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Same-Sex Couples Marry In Massachusetts

BOSTON - Lesbian and Gay couples began exchanging marriage vows in Massachusetts on Monday, May 17, marking the first time a state has granted Gays and Lesbians the right to marry, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Amid much revelry tinged with a few protest messages on Monday, Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to permit Gays and Lesbians to legally wed.

Most of the state's 350 cities and towns decided to wait until morning, but Cambridge, a progressive city and home to Harvard University, got the ball rolling at 12:01 a.m.

With a crowd of 10,000 gathered outside City Hall, Marcia Hams, 57, of Cambridge, and her partner, Susan Shepherd, 52, were the first to obtain a marriage license.

"This is amazing," said Shepherd, who has been with Hams for 27 years. "You never thought this would ever happen, not in any amount of lifetimes you could think about."

The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ruled last November that Gays and Lesbians must be allowed to marry, and set May 17 as the date the ruling would take effect.

Many couples intended to ask judges to waive the three-day waiting period that is normally required between applying for a license and receiving one.

The historic day was hailed by many organizations that support GLBT rights.

"Massachusetts has begun a new chapter in civil rights history," said Anthony D. Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union

Some conservative groups condemned the new marriage rights, with the director of the anti-Gay Family Research Council (FRC) saying the country needs to adopt a constitutional amendment to make marriage legal only for heterosexual couples.

"The so-called 'Gay agenda' is far-reaching, and it encompasses much more than the fight for marriage rights," read a statement from FRC President Tony Perkins.

"Despite what the voices of intolerance are saying, the sky will not fall today. No marriage will be threatened today and no church or religious institution will be forced to do anything," countered Log Cabin Republicans Executive Director Patrick Guerriero.

Massachusetts joins three Canadian provinces, Belgium and the Netherlands as the only places where Gays can marry legally. San Francisco and a handful of other U.S. cities allowed Gays to marry earlier this year, but the legality of the marriages is being challenged in the courts.

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, the first same-sex couple to be married in California, issued a statement of congratulations to Gays and Lesbians in Massachusetts.

"We are thrilled for the couples who have fought so hard to achieve this remarkable victory for equality in Massachusetts," they said. "We are hopeful that our own ability to follow suit will soon be restored in California."

Sasha Hartmann, 29, received a marriage license in Cambridge with her partner Alex Fennell, 27. "It's real," she said, "but it's almost too good to be true."

Walsted Murder Trial Delay Sought By Defense

TUCSON - Attorneys for a man accused in a baseball bat slaying want his June trial moved to September because of an investigation into alleged white supremacist activities at the Pima County Jail, the Tucson Citizen reported.

David Augustine Higdon, 22, is set to stand trial June 8 for the death and robbery of Philip A. Walstead, 24. Walstead, who was Gay, was beaten with a baseball bat June 12, 2002, in what police labeled a hate crime. Higdon and four others - Clinton Michael Lucky, 23; Keith Royal Phillips, 26; Marshall Earl Thompson, 22; and Dennis Michael Levis, 21 - are each charged with 11 counts of participating in a criminal syndicate and making threats in connection with the jail investigation.

Higdon's attorney, Richard Parrish, said prosecutors have given him hundreds of documents relating to the white supremacist case.

"It is the state's theory that these materials contain confessions to murder and other acts that create a motive for the murder of Philip Walstead," Parrish wrote in a request to delay the trial.

Both sides need time to investigate the new information, Parrish wrote. Higdon told the Tucson Citizen that he is a separatist, not a white supremacist, and that his separatist views don't apply to Gays.

Parrish and prosecutors are in the midst of arguments over whether Pima County Superior Court Judge Frank Dawley should allow testimony and evidence about the white supremacist charges. In defending the evidence, Deputy County Attorney Elizabeth Hurley wrote: "Defendant is a skinhead ... a member of a white supremacist 'gang' that exists inside prison and jails and in our communities."

Hurley said Higdon admitted belonging to a white supremacist gang, his cell was filled with related literature and he ordered books on white supremacy that were intercepted. One inmate sent Higdon a birthday card that showed a man holding a bloody baseball bat in one hand with his other hand in a "Sieg Heil!" salute, Hurley wrote. Jail officials say, Hurley wrote, that white supremacists refer to "laces" as the way to get status in the gang and earning "red laces" is to shed the blood of another.

"The preferred method of shedding blood or earning your laces is with a baseball bat," such as Walstead's killing, Hurley wrote.

Among the evidence is a letter Higdon wrote to Thompson confessing involvement in multiple crimes, using codes, prosecutors said. "(I) have been a major factor in organizing not only a 22 on a wet back and 11 on another that was a complete blood bath, but countless others." Higdon allegedly wrote. The Arizona Criminal Code's Chapter 11 deals with homicide. The "22" may refer to a .22-caliber handgun, which is popular among criminals, police say.

Also complicating Higdon's July trial is that lead prosecutor Deputy County Attorney Teresa Godoy also is prosecuting Anthony Gay's death penalty trial, which is wrapping up after nearly two months.

Dawley is expected to rule on whether to move Higdon's trial and will hear more testimony about the alleged white supremacist evidence later this month.

Bush Denounces G/L Marriages

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President George W. Bush isn't sending bouquets to same-sex couples marrying in Massachusetts, the first state to legally endorse Gay unions, reported 365Gay.com.

In a statement released as the President was observing the 50th anniversary of the landmark civil rights ruling in Brown V The Topeka Board of Education Bush accused Congress of foot dragging in passing a constitutional amendment limiting the rights of Gays.

"I called on the Congress to pass, and to send to the states for ratification, an amendment to our Constitution defining and protecting marriage as a union of a man and a woman as husband and wife," the president's statement said.

"The need for that amendment is still urgent, and I repeat that call today."

"The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges," Bush said referring to the justices of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts which struck down that state's ban on Gay marriage.

Later, Bush praised the justices of the Supreme Court for their ruling in Brown which banned the concept of separate but equal in education. The case is considered the catalyst for all civil rights rulings which followed, and has been cited in numerous Gay rights cases. (story)

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Bid To Repeal New Mexico Gay Rights Law Derails

SANTA FE - New Mexico's Gay rights law is not subject to a referendum to repeal it, Attorney General Patricia Madrid said in a legal opinion that undermined an effort to force the issue onto the November general election ballot, reported the Associated Press.

A petition drive is under way to try to require a vote to annul the anti-discrimination protections enacted in 2003. However, the attorney general's opinion likely derails that effort unless a court rules otherwise. Lawmakers in 2003 amended the state's Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination in housing, employment and other areas based on sexual orientation or gender identity. It was amended this year to correct a flaw in the 2003 version.

Opponents have been gathering signatures to try to force the issue onto the ballot and give New Mexicans a chance to decide whether to repeal the Gay rights law. The state Constitution allows citizens to try to overturn a law passed by the Legislature

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AIDS Candlelight Memorial

TUCSON - About 180 people participated in the AIDS Candlelight Memorial. It began Sunday evening, May 16, downtown in Jácome Plaza outside the entrance to the Joel D. Valdez Main Library, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

The event featured a secular interfaith service with musicians including the Desert Voices chorus. Speakers shared their personal stories about how HIV and AIDS have affected their lives.

A candlelight vigil and procession to Presidio Park ended the memorial. Some drew the names of loved ones in chalk on the sidewalk. Others solemnly rang a bell in remembrance.

Organizers said the goals were simple: to honor and remember those who have died from and support those living with HIV and AIDS.

In the United States, 28 million people have died from AIDS. About 42 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.

In Arizona, about 9,700 people are living with HIV or AIDS. That includes roughly 1,800 people who have been diagnosed with the disease, according to the Pima County Health Department.

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation estimates that up to 7,000 people in Pima County are living with the disease and haven't been diagnosed.

Sunday's memorial was sponsored by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network and Wingspan.

UofA Study Needs Gay Male Couples

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 Desire2u@email.arizona.edu or phone Brian at (520) 626-1199

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 "why's", the "what's," and the consequences of profiling.

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

Special Cornerstone Meetings May 21-23

TUCSON - Cornerstone Christian Fellowship announces a series of special meetings with noted pastor, teacher, author and community member, Reverend Fred Pattison. Pastor Fred will be speaking Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, at the church, located at 2902 North Geronimo (the northeast corner of Geronimo and Laguna). Everyone, (This includes you), is welcome to attend.

Pastor Fred will be speaking on "There's that Four Letter Word, Again" Friday Evening at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday at 7:00 p.m., his message will be "A Day That Changed America".
This special weekend will end Sunday, May 23rd as Pastor Fred addresses the timely question, "Did the Religious Guy Get It?", at 10:30 a.m.

Gifted musician, worship leader and community member Bryon Wiley will accompany Fred on Saturday and Sunday.

Pastor Fred is former pastor of Faith Baptist Church of Tucson and retired as pastor of Casa de Cristo, a nondenominational church for the community in Phoenix. Fred founded, and currently staffs, Olive Tree Ministries and Strawberry Mountain Views in an effort to support Christians in our community, and is overseeing the establishment and growth of Olive Tree Christian Fellowship in Phoenix as Presbyter-Shepherd.

Bryon Wiley is a gifted musician. He attended Moody Bible Institute as a Music major. He is the former Minister of Praise and Worship at Casa de Cristo, and is currently the worship leader at Olive Tree Christian Fellowship in Phoenix.

For more information please feel free to call at (520) 622-4626.

Same-Sex Marriage Becomes An Election Issue In France

PARIS - France's same-sex marriage debate gathered steam on Wednesday, May 12, as opposition plans to seek a law allowing same-sex matrimony turned the question into a campaign issue for next month's European Parliament elections.

Socialist and Greens party leaders competed with each other over whether to introduce the bill next month or in September, while members of the governing conservative UMP party expressed reservations or outright rejection. France approved civil unions for all couples in 2000, but these arrangements do not come with the usual rights of marriage such as adoption rights, and the tax advantages are still less than that for married heterosexual couples.

Greens leader Noel Mamere launched the debate last month when he said he would marry two Gay men in June in his capacity as mayor of a town near Bordeaux. President Jacques Chirac has predicted that parliament would not approve any such reform. A recent survey by Elle magazine indicated 64% of the French are in favor of same-sex marriages, while 49% said they would also approve of Gay couples adopting children. And Mariette Sineau, political scientist at the Sciences Po Institute in Paris, said the Gay marriage debate could push the ruling right-wing party further into the "old-fashioned" camp in the eyes of many young voters. She said it could also help far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen in the European elections: "He could claim that he is the only one defending traditional French values."

