution that receives federal funding of any kind; and, for whom could be denied the rights to use the judicial branch of government to petition to redress their grievances and obtain their rights under the U.S. Constitution.

All this thanks to the GOP efforts on the national and local levels to enshrine us as second-class citizens in a country for which we have contributed by working, paying taxes, serving this nation in all capacities.

When you think it couldn't get any worse, now comes an epidemic of legislation being offered to deny health, medical and dental care for homosexuals and the Transgendered community.

First it was Michigan, with measures to protect hospitals and medical institutions and their "morals," and now add Rhode Island, Washington State, Vermont, West Virginia and Minnesota to the list.

If passed these bills would allow refusal of treatment for specific medical conditions that uniquely affect the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community, including hormone therapy for Transgender people and assisted reproduction for same-sex couples, or in other words, Social Darwinism thanks to the GOP and despite the oaths and declarations, Hippocratic and the Geneva Declaration (as they do in Arizona), doctors take before starting their practices and which read as follows, will be worthless:

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humankind at all times, but should I trespass and violate this Oath, may the reverse be my lot.

THE DECLARATION OF GENEVA

At the time of being admitted as a member of the medical profession:

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This is another epidemic the GLBT community should be aware of because it too will spread and will come to Arizona as well, if action is not taken to thwart this plague on society spread by hatred and stupidity.

Whose God Do You Serve?

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that fundamentalist Christians are actively working to destroy our LGBT expressions of love and our commitment to one another. Maybe they should give a bit more thought to those bracelets that read, "What would Jesus do?" And maybe they would benefit from a healthy dose of "Queer Spirituality."

In the current political debate, be reminded that distorted views of God invariably lead to the distortion of values and freedoms. It's time for the current presidential administration to stop worshipping the God of political expediency - and take a fresh look at the God of love and justice.

And if political leaders insist on bringing their spiritual views to the public dialogue, maybe it's time we began asking them: Whose God do you serve?

(The Rev. Troy Perry is the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church.)

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Domestic Partner Rights Begin July 1 In New Jersey

TRENTON - While some civil rights activists are calling for full marriage rights for same-sex couples, equal rights for Gay men and Lesbians are firmly, and quietly, taking hold in incremental steps in isolated states - like New Jersey, reported gfn.com.

Starting July 1, when the state's Domestic Partnership Act takes effect, domestic partners in the Garden State will have new, limited legal status available both to same-sex couples and to opposite-sex couples over age 62.

Rights include the ability for partners to make medical decisions for each other and to file joint state tax returns. The legislation will also allow Gay and Lesbian couples to visit each other in a hospital when, previously, only family or spouses would have been allowed in.

Passed by a sweeping 23-to-9 vote in January - senators took less than 15 minutes to reach a vote - their legislative findings recognized many individuals choose to live in "important personal, emotional and economic committed relationships with another individual," and that these relationships assist the state in promoting the "financial, physical and emotional health of their participants."

New Jersey's law makes it the fourth state to provide legal rights to Gay relationships. Vermont legalized civil unions in 1999, and California and Hawaii recognize domestic partnerships.

New Jersey's recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships is notable in part because few have taken much note of it, said Joanna Grossman, an associate professor of law at Hofstra Law School.

News of the law's passage wasn't even front-page news in major papers, observed Grossman. The New York Times barely noted it in the "Metro" section; the Washington Post, in its "Nation in Brief" column.

So why has the New Jersey law attracted so little fanfare?

"The answer is probably that protections for domestic partners are becoming commonplace enough that each incremental development is no longer earth-shattering news," Grossman wrote in FindLaw.com. "And the normalization of domestic partnerships is itself notable - the sign of a dramatic cultural sea change."

New Jersey Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg predicts New Jersey lawmakers will increase Gay rights "when people find out the state didn't fall apart" under the partnership law.

"I can't tell you what it means both emotionally and legally for my partner and I to be recognized in the eyes of the state."

Steven Goldstein, the New Jersey campaign manager for Lambda Legal, told reporters. "But those who thought the domestic-partnership law would be enough to assuage the Gay and Lesbian community are gravely mistaken."

