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G/L Marriage Group Calls For National Boycott

NEW YORK - An advocacy group for same-sex marriage is calling on Gays and Lesbians to stage a one-day boycott show the clout of the pink buck, 365Gay.com reported.

Estimates indicate that America's Lesbian and Gay population spends an average of \$1.4 billion each day, totaling \$500 billion a year.

Boycott For Equality is calling for a one-day nation-wide economic 'walkout' on October 8, 2004 to make that point clear.

Atlanta-based Boycott for Equality Co-Founder Dale Duncan says the one-day event would highlight the contribution that Lesbians and Gays make to the domestic economy and tax base, at the same time they are denied the full legal protections and civil liberties afforded heterosexual Americans.

"We want to remind those in our nation who don't always see the impact of our community in terms of dollars and cents that we do have real market power," said Duncan.

"We were inspired by Don't Amend Founder Robin Tyler's famous quip, 'If being Gay is a disease, let's all call in sick to work' and decided to put those words into action."

Using conventional statistics up to twenty-seven million Americans identify as being primarily Lesbian or Gay. Yet no Federal law provides protection from discrimination in the workplace and many State and Federal laws prohibit access to the rights and responsibilities of marriage.

G/L Marriage Heating Up Phoenix Legislative Races

MESA - The issue of Gay marriage has become a heated one in two legislative districts, leading to what some say is a hostile environment and threats against a candidate, the Associated Press reported in the East Valley Tribune and Tucson Citizen.

District 7 House candidate Thom Von Hapsburg, who is openly Gay, said he has been followed while driving, had campaign signs cut down and had animal waste thrown at his house several times a week.

And the incidents have become more common as political rivals have increased their attacks on Gay marriage and on his politics, he said.

He told the East Valley Tribune that opponent David Burnell Smith encouraged "hate mongering" with a mailer that says Von Hapsburg supports Gay marriage and is "dangerously liberal."

According to the Washington D.C.-based public relations firm Witeck-Combs Communications, the US Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) population contributed an estimated \$500 billion to the U.S. marketplace in 2003, while The University of Georgia's Selig Center at the Terry College of Business estimates that the African-American, Hispanic, Asian and Native-American markets contribute \$688 billion, \$653 billion, \$344 billion, and \$45 billion respectively.

"This event brings into focus the economic contribution of GLBT citizens," said Duncan. "And people understand money. The response so far has been tremendous."

Some major groups that have endorsed or encouraged Boycott for Equality Day include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Don't Amend: The Equality Campaign, The Advocate magazine, Civil Marriage US, DC Diversity, Equality Illinois and Wyoming Equality.

October 8 falls on a Friday, and the following Monday is National Coming Out Day, Duncan explained. "It seemed like a great time to make our presence felt."

Duncan says that on October 8 GLBT Americans and their straight allies should not purchase anything, not generate sales tax or business revenue, not work (by taking the day off and not generate payroll taxes, income taxes or add to the economy) and not use cell phones.

Dropping out of the communication network is a way to measure the impact of your presence, Duncan says.

"He's sending out inaccurate information," said Von Hapsburg, who opposes same-sex marriage. "It just fuels these right-wingers even more."

Smith, who condemned the threats against Von Hapsburg, said, however, his rival is misleading voters by touting his family values.

"I still believe that he supports the Gay agenda," Smith said.

The two are running in District 7, which includes northwest Scottsdale, Cave Creek, Carefree and northeast Phoenix.

Several political observers said the debate this year about sexual orientation has gotten nastier than in past years.

"I know there are certain issues that are hot-button issues in every election cycle, but somehow the viciousness of this

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Observer Recommendations For September 7 Primary Election

Next Tuesday, September 7, voters will go to the polls to decide their party's nominees for the political offices up for consideration. In many of these primary races, only one party has fielded candidates or incumbents are running unopposed.

In Pima County, there are three primary contests of note to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and HIV/AIDS communities, both involving Arizona's Legislature and incumbents who have been supporters, sponsoring and supporting hate crimes legislation, voting against legislation supporting a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, are being challenged and need our help at the ballot box.

State Senator Jorge Luis Garcia is being challenged in the Legislative District 27 (west side) Democratic Primary. During this past legislative session, Garcia voted against HCM 2004, the legislative postcard putting the state on record supporting the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, barring same-sex marriage, as well as civil unions and domestic partnerships. Garcia has been a solid supporter, again endorsed by the Arizona Human Rights Fund and should be returned for another term. The winner in the

Legislative District 27 primary will not face any opposition in the general election. Senator Garcia has been there for the GLBT and HIV/AIDS communities and it's time to return the favor, at the ballot box September 7.

State Representatives David Bradley and Ted Downing are being challenged in the Legislative District 28 (central Tucson) Democratic primary. In the recent legislative session, both Downing and Bradley sponsored HB 2630, the House companion version expanding Arizona's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanor offenses, as well as speaking out and voting against HCM 2004. Downing and Bradley have been solid supporters, both endorsed by the Arizona Human Rights Fund and should get our "recommendation," in the polling booth on Tuesday, September 7.

Legislative District 25 takes in the outlying areas of Pima County. In the Democratic primary for the State House of Representatives, the incumbent, Manuel Alvarez, who co-sponsored HB 2630, the Hate Crimes legislation, as well as voting against HCM 2004, gets the Observer nod, as well as newcomer Monica Perez, both of whom were endorsed by the Arizona Human Rights Fund for the September 7 primary contest.

GOP Passes Anti-G/L Platform Have Anti/GL Convention Speakers

NEW YORK - The Republican Party platform committee Wednesday, August 25 endorsed a strong denouncement of same-sex marriage, calling for an amendment to the Constitution to prevent Gay couples from any form of recognition.

The language was approved by a panel of the platform committee, meeting in New York in advance of the GOP National Convention. The group was made up largely of conservative delegates.

The vote came as the full platform committee sought ways to "appease" Republicans who support Gay rights or abortion rights without embracing their positions.

"We are the party of the open door," said Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, who led platform deliberations on social issues.

The Gay-rights group Log Cabin Republicans, abortion-rights group Republicans for Choice and the Republican Youth Majority had proposed a much more expansive "unity" plank.

Log Cabin's Christopher Barron was livid after the panel endorsed the first-ever call for a constitutional Gay-marriage

ban in a GOP platform and went beyond that to oppose legal recognition of any same-sex unions.

"You can't craft a vicious, mean-spirited platform and then try to put lipstick on the pig by putting Rudy Giuliani and Arnold Schwarzenegger on in prime time," he said.

The Log Cabin Amendment was not considered by the full committee and the platform was approved on Monday, August 30, the first night of the Republican convention.

In other news, Human Rights Campaign President Cheryl Jacques and H. Alexander Robinson of the National Black Justice Coalition have co-signed a letter to President Bush, objecting to three speakers scheduled to address the Republican National Convention.

Gospel singer and "ex-Gay" Donnie McClurkin, the first speaker singled out for joint disapproval, told Pat Robinson's "700 Club" TV show that Gay Americans are "trying to kill our children," the letter says. McClurkin, who blamed his sexual orientation on molesting male relatives, has reportedly called

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UPDATE

Wingspan 7th Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony, Sept. 18

TUCSON - On Saturday, September 18, guests will gather at the Tucson Convention Center for the Wingspan Seventh Annual Benefit Dinner and Awards Ceremony; an evening of celebration, socializing, recognition, and enlightenment.

Evan Wolfson is the keynote speaker for the event. Wolfson is the Executive Director of Freedom to Marry, the Gay and non-Gay partnership working to win marriage equality nationwide.

The Godat Award honors a lifetime of service to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community and will be presented to Dr. Alan Storm, Assistant Superintendent for the Sunnyside School District. Dr. Storm founded the local chapter of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network). Dr. Storm was also instrumental in allowing Sunnyside become the first school district in the state of Arizona to offer domestic partner benefits to all employees.

Dr. J. Kevin Carmichael, M.D., will receive the Community Ally Award, which honors an ally of the LGBT community. Dr. Carmichael is Chief of Service at El Rio Community Health Center's Special Immunology Associates, providing health care and education, mental health care, nutrition programs, and other vital services to those living with HIV/AIDS.