Analysts said the initiative could prove useful for the Socialists, who are keen to repeat the success they scored in regional elections in March, routing the government of Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin as voters protested against economic reforms and high unemployment. But it also revealed divisions within their party. Two prominent women Socialists expressed reservations about allowing Gays to adopt children. "We see a bit of an Americanization of French politics, with this new focus on minority groups," said Paul Bacot, political scientist at the Lyon Sciences Po Institute: "It can benefit the Socialists to win over the Gay minority. Participation in the European elections is set to be much less than in national or regional elections, and minority groups tend to be more mobilized to actually cast their vote."

Elisabeth Guigou, who as justice minister in the last left-wing government steered the civil unions bill through parliament, warned against using the issue in the campaign and expressed serious doubts about adoption. "We have to think about the child's interest," she told Europe 1 radio. "A child needs a father and a mother." Segolene Royal, a mother of four and one of the most popular Socialist leaders, said it was "neither homophobic nor reactionary" to have doubts about Gay marriage and argued that strong traditional families are good for children. "If this is about improving civil unions to ensure equal rights, I'm for it," she said of her party's initiative. "But if this just confuses things and unjustifiably provokes family and religious feelings, then I'm not."

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G/L Marriages Protested, Praised & Discussed In Arizona

PHOENIX - Protesters of all ages stood in the Arizona sun Monday, May 17, to rally against same-sex marriages. The Capitol Police Department estimated the crowd at 2,000 to 2,500, reported the Tucson Citizen.

They made their statement on the first day Gays and Lesbians were permitted to marry in Massachusetts.

Protesters also voiced their concerns about the likelihood of same-sex marriage in Arizona.

They wore white shirts that stood "for the purity of marriage," according to one organizer of the march at the state Capitol.

The hour long rally was organized by the Center for Arizona Policy, a conservative lobbying group that has taken a stand against same-sex marriage.

"This redefinition (of marriage) was not sought for or voted for by the people of Massachusetts or the people of Arizona or the people of the United States of America," said Len Munsil, president of the Center for Arizona Policy. "This redefinition has been imposed upon us by four unelected lawyers in black robes in Massachusetts."

Gays and Lesbians by the dozens exchanged vows and were pronounced "partners for life" on Monday, May 17, as Massachusetts became the first state to let same-sex couples marry. The nuptials ranged from quick city hall ceremonies to ornate weddings in downtown Boston churches. Few countries allow same-sex couples to marry. They include the Netherlands, Belgium and three Canadian provinces, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

Only a few protesters bothered to show up in Massachusetts, but some conservative leaders expressed outrage and President Bush renewed his call for Congress to pass a constitutional amendment banning Gay marriages nationwide.

In Tucson, the Arizona Daily Star reported that the voices against same-sex marriage were barely audible Monday, May 17 during a local interfaith discussion that coincided with the first day in U.S. history that Gay couples were allowed to legally marry.

Four local religious leaders had been scheduled to be part of a panel talk with Christian ethicist Marvin Ellison, but Islamic representative Na'eem abdul Wali was a no-show and Monsignor Tom Cahalane of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson kept his comments brief. Islam and Roman Catholicism do not approve of homosexual relations.

The noontime discussion was held for an audience of about 100 at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Midtown at the same time that Gays and Lesbians were for the first time legally tying the knot in Massachusetts. Ellison, who spoke as a guest of the new ecumenical "sexual justice" group Desert Welcome, gave a second talk Monday night at Rincon Congregational Church.

Cahalane presented what he called the "Catholic traditional view" that the Bible says God wants man and woman to be fruitful and multiply, that the union planned by the creator for a man and a woman is marriage, and "what God has united, man must not divide." But Cahalane was brief in his comments compared with the other panelists, and said he did not have anything to add during a question-and-answer period.

The other two panelists offered views supportive of Gay marriage. Rabbi Tom Louchheim of the Reform Congregation Or Chadash questioned the Old Testament references that some readers believe condemn homosexuality. And the Rev. Susan Anderson-Smith, the associate rector of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, said she would like to be able to legally marry her female partner.

The Reform Jewish Central Conference of American Rabbis voted in 2000 to give Reform Jewish rabbis the option of presiding at Gay commitment ceremonies. Orthodox rabbis denounced the decision, saying same-sex partnerships are contrary to Jewish teaching. Conservative rabbis are reconsidering their policy of not blessing same-sex unions.

Churches in a majority of Episcopal dioceses in the United States bless the commitments of monogamous same-sex couples. In Arizona, same-sex blessings are at the discretion of individual Episcopal churches, but Episcopals as a group, who are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, continue to debate homosexuality.

Four Arizona ministers vowed to continue battling for Gay rights Tuesday, May 18 after Maricopa County officials refused to legalize dozens of Gay marriages the clerics performed during the weekend, reported the Associated Press

The ministers' appeal to the county was the culmination of a three-day offensive against the state's ban on same-sex unions. The group's leader said the efforts could lay the groundwork for a new challenge to Arizona's ban on Gay marriage.

The ministers, along with more than 100 Gay couples and Gay rights supporters, marched from Patriots Square Park to the county court building in downtown Phoenix, holding up traffic for a few minutes. They waved signs and sang "We Shall Overcome."

After the ministers walked into the court building, county spokeswoman Cari Gerchick told them the 41 marriages they performed Saturday, May 15 were illegal and the county would not recognize them.

The ministers challenged Gerchick to arrest them but she said it wasn't her place to do that, said the Rev. Brad Wishon, organizer of the march and pastor of Phoenix's Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church. The church was founded primarily by the Gay community.

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AROUND THE GAY WORLD.....

Egyptians Protest 'Homosexual American Executioners'

CAIRO - Egyptian demonstrators in Cairo and Tehran on Wednesday, May 12, condemned abuse of Iraqi detainees by U.S. soldiers, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

In Cairo the protesters--most of the women were veiled and the men bearded, as is typical of Islamists--were surrounded by about 300 riot police. A white sheet draped in front of the gathering read, "Bring to justice the homosexual American executioners, their agents the traitors, their followers the enemies." They demanded that the U.S. ambassador be kicked out and that soldiers involved be brought to justice. "Tell the pigs' ambassador to leave the land of the Nile," about 50 Egyptian lawyers and journalists chanted, referring to U.S. ambassador David C. Welch.

Graphic images of naked prisoners piled on top of each other while smiling soldiers posed behind them and of inmates being forced to simulate sex acts and being terrorized by guard dogs turned long-standing abuse accusations into an international scandal. They also fed anti-American sentiment in the region. In Baghdad on Wednesday, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt announced that two more American soldiers have been ordered to stand trial on abuse charges, though no dates for the court-martials have been set. Another soldier's court-martial is May 19.

Mustafa Bakri, editor of the Al-Osboa weekly, one of three papers criticized by the U.S. Embassy for publishing fake photographs of American soldiers raping Iraqi women, warned those gathered that Egyptians too could one day be the target of U.S. humiliation and abuse. "Those Gays forced our brothers in Iraq to practice homosexuality and filmed them. If we remain silent, we will be next," Bakri said.

In downtown Tehran, meanwhile, dozens of students in front of the British Embassy demonstrated against alleged abuse by American and British soldiers. The young men and women, wearing yellow headbands with "Jerusalem, we are coming" written on them, chanted for the closure of the "British espionage house"--a reference to the British Embassy. The U.S. Embassy has been closed for more than 20 years, due to there being relations between the U.S. and Iran.

Gays Attacked At Palestinian Protest

LONDON - Members of two British Gay rights groups were attacked when they attempted to participate in a demonstration for Palestinian rights, reported 365Gay.com.

OutRage and Queer Youth Alliance went to the protest march at Trafalgar Square to show their support for people of Palestine. But they also urged the Palestinian Authority to halt the arrest, torture and murder of homosexuals.

As soon as they arrived at the square members of the two groups were surrounded by an angry, screaming mob of Islamic fundamentalists, Anglican clergymen, members of the Socialist Workers Party, the Stop the War Coalition, and officials from the protest organizers, the Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC).

They variously attacked the Gay activists as "racists", "Zionists", "CIA and MI5 agents", "supporters of the Sharon government" and accused the Gays of "dividing the Free Palestine movement".

PSC organizers asked the Gay activists to "stand at the back of the demonstration", and when they refused blocked their placards with their own banners and shouted down the Gay campaigners as they tried to speak to journalists and other protesters.

Most people at the Palestine protest expressed no hostility towards OutRage! and the Queer Youth Alliance. Some expressed positive support.

In the end, the Gay groups were allowed to march in the demonstration. The two groups carried placards reading: "Israel: stop persecuting Palestine! Palestine: stop persecuting queers!"

"We call on the PLO and Palestinian Authority to condemn homophobia, uphold queer human rights, and to order an immediate end to the abuse of Lesbian and Gay Palestinians", said OutRage! protester, Brett Lock.

"Having experienced the pain of homophobia, we deplore the suffering inflicted on Palestinians by the Israeli government".

Another protester, Peter Tatchell, said: "Gay Palestinians live in fear of arrest, detention without trial, torture and execution at the hands of Palestinian police and security services. They also risk abduction and so-called honor killing by vengeful family members and vigilante mobs, as well as punishment beatings and murder by Palestinian political groups such as Hamas and Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement".

Singapore Bank Courts G/L Consumers

SINGAPORE - A state-linked bank in conservative Singapore said it's thinking about launching a credit card targeted at the affluent, trendy Gay community despite official disapproval of Gay sex acts in this tightly controlled country.

"If the market is big enough, we will consider" launching a credit card aimed at the Gay market, DBS Bank's head of consumer banking, Edmund Koh, said on Thursday. He didn't say how the card would be specifically pitched to a Gay clientele. The Singapore government's investment arm, Temasek Holdings, owns 28.8% of DBS.

Gay sex is punishable by up to two years in jail, although this is rarely enforced. But the government recently refused to let the country's largest Gay rights group register as a society. Still, several mainstream Singaporean businesses have begun chasing the so-called "pink dollar" and are pitching their services and products--even condominiums--to Gay and Lesbian customers in this wealthy island nation of 4 million people. The government balks at dropping laws against Gay sex, saying that would officially legitimize them. However, Singaporeans are largely tolerant of the country's Gay and Lesbian communities. Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong said last year that his administration would hire openly Gay people.

