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## Four Suspects Charged In Texas Hate-Crime Rape

AUSTIN - A chance confrontation at a grocery store between a victim and a suspected Gay basher led police to charge four people with a brutal crime that had put Austin's GLBT community on edge for weeks.

On July 16, a 32-year-old artist went to Oilcan Harry's, a popular Gay bar. A friend of the victim's told the Texas Triangle, "He had gone out by himself to have a few drinks. One of the men passed by, pinched his nipple and said, 'you're cute.'" Three others approached and asked the victim where they could go after the bar closed. The group agreed to go to the victim's home.

Once there, the suspects approached the victim from behind and broke a glass over his head. The four then ripped off his clothes, beating and kicking him. They also tried choking him with a cord cut from his vacuum cleaner.

The Daily Texan, the student newspaper of the University of Texas at Austin, reports the four suspects are accused of forcing the victim to sodomize himself with an object at knifepoint while they used homosexual slurs, referenced Old Testament passages concerning homosexuality, and denounced same-sex marriage. The assault lasted two hours.

After the attackers left, police were called and an ambulance took the victim to a local hospital.

Randall Ellis, the executive director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, says the timing of the

attack coincided with the failed debate on same-sex marriage in the U.S. Senate.

"The vote was Wednesday; the attack started Friday. This shows that regardless of what words are used, when you're saying Gays and Lesbians are no worthy of rights and protections, those words have consequences, and for some people, those words can be a rallying cry."

About a week after the attack, the victim ran into one of his accused attackers at a grocery store.

"After seeing the victim, the suspect walked over to a convenience store and asked someone for a ride home," said Detective Julie Jacobs of the Austin Police Department. "He offered him 20 bucks. While in the car, he explained he needed the ride because he just saw the Gay guy he and his buddies beat up."

The driver of the car called police, which lead to the arrests Tuesday of Darren Gay, 21, and Donald Bockman, 24. The two men are charged with aggravated sexual assault and aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, both first-degree felonies which carry a maximum punishment of life in prison.

Police confirm that a 16-year-old who was involved in the attack has turned himself in. The fourth suspect, Shawn Michael Regan, 21 was also reported to be in custody late afternoon Wednesday, August 4.

Detective Jacobs said the victim is recovering. "He's good. He's still nervous. He's still looking over his shoulder."

## Pundits Look To Ohio As Next Marriage Bell-Wether

COLUMBUS - Missouri's shockingly high voter turnout and blistering disdain for same-sex marriage captured the attention of the mainstream media on Wednesday, August 4, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

In Tuesday's (August 3) primary debacle, a 40 percent record turnout slammed same-sex marriage by approving an anti-Gay constitutional amendment by a 72 percent majority. Historically, Show Me State primaries draw 15 to 25 percent, the New York Times reports, while polls in mid-July suggested the amendment would win by a tighter, 60-40, margin.

The anomalous results led pundits to speculate on whether the 10 or 11 Gay marriage ballot contests scheduled around the country for November will increase conservative voter turnout, and consequently decide the election itself. By far the most important state in that mix is Ohio, where a tight race could tip the presidency to the Buckeye victor.

Ohio has not yet put a proposed amendment on the November ballot, but

petitioners turned in 391,794 signatures to the Secretary of State's office by last Tuesday's deadline. That number is about 20 percent over the 323,000 target, but pro-marriage forces have already pledged to contest the petitions for all they're worth. Activists hope legal wrangling will tie up the petitions and the amendment drive until the final deadlines for November have come and gone.

Ohio's version of an anti-marriage amendment was drafted so broadly that even the author of the state's "Defense of Marriage" statute agreed it went too far. After defining marriage as a union of one man and one woman, the amendment goes on to forbid the creation or the recognition of "a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage."

The verbose and vague composition defies both clear and consistent legal analysis, and would lead to endless court battles if passed, critics say. An editorial the Canton Repository dated August 5 is titled "Marriage Amendment Is Ticking Time Bomb," and says "the explosion caused by this amendment would be enormous,"

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## Washington Court Rules G/L Couples Must Be Allowed To Marry

SEATTLE - A Washington state court Wednesday, August 4, ruled same-sex couples must be allowed to marry, 365Gay.com reported.

King County Superior Court Judge William Downing said that the state Constitution guarantees basic rights to Lesbian and Gay people — and that those rights are violated by a state law prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying.

The case involved eight same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses in King County.

Downing's ruling went on to say that the couples must be given marriage licenses.

"This is a huge victory and a historic day," said Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of Lambda Legal.

The couples were represented by Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center.

"The court recognized that unless Gay people can marry, we are not being treated equally under the law," said Cathcart.

"Same-sex couples need the protections and security marriage provides, and this ruling says we're entitled to get them the same way straight couples do."

In his ruling, Judge Downing called the eight couples "law-abiding, taxpaying model citizens," and said, "There is no worthwhile institution that they would dishonor, much less destroy."

In the ruling, Downing also said, "The characteristics embodied by these plaintiffs are ones that our society and the institution of marriage need more of, not less. Let the plaintiffs stand as inspirations for all those citizens, homosexual and heterosexual, who may follow their path."

The county and the state are expected to appeal the ruling, and the Washington state Supreme Court may take the case directly and hear arguments on an expedited basis, according to Lambda Legal.

Jennifer Pizer, Senior Staff Attorney in Lambda Legal's Western Regional Office and one of the lead attorneys on the case said that the state's high court has a recent track record of treating same-sex couples equally.

"We believe that the Washington Supreme Court will look closely at the important issues this case raises and come

to the same conclusion the lower court reached," Pizer said.

"Our clients pay all the same taxes as their neighbors and coworkers, and they deserve all the same legal protections."

Judge Downing's ruling goes further than an Oregon state court ruling earlier this year, which said that the state's law prohibiting marriage between same-sex couples was unconstitutional, but went on to say that civil unions or other measures could provide adequate protections to Lesbian and Gay couples.

"These are Washington State couples who pay Washington State taxes and want Washington State marriage licenses under the Washington State Constitution. Any attempts to turn today's ruling for fairness into a national wedge issue to divide and distract people won't work," Cathcart predicted.

Tuesday, August 3, voters in Missouri passed an amendment to that state's constitution to ban same-sex marriage. Voters in Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah also are considering constitutional amendments.

Four states, Alaska, Hawaii, Nebraska, and Nevada already have constitutional amendments banning Gay marriage.

Massachusetts is the only state that has legalized same-sex marriage.

## DA Demands End To 'Gay Panic' Defenses

ATLANTA - For the second time in a year a Georgia jury has rejected the so-called Gay panic defense as an excuse for murdering a Gay man and Fulton County's District Attorney says he's tired of lawyers using it to shift blame from the accused to the victim, 365Gay.com reported.

Thursday, August 5, a jury of five men and seven women convicted James Lee Shaw, 39, in the August 2002 slaying of a co-worker.

Rowland Hardwick, 53, was stabbed 40 times in a confrontation in the restroom of the restaurant where the two men worked.

Shaw claimed that Hardwick had a knife and tried to rape him and said that he suffered flashbacks to his childhood when he was molested by men.