While the law provides nowhere near the rights, privileges and protections afforded married couples, it will provide for the first time some basic rights and protections for how Gay partners can live as a family unit, such as naming a partner as a beneficiary in a will or retirement plan.

Same-sex partnerships granted in other states will be honored by New Jersey.

Though the New Jersey law does not offer a right of entitlement to support, or property sharing, when a relationship dissolves - there is no equivalent of alimony, or division of marital assets, for domestic partners - the new law provides grounds for termination of same-sex partnerships much like the state's grounds for divorce, such as adultery, desertion, cruelty, habitual drunkenness and voluntary separation for at least 18 months.

And although the law equalizes the treatment of domestic partners and spouses for inheritance tax purposes, it does not include a domestic partner in intestate succession. As the law is written, if one partner dies without a will, the other partner may still receive nothing at all; in contrast, a spouse would receive a large share of the estate.

For New Jersey residents to obtain domestic partnership status, couples will have to show they live together and provide proof of joint financial or property ownership.

Domestic partners will be able to register for partnership status at any municipal office in the state. To end a partnership, a divorce-like proceeding in Superior Court is required.

The 2000 U.S. Census reported 33,208 same-sex adults living together in New Jersey. It is unknown how many couples would register as domestic partners.

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SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Proud Libras are not usually hard charging petty bureaucrats but your job will make you feel like one this May. Consider the karma you create and give folks a reprieve from the rules. Who knows, this tactical retreat may create a new opportunity for you at work that ultimately brings you a promotion, a huge raise and high praise. Then again, maybe not.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

What you want conflicts with what you need. The planets have a way of giving you your medicine whether you like it or not this May. Gay Rams want to speak their mind to whoever, whenever but you are better off editing your chapter and verse. Even strong thoughts seep out and take on a life of their own. Perhaps you are better off letting your mind and hands wander aimlessly.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Queer Bulls are offered a delectable choice of sexual partners this May but must you pick and choose from your stable of friends to find them? Spur of the moment dalliances will have a price to pay so choose carefully and critically. The Grand Cross will firmly and forcibly show you who is who and what is what. Some folks like firm and forcible declarations, but many do not.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Are you finding that the ups and downs of your career begin to take on a rollercoaster pattern? No sooner do you feel you are on a new, enriching path than the Big Bad Wolf blows your ego down. Hang on tight throughout May. Gay Twin and don't let the professional ride impinge on partnerships. Count the days until Pride month when the heat is off in career and on in relationships.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

It is hard to soar with the eagles when the slugs keep pulling you down back to your desk. Pink Crabs are long overdue for a vacation and the temptation to escape is too great and yet you keep going and going and going. It's nice to feel important and needed, but it's also nice to pamper yourself every so often. All work and no play makes John and Jane tired and sweaty workhorses.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

If your love life is all heat and no fire this May continue to rub two sticks together and keep your sunnyside up. The Grand Cross seems to make any party the meet and greet event of the decade so get Out there. But don't bite off more than you can chew, tempting though it may be. Proud Lions should eat their sweets one at a time to avoid the appearance of gluttony.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgins will be forced to balance home and career this May as everything you want suddenly becomes within reach. What will you grab first? Consider moving to a larger residence or expanding your current space, now that you can really afford it. This comes none-too-soon; now that you are out of the closet there is no reason to continue to rent one.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Your creative endeavors can pay off this May so spread your wings and soar to new artistic heights. The juices flow and your inspiration knows no bounds. How wilde can you get Gay Scorp? Friends tempt you to try something or someone new. It appears that you can get into all sorts of mischief if you travel with the wrong crowd. Or could it be in fact the right crowd?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers can make their home a showplace and center of activity in May. Don't be surprised if you suddenly (and luckily) find yourself as the great Gay center of attention as paparazzi jostle to capture one of your winning smiles. But balance your privacy with your public persona. My advice: avoid sun bathing in the nude until your fifteen minutes of fame has passed.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Do you hear voices whispering and goading you to greater heights this May pink Caps? Listen to these muses carefully; they are telling you that it is no longer possible to walk the straight and narrow. Tell the world who you are, comrade, and don't take no for an answer. The Grand Cross takes your passion, opinion and karmic destiny to the Outer limits.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