Two Moms Who Started Marriage Action, To Wed

BOSTON - Julie Goodridge does not consider herself an icon in the Gay civil rights movement. But her name, shared with her partner, Hillary, will go down in history as the lead plaintiff in the case that opened marriage to Lesbian and Gay couples in Massachusetts -- and touched off a national firestorm, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

She and her partner plan to apply on Monday, May 17, for a waiver of the state's three-day waiting period between applying for a marriage license and receiving one, given that they've been together for 17 years and have an 8-year-old child.

They feel confident, she said, "that marriage is going to give us a level of stability that we wouldn't be able to have. For us, and for our daughter, Annie, it is absolutely imperative that we get married."

It's been a long journey for Goodridge, 47, who as a student coming out at Dartmouth College in the 1970s saw herself as a Lesbian separatist. She opposed traditional institutions and recalled shouting at a political rally when she was 20, "Marriage is a patriarchal institution!"

Goodridge and her partner, Hillary, 48, have mutual powers of attorney, trusts, wills and health care proxies, and they chose to share Hillary's mother's maiden name of Goodridge before Annie was born to make things easier. These things helped. But none of them, she said, "gives us a legal relationship to one another. ... It didn't help when Hillary had to get into the recovery room to see me after my C-section, and it didn't help when Hillary tried to get in to see Annie when she was in neonatal intensive care."

So by March 2001, they concluded that marriage was essential because of those problems they faced when Annie was born. They sought help from the Gay and Lesbian Legal Defenders and their lead attorney, Mary Bonauto, beginning a journey that made history with the case Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health.

The issue, Julie Goodridge said in a telephone interview, came into stark focus when Annie, at age 4, told them: "If you loved each other, you'd be married."

Goodridge has watched with mixed emotions as the political fight has played out in Massachusetts as a result of their legal victory last November before the state's high court.

Goodridge spurns war metaphors, considering the same-sex marriage issue not a battle, but a "really important conversation among a lot of people, Gay and straight, the very conservatively religious and the more open minded."

She said she felt honored watching the Massachusetts constitutional convention debate an amendment that would ban same-sex marriages in the state. It passed, but must pass one more time and go before a vote of the people in 2006 at the earliest before it is approved.

"Both Hillary and I spent most of the days watching every single speaker talk about what our marriage would mean for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Goodridge said. "It's a challenging issue for a lot of people. There's a learning curve on this, just like there is on any issue that people don't necessarily come across in their day-to-day lives."

She said she saw state representatives "who were born and bred Catholic, whose family members are first- or second-generation immigrant, struggle on Beacon Hill and come to realize this is an issue of equality and civil rights, regardless of what their personal religious beliefs are. And I'll tell you, it brings tears to my eyes every time I see somebody go through that process."

Goodridge works full time as president and founder of NorthStar Asset Management, an investment advisory firm specializing in socially responsible investing. Hillary Goodridge is program director of the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program.

Massachusetts will not amend their marriage away, she predicted.

"I'm not worried," Julie Goodridge said. "It would be nice if we could get married without a little bit of a black cloud hanging over our heads, but I know that just like the justices did the right thing, I know that the people of Massachusetts will do the right thing."

She said she and her partner will go to Boston City Hall on Monday with their blood tests, apply for a license, stand in line for a waiver, "and hopefully by 2 p.m. be at 25 Beacon Street at the Unitarian Universalist Association headquarters, because they offered us a place to get married, and we're going to have a very simple, civil ceremony there."

COMMENTARY

President Bush's Hypocrisy

By Matt Foreman

Today (May 17), President Bush sullied the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education by renewing his support for amending the U.S. Constitution to enshrine discrimination against a minority.

On a day in which we celebrate the role of the independent judiciary in American democracy, the President said, "The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges."

I say, Mr. President, you would not be living in the White House but for a "few activist judges."

Likewise, without an independent judiciary, segregation would still be the law of many states, abortion and interracial marriages would still be illegal, and indigent persons accused of crime would have no have right to legal counsel.

Fortunately, the President's proposed amendment is dead on arrival in the U.S. Senate and he knows it.

The only reason for this renewed call for Congress to act is to continue to use the lives of committed same-sex couples to divide America for partisan gain.

[Matt Foreman is the Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.]

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POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

'Political Potpourri'

During a commemoration in Topeka, Kansas, on the fiftieth anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, the court case that ruled that discrimination in the guise of "separate but equal" was a violation of the U.S. Constitution thanks to a majority of "activist" judges on the U.S. Supreme Court, Dubya praised the Court for their decision and then called for codification of discrimination in the U.S. Constitution with the passage of the Federal Marriage Amendment to stop activist judges on the courts across the nation from doing was done with the Brown ruling.

This country is being run by a Dick, a Bush, some Rice, a Colon, a "Lying Hole" and it's time for a change and getting "out" from under the "lying covers!" During the 2000 campaign, Dubya said he was a "uniter not a divider," and that waste of protoplasm was correct on this. People who believe in truth, justice, freedom and equality are united in their efforts to oust the "Occupier, Liar and Thief!" ...

In Washington, D.C., May 14, Senator John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President, met with leaders of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) organizations and supportive groups, including: Federal GLOBE, HRC, LLEGO, Lambda Legal, the G/L Victory Fund, Emily's List, GLSEN, AIDS Alliance for Children, Pride at Work - AFL/CIO.

"I found today's meeting to be an incredibly valuable dialogue. These people have made significant contributions to this country on a whole host of issues such as civil rights and HIV/AIDS," Senator Kerry said.

During a press conference, held after the meeting, Mary Breslauer, the National GLBT Co-Chair for John Kerry for President, said that the campaign is starting their outreach program to GLBT voters, with an emphasis on "Pride" and planning events for the upcoming general election campaign. ...

As we all know, on Monday, May 17, the fiftieth anniversary of the end of "separate but equal," thousands of Gay and Lesbian couples began marrying in Massachusetts, the first state in the U.S. to recognize such unions as equal.

A beach head on this important issue has been established and Gays and Lesbians, not just in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but across the country should be celebrating and working to protect this terrific gain in rights that was made by making a donation to dontamend.com, the organization formed to fight the proposed state constitutional amendment that would roll back these rights ...

Protests in the Bay State May 17 were few but on the other hand, 2,000 people rallied at the Arizona Legislature in Phoenix urging passage of HCM 2004, the discriminatory postcard putting Arizona on record, supporting the Federal Marriage Amendment.

State Senator Mark Anderson, R-Mesa, said he was going to try again to resurrect HCM 2004, during the ending May 21, which is fine but Anderson needs 16 votes for passage on HCM 2004, awaiting a third reading in the state Senate.

After HCM 2004 was hotly debated in March, during a Committee of the Whole hearing, the measure was approved by a vote of 15-10. Five senators, who weren't present, have publicly expressed their opposition to HCM 2004, and as of press time, a vote has not been scheduled. Call your Senators, (800) 352-8404, or go online to azleg.state.az.us and send an E-mail, letting them to know your opposition to the postcard. ...

Rumor has it that the Phoenix G/L political glitterati may delve into Pima County politics and support an alleged candidate who would run against state Representative Tom Prezelski for the Democratic nomination in Legislative District 29. Excuse me but when a group can get people elected in their home area is looking elsewhere for political mischief, they should be tending to their own homo affairs?

Prezelski, appointed to the Legislature, has been a solid supporter of our issues, signing on to both hate crimes bills (H.B. 2630 and S.B. 1223), as well as Arizona ENDA (HB 2415), naming three of the several progressive measures that have been introduced. Prezelski was there at the Presidential Candidate's Forum held in Tucson in January, as well as speaking at the Freedom to Marry event held in downtown Tucson, unlike certain other Gay elected state Representatives and Senators who weren't present for such events held in Phoenix.

Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered, and those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS should be thankful for Prezelski and support him again for a full term in the Arizona Legislature.

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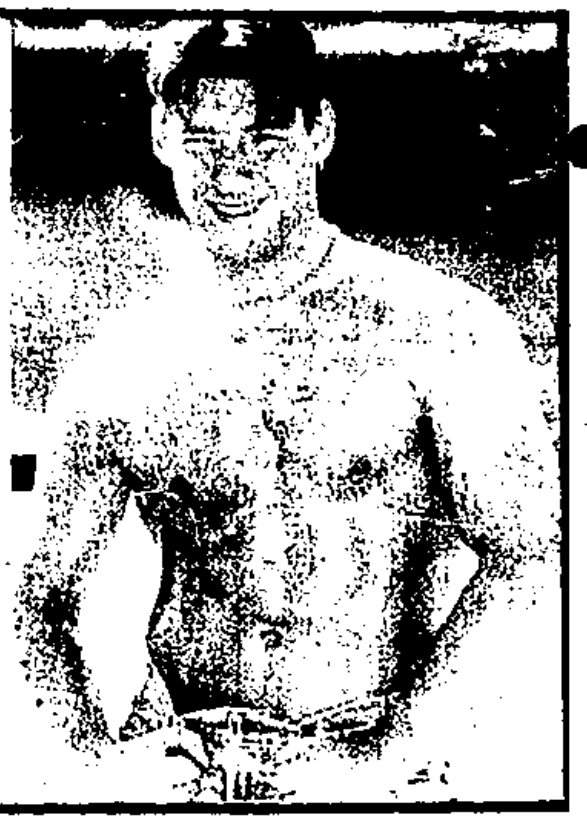

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BOSTON - The road to marriage equality for same-sex couples has been long and treacherous, and even with the landmark Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling the journey is not over, reported 365Gay.com

For millions of Gay ad Lesbian couples around the country marriage remains just a dream. And, even for those couples who wed in Massachusetts their marriages are not recognized by the federal government or 49 other states. In addition there remains the looming threat of a constitutional amendment in Massachusetts that would turn those marriages into civil unions.

Nevertheless it's significance cannot be discounted.

The road to marriage arguably began with a court case that had nothing to do with Gays but with African American civil rights. The case was Brown v Topeka Board of Education in 1954.

The Supreme Court ruled that the US Constitution guarantees equality for all and that state-sponsored racial segregation is indefensible.

The ruling provided the legal underpinning for much of what followed in the civil rights era.

It was handed down by the court on May 17, 1954 and when same-sex couples in Massachusetts file for marriage licenses they do so on the 50th anniversary of the ruling.

The other case that paved the way for Gay marriage was another landmark decision by the US Supreme Court. The US Supreme Court on June 26, 2003 declared the state of Texas law banning sodomy by Gays was unconstitutional.

The Long Road To G/L Marriage

In its ruling the majority found that Gays and Lesbians are entitled to equal protection under the Constitution.

For the Massachusetts couples who challenged Massachusetts ban on same-sex marriage the court battles began more than three years ago.