But, Assistant District Attorney Brett Pinion argued that Shaw didn't have defensive wounds expected in a struggle. to death in his apartment in May 2001.

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# UPDATE

## Tucson Pride Seeks Grand Marshall

TUCSON - The organizers of Tucson's "Pride... On Parade" are currently accepting nominations for a Grand Marshall to preside over the October 10, 2004 parade.

Produced by the LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson, in cooperation with Tucson Pride Inc., "Pride... On Parade" will take place on the Sunday following OUToberfest, Tucson's annual LGBT pride festival. Tucson's first fall Pride parade will begin downtown, and proceed across downtown before turning north on 6th Ave, then cross to Fourth Avenue where it will head north to end between 4th and 5th streets with a block party to include dancing and entertainment, as well as a raffle drawing for a \$1000 Grand Prize.

In keeping with the theme shared by OUToberfest, "Everyone Under the Sun," the parade board seeks a community member to preside over the events who represents both Pride and inclusiveness. Nominations will be considered based on the individual's contributions to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and to the city of Tucson as a whole. The final selection will be made by the LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson board based on community feedback and support.

In addition to the Grand Marshall search, "Pride... On Parade" is also actively recruiting participants, sponsors, and volunteers. Interested individuals and businesses, as well as Grand Marshall nominations, can find more information at [www.prideparadeoftucson.com](http://www.prideparadeoftucson.com), by e-mailing [info@prideparadeoftucson.com](mailto:info@prideparadeoftucson.com), or by mail at LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson, c/o Desert Pride, 611 N. 4th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705.

## Desert Coyotes Bowling League Meeting August 25

TUCSON - Gay and Lesbian bowling is set to begin again when the Desert Coyotes Bowling League will hold their organizational meeting, Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.

This season, the Desert Coyotes have moved and will bowl at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 S. 16th Ave. (16th Ave. & Ajo).

For more information call Santa Cruz Lanes, (520) 622-2186 or Dan with the Desert Coyotes League, (520) 404-3591.



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## Wingspan Welcomes New Volunteer Coordinator

TUCSON - Wingspan is pleased to announce that Quintan Wikswo has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator. Quintan will be responsible for recruiting, training, supervising, and retaining all of Wingspan's wonderful volunteers.

Quintan has worked in non-profit administration and marketing for eleven years. Before moving to Tucson, Quintan worked as Marketing Director at the Smuin Ballet in San Francisco. Previously, Quintan also served as the Southern Regional Coordinator for Amnesty International. Quintan has extensive experience in volunteer management, as well as marketing, administration, publicity, outreach, and promotions.

Quintan is a past board member of the San Francisco Chapter of Women in Communications, and has volunteered with Shanti (San Francisco HIV and AIDS Organization), Refugee Resettlement Project (San Francisco), and was a founding member of the LGBT Association at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. In addition to her extensive non-profit work, Quintan has been an editor of Fourteen Hills, The Mississippi Review, and Amnesty International Magazine.

While welcoming Quintan, Wingspan also bids farewell to Mark English, outgoing Volunteer Coordinator. We are deeply appreciative of all of Mark's hard work and his three years of dedication to Wingspan. As the first paid professional volunteer manager at Wingspan, Mark built and developed Wingspan's volunteer program from the ground up. When Mark began, the volunteer program had virtually no infrastructure. Mark worked hard to implement a formal application process, improved policies and procedures to guide the work of volunteers, and established a clear volunteer orientation process. During his tenure, Mark more than tripled the number of Wingspan volunteers. In addition, Mark was instrumental in establishing and maintaining the Wingspan Weekly E-News.

## Pundits Look To Ohio

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and could "affect all unmarried couples, straight as well as Gay."

Other states bringing the volatile issue of same-sex marriage to the November polls include Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon and Utah. Louisiana will ask voter approval to ban marriage in September.

## Vote With Unity Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - The LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson will be working the Sunday, August 15, Beer Bust at IBT's to raise funds for the October 10 "Pride... on Parade." Come and meet the committed individuals who are working hard to bring Tucson's LGBT community a parade it can be proud of.

The Beer Bust runs from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., in conjunction with Karaoke on the patio of IBT's at 616 N. 4th Ave. For only \$5, you can get a hamburger, veggie burger, or grilled chicken sandwich plus 5 draft beers or sodas. Proceeds from food sales will go directly to the parade efforts.

The board will also be selling tickets for the "Pride...on Parade" raffle, with a \$1,000 grand prize. At only \$1 each, they're a great deal and a great way to support the parade.

This year's parade, produced in cooperation with Tucson Pride, Inc., is the first ever October Pride Parade in Tucson, promises to be a great success and an event our entire community can enjoy. We hope you will join us at IBT's to show your support, by coming together for a great time and to assist in the efforts of our board and volunteers. More information on this event, as well as general parade information for sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, can be found at [www.prideparadeoftucson.com](http://www.prideparadeoftucson.com), or [info@prideparadeoftucson.com](mailto:info@prideparadeoftucson.com), or by mail at Pride...on Parade, c/o Desert Pride, 611 N. 4th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705.

## Northern Arizona Gender Alliance Meeting Aug. 25

PRESCOTT - The Northern Arizona Gender Alliance (NAGA) will hold its first Verde Valley meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25.

The meeting will take place at the Comfort Zone Recovery Center, located within the Healing Arts Center in Old Town Cottonwood. The street address is 753 N. Main Street, Suite I, Cottonwood. There is parking behind the building, and the entrance is in front.

People attending the meeting are encouraged to bring snack foods and nonalcoholic beverages to share. There will be a reception from 6 to 7 p.m., and the meeting itself will begin promptly at 7. After a short break around 8 or so, there will be a brief business meeting to plan future events.

NAGA is a network of gender-variant people and their allies living in Northern and Central Arizona. NAGA envisions a world where people of all genders are assured of their inalienable right to live openly and safely as their true selves, free from shame, abuse, ridicule, discrimination, or fear of violence. The August 25 meeting will mainly be a support group for people of all genders who want to discuss gender issues in a safe and friendly environment. Attendees are expected to be supportive of gender diversity, but need not necessarily be gender-variant themselves. The five people who form an online steering committee to guide NAGA are currently looking for a sixth person, preferably someone who lives in Sedona or Flagstaff, to help plan events there as well as elsewhere in Northern Arizona.

For more information, E-mail to:

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# Government To Let 400% Price Hike In AIDS Drug To Stand

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The government on Wednesday, August 4, refused to override patents on the AIDS drug Norvir, effectively allowing a 400 percent increase in the price to stand despite consumer groups' accusations of price gouging, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

Patient groups and some members of Congress had pushed the National Institutes of Health to take the unprecedented action, arguing it was warranted under a special law because Norvir's discovery was partially funded by taxpayer dollars.

But the NIH decided that such an extraordinary step could have overly broad effects on the pharmaceutical market, and would exceed that law's intent.

"The issue of drug pricing has global implications and, thus, is appropriately left for Congress to address legislatively," concluded Dr. Elias Zerhouni, NIH director.

Abbott Laboratories raised the price of the 8-year-old Norvir to \$8.57 a day from \$1.71 late last year.

The impact reached far beyond that one drug: Low doses of Norvir are used to boost the effects of other anti-HIV medicines, meaning patients taking a wide array of AIDS drug cocktails faced substantially higher bills.