The Steve Hall Award is named for long-time Wingspan supporter and past board president Steve Hall, who died of AIDS related complications in 2001. This award honors outstanding contributions toward the mission, values, and work of Wingspan. This year's award recipient is David Eyde, a longtime Wingspan volunteer and past board member.

There will be a Silent Auction during the reception from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Items up for bid include entertainment packages, restaurant certificates, jewelry, artwork and accessories for the home in a variety of price ranges. After the Awards Ceremony there will be dancing with live music provided by Big Band Express.

Tickets are on sale for \$80 per person or \$800 for a table of ten by calling (520) 624-1779 or visiting www.wingspan.org.

Volunteers Needed For OUToberfest

TUCSON - Volunteers are needed for OUToberFEST 2004. OUToberFEST will be held on Saturday October 9, 2004, in Reid Park.

Some volunteers are needed prior to the event; a large number are needed during the event. A two-hour time commitment for volunteering will get you in to the event for free, as long as you are in the Tucson Pride volunteer database prior to the event. Tucson Pride is continuing its tradition of Volunteer for Dollars, and will make a cash donation of \$8 per hour to the charity of your choice for volunteer hours worked. A few key volunteers are needed who are willing to be area managers, and make a four-hour time commitment for volunteering on the festival day.

Key volunteers are also needed on Friday October 8 during the day to set-up lighting in the tents for vendors (no technical skill required). Two key volunteers preferably with construction experience are needed to setup a portable light tower late afternoon/early evening on Friday October 8, and take it down on Saturday October 9 after the festival closes.

Tucson Pride will make a bonus donation to the charity of choice for key volunteers, plus you'll have more fun and meet more people with this extended volunteer commitment! Please contact volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett at: Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org or (520) 591-9435.

The Tucson Pride Parade volunteer meeting will take place, Thursday, September 9, 6:00 p.m., at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid. Organizers said they've identified key areas of need for help, both immediate needs and help for week and day of event. These range from help with fundraising like the beer bust and raffle tickets, to set up clean up and crowd control.

For more information, send an E-mail to: matt_harding@juno.com.

SASD Update: Strategy Outlined

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats (SASD) Fundraiser the night of John Kerry's acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention was an outstanding success, raising \$1,860 for the Arizona Democratic Party/Coordinated Campaign - one of the most of any house party that night in the entire state of Arizona!

At a membership-building potluck pool party on Saturday, August 28th, members received an update on AZ State Legislative issues from District 28 Representative Ted Downing, and on issues

facing the Arizona Corporation Commission from candidate Nina Trasoff. SASD then outlined a strategy for the upcoming Presidential Election: "Lick Bush and Dick in '04". Recognizing that GLBTI is one of the most Democratic demographics in the nation, SASD will focus on outreach to our own community from now through Outoberfest on October 9th. The strategy is to build paid membership quickly, and to ask each member to network into GLBTI and GLBTI-friendly groups, organizations, businesses and communities to do voter registration (VR) until the October 4th deadline, to STRONGLY encourage EVERYONE to request Vote by Mail (VBM) Ballots (special VBM request forms are now available), and to turn in ballots EARLY. This reduces the workload and expense needed for the "Get out the Vote" (GOTV) program to follow. To help implement the networking strategy, SASD is especially seeking volunteers for Treasurer, computer/database, media relations, buttons and T-shirts, and a core group to manage the strategy. At Outoberfest, SASD will focus on building membership and getting everyone to sign up to vote by mail. Between Outoberfest and the election, SASD will be coordinating efforts with the Arizona statewide coordinated campaign.

After the November 2nd election, members of SASD will select new leadership to implement candidate and issue forums and endorsements for future elections. Given that even our Democratic nominee does not even support same-sex marriage, we still have a lot of work to do! Our goal is to make supporting a status quo which denies GLBTI citizens their civil rights an untenable position for anyone seeking to be elected to represent us! If you would like to become a member, for a mere \$10 (\$15 per couple living at the same address) you can help develop and further the SASD agenda. To sign up, please contact Steve Cody, (520) 664-2076, tstephencody@rvwifi.com, 7555 E. Navigator Lane, Tucson, AZ 85706. The next SASD Executive Committee meeting will be held on Saturday, September 4, 11AM at the new Colors restaurant, 5305 E. Speedway. The next SASD general meeting will be on Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 PM at Pima Democratic Party Headquarters, 4639 E. 1st St. (1 block South of Speedway, 1/2 block West of Swan on the North side (520) 326-3716). Both meetings are open to the public.

Desert Voices Rehearsal Sept. 13

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Arizona's only GLBT chorus, will begin its 16th season with two open rehearsals on Monday, September 13th (no rehearsal on Labor Day) at Tucson's Water of Life MCC, located at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The group's director, Chris Tackett, will conduct a swift and painless voice check to determine parts for new members, and there will be information about the chorus and a short orientation session to help new members get comfortable with the group. Plans for the season ahead include 2 shows; the Winter show titled "Naughty and Nice", December 4 and 5, and the Spring show and Silent Auction titled "Our True Colors," April 16, 2005. In addition, the group will perform at a variety of community events in Tucson. Regular rehearsals are typically every Monday evening from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC address above.

If you'd like more information about the chorus, please visit their website at www.desertvoices.org. If you plan to come to the open rehearsals, please email the chorus at info@desertvoices.org, or you can call their office at (520) 791-9662.

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TUCSON - So it's a Wednesday night and you're in a Gay bar. And you're not Gay.

And a woman in a slinky evening dress is pulling packaged prophylactics from her bustline and offering them to you - via her mouth - in exchange for a good tip, reported the Arizona Daily Star. Only she's not a woman.

And then comes your worst nightmare. You've forgotten to turn off your cell phone. It's your mother. And before you can stop her, the irritated performer grabs it out of your hand, and announces to mom that you're in a Gay bar and too busy to talk.

Welcome to the bawdy but oh-so-fun world of the Tucson drag scene.

In cities such as Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Denver, the drag scene is entirely out of the closet. Some of the big attractions for tourists in Dupont Circle, for example, are the drag bingo games and drag brunches, where the bulk of the crowds are straight - just not particularly strait-laced. Actors from Jack Lemmon to Nathan Lane have been mining the man-to-woman transformation for laughs for generations.

The Screaming Queens, a New York based drag revue, boast that they not only do bachelor parties and corporate events, but even less traditional settings like bar mitzvahs. And drag has been a staple on the Vegas strip with An Evening at La Cage, where longtime Tucson performer Kenneth Blake does Dolly Parton and Madonna.

"People like to see the boys in makeup. It's fantasy. It's a magic trick," said Blake from his Las Vegas home, where he makes more money performing three hours a night for six days than most people do working 40 hours a week.

In Tucson, the scene has been around for a long time, but mostly relegated to the small theaters of Gay bars. That's still where you'll find the bulk of the drag - occasional shows pop up at

Drag's Royal Appeal

mainstream clubs like Downtown's Vaudeville - but incrementally it's catching on, and even branching out. Tucson now has a drag king troupe as well.

More and more, it's drag shows for the straight guys (and gals) at It's 'Bout Time, 616 N. Fourth Ave. "In a way it's good because it's showing a sensitivity to the Gay community," said owner Dave Huff, who has been sponsoring the weekly shows since 1993. "When you feel comfortable coming into a Gay bar, that means you're more comfortable with Gays in general. The mystery - or the fear - is gone."

And lest you underestimate the frequency of the shows, you can catch them every week on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at various venues around town.

You might see Christian Moore, for example. By day, he's a chatty cafeteria cashier who calls his favorite customers "Miss Thing" and who will happily gab with them about shoes. But by night, he's Kimi-San DuMi. Now, make no mistake - Kimi-San is not a calorie-counting kind of girl. In fact, Moore, who is Hispanic, jokes that she's the offspring between a petite Japanese woman and Godzilla. But boy, does she give the term "whirling dervish" a whole new meaning, stomping size 12 heels and shimmying a size 24 figure to salsa strains.

Kimi-San DuMi was born when Moore, now 28, was a 15-year-old trying to sneak into bars with his older friends. One confiscated fake ID later, he needed a way to get back in. And Kimi-San was the answer. Under heavy stage makeup and a foot-high pile of curls, he became another entity. He got lots of attention. He made people laugh. He kept at it and is now the reigning 2004 Miss National Capitol Cities.