April 11, 2001 - Seven same-sex couples, denied marriage licenses, sue in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston to challenge the state's Gay marriage ban.

May 8, 2002 - Suffolk Superior Court judge rules against granting marriage licenses to seven Gay couples, saying the legality of same-sex marriage should be decided by the Legislature, not the courts.

July 17, 2002 - Lawmakers adjourn constitutional convention without taking a vote on amendment that would have banned Gay marriage in the state. The amendment was initiated by a petition signed by 130,000 citizens.

March 4, 2003 - The state Supreme Judicial Court hears arguments in case brought by the seven Gay couples to legalize same-sex marriage.

Nov. 18, 2003 - The SJC rules it was unconstitutional to bar Gay couples from marriage, and gives the Legislature 180 days to come up with a solution to allow Gays to wed. President Bush criticizes the decision and vows to work with Congress to "defend the sanctity of marriage."

Nov. 29, 2003 - The state's four Catholic bishops called the SJC decision a "national tragedy" in a letter read at Sunday Masses across the state.

Dec. 11, 2003 - The Massachusetts Senate votes to ask the SJC if Vermont-style civil unions would satisfy the court's decision legalizing Gay marriage.

Dec. 28, 2003 - Pope John Paul II calls for greater defense of the institution of marriage between man and woman, saying a "misunderstood sense of rights" was altering it.

Feb. 3 - Massachusetts' House delegation sends state lawmakers a letter urging them to defeat a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Feb. 4 - The SJC clarifies its earlier ruling, saying only full, equal marriage rights for Gay couples - rather than civil unions - are constitutional.

Feb. 11 - Massachusetts Legislature opens constitutional convention with debate on a proposed constitutional ban on Gay marriage.

Feb. 12 - Lawmakers adjourn convention deadlocked, after failing to pass three separate proposed bans on same-sex marriage.

March 11 - Lawmakers recess constitutional convention, but come steps closer to passing a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban Gay marriage and allow for civil unions. Legislators agree to reconvene on March 29.

March 29 - State Legislature approves proposed constitutional amendment that would ban Gay marriage but legalize Vermont-style civil unions.

May 17 - Same-sex weddings begin across Massachusetts.

G/L Weddings Cash Cow For Businesses

BOSTON - Florists, limousine companies, caterers, and hotels were all rubbing their hands with glee Monday, May 17, as same-sex couples headed off to town halls across Massachusetts for marriage licenses.

As the first legal Gay marriages in America began the wedding industry saw the world through pink colored glasses.

"It isn't as big as Mother's Day, but it's sure busier than any Monday I can remember," said florist John O'Neil as he prepared a bouquet to be used at a wedding later today. "I have orders coming in for church weddings and receptions for the next week."

Boston's Ritz Carlton, Marriott, and Four Seasons hotels all have bookings for same-sex wedding receptions. The Ritz, overlooking the Public Garden is particularly popular because couples can have their pictures taken in the park. Even the stately and some would say stogy Harvard Club is getting ready for a reception.

A desk clerk at the Copley Plaza hotel said few hotels in the city were expecting much business in room rentals, blaming Gov. Mitt Romney for telling out-of-state couples they could not marry in Massachusetts.

In Provincetown, which is ignoring Romney's direction not to grant marriage licenses couples not from Massachusetts, hotels reported an increase in bookings after the first marriage licenses

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Fox To Launch New Gay Reality TV Show

LOS ANGELES - The Fox network has announced it is airing a two-hour reality special in which straight men will try to convince people they are Gay, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The special, which is scheduled to air June 7, is titled "Seriously, Dude, I'm Gay." It follows two straight men competing for $50,000 who get separate apartments in West Hollywood, Calif., with Gay roommates, come out to their surprised families and go on blind dates with men.

Although it had yet to see the show, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) raised questions over the show after receiving an objectionable press release Thursday, May 13, from Fox.

The press release described how the men would be immersed in "the Gay lifestyle" and be judged by a "jury of their queers" who would then decide who should get the prize money.

"The press release sets a tone that clearly raises flags around stereotypes," GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Stephen Macias told the PlanetOut Network. "especially when the humor clearly has the potential to translate into physical or mental harm for the GLBT community."

Macias explained that Fox sent out a second press release, saying that the first press release's "ill-attempt of humor was unfortunate." According to Macias, GLAAD has asked Fox to provide them with a copy of the special to review.

The show also raises programming questions for Fox, which earlier this year aired "Playing It Straight," in which a straight woman had to guess if the men she was dating were Gay or not. The show was panned by critics and quickly pulled off the air because of low ratings.

"I'm surprised that Fox is doing Hollywood-based TV consulting and development tracking service. "They didn't even finish that series."

But despite the ratings failure of "Playing It Straight," Hoebich argued that the success of Bravo's reality makeover series "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is too tempting for programmers hoping for their own big Gay hit.

"They are just going back for another stab at it," he told the PlanetOut Network, noting that what makes "Queer Eye" a hit isn't necessarily the fact that the show is hosted by five Gay men. "It doesn't matter what their sexuality is," Hoebich added. "It's all these people from all walks of life taking advice from these guys."

Gay Student's Graduation Mired By Rebuke

WACO - A Gay student at Baylor University was allowed to graduate Saturday, but not until he had received a stinging rebuke for organizing a Gay rights rally off campus, 365Gay.com reported.

Darrin Adams, 22, was informed last month that he might not be allowed to graduate after university officials learned of his participation in the rally.

Baylor, the largest Baptist institution in the country, bans homosexuality, premarital sex, cohabitation, drinking, and gambling. The school's code of conduct says any infraction could lead to expulsion.

After organizing the rally in downtown Waco, that called for a non discrimination clause in the Baylor human rights code and advocated same-sex marriage, Adams received a letter from the dean of students stating that the demonstration was "part of an advocacy group that promotes understandings of sexuality that are contrary" to biblical teachings, Baptist beliefs and Baylor's Christian mission.

Adams was told that if he were to graduate he would be required to sign a document admitting wrongdoing. He appealed the decision and was turned down.

After consulting with a civil rights lawyer Adams said he reluctantly signed the document and received a verbal rebuke.

Adams said he organized the rally after another Gay student at the university, Matt Bass, was forced to drop out of the school's Theological Seminary.

Once Bass' sexuality was learned, the university pulled his scholarship and Bass was unable to pay for tuition.

'Queer' T-Shirts Cause Flap In School

SALT LAKE CITY - Dozens of students rallied in front of a Salt Lake City high school Tuesday, May 11, to support students who had been suspended for wearing T-shirts bearing the anti-smoking message "Queers Kick Ash."

Hillcrest High School officials insist that the shirts, part of an GLBT youth anti-smoking campaign, violate the school dress code. But students and local activists disagree. They say the suspension of GLBT students and their allies is part of a larger pattern of anti-GLBT harassment in the school, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"The kids wanted to raise awareness that this high school is not a safe environment for them," said Melinda "Bob" Maureen, director of youth programs at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Utah, which is spearheading the anti-smoking campaign. "It's not just about a T-shirt."

Last week two students wearing the shirts were told by administrators to either turn their shirts inside out or face suspension. One student reversed his shirt. The other, Cody McCook, a junior, refused and was suspended for one day.

School Principal Linda Sandstrom told the Salt Lake City Tribune that the

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Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Delights Hermosillo Audience

TUCSON - Liliana Chávez reviewed the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus concert that took place in Hermosillo.

Concert to reflect, to cry and to laugh. Yes the joy to sing music can change to the world, affirms the director of the Reveille choir, whose members use a message of love to end homophobia. Love became music through the voices of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, whose forty members delighted Hermosillo listeners with smooth and harmonious voices, accompanied by a string bass and a piano. "Music means a transcendental experience, a way to examine oneself, because the most difficult thing for people is that we be ourselves", expressed Linus Lerner, the director of the choir that will return to Hermosillo at Christmastime. During the first part of the concert, the choir interpreted songs like "Do you feel the love tonight" and "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows", as well as popular Spanish tunes "Cuando Calienta el Sol" and the guitar solo "Gracias a la Vida."

After a brief intermission, seriousness was transformed into joy to sing about love in a unique language. Thus, tuxedo tails were replaced by colored scarves as the chorus members moved from side to side, evoking old choirs of the 1960's in songs such as "Stand by Your Man". Towards the end, the interaction with the public was greater; the singers walked into the audience and united their voices in the popular Méxican song "De Colores", becoming a single and enormous choir with the audience. Thus, this group from Tucson, Arizona filled the atmosphere of the Theater Emiliana de Zubeldia Saturday night with romantic and festive music and offered a concert to reflect, to cry, to laugh and to sing. This concert titled "All About Love" benefitted the Community Association Against AIDS (Accsida) as part of the Third Cultural Festival for the Diversity of Love. "Yes, song can change the world, we have the example of John Lennon with his song "Imagine": music loses a little of its force because we are overwhelmed by the sound and sometimes forget to pay attention to the lyrics," commented the artistic director of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus.

The Brazilian Linus Lerner took the task of creating the concept for a concert in which one reflects more deeply upon love at a time of war and economic problems. For this musical group differences do not exist, whether when speaking of religion or of love: "We are all adults, it is a human right to love whoever you want. It does not change what I am if I go to bed with a man or a woman", Linus declared. The group's mission is to promote human rights to obtain a more tolerant society, and according to Lerner, the choir does not try to do so by waving flags or through proselytizing speeches, because for them being a "Gay choir" is no longer a goal that is out of reach.

Nevertheless, Lerner says that homophobia exists even in developed countries: "We very much see a world in upheaval in which Gay people are gaining many rights. Perhaps when there is complete equality we will no longer need Gay choirs because it would no longer matter, but at the moment we are very far from that goal." Until total acceptance arrives, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus does not fail to bring joy to the public. For them reflecting on love and all aspects of
life does not clash with entertaining and enjoying their art, whose quality does not depend on sexual preferences, but on music's universal quality. American musicians and singers comprise Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and their concert to reflect, to cry and to laugh through music "Music can change to the world," affirms Reveille's director, whose members use a message of love to end homophobia. ...

Please join Reveille and guest artist Susan Artemis at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd for the spring performance titled "All About Love". All About Love will be dedicated to the memory of Jerry Curl, a friend, hero, mentor, and guiding light to countless numbers of people, and to love at large as the most powerful, unifying and constructive feeling humanity is capable of. Reveille will sign at University of Arizona's Crowder Hall, located at the Music Building. Tickets are available at Antigone's Books (411 N. Fourth Ave.), at Desert Pride (611 N. Fourth Ave.), from a Reveille chorister, and by phone at (520) 617-3100.