Consumer advocates decried that the increased price applied only to the United States, leaving Norvir 5 to 10 times cheaper in other countries. They also called it anticompetitive, because it only applied when Norvir is added to other

companies' AIDS medicines, not Abbott's own Kaletra, a medicine with Norvir built into the pill.

The price hike came amid already vigorous debate about why Americans pay much more for prescription drugs than do patients in such countries as Canada and Britain.

Citing the \$3.5 million NIH grant that helped lead to Norvir's discovery, the consumer group Essential Inventions petitioned the government to grant licenses for other companies to make the medicine, too. Their aim: driving the drug's price down.

The 24-year-old Bayh-Dole Act enables the NIH to claim patents of inventions partly funded by government if companies don't bring them to market in ways that "achieve practical application." But the government has never invoked its so-called march-in rights.

"It's a horrible decision," said Robert Weissman, general counsel for Essential Inventions said of the NIH ruling. The decision means drug makers "can put government-funded inventions on the market at any price whatsoever without facing the possibility of a march-in."

NIH concluded that Norvir meets the main intent of the law. The drug is widely sold and, thus, offers the agency no health reason to intervene, said Bonny Harbinger, deputy director of NIH's Office of Technology Transfer.

Does that mean NIH would never declare the price of a federally subsidized drug too high? "That's very hypothetical for me to try and answer," Harbinger said, adding that other factors are considered, too.

The decision suggests "it doesn't matter what drug makers charge for a taxpayer-subsidized drug, as long as they continue to sell it," complained Rep. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio.

Brown and Weissman pledged to appeal to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson to overrule the NIH decision. A Thompson spokesman didn't immediately return a call for comment.

Abbott welcomed the decision. The company maintains the higher price is necessary to counter falling sales as Norvir's use has shifted from a primary agent to a low-dose booster. Sales fell to \$100 million last year from a high of \$250 million in 1998. Norvir sales have totaled more than \$1 billion since its introduction.

The company also says the NIH grant represented a tiny portion of the roughly \$300 million it ultimately spent developing Norvir, expenses it needs to recoup to invest in new research.

"This is good news for patients who will continue to benefit from both current and future innovations that result from the advent of the Bayh-Dole Act," said Melissa Brotz, Abbott spokeswoman.

NIH did say its sister organization, the Federal Trade Commission, would be the proper agency to address allegations that Norvir's price is anticompetitive. Brotz said the FTC recently notified the company that the agency had no plans to investigate.

# 6,000 At Singapore Pride Despite Ban

## On Homosexual Sex

SINGAPORE - Despite a ban on homosexual sex, some 6,000 people showed up Saturday, August 7, for the start of a three-day Gay and Lesbian festival in Singapore, making it Asia's largest Gay event, according to organizers, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"We have large numbers of people coming from Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan and the United States," said Stuart Koe, the chief executive of the regional Gay Web site fridae.com, which is organizing the Singapore event.

Called "Nation.04," the festival features international DJs, go-go boys and an audience that has grown each year since it was launched four years ago.

The first party was called "Make Love Not War," a politically loaded title considering the government has staunchly supported the U.S.-led war on Iraq (news - web sites) and organized protests are illegal without a permit.

"Singapore is making very big moves in liberalizing. People here feel a lot more empowered than before to take risks and to speak their minds," Gay rights activist Alex Au told Reuters.

Even though the government of Singapore has a law that criminalizes consensual homosexual acts with up to two years in jail, the government has largely ignored the industry catering to homosexuals in favor of the power of the "pink dollar."

Organizers believe the event will earn about \$10 million dollars. Sponsors include Motorola, Ralph Lauren, Belvedere Vodka, Heineken and Moet & Chandon.

In Singapore, most citizens expect the gradual relaxation in social controls and official attitudes towards the GLBT community to continue.

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## Three-Letter Slang Word For Lesbian Tossed From Scrabble Tournament

WORLEANS - Normally, no word is off-limits at the National Scrabble Championship. However, on Thursday, August 5, in the championship's final round, eventual champion Trey Wright played the word "lez," which was on a list of offensive words not allowed during tournament play, reports The Associated Press.

For the broadcast on ESPN, certain terms had been deemed inappropriate, including the three-letter slang for Lesbian, which many people consider a pejorative, gfn.com reported.

"There are words you just can't show on television," Scrabble Association Executive Director John Williams said.

Wright, a concert pianist from Los Angeles, played the word and then drew two replacement tiles so quickly that the referee didn't notice at first. When he did, he said the slang term had to go.

Williams spoke with Wright and his opponent, David Gibson, then called an emergency meeting of the Scrabble Advisory Board. The board unanimously agreed to remove the word. Wright then returned the two tiles he had selected and played a different word, Williams said.

"Meaning has no consideration when I play," Wright told reporters after the match.

Eric Chaiken, a tournament participant and director of "Word Wars," a documentary about the Scrabble championship, said the definition of "offensive" was open to interpretation.

"The ultimate absurdity is that you can't play the word 'redskins' on ESPN," he said.

Wright eventually won the best-of-five final round in three games and pocketed a \$25,000 prize.

## Court Sides With Lesbian Mother

ST. LOUIS - A Missouri appeals court has tossed out a judge's ruling that limited a mother's overnight visitation with her daughter to times the woman wasn't sleeping with her Lesbian partner, saying there's no proof such a condition was best for the child, advocate.com reported.

The August 3 ruling by a Missouri court of appeals panel ordered the case reheard by a Franklin County judge, declaring there was no evidence at trial that Rachel Dickens's Lesbian cohabitation endangered the health or impaired the emotional development of the child, now 6. "The record before us does not support such an implicit finding," Judge Booker T. Shaw wrote for the three-judge appeals panel.

Nathan Cohen, a St. Louis-area attorney for Dickens, called the ruling "courageous" in declaring "that who you sleep with won't be dispositive to a custody case." The ruling reflects "that the [first] court was wrong to incorporate her lifestyle as a basis of its court order without evidence it had any negative impact on the child," he said.

An attorney for David Gould, the child's father, did not return messages seeking comment, including whether his client would appeal.

Dickens gave birth to the girl in December 1997 and was not married to Gould, who in April 2001 sued for sole legal and physical custody of the girl and a court order allowing only supervised visitation for Dickens. Dickens countersued for custody of the girl in a case in which both parents accused the other of unsubstantiated sexual abuse involving the child.

Dickens has lived with her partner since the fall of 2000. The following April, Gould applied for and got a child-protective order based on allegations that the daughter saw her mother and her partner "engage in a sexual act," though Gould later recanted those charges in a written statement, the appeals court said.

In May 2003, Franklin County circuit judge Gael Wood ordered primary custody of the girl to Gould, finding that "[Dickens's] right to overnight visitation shall be subject to the condition that [the woman's partner] not occupy a bedroom with [the mother] under the same roof with

the minor child." Wood denied Dickens's requests for child support, necessary expenses, and attorney's fees and ordered her to pay \$343.58 a month in child support.

On appeal, Dickens argued, among other things, that the restrictive overnight visitations violated her constitutional rights to due process and equal protection, given the absence of evidence at trial that such a condition was in the child's best interest. "We agree and reverse and remand for a new trial," including over child-support matters, Shaw wrote.