There are different strains in the drag community. The Tucson performers, for the most part, aren't surgically enhanced, so their art is more about

impersonation and less of a lifestyle. Like Moore, most of them live their lives as men. The 3-inch nails come off when the show is over.

"I'm not trying to be a girl. I'm a man under all that," he said, showing off the incoming stubble a hard-core gender illusionist would laser off. "Any doctor can make a woman," he joked. "It takes a queen to make a lady."

But often, the whole point is about not being a lady. Larry Moore, no relation, is also Lucinda Holliday, Tucson's trash-talking Queen of Comedy squeezed into shimmery costumes. Holliday, who has been performing in Tucson for 15 years, often hosts the local shows. He's usually not political. Mostly, the shows are just about having a good time and escaping reality.

They didn't have this kind of scene in Larry Moore's hometown of 200 back in Iowa. But when he moved to Tucson and saw a show, a light went on. He was already an actor. This was just another version of it, he said. Over the years, Larry Moore has seen more venues slowly open up, and he has performed at straight parties and social functions. "It's a slow process, but things are changing."

Take one night last week at IBT's.

Shanna Mays, a 23-year-old (straight) nursing student, came in with her friends. She'd been to shows in San Francisco, but it never occurred to her to look in Tucson for that kind of entertainment until her friends talked her into coming. "I thought it would be fun to try it," she said.

Evelyn Otero, a 29-year-old restaurant hostess, was whooping it up with her friends as well. "I love this kind of show," she said - apologizing to her parents if they see this in the paper. "It's fun to see. When the guys dress up, they're more feminine than women."

Then she flutters her eyelashes, her hand miming a heart pitter-patting.

"Except for me, of course. I'm all woman."

The crowd maxed out at about 60, evenly split between straight and Gay. The audience leaned toward twenty- and thirtysomethings, but the over-40 crowd was there, too.

We did a test run of two shows, and we'll tell you one thing right up front: IBT's show had the most ribald flavor. If you're prone to take offense, you won't have to wait long - Holliday's introductory spiel used a dozen phrases that aren't printable.

That said, there wasn't nudity. The acts were exuberant and the performers talented, lip-synching everything from Cyndi Lauper to Tammy Wynette to Moulin Rouge. And no one left with emotional scars - not even the highly uncomfortable black man who kept his arms crossed the whole time and whose girlfriend fell into peals of hysteria when a performer sat on his lap and shot seductive glances at him.

Audience interaction is less intimate at Ain't Nobody's Bizness because the dance floor where the performers work is separated from the tables. That doesn't mean you won't get picked on. (To the fabulous Bunny Fu Fu, who suggested that her victim shouldn't take this the wrong way, but she looked like Donatella Versace - Is there a right way to take it?)

There are some hints to make your visit more comfortable. IBT's and the Biz are small, so if you want a seat, get there half an hour before showtime or be prepared to stand. Bring lots of dollar bills because you'll probably be inspired to tip the performers, and they do several sets.

As Huff puts it, "The only rule is that we don't tolerate any kind of attitude that would rain on the party. Know what you're walking into and if you're not comfortable, it's probably not the place for you."

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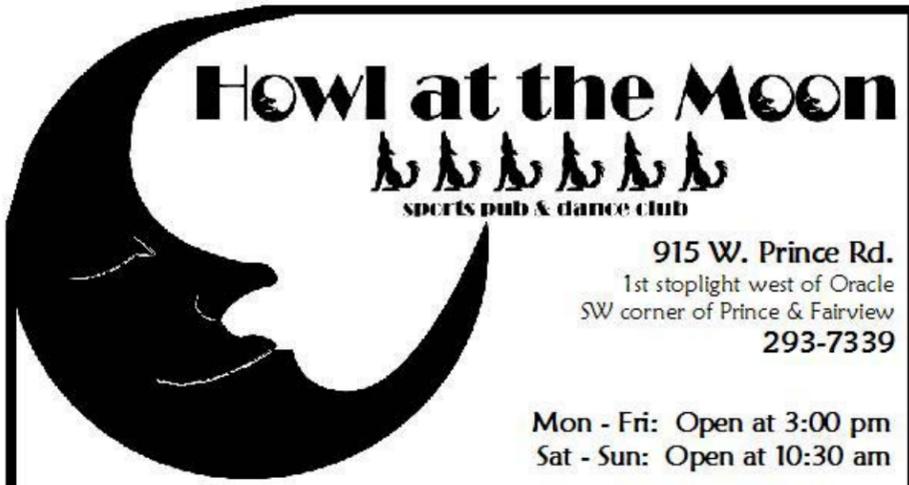
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Judge Refuses To Bar Public From Gay Murder Trial

BIRMINGHAM - A state judge has rejected a bid by defense attorneys to seal the record and bar the public from court proceedings in the capital murder case against three young defendants in the killing of a Gay teenager, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

Baldwin County District Judge Jody W. Bishop also delayed a decision on a defense request for a gag order that would prohibit attorneys, court and law enforcement officials from making public comments about the case.

Bishop held a hearing on the secrecy and gag order issues after the three defendants waived a preliminary hearing, sending the case to a September grand jury for possible indictments. A trial date is not expected until next year.

Robert Porter, 18, Christopher Ryan Gaines, 20, and Gaines' girlfriend, Nichole Kelsay, 18 — all held without bond — are charged in the July 18 killing of Scotty Joe Weaver, 18.

If convicted, the three could be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole.

Porter and Gaines, wearing black-and-white striped jail uniforms and surrounded by sheriff's deputies, attended the hearing, but Kelsay did not. All three will enter pleas later.

Allegations that the slain teen's homosexuality was a motive in the gruesome slaying have stirred debate about hate crimes. Weaver was beaten, stabbed and his body burned in woods near his mobile home.

Representatives of five Gay rights groups attended Friday's hearing in hopes of hearing some of the evidence, but none was disclosed.

The victim's mother, Martha Weaver, wiping away tears, was accompanied to court by her son, Lum Weaver, 24, and Karen Gaines, whose son is charged in the slaying.

Karen Gaines said the two families have been friends for many years.

"I love her to death," Gaines said of Martha Weaver. "Our kids all went to school together."

Gaines declined to comment on the facts of the case, but said her son had been treated for a bipolar disorder since childhood.

Porter's lawyer, William Pfeifer, had asked the judge to close all pretrial hearings to news media and limit comment by police, prosecutors, witnesses and court officials.

"This has been a daily television show. It's constantly on TV and in newspapers on the Internet," Pfeifer said.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Judy Newcomb argued that there's been no "inappropriate pretrial publicity" and suggested that the judge delay ruling on all motions until the case reaches the trial judge in circuit court.

"Neither the parties nor the state can say to the press, 'you can't be interested in this case,'" Newcomb said, pointing out that the "lifestyle issues" involved have raised the public's interest in it.

Pfeifer also had requested that "all records and transcripts" be sealed until

a jury is seated or after trial and that use of video or other cameras be prohibited during the proceedings.

Gaines' lawyer, Rusty Pigott, said he joined Pfeifer in requesting a gag order "out of fairness" to co-defendant Porter, but still distanced his client from Porter.

"We have been very upfront about the facts of this case. Mr. Gaines did not rob anyone and was not involved with any hate crime. Any comments to the contrary are simply not true," Pigott said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press after the hearing.

The judge said from the bench that he did not plan to keep the public from seeing the case record or observing court proceedings. His written order on the gag request could come next week.

Register To Vote Our Lives Depend On It

The 2004 Presidential Election is the most important election of our life times. Our fundamental rights listed in the U.S. Constitution are under attack by the current administration, the Republican-controlled Congress and their supporters - with many states considering ballot initiatives to ban same-sex marriage, as well as civil unions and domestic partnerships.

It's simple, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS communities need to be registered to vote and then exercise that constitutional right, to cast a ballot on November 2. There is no excuse not to register and vote, our rights, our lives are a stake in this election.

Monday, October 4, is the deadline to be registered for the November 2 general election. In addition to being able to register at the County Recorder's and other government offices, as well as the respective political parties local headquarters. Arizona residents can register to vote online at: <https://az.gov/webapp/evoter/>.