May pushes you into a high maintenance, A-list crowd. Before you pay the membership fee, check your bank balance to see if you have money for a cab home. If not, Aquericians may find themselves waiting for the early bus, clutching their belongings and looking the worse for wear. Friendship is not always cheap and easy, although some of us prefer it that way.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies may be offered the career opportunity of a lifetime this May but at what personal cost? It will be an intense, all consuming position offering power, money and a potent mixture of concupance and revenge. It is all yours for the taking but why grab for that? Ultimately it does not fit with your spiritual, romantic and easygoing persona. At least that is the excuse you will give.



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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thom

The War

If you've been living on the moon for the last few years, Bob Woodward's new book, PLAN OF ATTACK, will strike you as a package of explosive revelations. For those of us who've been stuck here on earth, the new stuff in the book merely fills in the details of what we already knew.

Probably the biggest thing that has people all atwitter is the fact that Bush made up his mind to go to war before he was ready to publicly admit that he'd made up his mind to go to war. An American president playing it close to the vest. What a shocker!

The next biggest excitement comes perhaps from the fact that Secretary of State Powell doesn't have the policy clout of the VP or the secretary of defense. Again, neither unusual or surprising.

Something that's not causing excitement but may later is the dog that didn't bark. As Woodward puts it, "The WMP issue pulsed in the background for 10 months until Kay's resignation and declaration that they had all been wrong... But no one at the CIA was paying a price or being held accountable for what seemed to be a mistake, and Tenet was the one who had assured Bush that the case on WMD was 'a slam dunk.'"

The assumption has been and continues to be that Bush was the victim of rotten intelligence. If that's true, why does Tenet still have a job?

On the other hand, if Bush got bad intelligence not as a victim but as someone who actively solicited bad intelligence to justify what he wanted to do anyway, Tenet's right there on his Christmas list.

Consider the phrase "slam dunk." Is this the language of a dispassionate intelligence professional giving an unbiased analysis, or is it more like a cheerleader giving the audience what it wants to hear?

And does any of this really matter to the coming election? If we are guided by American history, perhaps it doesn't. President Lincoln got his country into a war that many of his countrymen thought could and should have been avoided or at least postponed. He then proceeded to commit what many considered to be an astonishing series of blunders as a wartime leader. It was generally held that he'd be defeated by the peace candidate running against him until, just before the election, the fall of Atlanta transformed him from an underdog into a favorite.

The lesson of Lincoln's re-election may be that the effect of a war on a president's chances can be narrowed to how the war is going immediately prior to the vote. Hard to imagine what could happen in Iraq that would be as dramatic as the fall of Atlanta, but the principle still seems worth remembering.

Another historical comparison, this one having no connection to Woodward's book, is the one occasionally made to Vietnam. Folks say the situation isn't as bad. I think it's worse. The Vietnamese just wanted to be left alone. It cost us nothing but our pride to leave. A hostile Iraq could train and export terrorists, disrupt world oil supplies, and militarily threaten Israel. We may be in a quagmire of historically novel proportions.

If all this isn't depressing enough, what about the possibility of Saddam coming back to power? I know, nobody's even talking about that. And that fact is exactly what's got me worried. He still has a political power base. People who hate him also know that he's an expert in providing stability. He's sure as hell a negotiator; ask the UN about that.

Let's say we hand over sovereignty and hand over Saddam. Let's imagine that things continue to be a mess. Saddam claims that he can deliver a degree of stability in a few key geographical areas. They let him out as long as he promises not to get involved in politics. Twenty minutes later he's back in a presidential palace looking none the worse for wear and his former jailors are hanging from meathooks.

No way! The Iraqis aren't going to make a deal with a war criminal, someone who's committed crimes against humanity! Didn't the US make deals with former Nazis after WWII to help set up the West German intelligence service? Didn't we do the same to get our rocket program off the ground?