Such cases have not been uncommon. In 1995 in Florida, Lesbian Mary Ward lost custody of her 12-year-old daughter to her ex-husband, even though he had murdered his first wife. A judge ruled that he wanted to give the young girl a chance to live in "a non-Lesbian world." Ward appealed, arguing the judge changed custody just because she was a Lesbian. A Florida appellate court later disagreed, saying there was evidence the daughter was being harmed by conduct she was exposed to in her mother's home. Ward died of a heart attack in 1997. Six months later the Florida appeals court, in a one-paragraph order, dismissed Ward's appeal and withdrew its 1996 decision unfavorable to the woman.

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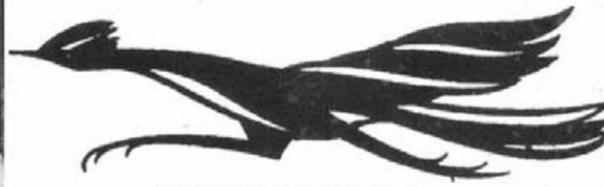
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# Colors Food & Spirits Opens On East Speedway



TUCSON - A new nightspot has opened in Tucson and the folks on the Eastside surely must be happy to have a club to open their area. John and Rick, owners of Colors Food and Spirits, 5305 E. Speedway is primarily a restaurant but there is a large full service bar to enhance the techno atmosphere. Computerized almost totally, the decor changes color periodically, and the video music entertainment is programmed to fit the various hours of the day. Some gorgeous artwork by local artists is displayed on the walls. Colors is truly a sleek, classy venue.

Prices are reasonable, the portions of food are extra large and the drinks are served to a 'T' by some veteran bartenders. (Some of the faces above are certainly familiar). Highly recommended, Colors is truly a unique establishment and certainly a welcome addition to the Tucson entertainment scene. The no dance floor and they are governed by the no smoking ordinance, but neither is missed in the least because of the ever-changing atmosphere of Colors.

## Virginia Gays And Lesbians Packing Up And Leaving

RICHMOND - A number of Gays and Lesbians have begun moving out of Virginia, the result of a new state law that restricts the rights of same-sex couples. The latest prepare to leave is a biology professor at Virginia Tech University, gfn.com reported.

In a letter to Virginia Tech President Charles Steger, Lynn Adler says she will leave Tech to take a position with the University of Massachusetts in Amherst this fall.

She says she is "sad and sorry" to be leaving Tech, but felt it was necessary because the laws of Virginia make it difficult for her to have a long-term future in the state.

Her partner does not have health insurance working part-time at Tech, and she says the state will not recognize them both as parents if they decide to have children.

She says the last straw was a law passed earlier this year that prohibits contracts between same-sex couples that purport to bestow the obligations of marriage.

The law is considered to be the harshest anti-Gay measure in the country.

Adler says she was instrumental in bringing over a \$500,000 in federal grants to Virginia Tech from the National Science Foundation.

## DA Demands End To 'Gay Panic' Defenses

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Pinion's boss, Fulton County DA Paul Howard has been on a campaign to end 'Gay panic' as a defense ever since the trial of a man accused of killing of Ahmed

Dabarran an Assistant DA in Howard's office.

Dabarran was found found beaten to death in his apartment in May 2001.

The man arrested for Dabarran's slaying, Roderiqu Reshad Reed later said he killed Dabarran after he came on to him.

In a third instance in Gerogia, a jury sentenced Aaron Price to prison for attacking a fellow Morehouse College student, Gregory Love, with a baseball bat in 2002 because he thought Love was Gay.

Price was charged with a hate crime but when Love testified he was not Gay the jury convicted Price of aggravated assault and aggravated battery.

Following the verdict in the Shaw case Thursday, Howard issued a statement saying his prosecutors are "sick" of lawyers using the 'Gay panic' defense.

"It is demeaning, outrageous, insulting and downright ridiculous for defendants to believe that the death of any human being is justified because he or she is homosexual," Howard said.

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Dear Dr. X

What is semen? Is it safe to swallow? Can you tell anything about a guy's health by his cum? I like cum but notice it can be very different from guy to guy. Sometimes it's runny or looks like tapioca. I love that part of a man but need to know if what I am putting into my body is safe or not.

Signed, Cum Eater

Dear Cum Eater,

Semen or cum is a fluid produced by your prostate gland. It is mixed with sperm and other fluids such as fructose (sugar). The average amount a guy cums is about 1/2 a teaspoon and you would have to ingest about 400 loads to equal the calorie content of a "death by chocolate" dessert. Pre-cum is clear and leaks from your penis before you shoot. How much a guy pre-cums depends on the guy and how sexually excited he is. You must remember that semen is one of the 4 body fluids that transmit the HIV virus. Telling if a guy is healthy or sick from his cum is about as accurate as looking at someone and telling if they are positive or negative. Research says it is safe to swallow considering your stomach acids will kill any traces of HIV. There have been a few cases of HIV infection from oral sex, but in almost every case the patient had some other oral problem ...gum disease, sores, etc. I'm just

gonna take a moment to say keep your self safe and remember these words "on me, not in me."

Dear Dr. X,

My friends and I were watching the movie "Trick" the other day and when they got to the point where the drag queen was talking about getting hit in the eye with cum, we fell apart. Afterwards we started talking and came up with a few questions. Can cum hurt your eyes? What are the chances of getting HIV infection from cum in the eye?

Signed, Curious

Dear Curious,

Watching a man pump out his semen is indeed a wonder of nature, and a great many of us don't mind feeling semen splash on our faces in the process. Semen can temporarily irritate the eye. As anyone who has had it happen to them will tell you, Yes! It does burn! It is possible, although very unlikely, that you can contract HIV in the process. To anyone engaging in any sort of unsafe sexual activity, I recommend regular testing for HIV. If you don't want to wear safety goggles the next time this occurs, close your eyes or encourage him to aim for your chest. And remember that old slogan from the 80's "On me not in me".

**Marilyn Monroe Had One-Night-  
 Stand With Joan Crawford**

LOS ANGELES - Screen siren Marilyn Monroe had a one-off affair with fellow actress Joan Crawford, according to a new biography, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network.

moment in some detail and told how she and Joan had sex." Smith told the newspaper.

The 1950s star apparently admitted to having sex with Crawford, but said she was not too keen on the experience.

He added that she was pretty clear which way her sexuality fell, however.

Biographer Matthew Smith says the revelation appears on tapes made during the Hollywood legend's therapy sessions.

"I told her straight out I didn't much enjoy doing it with a woman," she reportedly says on the tapes.

He told The Sun that the tapes also reveal the rivalry that subsequently erupted between the two actresses.

"After I turned her down, she got spiteful."

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The forthcoming book is expected to use the tapes to reveal even more about the star, who continues to influence today's stars of stage and screen half a century after her death in 1962.

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Someone has spiked our love potions this week when Venus and Mars pour into new signs. Suddenly we feel loosey, goosy, intoxicated and ready to fly. Watch out for low ceilings. Ouch!

## ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)

Odds are that proud Rams will be especially productive when Mars and Venus shift. You are certainly inspired and energized. Various potential projects take you down interesting avenues but, typically, you refuse to ask for directions and prefer to meander aimlessly. Perhaps it is best to plan your activities from the comfort of your lazee-boy recliner. No names please!

## TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

You seem to have a great deal to say when Mars and Venus make their moves. Will you create a verbal souffle or just lay an egg? The trick is to find the right moment to deliver your brilliant mouthy morsels. To that end, queer Bulls troll the usual hot party spots in search of adoration, action and audiences. But why not try a few new places and avoid the usual trolls?

## GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Major home renovations are just up your alley for the next few weeks so find the right property and start planning. Venus turns on the money spigot while Mars constructs a design fit for a pink palace. Gay Twins ache to surround themselves with expensive, beautiful objects and the very best of everything. Why not? You only live once, as least as far as we can tell.

## CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Who put the sparkle in your every step? Who gave you more than your fair share of charisma? Give a big thank you to Venus and Mars who glide into new signs. Pink Crabs capture the hearts of whoever they meet by knowing just what to say. But be discerning, cousin; your every word is a tour de force and it would be a shame to waste it on wanton groupies. Then again.

## LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Venus and Mars conspire to present you with a dilemma. While there is a part of you that aches to serve the greater good, there is also a devil on your shoulder enticing you into all sorts of over the top, self-serving extravagances. Do you really want to give up all your worldly possessions and talk to the birds? The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Oh thank goodness!

## VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Your popularity just hit a new high with both new and familiar faces. Mars and Venus present queer Virgins with the opportunity to be the center of any social group they choose. What a nice change of pace! But choose your circles wisely, comrade; there is not much time. Before you know it you will revert from the belle of the ball back into the overripe pumpkin.

## LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Gay Libras manage to catch the eye of more than a few highly placed folks while both Venus and Mars change signs. Professional prospects have never looked so good. You possess that desirable combination of confidence and camaraderie, instinctually knowing who is powerful enough to court. All well and good but let's face it, do you really want to work that hard?

## SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

What better time to gather a group of pals and travel as when Mars and Venus change signs and pack your suitcase? Proud Scorps are primed for adventure and faraway romance. Explore and expand your horizons. If money is tight, do it at a friends beach property. If money is non-existent, order in a spicy Sicilian hot pie and make beautiful music together.

## SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

If you thought you could spend your summer roasting your toast at every beach party, think again Gay Archer. Venus and Mars require you to set your course on the bigger picture, especially with any long term goals. Very soon you will be given a chance to prove how good you really are. Are you just blowing hot air or can you really do it? I sense a tornado brewing.

## CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Your itchy feet require movement and what can be a better outlet for your nimble tootsies than a change of scenery. Pink Caps are well served by a spontaneous vacation when Mars and Venus move. Added bonus: You will not travel alone. Somehow you have a friendly entourage dogging your every step. Is it time to show an old dog some new tricks? Woof, woof!

## AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Aqueerians are full of gusto and need to express their sexiness by displaying their body at any opportunity. Dress for success, compadre, or don't dress at all. This means either a sharp outfit for the office or a brief encounter at the gym. Body not yet ready for prime time? Then expose it in late night. In the right time and place anyone can be a love magnet Well, most anyone.

## PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

Guppies experience the thrill of the romantic pursuit when Mars and Venus change signs. Will you be the hunter or the hunted? No matter which end of the food change you aspire to occupy, be sure that you explore all sorts of fun venues in the process. Get Out there and paint the town pink. You simply cannot sit at home, phone it in and wait for a delivery. Or can you...?



Dear Observer,

I was touched and surprised when Larry Moore (aka Lucinda Holliday) presented me with checks totaling \$687.50 in support of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

These donations were made during the recent Miss Gay Arizona America pageant production. I would like to thank the lead donors, including Miss Gay America 2004 Rachael Erickks, Dave Huff/Frank Schepis, and Danny Scott. Additionally I would like to thank Larry Moore along with David Dawson, promoter of the pageant, as well as all those who attended and contributed to this donation.

Gifts such as this keep TIHAN able to continue providing AIDS education and providing vital support services to those living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Thank you all! And our best wishes to Miss Gay Arizona 2004 Bunny FuFu, and the incoming Miss Gay Arizona 2005 Tori Steele!