Two Thirds Of Massachusetts Newlyweds Are Women

BOSTON - A new survey has found that two thirds of the same-sex couples who applied for marriage licenses in Massachusetts on May 17--the first day Gay and Lesbian couples could legally be issued marriage licenses in the country--were women and that 40% of those female couples said they had children in their households.

"To the extent that people associate marriage with children and the stability that marriage provides when you're raising children, you might see women more likely to be getting married, because the female couples are more likely to have the children," said Gary Gates, a demographer at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., and the author of the recently published Gay and Lesbian Atlas.

Overall, one third of the 752 couples surveyed in 11 cities and towns from Provincetown on Cape Cod to Springfield in western Massachusetts had children living with them, according to The Boston Globe. The newspaper found a total of 403 children whose parents applied for licenses to be married. Gates said the results of the Globe survey largely correspond to what researchers already know about the Gay and Lesbian population in Massachusetts and the nation as a whole.

In explaining the male-female disparity found in the poll, Gates said that according to national surveys, 45% of Lesbians are "coupled" at any one time, compared with 23% of Gay men.

The survey also found:

Half of the same-sex couples who applied Monday for marriage licenses had been together for at least a decade.

The most predominant age group was 40 to 49 years old; the median age was 43.

Ninety percent of the couples surveyed said they lived in Massachusetts. (However, 34% of the couples in Provincetown said neither applicant was a Massachusetts resident.)

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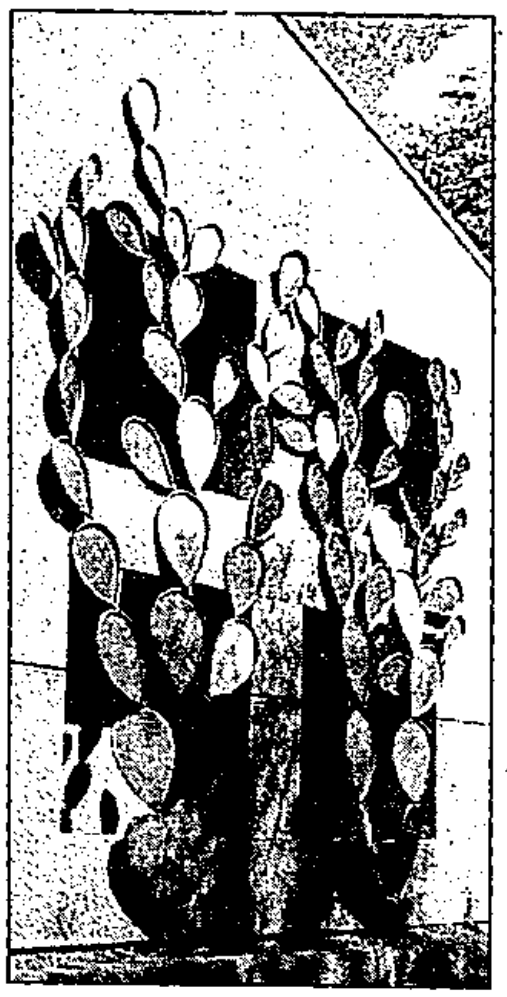

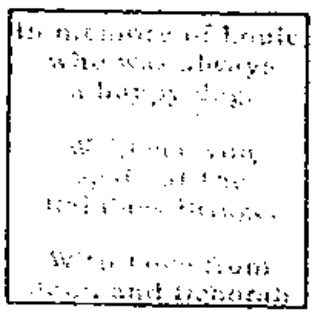

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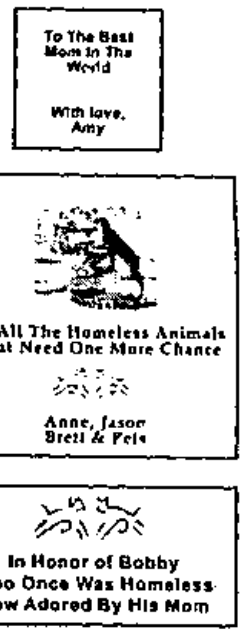

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

GI Torturers

After the shock and horror of seeing photos of GIs torturing Iraqis, my first coherent thought was, "Don't those soldiers know that Americans are supposed to be the good guys? Haven't they ever been to the damn movies?"

Now that the cover-up is in high gear my disgust with the generals who are claiming "I knew nothing" is almost as great as my disgust with the torture. I have a news flash for the generals who knew nothing: You're supposed to know what's going on in your commands, especially if it involves spectacular criminality with international repercussions.

And that brings us to the issue of who will pay for these tortures. It is not going to be the GIs who actually committed them. It's not going to be their officers with these pathetic deniability stories. The payment will be made in full by civilians who will be killed by people recruited via the photos of their coreligionists being humiliated. The payment will also be made in the currency of extreme and prolonged pain suffered by American soldiers who have yet to be captured, who have yet to even become soldiers. There's going to be lots and lots of payback visited upon the guiltless for years to come.

This whole idea of people not knowing what's going on in the military is laughable to anyone who's served. The only way to avoid knowing what's going on in a case like this is to run around with your hands over your ears screaming, "I don't want to know about it."

I commanded a 90-man signal detachment in Vietnam. Within 24 hours of arriving on post, without ever having seen a house girl, I knew that some of my troops were beating up their house girls. Within 48 hours of arriving I knew that one of my sergeants was seriously contemplating the murder of the woman who supervised the house girls.

I wasn't a brilliant investigator. I wasn't even curious. The only questions I'd been asking were where does the unit get its beer and who do we have to keep happy to maintain our unauthorized air-conditioning.

My murderous sergeant didn't have anything in particular against Vietnamese. He just thought he saw his intended victim pacing off the distance from a crater caused by an incoming rocket and some communications facility. He figured that she was collecting data to improve the accuracy of incoming. When he asked me how I'd feel about his killing her and burying her behind the orderly room, I told him I'd put him in Leavenworth for the rest of his days.

As for the house girls, I put out the word that the next time one was hit would be the last time they'd be allowed in the area. These girls, in addition to cleaning the soldiers' quarters, did their laundry, had sex with them, and brought them any kind of drugs they wanted from the nearest town. I said in a detachment formation, "You might want to tell your buddy that you'd hate to lose your house girl because he hit his." End of problem.

The current torture thing is going to get the greatest, most complete whitewash that the United States government can manufacture, but it's only going to fool folks who are dying to be fooled.

A bunch of GIs didn't just decide to start torturing people for the hell of it. A bunch of GIs didn't decide to take pictures of themselves torturing people without being very damn sure that they had ample cover. I've been a private, a specialist and an officer, and I can tell you that it just doesn't work that way.

The approval, tacit and otherwise, for these barbarities goes way up the chain of command. It may not go to the secretary of defense, but it sure goes to his famous building. There were lots of people involved here. There are a frightening amount of pictures with video reportedly on the way. Could we be talking about a fluke? Could we be talking, as several truly deluded generals have said, about a "breakdown in discipline?" Give us a break.

And as long as we're talking torture, our civilian leadership, including the president, seems to be comfortable with the idea of playing footsie with the definition of torture for the purposes of complying with the Geneva Convention. To put it bluntly, they want to be able to inflict discomfort that somehow magically falls short of "torture." The appeal of this twisted nonsense derives from the fact that "torture" isn't precisely defined in the Convention. Oh joy torture lite! But that's a whole 'nother national disgrace".

[Thorn 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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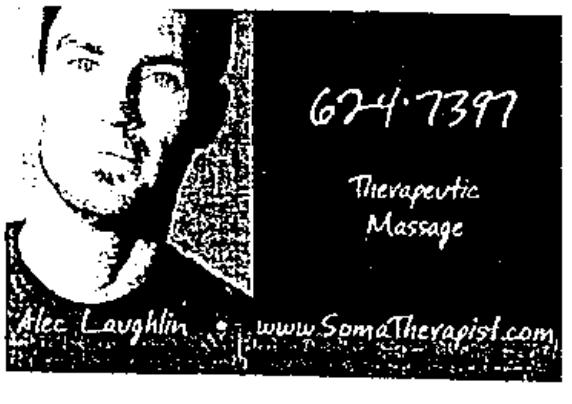

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Take the bull by the horns when Mercury stampedes into Taurus and corrals our communication for the next three weeks. It is time to focus and brand your personal message, kids. Grab what you want by the tail and don't let go. Hey, nice tail.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Here are some things to keep in mind when Mercury jumps into Taurus. First, be sure to surround yourself with luxurious objects of art to stimulate your imagination. Second, take a peek at your nest egg to see if it is ready to hatch. Third, cook up your best ideas and serve them while they are hot. Gay Rams launch themselves into Outer space. Be sure to pack a lunch.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

There is something about you, something astute, clever and very charming. Alas, can it simply be Mercury in your own sign bowing to your own reflection in the mirror and glibly chatting up acquaintances? Queer Bulls may go out on a social limb in an attempt to weasel their way into a certain circle. Don't slip on your own oil as you grease the wheels ... along with other parts.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

What is it about Mercury in Taurus that makes pink Twins so wildly intuitive? Buff up your crystal ball, cousin, and take a close peek. You conjure up all sorts of radical scenarios and strange ideas. Saner folks think that you are either a savant or a loon. They say that there is a fine line between genius and madness. Have you crossed it? I guess we will see.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If you find that your social calendar fills to overflowing, blame Mercury in Taurus. Friends will rely on you to provide the who, what, when and where. But how, Gay Crab? The secret is to maintain (and update) your list of contacts and do your research. Start with the A list and work your way down. Hmmm, how low on the alphabet will you need to go to fill the room?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

It is time to strategize, proud Lion. Mercury in Taurus manifests your corporate destiny. Keep your ear to the ground and pay close attention to possible new opportunities. Have you been toiling in the background for substandard compensation and little recognition? Your time is coming, comrade. The real question is - Will your head fit into your new spacious office?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Drop your antiseptic view of the world and get down and dirty, queer Virgo. Mercury in Taurus goads you into getting to the guts of things to find out what gives you your unique spark. You may be surprised at what makes you tick. If the past few weeks have darkened your luminous light, use this time to find a slice of sunny oomph. Heck, why not eat the whole pie!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

There is a tendency to play the victim when things do not go your way. Stop nursing those regrets and use Mercury in Taurus to bulldoze your way though the negative blockade. Folks don't like what you like? Tough. Consider the source when others start to criticize or stall you. Only you can control how you feel about yourself and what you can personally accomplish.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