In addition, persons can go to the following locations and register to vote in Tucson:

Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, (520) 624-1779.

Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue, (520) 792-3715.

Desert Pride, 611 North Fourth Avenue, (520) 388-9829.

Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 North Fourth Avenue, (520) 620-1770.

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Groups Question Viagra And HIV Link

NEW YORK - A recent petition for greater government control over anti-impotence drugs like Viagra has met with skeptical reactions from LGBT groups and professionals who don't think the drugs' use among Gay men directly increases the risk of HIV and other STDs, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut Network.

Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, director of STD prevention and control for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, petitioned the FDA on Aug. 4 to list Pfizer's Viagra and similar drugs as Schedule III controlled substances, making them easier to track and harder to prescribe because they require more detailed reporting from doctors.

In calling for tougher regulation, Klausner pointed to several studies that have shown an association between recreational use of Viagra and higher rates of risky sexual behavior that can increase the likelihood of contracting STDs, including HIV.

Viagra and other anti-impotence drugs, such as Levitra and Cialis, have become popular among Gay men taking "party" drugs like crystal meth, which can cause impotence.

More worrisome to Klausner is the theory that the increased duration of erection and increased blood flow promoted by anti-impotence drugs may increase the physical risk of getting an STD or HIV infection when having sex with an infected partner.

In addition to calling for tighter government control Klausner suggested health warnings on all bottles, such as, "Viagra use may increase the risk for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection."

Klausner also answers safe-sex questions from members on Gay.com and PlanetOut.

"Personally I think Dr. Klausner's theory is a bit extreme," said Dr. Jason Schneider, a board member of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association and clinical instructor at Emory University in Atlanta. "I haven't seen any hard evidence that shows Viagra itself is making them get HIV. There is, however, good data that show men who use drugs like crystal meth will engage in riskier sexual behaviors because it alters their reasoning. Viagra and these other anti-impotence drugs don't do that."

Instead of faulting Viagra and its substitutes, Schneider put the onus on the doctors who prescribe them and the companies who manufacture them for informing men about sexual practices.

"Health providers have a responsibility to inquire about a patient's sexual behavior before and after prescribing the medication," Schneider said. "And drug manufacturers could put some money into educating the general public about the use of Viagra in combination with drugs that clearly do lead to risky sexual behavior."

Other LGBT organizations gave lukewarm responses to Klausner's recommendations, saying risky sexual behavior, not use of anti-impotence drugs, is the root of STD transmission.

"It's unprotected sex that increases the risk of HIV," said Ana Oliveira, executive director of the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis. "It's a behavioral issue, not a Viagra issue."

Oliveira said warning labels could be helpful in risk reduction, but suggested amending Klausner's proposed label. "A label would be good if it emphasizes that it's the unprotected sex that creates the risk of HIV. And it's important for Viagra users to understand that anti-impotence drugs don't protect users from STDs."

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has gone way over anything I've seen in the past," said Mike Triggs, a Scottsdale Republican activist and former executive director of the Minnesota Republican Party. Triggs is Gay.

Gay marriage has also been an issue in the District 8 race, where Rep. Colette Rosati raised questions about her opponents' family and marital status. She referred to the Gay community as the "dark side" in an e-mail to supporters.

Rosati acknowledged that District 8 - encompassing Scottsdale and Fountain Hills - is more socially liberal than some other Republican-dominated districts. But the lawmaker said she's prepared to take criticism for her views.

"I'm standing up for what I believe in," she said.

But Rep. Michele Reagan, also a District 8 candidate, worries that the debate over Gay rights and sexual orientation will damage the GOP. The political rhetoric over the issue has been more intense than past years, she said. "I think the hatred is more out in the open," Reagan said.

GOP Anti-G/L Platform

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homosexuality a "curse" and worse. The Grammy Award-winner will sing for delegates on Thursday.

Sheri Dew, the Mormon activist who spoke on Monday, reportedly told a magazine audience that those who fail to oppose same-sex marriage can be compared to those who failed to stand up against Hitler during his rise to power. Commenting on a photograph in Newsweek of a Gay family with small children, Dew is on record as saying: "I just can't stomach this — the thought of those girls being raised in that kind of setting."

Jacques and Robinson also took note of Bishop Keith Butler, a top man in the community of African-American religious leaders who adamantly oppose same-sex marriage. Butler, who is slated to address the convention Thursday, recently led a coalition of two dozen ministers in a demonstration on behalf of the Federal Marriage Amendment. In a press release from that June event, Butler and his allies wrote: "We find the opposition's attempt to yoke their homosexual agenda to that of the civil rights movement extremely disturbing. Homosexuality is not a civil rights issue; it is a lifestyle choice, a decision, that is not natural or normal, and should not be depicted as such to our children."

Jacques and Robinson called on Bush to repudiate the trio and their "divisive and appalling comments."

"Featuring individuals on the stage of your convention who compare a group of Americans to Hitler and accuse them of killing children is divisive and irresponsible," wrote the LGBT leaders. "The American people abhor discriminatory, false and inflammatory language against any group of Americans."

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"Can we win?" the war on terror, Bush said, "I don't think you can win it ..." - Bush responding to question in a television interview on the NBC program, "The Today Show" - August 30, 2004.

"We will win this test of wills, and overcome every challenge, because the cause of freedom and security is worth our struggle. ..." - Bush said at a press briefing during one of his vacations in Crawford, Texas, reported by the Washington Post - April 11, 2004.

"We will prevail. We will win because our cause is just. We will win because we will stay on the offensive. And we will win because you're part of the finest military ever assembled. And we will prevail because the Iraqis want their freedom. ..." - Bush said at a press brief during another one of his vacations in Crawford, Texas, reported by CNN -

November 28, 2003.

"We will prevail. We will win because our cause is just. We will win because we will stay on the offensive. And we will win because you're part of the finest military ever assembled. And we will prevail because the Iraqis want their freedom. ..." - Bush said at a White House event and reported by CNN - October 9, 2002.

"This battle will take time and resolve. But make no mistake about it: we will win. ..." - Bush said during a briefing, and a photo-op, with his National Security advisors, September 12, 2001.

Mullah Omar, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Osama Bin Laden and now the War on Terror - all failures. It's time for a change.

Ashcroft Asks Federal Judge To Dismiss G/L Marriage Suit

MIAMI - The U.S. Justice Department Friday, August 27, asked a Federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the Defense of Marriage Act, 365Gay.com reported.

Attorney General John Ashcroft is fighting a lawsuit filed by four same-sex marriages who argue the Defense of Marriage Act, which was enacted by Congress in 1996 and signed by President Clinton, is unconstitutional.

The law defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman and allows states to refuse to recognize Gay marriages from other states.

Friday's action is the federal government's first direct legal defense of DOMA.

The suit is one of two filed in Federal court in Florida by Ellis Rubin,

who is representing two same-sex couples.

One suit was filed on behalf of a Tampa Bay Lesbian couple who married in Canada but whose marriage is not recognized in the US.

Rev. Phyllis E. Hunt and her spouse, Vilia Corvision, were married last month in Toronto. Hunt is the pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, in Tampa, Corvision, is of Cuban descent. They have been together over 11 years.

The other suit also involves an MCC pastor, the Rev. Nancy Wilson, and her spouse Paula Schoenwether, a family marriage counselor.

Wilson and Schoenwether have been together for 27 years and were married July 2 in Massachusetts, the only US state where same-sex marriages are recognized.

The issue of same-sex marriages has become a theme of the presidential race, with President Bush calling call for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, which Democratic challenger John Kerry opposes.

Kerry also opposes Gay marriage, but defends a Gay couple's rights to the same legal protections as those conferred in marriage.