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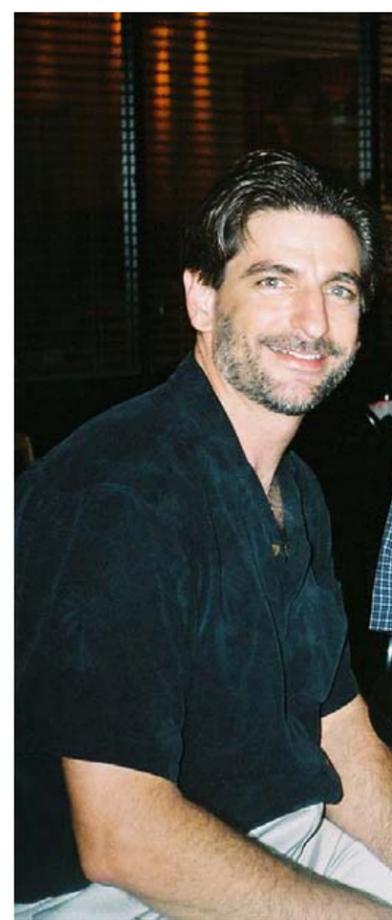
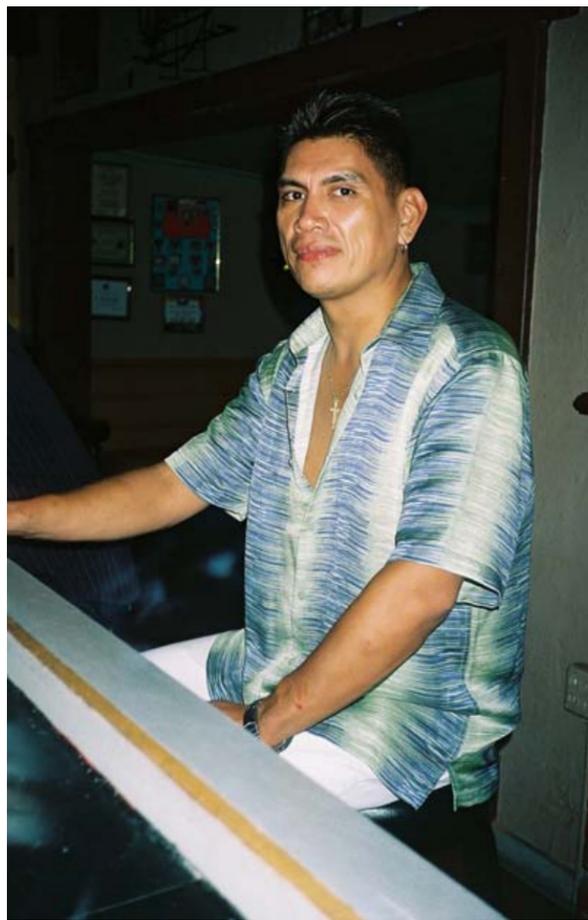
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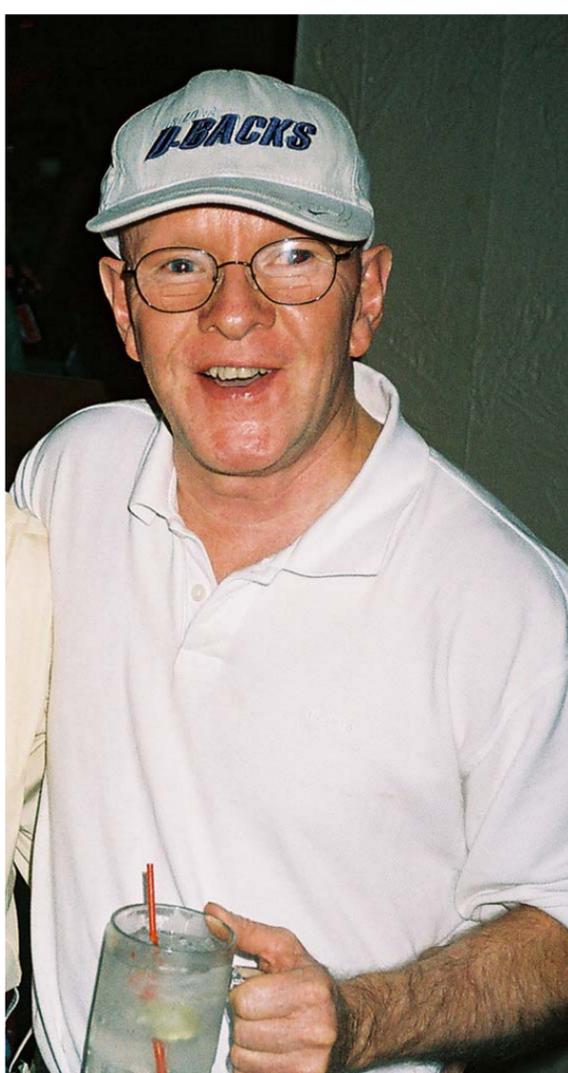
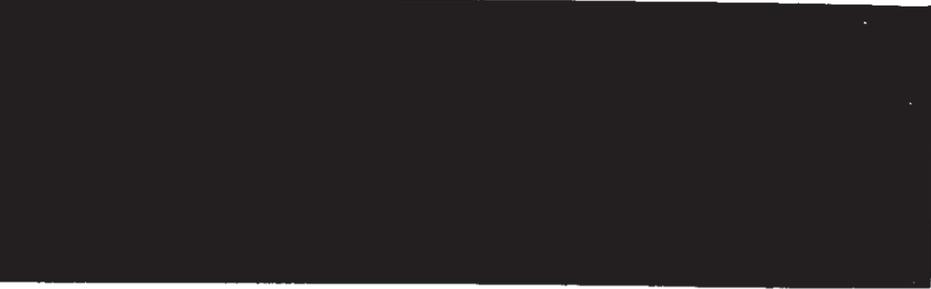
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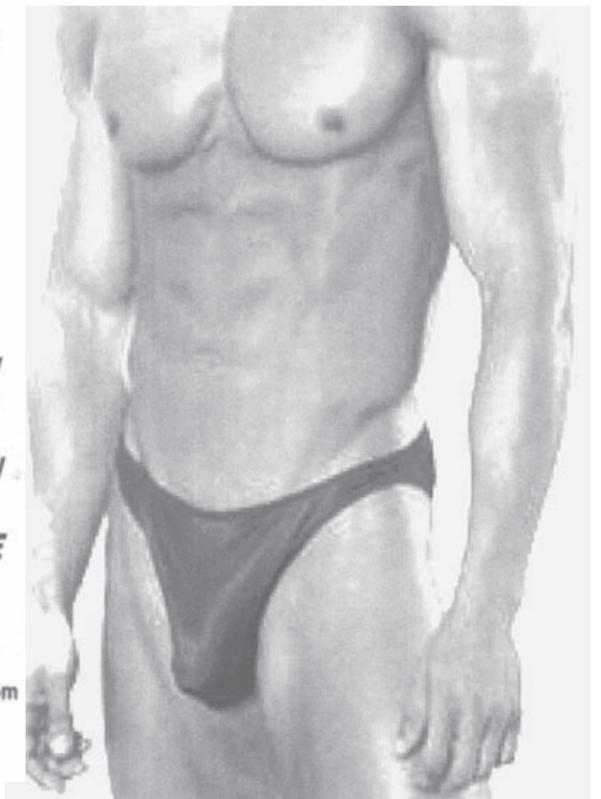
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## POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

### 'November 2 - The End Of An Error'

A textbook mainstream media ambush: Just two days after primary voters in the state of Missouri approved a measure adding an amendment to their state constitution barring same-sex marriage, despite already having a state Defense of Marriage Act on the books, North Carolina Senator John Edwards, the Democratic candidate for Vice President was asked while campaigning in Missouri his opinion on the issue, being used by the Republicans as a wedge and a distraction during this year's campaign.

"We're both opposed to Gay marriage and believe that states should be allowed to decide this question," Edwards said in an interview after a campaign stop in the town of Cape Girardeau.

None of the major contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination supported same-sex marriage during the primary campaign and the mainstream media poses this question, right after the vote, and thinks they'll get an answer that differs or for that matter, counter to the vote on August 3, committing political suicide? Whom are they kidding?!

Remember, Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgendered (GLBT) citizens have unfortunately become a wedge issue in the campaign and must remain focused on the big picture - ousting Dubya, his minions and the Republican leadership

in Congress.

After the election, Geoffrey Kors, Executive Director of Equality California said in an interview, "the GLBT community is going to have to become more assertive in demanding our rights from our elected officials." Indeed the election is just the beginning for GLBT citizens and the end of an error - Dubya. ...

Arizona's primary election will take place Tuesday, September 7 when voters, those few who go to the polls to cast their ballots will decide who will be their party's standard-bearer for the various offices up for consideration.

In Southern Arizona, there are few races of note:

Republicans will decide: whether Jim Kolbe is still okay or just too Gay and who will lose to Raul Grijalva; whether two Republican state House incumbents will survive (Both voted for the Federal Marriage Amendment "postcard" during the session.); who will lose to Sheriff Clarence Dupnik and for the post of Assessor - who will face Bill Staples, the Democratic candidate.

On the Democratic side: Three people competing for the nod for the U.S. House in C.D. 8; two primary contests for the State House from Legislative Districts

25 and 28, the State Senate from Legislative District 27; and races for Pima County Justice of the Peace and Constable to name the posts. More to follow ...

Amanda Simpson, endorsed by the Victory Fund, isn't facing a primary contest in her bid for the State House of Representatives from Legislative 26 (Northwest Tucson and Pima County) but is gearing up for the general election campaign and needs help from the GLBT community.

Amanda has worked at Raytheon Missile Systems Company since 1983, where her roles have included contributing scientist, chief engineer, and flight trainer. While working at Raytheon, she co-owned a professional flight training school. Amanda has served on the board of the Arizona Human Rights Fund as well as a commissioner to the city of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, where she worked to pass inclusive anti-discrimination ordinances and domestic partner registries. Her work on the commission led Tucson to be the only city in Arizona that passed such legislation. She is also a member of the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance and consulted for the National Center for Transgender Equality, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Gender PAC and the Human Rights Campaign. If elected, Amanda will be the first person elected to office as an out Transgender person in Arizona.