As the summer heats up, proud Scorps cannot help but consider their options in relationships. Mercury in Taurus helps you create lists of what is working and what isn't with partners. Ties that bind tighten and single scorpions are itching to get hitchin'. But choose carefully, lover; those sultry months deserve a hot and buttered companion, not a hot and bothered one.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Feeling especially slothful and decadent? (So what else is new?) That relaxing feeling will soon pass, Gay Archer, as a fire is set under you courtesy of Mercury in Taurus. Well maybe not a fire, but certainly a fair amount of guilt. Perhaps it is time to think about getting into better shape. Implement a new exercise regime and diet before your spandex stretches to cellophane.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

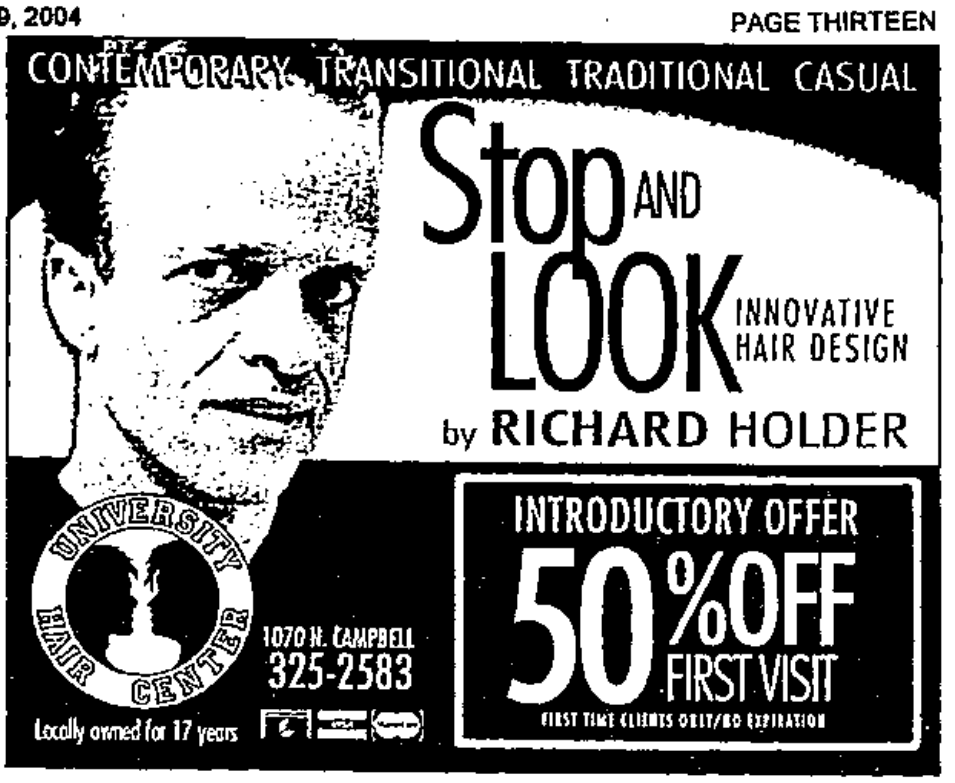
Grab a fistful of party mix and chug a lug. Mercury in Taurus makes you the party animal of the week. Pink Caps will have a way of finding the hottest spot in town and turn up the temperature even more. Before you singe your best assets on a quick flame check to see if there are longer lasting opportunities for romance. At least find one that will burn through the summer.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Mercury in Taurus stirs up your domestic agenda. Survey your domain and see if it needs some sprucing up. Aqueerians would like to plan some home-based entertaining but how can you even consider it with your current abode? Martha Stewart is unavailable but don't let that stop you. What should stop you are those paint swatches in shades of puce and the macrame plant hangers.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Your conversation is less than riveting but who really cares? This is the time to set foundations and solidify your position rather than shake the rafters. Collect your thoughts when Mercury enters Taurus and see how practical you can be. There are some surprising results on the horizon no matter what the naysayers say. March to your own tune. Even better - disco to it.



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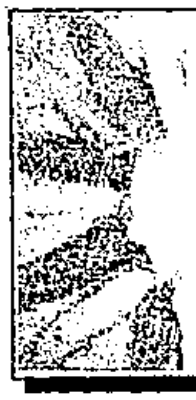

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The Time For Change Has Come .....

Pulse Update

By Jerry D.

Pulse held it's second after hours' party this past Saturday night. The crowd on hand was treated to music and lights to rival the biggest rave, as well as information and news regarding safe sex and HIV prevention when out having fun. The fun included the live d.j., fire and light dancers and refreshments. The flyers seen out in the local establishments prior to the event are just a little information to get you interested. The party is by invitation. You can contact the appropriate number at the end of this article for any information regarding the Pulse parties. Look for flyers for upcoming parties to be visible where you have fun.

The Pulse team consists of members of the GLBT community and allies who are also Latino in heritage. The Latino population in this country is the fastest growing, and here in Southern Arizona. Many of our frequented establishments are aware of the growth and are taking steps to have its patronage include the Latinos in our melting pot.

The GLBT Latino population in Southern Arizona has obstacles beyond the familiar and stereotypical ones that blanket our country at this time in our lives. Many of the Latino Gays have a harder time coming out, especially to their family. In the frustration of living up to their families' expectations, as well as making a mark for themselves in society, many Latino males turn to the party circuit to help them deal with these issues.

The onset of the party scene, mixed with the possibility of the drugs involved, can lead to a combination that most might not be able to handle. HIV amongst Latinos is second in category growth in this country, and more has to be done to bring that to the forefront. Pulse is here for people of all walks of life, but has the advantage of speaking and knowing the Latino lifestyle to reach those in our growing community.

Reaching anyone at the Pulse team can get you into a conversation in Spanish with no issues. We know what you are dealing with from many aspects of our own living, as well as give you the comfort and assurance that comes with our program. If you know of anyone who is involved in the club drug scene, and does not know of us, please let them know. Word of mouth is key to any success, and we want Pulse to be here for all of you.

Our next forum will be taking place in the first week of June. Stay tuned to our updates for more information. We will be discussing the club drug scene, the drugs themselves, some history and information that can be key when you are out to party. Please try to attend, if you are a party participant or not. We believe the information will be vital to all who attend. As always feel free to contact Jerry Diaz at (520) 624-1779 or at jerry@wingspan.org to get any further information, talk, or ask questions. Have a good week!

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What do you confess with your mouth? Last week I found myself saying that I was always tired on Thursday. I truly believe that my confession will change my life, and that I need to be careful what I say. Since then, I have been listening to my words and making a conscious effort to speak the words that I want to come to pass.

The idea of positive thinking or visualizing positive thoughts is not a new idea. We can look all the way back to the book of Genesis in the Bible to find that Abraham practiced positive thinking. The Lord had told Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. He didn't say, "That's not possible. I'm about a hundred years old." Instead, Abraham chose to believe God. Even though all logic and all hope would have left Abraham in disbelief, he believed God's promise.

If we really want to lead the lives that God intends for us to live, we will live by faith. We will look to what we cannot see. We will believe in what is unseen. Romans 4:17 tells us that God "calls things that are not as though they were." I would challenge you this week to listen to the words that you say and to ask yourself, "Is this really what I want to see come to pass?"

G/L Weddings

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were granted today.

The Crown & Anchor has several receptions booked.

A recent study by Forbes Magazine found that legalized same-sex marriage would be "a windfall for the wedding industry." The business journal has estimated that if the laws were changed, Gay couples currently living together would collectively spend $16.8 billion to get hitched.

"Of course, they wouldn't all get married right away, so it might be several years before the industry reaped the entire windfall," Forbes reports. "But it seems reasonable to presume that if same-sex marriage were to be legalized, a large percentage of Gay couples immediately would begin making plans to march down the aisle together."

The Forbes survey found that the average wedding costs $22,000.

"If Gay couples could say 'I do,' and assuming they spend as much on the occasion as their heterosexual counterparts, then such companies as Tiffany, Williams-Sonoma, Marriot International, Federated Department Stores and May Department Stores would see a serious boost in their matrimony-related business," Forbes reports.

Forbes arrived at its conclusion that Gay weddings would be worth about $16.8 billion by looking at the US Census.

Romney Moves To Cancel Out-Of-State G/L Weddings

BOSTON - Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney late Tuesday, May 18, demanded copies of all applications for marriage licenses by same-sex couples that were filled out yesterday in Provincetown and three other communities that defied the his directive that out-of-state G/L couples are not eligible for marriage in in the state.

The order for the documents came following a study published by a Boston newspaper that showed one third of the license applications in Provincetown were from couples from outside of Massachusetts.

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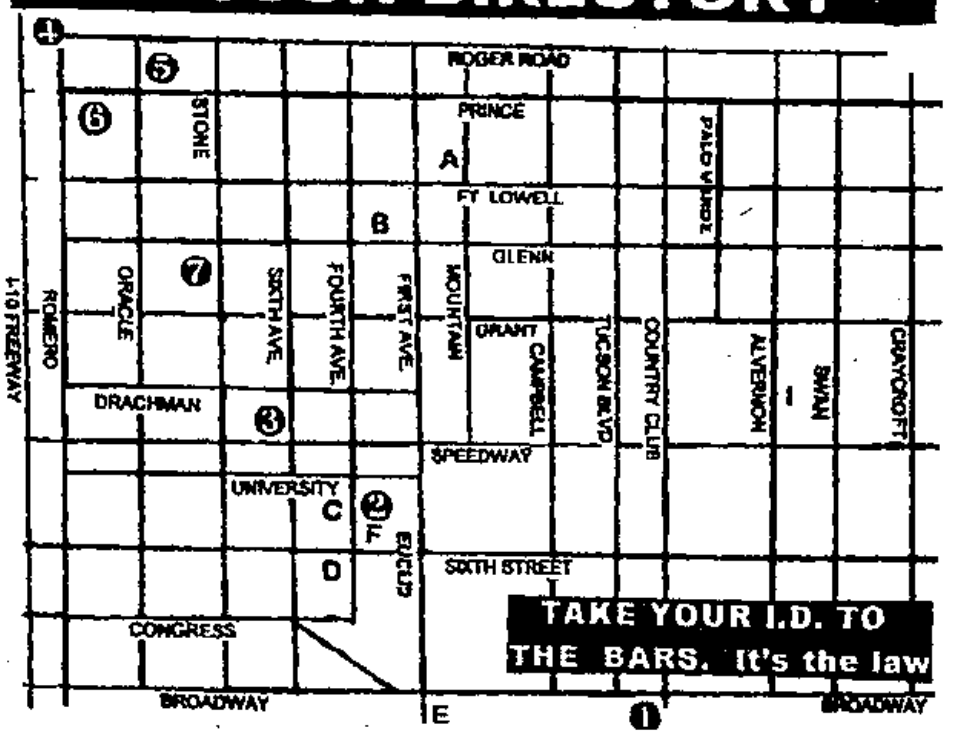

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A Wedding Toast

The first three marriage licenses the City of Boston issues this morning are reserved for three of the seven plaintiff couples whose courageous appeal to the state's highest court brought Massachusetts to this historic day. This is as it should be. The question of Gay marriage has always been, simply and fundamentally, about people -- their dreams, their rights, and their love. Remembering this amid the inevitable media carnival that will greet the first same-sex marriages performed under the law in Massachusetts will do a lot to help keep everybody grounded.