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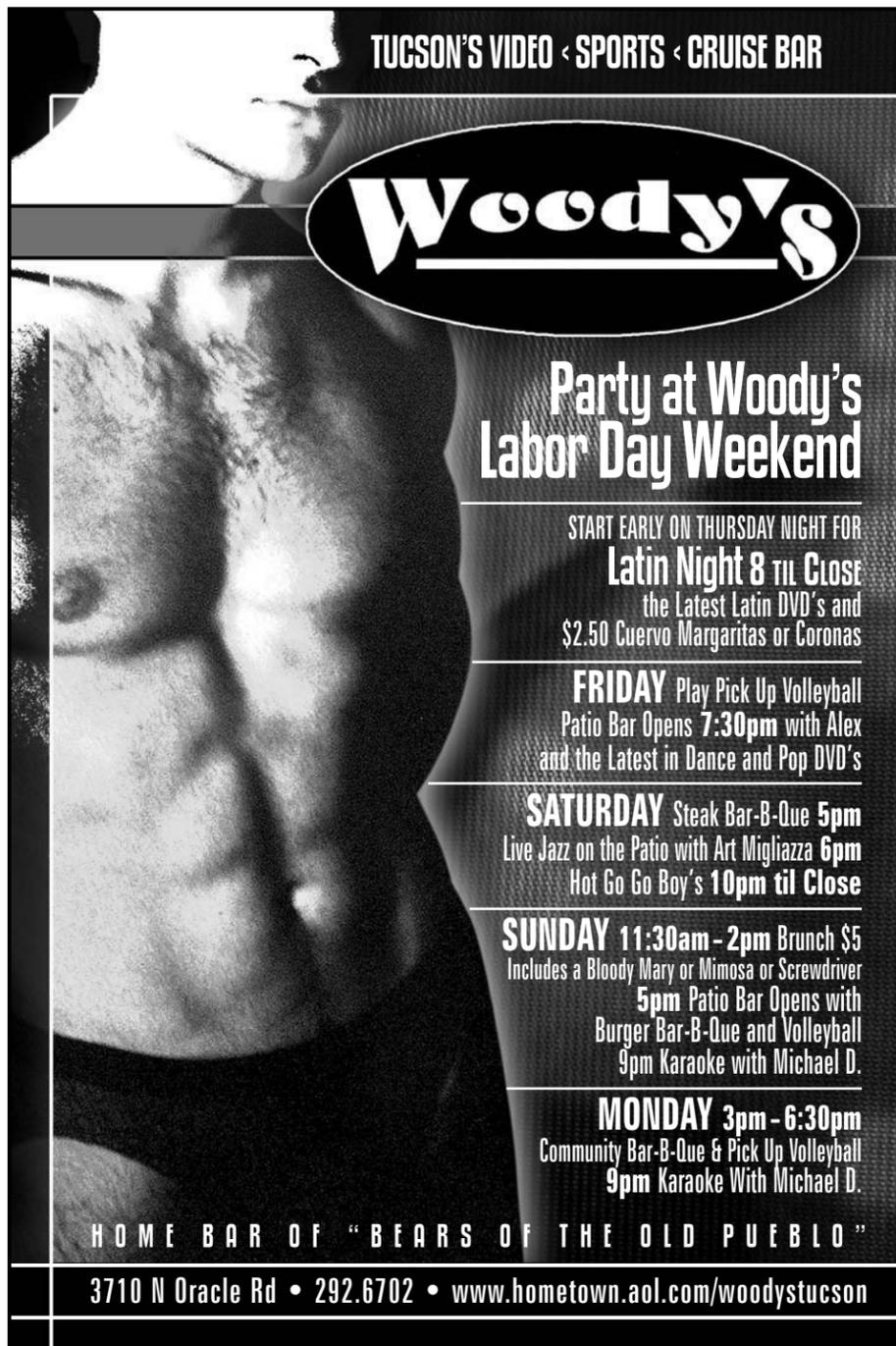
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POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

'Even Mac Cosmetics Wouldn't Work'

This past week, the real leaders of the current junta occupying 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue joined the "Flip-Flop Veterans For Mass Distraction" when he expressed another opinion on the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA), the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions, domestic partnerships and quash the rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans from accessing the courts to deal with these issues.

During a campaign stop in Davenport, Iowa, Dickie Cheney expressed his opposition to the FMA but still supporting the administration policy which wholeheartedly supports.

Good old Dickie has now joined Dubya and Senator Bill Frist, R-TN, the Senate Majority Leader in the brigade on this, since on January 12, March 2, March 4 and July 11, 2004, in television and print interviews, Dickie expressed his full support for FMA, despite his Missing-In-Action Lesbian daughter, Mary.

Flip-flopping indeed but also a political ploy - trying to appear as open-minded and moderate to the ever dwindling group of the truly undecided voters still considering whom to cast their vote for President in the November 2 general election.

Their bile, words are one thing but their "actions" have spoken, much louder. Case in point, citing five of the many examples of the past four god-awful years:

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force report released during the convention, the Bush administration's record on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) issues, calling the Bush-Cheney team "the most anti-Gay administration in the history of the Gay rights movement."

"The Bush-Cheney Administration actively opposes every major policy initiative we care about - a federal nondiscrimination law, a hate crimes law, family protections, AIDS prevention, you name it," said Matt Foreman, the Task Force's Executive Director in a press release. "Ideology and religious zeal have replaced science as the driving force within the federal health care and research bureaucracy. And worst of all, President Bush has joined forces with the anti-Gay industry, who scapegoat Gay and Lesbian families to promote their broader agenda of intolerance. This, from our perspective, is the true face of George W. Bush's presidency."

According to report, of twelve policy issues of concern to GLBT people, Bush either opposes equality or has taken no affirmative steps to advance equal treatment. Bush opposes lifting the military ban, has spoken out repeatedly against Gay parenting, and has refused to state his position on Social Security survivor benefits for same-sex couples, safe schools initiatives, and other issues.

As previously reported, the Federal Marriage Amendment, (H.J. Res. 56, S.J. Res. 56). The Senate version was voted on, thanks to the Republican-controlled leadership, trying to use this discriminatory, waste of taxpayer dollars, as a wedge issue to use in the desperate attempt to hold onto power. Despite popular opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment, the House will vote on H.J. Res. 56 in the fall, so that the

Republicans can again, try to use it as a wedge issue.

If the FMA fails, as expected, the House Leadership, led by the bug-killer, Rep. Tom DeLay, (R-TX), the Majority Leader will try to strip away our rights to the courts with legislation, such as H.R. 3313, the Marriage Protection Act, which passed the full House and awaits action in the U.S. Senate.

Voters across the country in at least a dozen states, pending court challenges, including Missouri which passed an amendment to its state constitution, banning the recognition of same-sex marriage. Some of these states, such as Utah and Ohio, are considering measures barring civil unions and domestic partnerships while two states, Oklahoma and Virginia have passed legislation doing such already.

The Republican Party platform includes anti-G/L language, calling for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and preventing judges from forcing states to "recognize other living arrangements as equivalent to marriage."

Open-minded, moderate, tolerance aren't words to describe Republicans on issues of concern, their "actions" show otherwise and as much makeup you put on an elephant's rear, it's still a "behind," and the only thing the GLBT and HIV/AIDS communities will get, are droppings.



Would you please print the following update in your publication in the "Things to know in the community" section. The article should read 'She Will Be Missed':

On August 14, 2004 Crystal Abrahms resigned from the official title of Miss National Capitol Cities, and I accepted. Crystal has been a great Miss NCC for the first -6- months of her reign, and we at NCC will miss her terribly. Crystal has one of the number 1 shows in Tucson entitled the 'Crystal Cabaret Showcase' every Friday at the famous November's Bar and Grill.

Crystal has such titles outside the state of Arizona as Miss Gay Boston, Miss Gay Massachusetts, Miss Gay Jacques, Miss Gay New England, and Miss Gay Lynn. In the state of Arizona through the NCC Pageantry System Crystal has obtained the titles of Miss West Coast Regents, Miss Heart Of Arizona, and finally, Miss National Capitol Cities. Crystal will always be Miss NCC 2004.

We would like to congratulate her on her purchase of new home, wish her much success in owning her own animal salon grooming business and that she prospers with much success through both her female impersonation career, and future endeavors. She is the Bette Midler of Arizona!

Also, Congratulations to Kimi San Du Mi on being our New Symbol of Superior Quality as our reigning Miss National Capitol Cities of 2004 through the rest of the Miss NCC Reign.

We would also like to welcome aboard our new titleholders to the NCC Pageantry System and those individuals being, Mr. National Capitol Cities-Steven Styles, Miss Latina Western Regional-Amanda Nicole, and our new Miss Latina Arizona-Jose P. Cat.