Kerry is hoping that he can go to the UN as president to save the day in Iraq, but, even if he goes hat in hand, will the UN even attempt the task if things have already fallen apart?

The war is going to continue to be "interesting," terrifyingly so.

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Pulse Update By Jerry D.

Pulse held its first forum last Thursday. The open dialog dealt with the programs focus, as well as parties and the drugs. The forum was held at Wingspan, and media included clips from some current movies dealing with the party scene. Participants shared stories, and featured guests gave their point of view about the way they have partied, and plan to party in the future.

The next forum is slated for early June and will cover the club drug culture that has risen over the last few years. We will discuss the drugs, and why people take them. We hope you can attend this next chapter in the life of Pulse. Look in the future for updates regarding dates and location for this event. Pulse wants to know what the community thinks regarding the club drug scene, so please feel free to comment and contact us when you have an idea, thought, or just want to talk.

Our next party will be held in the middle of May. The location will be announced the day of the event. Pulse offers parties as a venue for those who are familiar with the club scene. At the same time though, Pulse is there to talk to you and inform you regarding club drug issues, concerns or questions. Our events give you a perfect opportunity to gain information, get answers, and be with others who feel as you do about parties.

We will leave you with a tip regarding parties. With the coming months, the weather in the Old Pueblo will just get warmer and warmer. Tucson offers some of the best weather for activity in the late

hours, but it can also take its toll if not monitored correctly. Hydration is key. When at the party, remember the body is giving up its liquids to keep you cool.

Most of our establishments offer a water cooler near a dance floor. Take advantage of it and drink plenty of water. Weather you are dancing, watching, or enjoying the party at your own pace, water is key for your body to stay in tune with the event. Proper hydration will be beneficial in keeping you cool, and keeping your body functioning correctly.

Pulse is here for you. Feel free to contact Jerry Diaz at (520) 624-1779. Let us know about your party experiences for our upcoming forums. Look for the Pulse gang in their baby blue t-shirts around the bars, and say hello. Take advantage of the forums and the party invitations as noted earlier. Above all, party safe!

Anti G/L Medical Bills Spread
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Association, has called the bill "clearly unethical."

The Human Rights Campaign joined with civil rights groups in Michigan to urge the Senate and Gov. Jennifer Granholm to defeat the measure.

"This bill violates every measure of medical ethics. If doctors want to discriminate in the delivery of health care, they should get out of the medical profession," said Sean Kosofsky, director of policy for the Triangle Foundation in Detroit.

"We hope the governor will veto any version of this bill."

In addition to allowing medical personnel to refuse to provide service the bill also allows health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to refuse to offer or provide a health care benefit. The bill also fails to require health care providers to give referrals to providers who offer services they refuse.

Jell-O Wrestling
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we were able to raise over \$4,300 through raffle sales. John Yarno was this year's winner of two round-trip travel passes on Southwest Airlines. Special thanks to Southwest for donating such a great prize!

"As always, we had a great group of loyal volunteers on the scene to help everything run smoothly. SAAF could not host such a great event without their help. Thanks to the staff and board of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation as well for their dedication. Special recognition goes to Angela Putman for her assistance with publicity materials. And of course, thanks to The Observer!

"To everyone who made this day so successful and enjoyable, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go out to you. It is with your love and support that great things happen to create and sustain a healthier community.

"Sincerely, Anne Maley
Executive Director"

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Jell-O Wrestling

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"Our resident Jell-O making experts again whipped together the 300 gallons of gelatin - this year in a dreamy shade of blue. Thank you to Dave Locke and his team of volunteers who, as always, made the Jell-O with awesome precision and efficiency. Thanks also go to La Cocina Restaurant, Tolteca Tlacuilo, and Wilde Rose Coffee Co. for donating the Jell-O.

"As many of you know, the Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza was among the events whose support from the City of Tucson was cut this year. We were disappointed to lose this support, but in its place, we were able to gather more community support instead! We were honored this year to receive event sponsorship contributions from Pete Peterson, Eric Cuestas-Thompson, Centra Realty, Tim Brown of Farmers Insurance, and the Arizona Chicken Cafe. Woody's and IBT's were title sponsors.