This day is for Hillary and Amy Goodridge, who have been in a committed relationship for 13 years and have together raised a 5-year-old daughter. It is for David Wilson and Robert Compton, men in their 50s who cared for David's mother at their home until she died. It is for Michael Horgan and Ed Balmelli, each from large Boston-area families, who host Thanksgiving dinners and dote on their many nieces and nephews.

It is for thousands of other same-sex couples who will now be able to declare their devotion legally: a basic civil right to a vital social institution.

It is also a day for Massachusetts citizens to take pride in once again being at the forefront of revolution. Family law has been slowly changing to accommodate the facts of today's relationships: adoptions, blended families, stepparents, multiracial families. Today confirms one more truth.

At the same time, the rights conferred today are utterly unremarkable. Couples in more than 130 communities -- a third of the state -- had applied for marriage certificates as of last Friday. This is a suburban reality, not something confined to bohemian enclaves.

These families resonate to the same demands and desires as any: shuttling teenagers to the mall, staying up late with a science project, feeling rooted enough in a community to plant a perennial garden.

The thorny issues of federal benefits, out-of-state legal challenges, alimony, and the fate of the constitutional amendment to reverse the Supreme Judicial Court's decision all can wait. Today is a day for congratulations, toasts, well wishes, and cake.

And an extra slice of justice.

[The above was a May 17 editorial reprinted from the Boston Globe.]

Romney Moves To Cancel Out-Of-State G/L Weddings

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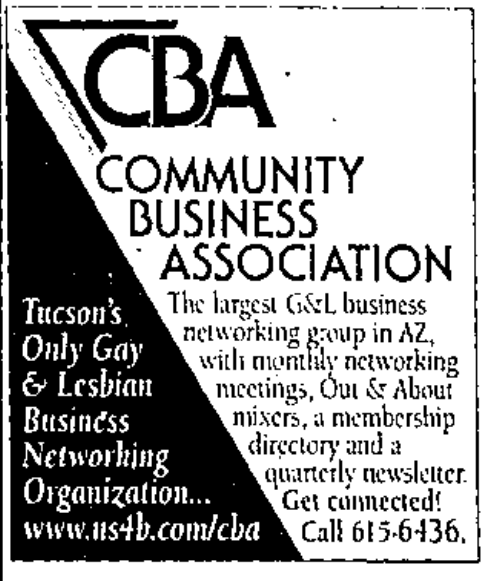
In April Romney sent a letter to all governors and attorneys general advising them that unless they notify him G/L marriage is legal in their states same-sex couples would not be allowed to tie the knot.

Romney is relying on a 1913 law that says marriage licenses cannot be issued to out-of-state couples if their marriages would be "void" in the couples' home states. The law dates back to a period when interracial marriage was legal in Massachusetts but illegal in most other states.

In addition to Provincetown clerks in Worcester, Springfield and Somerville said they would refuse to follow the governor's directive.

"Any marriages performed outside of the law are null and void under Massachusetts statutes," Romney spokesperson Shawn Feddeman said Tuesday when asked about the governor's demand for the documents.

The clerks in the four cities say they were acting within the law y granting the licenses. It is expected if Romney attempts to charge the clerks with violating the 1913 law or if he nullifies the marriage applications by out-of-state couples the issue will wind up in court



Non-Bar Calendar

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

6:00 p.m. The hot Tantra Workshop. Intro to Tantra, bring a friend to share. Learn how to enjoy sex more, become a better lover and have more intimate relationships. Call 881-4582 for information.

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)

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

SATURDAY, MAY 29

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MONDAY, MAY 31

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

Arts & Entertainment

NOW SHOWING THRU MAY 23

Arizona Onstage Productions presents Stephen Sondheim's "Assassins" at the University of Arizona Laboratory Theatre (SE corner of Park Ave. & Speedway). 8:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m. Sundays). Tickets range - $12-$20. Thursday, May 13 performances a benefit for TIHAN features a champagne and dessert reception and tickets for this special event $30 or four 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.

MAY 21 THRU JUNE 12

Live Theatre Workshop's Late night Series presents "Titanic' by Christopher Durang. This show runs Friday and Saturday nights only at 10:30 p.m. It is an outrageously funny and irreverent farce by one of their theater's most spirited and original writers! High comedy abounds in the zany doings of an unlikely group of passengers aboard he doomed Titanic. Non-stop laughter for all. (The material contains adult humor and situations. Tickets only $10 and $8. Call 327-4242 for ticket reservations.

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.

Special Bar Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

IBT'S - The DivaLicious Show hosted by Bunny FuFu and starring Terri Akki, Samantha White and Lady Ashley.

WOODY'S - "School's Out" - the summer Toga Party. One of Woody's most popular Parties is back.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

IBT'S - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. live jazz on Ishe patio with the Hurricane Carla Brownlee Trio.

WOODY'S - Big Splash Weekend Party. Het Wet - Go Wild! $1.75 Longf Island Ice Tea Friday, Saturday and Sunday .

SATURDAY, MAY 22

IBT'S - The FuFu Revue, in the 2nd of the Drag Survivor series of shows Hosted by Bunny FuFu. This week's contestants are Janee Starr, Veronica Halliwell and Tori Steele. The audience decides who goes on to the final show and $200.00!

WOODY'S - Live DJ 8:00 p.m. til closing. Wet Shorts Contest in the Pool at 11:00 p.m. $75 first prize.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Troy's 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. 9:00 p.m. Guest DJ from Phoenix Jeremy Manorano

WOODY'S - Splash Weekend winds up with Sunday Brunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Open Volleyball with a water hazard 5:00 p.m. to ??? Karaoke 9:00 p.m.

YARD DOG - LUAU 4 - 7:00 p.m. Luau Feast; 8:00 p.m. Hawaiian Drinks; 9:30 p.m. Special Entertainment; 10:00 p.m. Luau Costume Contest (1st Prize Vacation for two; 2nd $100; 3rd $50. DJ til closing.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

WOODY'S - New for Tuesdays (Twosday) - 2 for 1 well or domestic beers with Jay 8:00 to closing!!!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Janee Starr, Teri Aki, Suzette and Mister Fister. Following the show will be a special Parrot Bay Promotion from 10:00 p.m. until Midnight with $2.75 Parrot Bay Mango Hurricanes", "Breezes" and Piña Coladas. Plus give-aways!

THURSDAY, MAY 27

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - "Noche de Estrellas' - Drag Revue with a Latin Flavor starring Bunny FuFu, Teri Akki, Kimi San Du mi and Heather Boa 8:45 p.m. Dinner special before the show. Steak and Fries (Two meals for 10.99)! Drink specials during the show and Latin music after the show.

VENTURE-N - Start Your Memorial Day Weekend with Steak Night 6:00 to 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite meat or buy a steak here. They will cook it and provide the side dishes. $5.00

FRIDAY, MAY 28

VENTURE-N - Memorial Weekend continues with Hot Snax from 5:00 p.m. And DJ Jerry D. from 9:00 p.m. to close.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

VENTURE-N - Bucky's Omelette Bar from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Then a Patio Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and DJ Larry 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

VENTURE-N - Memorial Day Weekend continues with a Patio Beer Bust from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. BossBurgers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and then the traditional Locker Room Party from 9:00 p.m. until closing. Jerry D. will be playing from 9:00 p.m. to closing too.

MONDAY, MAY 31

IBT'S - 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day "Monday Morning Madness. Yes, it all begins at 11 a.m. !!!!

VENTURE-N - Memorial Day Weekend winds up with a special Bar-B-Que served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

SUNDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11am-8pm. 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 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 - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament with Chad 5-7pm. Surf & Turf w/baked potato & salad $6.90

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 veterinary bills)

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. 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

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 rum, 50¢ off call rums. Rockin' to Oldies 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 4-6. 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 Calabaza 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 il 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 Holliday 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 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

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. HI NRG 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 Shorty.

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 Martini's $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 Daquaris. 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

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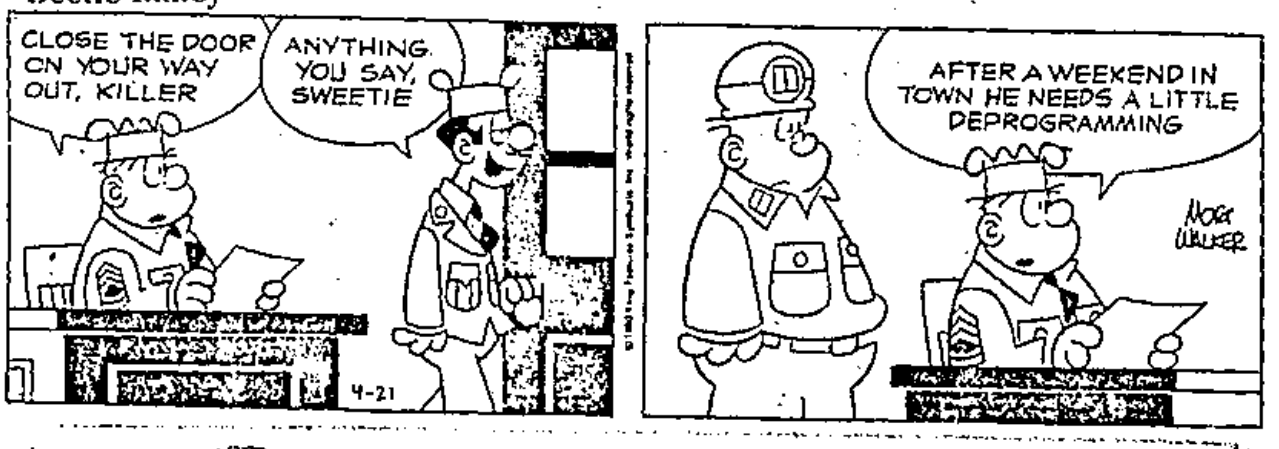

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NOTICES

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, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website teamarizona.org

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 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 OUTtoberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info: Call Anabel at 325-6892.