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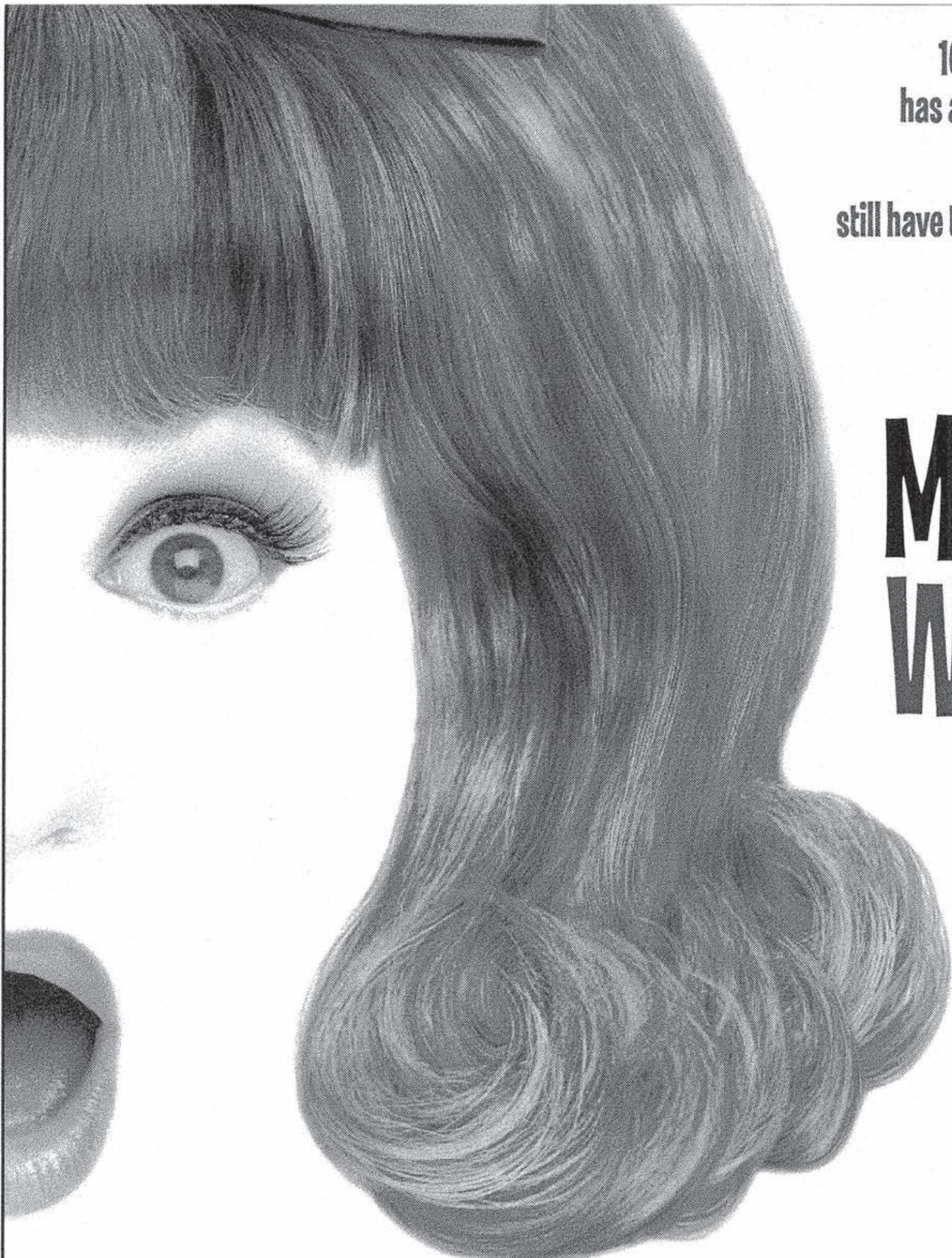
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Man's HIV Diagnosis Found Wrong After 8 Years On Meds

HAYWARD - Eight years ago Jim Malone was told he had tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS and was put on a drug regimen. Now he has been given stunning news: the diagnosis was wrong, 365Gay.com reported.

Malone, of Hayward, California said he was stunned to hear the news after spending the last eight years growing depressed, losing weight and living his life as if it could end at any time. He attended biweekly support groups, a nurse visited his home once every two weeks and an AIDS charity brought him free meals, reported the Associated Press.

On Aug. 4, Malone's main doctor, Dr. Richard Karp, acknowledged the misdiagnosis in a letter to officials at the Oakland Department of Veterans Affairs' outpatient clinic where Malone was treated.

"As his primary care provider, I take full responsibility," Karp wrote.

Malone, who is Gay and has lost friends to AIDS, told the San Francisco Chronicle he is relieved but angry at his doctor.

"He told me, 'We made a very big mistake. We did not do our job,'" he said. "I said, 'You mean to tell me that all you have to say is you are sorry? Sorry that I lived for all this time believing I was going

to die?'"

The Oakland Department of Veterans Affairs' has launched an internal investigation, the Chronicle reported. The error may have occurred because Malone arrive at the VA clinic in 1996 with lab results from a Southern California testing firm showing he had HIV, said Karen Pridmore, a spokeswoman for VA's Northern California Health Care System.

The VA performed its own HIV test on Malone to confirm the first set of results and it came back negative, but that information was never passed onto the patient, Pridmore said.

The mistake was uncovered by the VA's internal computer system, which tracks its HIV patients and conducts a periodic review of cases.

Dr. John Stansell, professor of medicine at UCSF and medical director of HIV programs at San Francisco General Hospital, said false positive tests are "extraordinarily rare" because standard screening for HIV includes a highly reliable two-part test.

Malone, who has been on disability since 1984 and suffers from myriad health problems, has retained an attorney and expects to file a malpractice claim against the VA Health Care System, the Chronicle reported.

Custody Dispute Pits Virginia vs. Vermont

RICHMOND - A judge in Northern Virginia ruled on Tuesday, August 24, that his state and his court have jurisdiction over a child custody dispute between two Lesbian mothers, triggering an unprecedented state-to-state conflict between Virginia and Vermont, 365Gay.com reported.

The two women, Lisa and Janet Miller-Jenkins, are fighting over custody rights for their toddler daughter, Isabella. But while Janet Miller-Jenkins is dealing with the courts in Vermont, where the couple once lived and entered into a civil union, Lisa has taken Isabella back to their home state of Virginia, where she has asked a court to ignore the Vermont court's provisional decrees.

According to the Washington Post, Lisa has also become a visible "ex-Lesbian," and is being advised by the far right Liberty Counsel.

Normally, no state would intervene in a custody case that has already been initiated elsewhere. And indeed, according to Lambda Legal, the Vermont court previously informed Judge John Prosser of Virginia that jurisdiction was already settled.

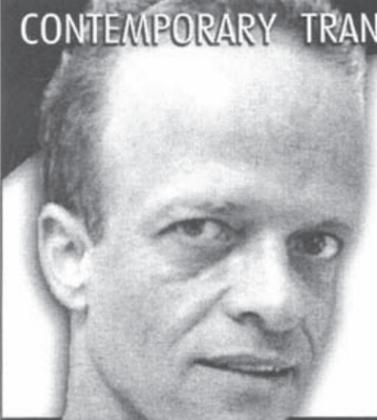
Under a federal law passed in the 1970s, jurisdiction over parenting cases may not be changed from one state to another. The Parental Kidnapping Protection Act serves to discourage hostile parents from jumping from court to court in order to gain an advantage over their ex-partners. And further, the U.S. Constitution requires states to respect the judgments of sister states, which should arguably include the temporary orders of the Vermont court in this case.

Instead, Prosser reportedly looked to a rigorous new state law, the Marriage Affirmation Act, a statute that has put Virginia in the top ranks of the country's anti-Gay states. Unmatched in any other territory, Virginia's law bans recognition of civil unions, along with other legal ties between same-sex couples.

Because the Vermont court's claim to jurisdiction was based on its role in dissolving the couple's civil union, Prosser determined that the new state law obliged him to ignore the Vermont court and start from scratch in Virginia. After issuing his decision orally from the bench, however, Janet Miller-Jenkins's lawyer, Joseph Price, asked for and received permission to take an immediate appeal of this issue to the state appellate court.