Simpson is not a Clean Elections Candidate, so she can accept contributions up to \$280 for each individual. Make checks payable to "The Committee

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By Pastor Paul Chambliss

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We spend so much time doing just things that we don't know how to not do things. A sad commentary on our view of ourselves and our society.

I sometimes feel that we have come to a place that it is not only acceptable but commendable that we be work-a-holics. The insidiousness of this is that our total worth is tied into our productivity a value established by our society.

We need to stop and realize that even with God, who created the heavens and the earth and their vast array on the seventh day He rested. God blessed that day, made it Holy and imparted that to us through the scriptures. Genesis 2 verses 2 and 3. This makes it pretty clear that we are to follow God's example. Why is it so problematic for so many of us.

Day after day we get out of bed

and start the whole cycle over again. Out of bed, on to work, home to chores and to bed again, complete drained of any energy

Are we running away from something? Do we think if we slow down and don't appear to be as productive and we think we should be, that we will not be able to cope with life? Is there some merit to non-stop work?

There was a point in my life that I began to ponder this and realized there was an emptiness in my life that I tried to keep from myself and from others and the busier I was the less likely this emptiness was to expose itself. I finally discovered no thing or no person could fill this emptiness for me. This was a spiritual hole This was the beginning of my search for Jesus and I have discovered that the more I look to Him and the more personal I become with Him, the less that hole inside of me existed. He filled my void to a place of peace and understanding and even great joy. I have learned I can get the job done without being driven or obsessive. There is a wonder that comes from knowing God "Rest for our Souls" What a peace that eludes us because we don't listen to God.

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## ABA May Bar Judges From Anti-Gay Groups

ATLANTA - Judges are on the front line of battles over legal rights for same-sex couples and should never belong to an organization that discriminates against Gays, supporters of a proposed change to American Bar Association ethics rules argued Friday, August 6.

Judges are already prohibited from joining clubs that discriminate based on race or sex. An ABA panel is debating whether to make groups that discriminate against Gays off limits as well.

The ABA, the nation's largest lawyers' group with more than 400,000 members, writes conduct rules for judges and lawyers. States and federal courts generally adopt them, with some changes.

It is not known how many judges participate in groups such as the Boy Scouts that have policies against hiring Gays or having homosexual leaders, or some veterans groups that restrict membership to heterosexuals.

The ABA held an all-day public hearing Friday on proposed judicial ethics changes during the association's summer meeting, which runs through Tuesday. Rules on gifts judges may accept and judges' involvement in fund-raisers may also be changed. The ABA is not expected to vote on any changes until next year. It would be the first overhaul of the rules in more than a decade, and any changes eventually could affect thousands of judges.

Meanwhile, a new report by the Government Accountability Office, Congress' auditing arm, shows that some judges request - and receive permission - to withhold information about gifts from the public on the premise that their safety could be compromised. The ABA ethics panel is considering redefining a gift, possibly to include paid trips to seminars.

"It's critical for the public to know who's wining and dining the federal judges," said Douglas Kendall, executive director of the Community Rights Counsel, who appeared before the panel.

The proposed change to membership in groups that discriminate against Gays is energized in part by the Supreme Court's ruling a year ago that states cannot "demean" same-sex couples by punishing their sexual conduct.

That decision has spawned multiple Gay rights cases around the country, including Massachusetts' ruling to legalize Gay marriage. Most recently, a judge ruled this week that a same-sex marriage ban violates Washington state's constitution.

The leader of the ABA commission, Phoenix lawyer Mark Harrison, said that without getting into a political debate about the rights of Gay couples to marry, the panel wants to "make sure that judges aren't viewed as bigots."

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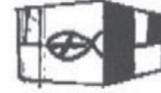
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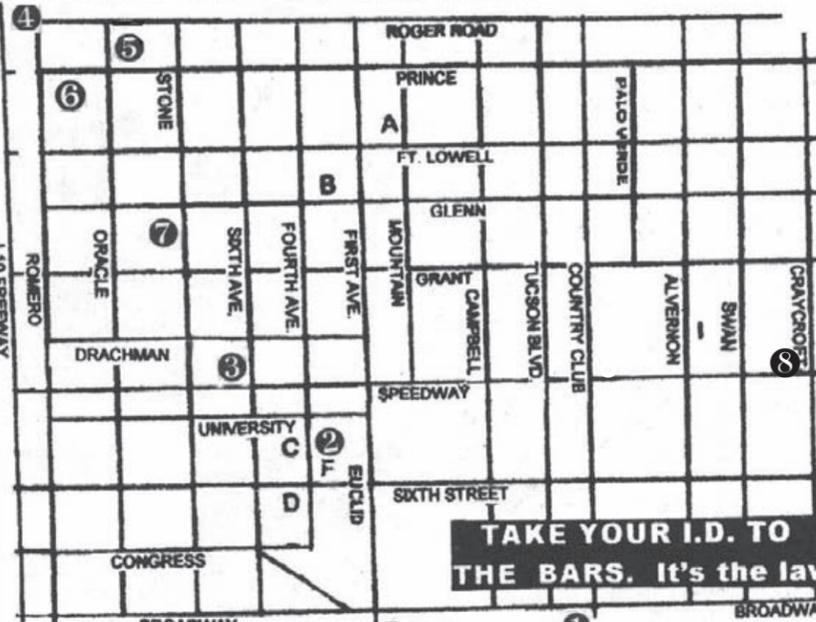
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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

by Lee Thorn

**The Convention**

One of the frequently stated goals of the Democratic Convention was to avoid "Bush bashing." The commentators I watched, mostly CNN folks, kept track of Bush bashing so assiduously that it finally became comical. After every speech they gave a considered evaluation of how successfully or not it had avoided the bashing of Bush.

As those commentators dutifully noted, several of the speeches were fairly unsuccessful in avoiding Bush bashing. Being naturally suspicious I began to wonder if the Dems had told CNN they'd be trying to avoid Bush bashing when they actually intended to bash all along with the intent of creating an impression that, try as they might, their duty to simple truth, not to mention justice and the American way, required them to do what might look like bashing to someone who didn't know better, someone who didn't know how fair they were straining to be.

If all this seems a little silly, consider the view that the context in which it occurred was silliness itself. Consider, for example, the enormous time and effort devoted to proving that the candidates had wives and families and friends. What was the point? According to the commentators it was supposed to make us feel more comfortable with the candidates.

And why is it important that we feel comfortable with them? The theory is that we're not going to elect people who we'll then have to watch on TV for the next four years unless we're comfortable with them.

But what about their political policies? The theory is that people who care about policy have long since made up their minds about who they'll vote for. The conventions are aimed at the undecided, and anyone who's undecided at this stage of the game doesn't know or care anything about policy.

If the commentators are right, and I have no reason to believe that they're not, the conventions are theatrical events whose purpose is to make people who are indifferent to the reality of how they are governed comfortable with the personalities of those who would govern them.