"The Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza has become a landmark in the community and would not exist without the dedication of the long-time committee of Eddie Gallego, Willie Gradillas, Dave Huff, Harry Lewis, Dave Locke, Natalie Perry, Frank Schepis, and Helga Wocherl. The Jell-O magic could not happen without them and we are so grateful to them.

"The Gay Men's Health Project hosted a tasty barbecue—thank you to all of them for working the hot grill all day long. GMHP was able to raise \$746 through this effort. GMHP also participated in making and serving up the tasty Jell-O treats to the crowd! Again thanks for all your help!

"We had a wonderful range of items to auction this year, and we want to express our appreciation for the businesses and individuals who donated so generously. We hope our community will help us thank them for their contributions by patronizing these businesses who donate such gifts; without them we simply could not be successful.

Through the efforts of many dedicated people,
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Special Bar Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

HOWL AT THE MOON - Celebrate Cinco De Mayo here with dance lessons from Amanda. Beginning 2-step, dance form and help with leading and following from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free Mexican Buffet from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$2.00 Mexican Beers all evening.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The "Divalicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday. Cinco De Mayo Party with \$2.50 Cuervo Margaritas.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 5-9

WOODY'S - Cinco de Mayo Beach Party Weekend begins Wednesday with \$2.50 Margarita's. Thursday, \$2.00 Long Island Ice Tea and Free Pool. Friday \$3.00 Blue Hawaiians and a Limbo Contest at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, \$3.00 Pina Colada and a Hula Hoop Contest at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Sarong Party - \$2.00 Long Beach Tea's. 9:00 p.m. s Best Sarong Contest.

VENTURE-N - Cinco De Mayo time again. Party - Party - Party with Corona and Cactus Juice specials all five days. On Wednesday, Margarita Special from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Then at 5:00 p.m. there's a Taco Bar by Charles. Celebrate Charles' Birthday. Piñata Bust at 9:00 p.m. Friday May 7 it's Bolanos from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The Bunny FuFu Show featuring "Drag Survivor". Join the rest of the audience in deciding which performer will be voted out of the dressing room! Hosted by Bunny FuFu joined by performers Janee Starr, Teri Akki and Veronica Halliwell.

YARD DOG - Breakfast served from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. \$3.00 donation for the Balboa Neighborhood Kids

SUNDAY, MAY 9 - MOTHER'S DAY

IBT'S - 11:00 A.M. Troy's Recovery Bar. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke with Michael D. 5:30 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust for Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo with Aja Simone and Lucinda Holiday. An event you will definitely want to bring mother to. 9:00 pm. Guest DJ Kevin Brown from Phoenix.

WOODY'S - Mother's Day Brunch 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.

YARD DOG - 4:00 P.M. Celebrate with Mom at 'Yo Mama's Tea Party'!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

IBT'S - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., a Celebration of Life for our friend Roger Sweet. Bring pictures and memories on the patio. 9:00 p.m. the Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Bunny FuFu, Crystal Abrams and Samantha White.

Non-Bar Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 5:30 p.m. Golden Corral, 715 E. Wetmore (1st & Wetmore). Remodeled & enlarged room. \$8.49 but For Seniors, 7.99 Steaks are offered.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

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

MONDAY, MAY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell @ Country Club.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

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

MONDAY, MAY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - Noon, Hidden Valley Inn, 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Rd.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 22

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

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. Guadalajara Grill, 1730 N. Prince Rd. (so. Side near Campbell)

Arts & Entertainment

NOW SHOWING THRU MAY 8

Gallery Four Ten's Spring Show features the art of Jonathan Bell, Bob Bergler, Joseph Birdsong, Michael Mahaffey, Thomas Rossi, Darin Schoeny and Richard Zelans. Gallery hours are from noon to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment. 410 E. Ft. Lowell. 520-740-1047

NOW SHOWING THRU MAY 16

The traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 on display at the Jewish Community Center at 3800 E. River Road.