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

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@thecriver.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.

HALLELUJAH! RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP. Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF). 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm. Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaf.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 (PT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 887-3743, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww.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.

NOTICES

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 facilitator. Call 745-6937 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.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8844.

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

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3209 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

"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.

LIKE TO READ?
The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Magpie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

THE MAN TO MAN Social/erotic education club is the mature man's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and sex education. Marc 881-4582.

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.

LGBT 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.

NEW TUCSON SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP. Secular Organizations for Sobriety - Sundays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at 739 N. 4th Avenue. Contacts Rick R. 520-792-2604 or Gary S. 520-323-1969. More information at: www.secularhumanism.org/sos/ This group is an alternative to 12-step programs.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older). 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all – Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 8443, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO – a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info: Call the Bear Hotline (520)808-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com. All are welcome to our general meetings: potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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 Rona 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, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide 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.

NOTICES

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. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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 603-9565 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 10th year! (2nd in Tucson)

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm. Dezert Gulz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm. Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-6083 for more info.

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 Mirlo Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS, a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9099 (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. 743-4833.

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) 745-0175 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7805 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, 6869 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lcnetwork.org write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Confidential individual/group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 623-0338 (24-hour line).

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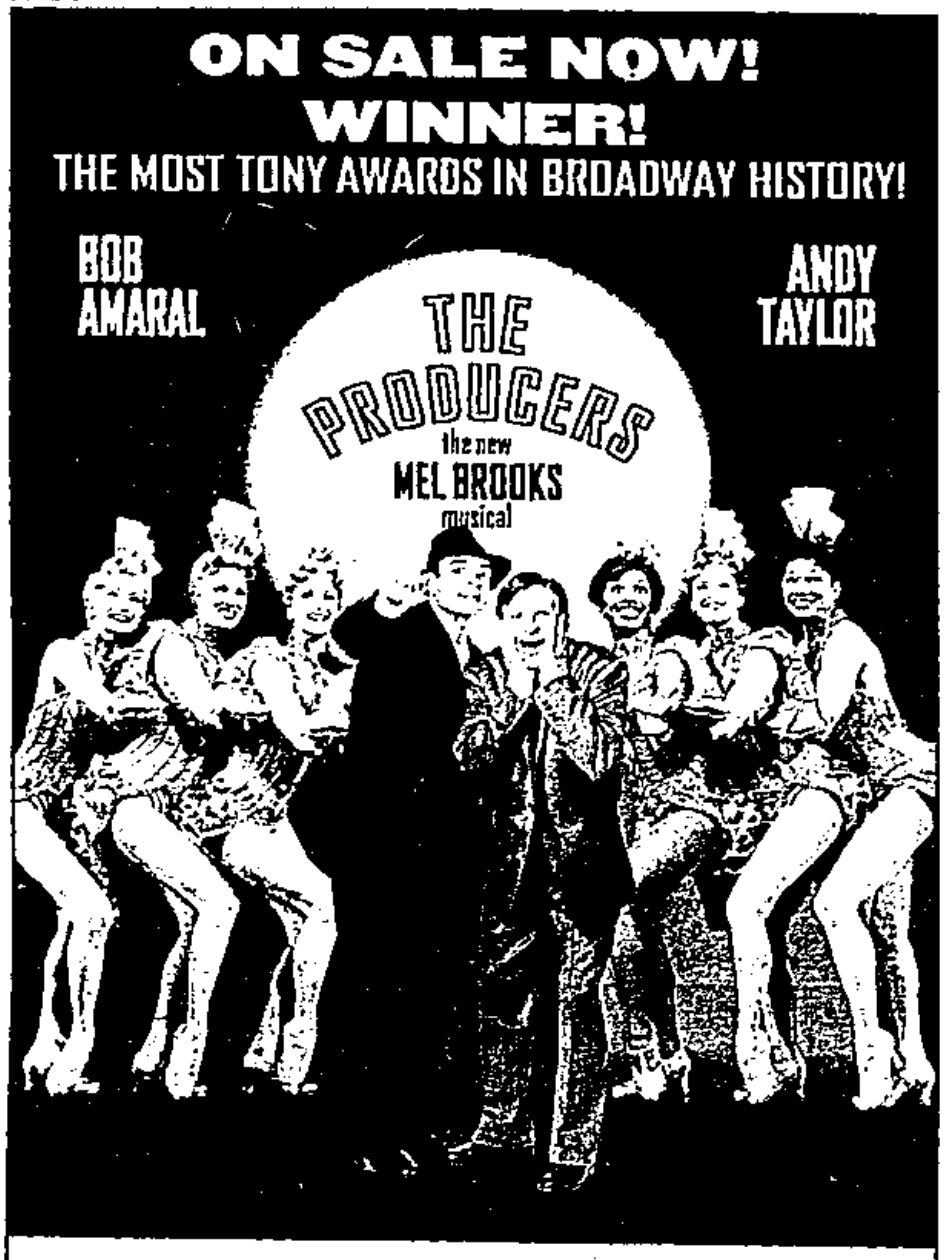

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Let me ask you something... Since when is bigotry a moral virtue?

Back in 1906, a leading American theologian published a best-selling book justifying discrimination against African Americans, saying they were creatures of uncontrollable "sensuality." Similar racist theories were spouted by politicians like the notorious "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman who toured the country under the banner, "Negro equality in politics means social equality, miscegenation, hellfire and damnation!" Belief in the innate immorality of black people, buttressed by selected scriptural references, formed the basis for slavery, segregation and lynchings.

Now come the homophobes, spouting the same hate-filled rhetoric about a different minority group. "Homosexuality is immoral, unscriptural and unhealthy," we are told. It is a "sin," like theft and drunkenness, according to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. The Pitchfork Tillmans of today warn that the "homosexual lobby" wants to bring about the destruction of the American family. Just like their racist antecedents, they are trying to whip up hatred and intolerance in order to build public support for anti-gay laws.

Sure, they can try to hide behind morality, but we all know a bigot when we see one. Think about it.

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New Mexico Gay Rights Law

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by putting a repeal question on the ballot in the next general election.

However, that referendum provision doesn't apply to laws providing for the "preservation of the public peace, health or safety." The attorney general said the Human Rights Act was covered by that exception because the anti-discrimination protections "represent an exercise of the state's inherent police powers."

There is a July 2 deadline for submitting petitions to get a referendum on the Nov. 2 ballot. However, the petition requirements are difficult and it's uncertain whether organizers would be able to gather the required 50,370 signatures. Rep. Earlene Roberts, R-Lovington, an opponent of the Gay rights law, said the attorney general's opinion was "more than disappointing."

"I don't think any law should be exempt from the people. I think the people have a right to speak, to voice their opinion . . . and I don't think anyone should take that right away from the voters in the state of New Mexico," she said. Roberts said opponents of the law may consider turning last year's petitions in anyway and force the issue into court.

"I don't know any court in the country that would say the people cannot have their say," she said.

Linda Siegle of Basic Rights New Mexico, a group formed to oppose the referendum effort, said, "We're really pleased that the attorney general is affirming the limits of the state Constitution. The Legislature never envisioned that referendum would be used to take away basic human rights."

Madrid issued the non-binding legal analysis in response to a request by Rep. Gail Beam, D-Albuquerque, a sponsor of the Gay rights law.

Bush Denounces Gay Marriages

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high-school civics lesson, fumed Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of Lambda Legal.

"It's dishonest and irresponsible to attack a court for doing its job. The court's job is to make sure that everyone's constitutional rights are protected, and that's exactly what happened in Massachusetts.

"President Bush is putting himself in the company of segregationists who made the same attacks on judges who upheld the constitutional rights of African-American people exactly 50 years ago today, after Brown v. Board of Education. These are different issues and a different generation, but the same old smear tactic. It didn't work to circumvent our system of justice 50 years ago, and it won't work today," Cathcart said.

Bush comments also drew criticism from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"The president's hypocrisy is appalling," NGLTF Executive Director Matt Foreman told 365Gay.com.

"When a few activist judges elected him pres he didn't complain, but when justices impose the rule of law in Massachusetts he wants to write discrimination into the Constitution."

The Human Rights Campaign accused the President of "trying to turn the camera away from the nation's foreign policy and economic problems"

"President Bush is attempting to lead this nation into discrimination. We will not let him hurt our families," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques.

Gay Democrats also assailed Bush for using the anniversary of an historic civil rights case to attack Gays.

"Today the President denounced judicial activism in one statement while praising the same actions as judicial courage in another, said John Marble, Communications Director - National Stonewall Democrats.

"President Bush's speech today on Brown vs. Board of Education is a classic argument for civil recognition of same-sex marriage," said Marble.

"In denouncing separate and unequal institutions, President Bush praised the courage displayed by courts who 'ruled against prevailing opinion in order to expand the rights of all Americans'. Unfortunately, I think the irony of his remarks is lost on him."

Queer T-Shirts

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word "queer" was a slur, and the wordplay "kick ash" was "unsuitable."

"This is school," Sandstrom said. "We're trying to help kids learn what's appropriate."

Other students began wearing the shirts to support McCook and were also suspended. Others attempted to compromise with administrators. Maureen said, by taping over the cigarette logo on the shirt and over the word "ash," but they too were suspended.

"Administrators really don't like the word 'queer,' and now they're saying that the kids are flaunting sexuality" by wearing the shirts, Maureen told the PlanetOut Network.

Sandstrom told the press that the school's Gay-straight alliance (GSA) might be disbanded over the incident, even though the club has no affiliation with the anti-smoking campaign.

McCook, 17, has now been suspended three times for wearing the shirt. But the problem is much larger, he told the press. In the past year McCook's jeep has been vandalized in the school parking lot, and his locker has been defaced with anti-Gay epitaphs. When he reported the offenses to school officials, he was told that students "bring it on themselves."

Last week the students turned to the ACLU for help.

"Students have a right to political speech or expression, including expression of sexual orientation," said ACLU attorney Margaret Plane in a letter to school administrators. Plane requested that all student suspensions be reversed and removed from their records, and that school officials stop threatening the GSA.

"Things have been happening the entire school year, and this was the last straw for the kids," said Maureen. "But the administrators just laugh at them."