It makes you wonder why the candidates didn't bring their pets out as well. I could get comfortable with a candidate who had a mutt from the pound. Or how about one whose kids had a cute miniature pony?

While the convention was going on some real news was breaking on C-Span. I call it "real news" because I'm a news junkie and I'd never heard about it. Robert Kennedy, Jr. claimed that over 70 criminal prosecutions against polluters were dropped by the Bush Administration after the polluters gave about 100 million bucks to the Bush election campaign.

Kennedy also claimed that the dropping of these criminal cases was not widely reported in the press. I can attest to that. Despite my voracious news consumption I'd never heard of it.

Now Kennedy is not exactly a neutral source. By his own admission he's a lawyer employed in environmental activism. Given that fact and given the fact that this amazing story has apparently shown up nowhere else, maybe he just made it up.

But, just for the sake of argument, let's say that Bush's team took a lot of money from people who suddenly got criminal charges against them dropped. Why in the world wouldn't the Democrats raise the issue at their convention? Why wouldn't the media raise the issue at all?

Were the convention directors worried that it might look like Bush bashing? Were the media more interested in keeping score of Bush bashing than they were in what seems to have been the wholesale auctioning off of the criminal justice system?

But to get back to the serious stuff, how about that failed balloon drop? Can a political party unable to pull off a proper balloon drop seriously aspire to run a country, or even a small town?

I noticed with cynicism that CNN kept the microphone open on the director who was going nuts trying to get the balloons dropped. Not surprisingly, the director uttered a profanity. Also not surprisingly, a commentator pretended to be surprised by the profanity.

That's entertainment

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## NON-BAR CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon – 12:30 p.m., Hidden Valley Inn, 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Rd.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of miniature golf at Funtasticks. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Chili's. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Hearts Night. This viciously fun game is easy to learn if you've never played before. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

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

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Daniel & David for Bridge. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call David or Daniel at 579-9763.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard and T. Jay for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay and Richard at 881-7919.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for Newsletter Night-help put our Newsletter together, then sit back and enjoy the MSN Premiere of "Die, Mommie, Die!... For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:30 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network: Share your old-time family dishes as Ray and Bob host a Family, Ethnic or Regional recipes Potluck beginning at 6:00 PM. Please contact Bob and Ray at 290-4362 or via email at bob6725@aol.com (mailto:bob6725@aol.com) for reservations and directions. Seating is limited to the first 25 to reserve a spot.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Steve at 664-2076.

#4. Please join Robert for a Night Out at the Ballpark as the Tucson Sidewinders host the Edmonton Trappers. Reservations for this event are due by Sunday, August 8.

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

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

### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Men's Social Network: Please join Karol for a fun night of "Charades" beginning at 7:00 PM. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Desert Coyote Bowling League meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (16<sup>th</sup> and Ajo). 622-2186. For more information call Santa Cruz Lanes or call Dan at 404-3591.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Terry for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-2396.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

## BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., the "Diva-Licious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday, starring Tori Steele, Diana Flair and Amanda Nicole

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - The official Miss Latina Arizona National Capitol Cities 2004 Regional Preliminary Pageant - 7:00 p.m. sharp. For more information call Crystal Abrams, (520)409-0134 or in Phoenix call (602)486-6182.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

IBT'S - 8:30 p.m. The FuFu Revue" 8<sup>th</sup> in the series of the "Drag Survivor" hosted by Bunny FuFu. This week's contestants will be Veronica Halliwell, Janee Starr and Samantha White.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

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. 4:30 p.m. special 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Elvis Presley Karaoke Competition. Sign up by 5 p.m. Contest at 6 p.m. Pick your favorite Elvis tune, dress the part. Join us for some fun. \$50 first place and \$25 second place. Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to LGBT Tucson Pride Parade Committee. 9:00 p.m. DJ Eric Van De Belle - hot music and dance until closing.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

VENTURE-N - Get ready for the annual Jungle Party!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (Labor Day)

IBT'S - Mark your calendars - "Monday Morning Madness"!!!!

## DAILY BAR CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 10:30 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, includes Bloody Mary or Mimosa. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. DJ Jake playing country favorites 8:30 pm to 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 4pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm. \$1.50 Hamburgers / \$1.00 Ten Ounce. Draft. Drink Specials available.

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-?. \$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 - 3pm.

### MONDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 – 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Monday Munchies 3 – 8 pm with reduced prices on appetizers. Pool Tournament 6:30 pm - \$3 entry fee, bar matches pot. Draught Beer Specials for players.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Free Pool all day. Drink Specials Available.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. 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. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

### TUESDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 – 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke 8 – 11:30 pm

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. Karaoke with Smiling Julie. Drink. Drink Specials available. Happy Hour 4-7.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls It drink specials..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm Beer Bust 3-7pm.

### WEDNESDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 – 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Free Pool all day. Draught Beer Specials all day. Beginning couples dance lessons with Amanda 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Country DJ Jake plays 8:30 - 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. Happy Hour 4-7 Karaoke w/Kim 8pm-12am. Drink Specials all night. Kitchen open until midnight for finger foods.

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 Beer Bust 3-7pm.

### THURSDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 – 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$2.00 Mexican Beers all day. Karaoke with David Z from 8 to midnight.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7.

Kitchen closes 8:30 p.m. Drink specials available.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$5.

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. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

### FRIDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 – 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. .

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 & Shrimp Fry Noon to 8:30pm only \$5.99. Happy Hour 4-7. Drag Show every Friday with Crystal Abrahms and Bunny FuFu and guests. Disco dancing with DJ Paul after the show.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 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. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel open 9pm.

### SATURDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 10:30 am. Happy Hour 3 – 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$3.00 Cheese Burger & Fries all day. Country DJ with the best in country dance music 8:30 to close

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. Latino Night 1st & 2nd Saturday every month w/DJ Eduardo 8:30-close Drink specials available. Latino Drag Show every 2nd Saturday. 3rd & 4th Saturdays Super Disco Mix with DJ Bing Bing.

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.

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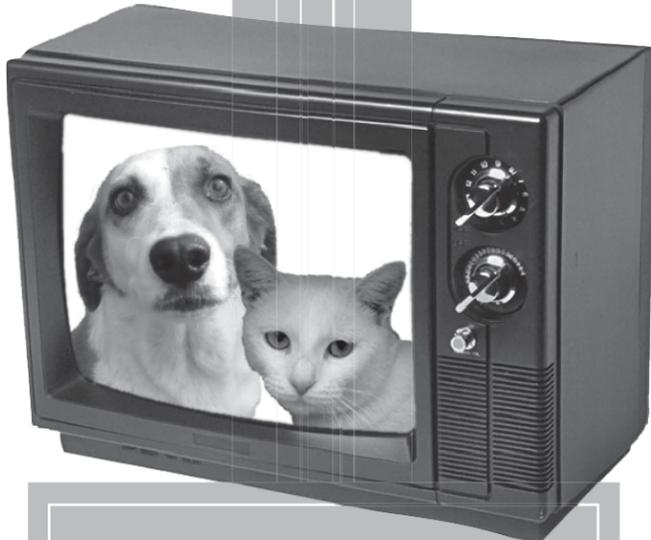




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