Lambda Legal Defense is advising Janet Miller-Jenkins, and may well wind up helping on the appeals through the Virginia state courts. Meanwhile, Lambda's Greg Nevins said, the custody battle in Vermont is expected to continue as usual. There, Janet Miller-Jenkins, who is considered a co-parent by virtue of the civil union, has asked for full custody, while in Virginia, biological mother Lisa Miller-Jenkins is making a similar demand. The two procedures, Nevins says, "are on a collision course."

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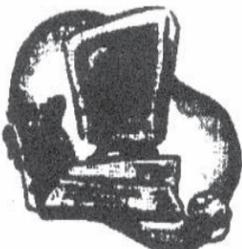
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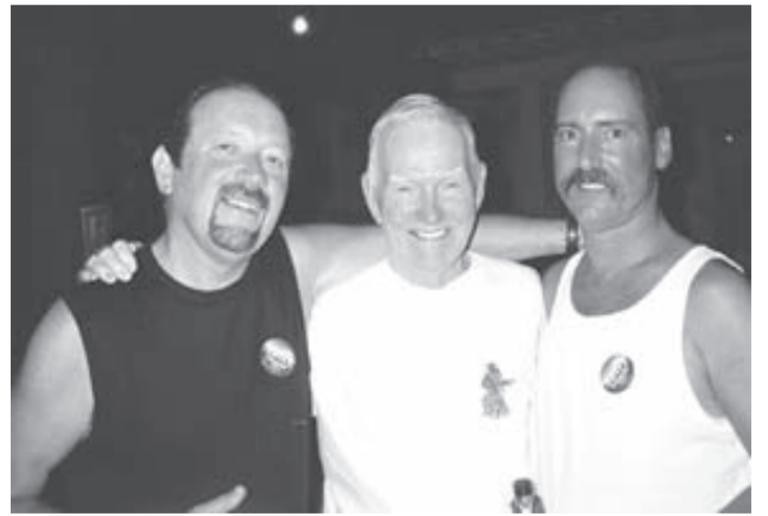
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The summer may be wending down but that doesn't mean that we have to. Enjoy a planetary oomph as we enter September when a cavalcade of planets sweeps through earthy Virgo into sociable Libra. It's time to channel our heated passions into our personal missions. Hey, who says good guys finish last?

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Proud Rams cannot be easily distracted from the task at hand in early September. However, by mid-month be prepared to cast all your work aside to concentrate on relationships. If you're still trawling various watering holes, you find plenty of opportunity to lasso and brand your bucking bronco. If you are already hogtied, be prepared to be barbequed and eaten.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Queer Bulls go from Party Central to Paycheck Junction as September toodles along. Four personal planets stoke your creative fires early in September when inspiration strikes and ignites your Gay muse. Ride the wilde wave while you can; by mid-month you'll settle down and be content to be just another cog in the corporate wheel... or is it just another a nut?

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Yikes! September sees a stampede of planets through Virgo. Pink Twins race along first concentrating on improving their personal surroundings and familial relationships and then, later in the month, unleashing the festive beast from within. You are donning lampshades and boogying til the cows come home. They don't call you party animal for nothing buster!

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
First think about what you're going to say and then shout it out loud, proud and queer. That's the power of all four planets moving from Virgo to Libra on pink Crabs. But rest your case before mid-month. Soon you will tire of pushing your political agenda on every fence sitter. Turn inward and perfect your happy homemaker persona for close compadres. Wear only an apron.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
What are proud Lions doing about this bull stock market? Perhaps investing a bit of their swag. The combo of four powerful planets inspires you to plot your fiscal course and heavily invest. Consult the financial oracles and buy low before mid-month. After that, you'll be tempted to show your bottom line to the immediate world and spend spend spend.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
The planets place you where you love to be in early September; as the center of attention. Take your bows before mid-month, queer Virgin. After that, the planets encourage you to cash in on your charisma with all its gossipy tidbits. You know that you're fabulous but will it translate into money in the marketplace? If you do have a story to sell, first see who wants to buy. Ahem...

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Philanthropic deeds are amply rewarded this month when four planets rev up your charitable efforts. Karmic opportunities abound and hidden undercurrents are revealed. Give to the community early in the month, Gay Libra; as the weeks wear on you'll be too busy swatting away admirers and fawning fans to quietly toil behind the scenes without attribution.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
You're the center of the social swirl so surround yourself with jolly compadres

until mid-month. Turn on the charm, proud Scorp and be elected leader of the pride parade. Take it all in stride; After mid-month you'll desire more than just fleeting good times and will require many able hands to help you in loftier endeavors. Make your mark bigger than an oily smudge.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
It doesn't take a genius to see that the planets are plotting a revolution for you in your career. Four powerful planets conspire to put you in the right place at the right time. Lucky breaks abound. But make the most of the moment, Gay Archer; your trump card must be played by mid-month. After that you'll be content to play the dummy with a bunch of old tricks.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Home seems confining to expansive pink Caps this month. The secret is to either gather a plethora of exotic, exciting folks in your living room or use the energy of four planets moving from Virgo to Libra to go Out and seek new and refreshing stimuli. Call it recharging your batteries and take a few mental health days off from work. You'll electrify when you return.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
You are at your pinnacle of sexual perfection when four major planets light your fire in early September. Aqueerians seem to know all the right things to say to sway their prey. Make your best moves before mid-month. After that, you'll ache for international adventure and would not be adverse to taking a special someone along. Pack the cooking oil.... and the frying pan.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Expect to spend most of your time on partnerships in early September. Guppies run the gamut of emotions as four major planets hurl through Virgo to Libra and upset your carefully crafted relationship plans. How much compromise is necessary? What is the best combination of you, me and we? It ain't calculus cousin. See how it adds up as you turn on the sexy heat.

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Turnabout For TIHAN September 5

TUCSON - Hundreds of people will turnout to see the eighth annual "Turnabout for TIHAN," Sunday, September 5, 7:00 p.m., in the Ballroom at the Inn Suites Hotel, (St. Mary's & Granada) in Tucson.

For the few who don't know, the "Turnabout" is when our communities favorite employees from our favorite LGBT bars do their annual "turn-about" and dress as the opposite gender and perform for the community to raise funds for AIDS awareness and support services

This year's theme is "Let's

Revue," a variety cabaret with wonderful costumes, great makeup and wigs, and boffo performances from the bartenders and bar owners, who do this for TIHAN. Hosting this year is Bunny FuFu and Janee Star, so if you miss out, you'll miss what really happened and won't be able to talk about around the water cooler Monday morning.

Tickets are \$12.50 in advance or \$15 at the door, and include a light buffet and a great show. Tickets are available now at Tucson's LGBT bars or at the TIHAN office (520) 299-6647. For more information, call the TIHAN office.

State Rep. Jack Jackson To Be Honored At ASD Dinner Sept. 18

PHOENIX - Openly Gay state Representative Jack Jackson will be honored with the Leadership Award for Distinguished Service by the Arizona Stonewall Democrats (ASD) at their annual banquet, September 18, 6:00 p.m., at the Arizona Biltmore, 2400 East Missouri in Phoenix.

Democratic Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano will be the featured speaker at the fund raiser for ASD, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Democratic Party political group.

Most of the proceeds from this event, according to Mark Kvar, president of ASD, are being earmarked to go to the coordinated campaign, which is focusing on both national and local races. Continuing on he added that, "the potential effect of the Democratic vote, and the GLBT vote can

have is tremendous."

Grammy Award winning artist, Carole King, who recently wowed the 250 strong GLBT Democratic delegate caucus at the convention in Boston is the featured special guest, performing many of her well known songs.

Tickets start at \$175 and the dinner, awards and show will start at 7:00 p.m. Citing the potential conflict with events in Tucson, Kvar urged people to give generously to Wingspan if they can't make their dinner and are planning to attend the ASD event.

For more information, call (480) 454-8688, E-mail: info@azstonewalldems.org, or go online to: www.azstonewalldems.org.

Lesbian Ex-Partner Not Required To Pay Child Support

BOSTON - A woman who agreed to have a child with her Lesbian partner, but split up with the mother before the baby's birth, cannot be forced to pay child support, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday, August 25, 365Gay.com.