MAY 8 AND 9

Ballet Tucson presents Cinderella with guest stars Gina Ribera and Harald Uwe Kern at Centennial Hall. Saturday performance at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. General admission \$20 - \$25. Students, seniors, groups \$17 - \$22. Call Centennial Hall Box Office 621-341

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Josh Groban on his "Closer Tour" will be appearing at the Casino Del Sol's Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. At the box office or through TicketMaster. You won't want to miss hearing the fantastic voice of young Josh.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

Comedian Louie Anderson performing at Desert Diamond Casino Diamond Center. Call 393-2799.

MONDAY, MAY 24

The Eagles, live in concert with their "Farewell 1" tour at the Tucson Convention Center 8:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold out surely. Tickets are available at TicketMaster or the TCC Box Office 520-321-1000.

MAY 26 - JUNE 6

Winner of the most Tony Awards in Broadway history - "The Producers" is coming to Tucson and tickets are now on sale. So get in line early and get yours to this sensational Mel Brooks musical that stars Bob Amaral and Andy Taylor in the leading roles. For ticket information call 621-3341.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Comedian Sinbad performing at Desert Diamond Casino Diamond Center. Call 393-2799.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

Comedian Rich Little performing at Desert Diamond Casino Diamond Center. Call 393-2799.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11am-6pm. Smirnoff Sunday \$2 Smirnoff drinks (Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Greyhound, Sea Breeze, etc.) Country music and dancing from 7-close.

IBT'S - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1. Benefit Bar-B-Que 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 - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament with Chad 5-7pm. Surf & Turf w/baked potato & salad \$6.99

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their velenary bits).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$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. 8pm

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special from 7 to close \$2 well run, 50¢ off call rums. Rockin' to Diddies Night.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. "Theme Dance Nite" with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. \$3 small pitchers. Pajama Party w/Sabrina in Lingerie

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Monday Nite Football. Free Hot Dogs. **WOODY'S** - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

Tuesday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. \$2 well tequilas. 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke 8-11:30pm with Catabaza Cabeza Karaoke.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Bare Chest Nite- Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. In House Karaoke **VENTURE-N** - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls it drink specials.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open at 5pm

Wednesday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special prices on draft beers from 7-close. Free pool all night. Country music & Dancing 7-close

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Karaoke w/Kimberly 8pm-Midnight. Shrimp Fry \$5.99

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear- fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chns 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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. \$2 Mexican beers all night. Chef's Special Tacos. Free Salsa lessons with Teresa 7:30-8:30pm. Dance & Salsa music from 8:30 to closing.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. HiNRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Latino Night.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry (Pot Matched) Special prices for players

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. 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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8 \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Beginner country dance lessons 7:30-8:30. Current and Classic Country from 8:30 to close. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30-close with 50¢ off all drinks

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GoGo Boys and Dance Party with DJ T.C. Wildman. 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Fish Fry \$5.99 all you can eat. Shrimp Fry \$5.99. R&B/Hip Hop/Super Disco 8:30 - close with DJ Shory

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 1-4pm. DJ 9pm to close

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm

Saturday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Pool Tournament 3pm (sign-up begins at 2) \$3 entry fee (pot matched) Current & Classic Country from 8:30 to close. DJ calls shot specials. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30-close with 50¢ off all drinks

IBT'S - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Steak Dinner with Fries and Salad \$5.99 5-8 p.m. Super Disco Dance Music 8:30 p.m. to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9-1

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi 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

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85710-6264. 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? GLIT 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 p.m. 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 (PT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 887-3743, leave name and phone number. Tucson@primetimers.org

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.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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.

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GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavencs, 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, Corona, AZ 85632.

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of 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.

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

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 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, 3902 N. Germamo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

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

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #163, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics 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.

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NOTICES

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

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7221.

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

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

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

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.

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. Dezzert Girls (MTE) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezzert Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagatmail

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Minto Stone, MSW, at 323-1171 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)531-6219 (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.tgsa softball.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.tucson.org write: LC, 7014 Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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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 793-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli at 325-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

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LIGHT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

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GLBT CHRISTIAN TELEVISION. Cathedral of Hope is on the air in your city and county cable connections via Access Tucson. Check it out. Sundays at NOON and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. on Channel 74 via Cox Cable and Comcast Cable. Cathedral of Hope is the largest GLBT church in the world and check out their website too www.cathedralofhope.com.

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EDITOR:

I am horrified and terrified that a package of bills was passed by the Michigan House that could allow health care providers to refuse treatment to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people based on "ethical, moral, or religious grounds."

When a government passes laws that single out, discriminate, and deny vulnerable people basic human rights such as equal access to employment, housing, and health care, everyone citizen of the United States should be alarmed. By passing intolerant laws, our government intentionally creates a second-class citizenry.

Last week marked the Tucson opening of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's touring exhibition, Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945, at the Tucson Jewish Community Center. The exhibit clearly demonstrates how the Nazi party slowly and methodically passed laws to deny basic human rights to vulnerable people—first those with mental and physical disabilities, then Communists, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, Homosexuals, and, of course, Jews. What began as seemingly innocuous laws laid the foundation for the systematic murder of over 6 million Jews, and over 5 million other vulnerable populations, by the Nazis.

We must stop the slippery slope of the eradication of basic civil rights for the

most vulnerable in our society. By allowing doctors to deny healthcare to LGBT people, Michigan has clearly not learned its history lessons. As George Santayana wrote: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Cathy Busha
Director of Programs
Wingspan

EDITOR:

I wish to thank everyone associated with the first annual Academy of Pooches Awards held May 1, at the Yard Dog Saloon. We had a great time and fun was had by all. Congratulations to all of the Winners, and special thank you to our production staff: Richard Villa, Technical Director; Jerry Diaz and Vic Elliott, Lights and Sound; Stephen George, Videographer; James Williams, Spotlight; and Ric and Jorge Reyna, Program. You made everything fantastic.

To all the presenters, you helped to make the night complete. It takes several, special people to put on a production like this. Thanks to Dig Space, Richard Villa and Ric Reyna for the beautiful set for the evening. Hollywood has nothing on you. And lastly, as mentioned in the article, to the community for your continued support and recognition of our efforts. The Tucson community is the greatest!

Ray Gregg, Producer
Dog Bowl Productions

Dollywood Gay Name Flap

KNOXVILLE - A Tennessee LGBT rights group and Dollywood, the theme park owned by singer Dolly Parton, are dueling over the name for this year's Gay Days at the park, reported 365Gay.com.

For the second year Gays and Lesbians will gather at the park for a day of partying. Last year about 1,000 people attended the first Gay Day. This year's event is scheduled for May 22nd and about 5,000 are expected.

But, Dollywood is balking at it being called "Gay Day at Dollywood".

A lawyer for the park has sent organizers of the event a letter telling them to remove the Dollywood name and logo from advertising material.

The event, like Gay Days at Disney World, is not officially sanctioned by the park and Dollywood says it doesn't want to give that impression.

Spokesperson Pete Owens tells the Tennessean newspaper that the park isn't trying to stop anyone from attending. He said the request was a standard one sent out to anyone in regard to trademark violations. Similar requests have gone out to about two dozen groups, such as tour operators and hotels, who have used the Dollywood name or logo without permission, he said.

But some Gay activists believe it is a "kneejerk" reaction to recent Gay developments in the state. Large numbers of Gays have demonstrated over a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, and Rhea County made headlines when it

passed legislation calling for the arrest of Gays.

The county later backed down and the first Pride day in the area is slated for May 8.

"People feel like there's a lot of hatred against the (Gay and Lesbian) community in Tennessee," Tri-Cities Pride began the event last year. This year, Executive Director Ryan Salyer told the paper.

Salyer said his group would continue to visit Dollywood.

"We just want to go to the park and just have a fun day to be had by all."

Organizers for Gay Day have complied with the park's request that the name and logos be removed from their website.

People going to the event are encouraged to wear red clothing and Owens says they will be welcomed at the park.

Dolly Parton is a Gay icon and has received accolades from Gay groups. She once told an interviewer that if she had been born a man, she would have had to have been a drag queen.



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