The split ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court - which legalized Gay marriage in a landmark ruling last year - comes in the case of a Hampshire County Lesbian couple, identified in court documents as "T.F." and "B.L.," who lived together from 1996 to 2000.

B.L. at first resisted T.F.'s wishes to have a child, but later changed her mind.

The couple broke up after T.F. got pregnant by artificial insemination. After the baby was born, T.F. sued her former partner for child support. A Probate and Family Court judge turned to the state Appeals Court, which in turned passed the case the case up to the Supreme Judicial Court.

Associate Justice Judith A. Cowin wrote that the informal agreement between the two women to have a child together did not constitute an enforceable contract, and B.L. can't be forced to pay child support.

Three justices - including Chief Justice Margaret Marshall, who wrote the ruling legalizing same-sex marriage in Massachusetts - disagreed with the

majority conclusion, saying that the implied contract between the woman is enforceable.

"The child may have been abandoned by the defendant, but he should not be abandoned by the court," Justice John M. Greaney wrote in the dissent.

"The Court's decision is disappointing because it does not reflect the reality of children's lives today. Many couples, both Gay and straight, use reproductive technologies to bring children into the world, where one parent has a biological relationship to the child and the other parent does not. These children deserve the same legal protections as any other children," said Bennett H. Klein, the lawyer for T.F., reported the Associated Press.

Klein, who works for the Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders added, "Children do not control the circumstances of their birth and should not be harmed when a parent who intentionally and purposefully brings a child into the world disavows support for the child."



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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, mongrelization, 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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GOP Rep. Who Co-Sponsored FMA Is Outed And Quits Race

RICHMOND - U.S. Rep. Edward L. Schrock abruptly announced Monday, August 30, that he will not seek a third term in Congress, citing unspecified allegations that have "called into question" his ability to serve, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

Although Schrock did not comment on why he decided against seeking re-election, several Virginia Republicans said allegations that Schrock is Gay have roiled the party since they were posted on a Web log Aug. 19.

Schrock, 63, is married and a conservative who voted for legislation to ban Gay marriages.

Schrock said in a five-paragraph statement that allegations have surfaced in recent weeks "that have called into question my ability to represent the citizens of Virginia's Second Congressional District."

He continued: "Therefore, as of today, I am stepping aside and will no longer be the Republican nominee for Congress."

The release said Schrock would not comment further on his decision, nor did he comment specifically on the allegations.

The decision shocked Republicans, who must scramble to field another candidate by Friday to oppose Democrat David B. Ashe in the district that includes Norfolk, Virginia Beach and the rural Eastern Shore.

"We're shocked and stunned more than saddened right now," said Virginia Beach Republican Chairman Mark McKinney, who said Schrock retired because of the accusation posted on blogactive.com. "What I read on the Internet was a complete and utter surprise to me."

The author of the blog, Michael Rogers, said his site is aimed at exposing "hypocrites" in Congress.

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis, a fellow Virginia Republican, said Schrock had indicated he was considering retiring when he spoke to him last week.

"He's a very intense guy, and he's got a lot of things going on in his life. I'm really sorry to see him leave."

Delegates at the Republican National Convention in New York were surprised by the news.

"I am totally, totally shocked and disappointed. Whatever it is, he should of stayed in and fought it. He's a good Republican," said delegate Juanita Bailey of Newport News.

Ashe was also shocked by the move.

"Wow. I had not heard that. That's really something," Ashe told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. He said his thoughts were with Schrock and his family and he thanked the congressman for his career of service.

Schrock, a retired career Navy officer and Vietnam veteran, was elected in 2000 to the seat in a district that is home to the world's largest naval base.

In January 2001, Schrock was elected president of the Republican House freshman class and landed a seat on the House Armed Services Committee, a plum for any member of Congress from southeastern Virginia.

With Schrock out, attention turned to Republican state legislators as possible replacements for him on the Nov. 2 ballot. The 2nd District Republican Committee will choose a nominee at a meeting Tuesday, three days ahead of a deadline for qualifying a nominee, said state GOP spokesman Shawn M. Smith.

"I've got a lot of thought I have to give to this tonight and tomorrow," said state Sen. Kenneth W. Stolle, R-Virginia Beach, who has expressed interest in the post.

Others named as possible nominees were delegates Thelma Drake of Norfolk and Terri Suit of Virginia Beach, and state Sen. Frank Wagner of Virginia Beach.

Ex-Aide Drops Suit Against McGreevey

TRENTON - Was it just an idle threat all along? That is the the question that people around New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey are trying to figure out tonight in the latest bombshell to hit in the Gay governor's life, reported 365Gay.com.

Golan Cipel, the former aide linked to McGreevey, now says he won't file a sexual harassment suit about the governor.

August 12, McGreevey announced in a hastily called news conference that he is Gay, had an affair with another man, and that he was resigning from office.

McGreevey, with his wife at his side, said that he was stepping down not because he is Gay, but because he had committed adultery. He said that he believed that a Gay person could be a governor, he added that he felt his extramarital affair put him and his office in a vulnerable situation.

The "other man" was later identified by the media as Golan Cipel, an Israeli who McGreevey hired as his homeland security chief at a salary of more than \$100,000 a year even though Cipel had no experience in terrorism.

Cipel, under scrutiny by the

legislature later resigned but was made a political advisor with no loss in salary.

The Associated Press quoting unnamed sources reported that McGreevey went public after Cipel demanded a \$50 million payment to avoid the sexual harassment lawsuit, then asked for the governor's help in developing a private medical college.

Throughout weeks of twists and turns Cipel, who fled to his native Israel, maintained he was straight but that McGreevey harassed him, that he did not try to extort money from the governor.

Nevertheless, the FBI is investigation allegations of blackmail, whether the Governor had acted illegally in paying Cipel with taxpayer money, and whether Cipel had illegally accepted money.

Late Monday afternoon, Rachel Yosevitz, Cipel's lawyer, said that a sexual harassment suit will not be filed.

McGreevey's resignation announcement was sufficient admission of his wrongdoing and the issue was never about money, said Yosevitz.

Monday was the last day Cipel could file the suit because the state statute of limitations for such complaints is two years and Cipel left the state payroll at the end of August 2002.

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TBS To Air Drag Reality Series

HOLLYWOOD - Gay and Transgender groups are expressing concern about a new TBS reality series titled "He's A Lady."

The series is being produced for the superstation by Evolution Film & Tape. "We've been promised a copy of the show to watch prior to air," Steven Macius of GLAAD told 365Gay.com Friday, August 27.

Macius said he is somewhat encouraged that Tom Campbell is one of the executive producers. Campbell was responsible for "Boy Meets Boy". Joining him are Douglas Ross (Bug Juice, TBS's The Mansion) as co-executive producer and Tom Colamaria (Temptation Island) who will serve as supervising producer.

The show will be hosted by Tony Frassrand (House Detective).

"He's A Lady" will debut on TBS October 12 and will air Tuesday nights.

A spokesperson said that the purpose of the show is to break down barriers between men and women and is not meant to either embarrass or insult Gays or the Transgendered.

He's A Lady opens as 11 macho men temporarily leave behind their wives and girlfriends for a chance to win a quarter of \$1 million dollars. The men think they're going to be on a show called All American Man, competing in grueling physical challenges. But the catch is, the guys will actually be transformed and given the chance to see what life is like as a lady, with one man winning a huge cash prize in the end.

Each week, the competitors will learn something new about what it's like to live as a lady, from dealing with bras and jewelry to bonding with real women in typically all-female activities. They will be judged by a celebrity panel of judges: Morgan Fairchild (The Seduction), John Salley (The Best Damn Sports Show Period) and Debbie Matenopoulos (Good Day Live).

Weekly challenges for the competitors, according to TBS, will include learning how to behave like a lady, followed by going out in public to find out how convincing they are; being trained how to be a supermodel; planning a real wedding and then being asked to serve as the bridesmaids; and, finally, completing a multi-tasking challenge back in their hometowns where the guys must remain in character in front of family and friends. During their hilarious and heartwarming quest, the competitors will live in "The Doll House," a beautifully decorated dwelling designed to help them get in touch with their feminine sides.

The series will climax with a "beauty pageant", where the competition boils down to the quarter-million-dollar question: "What, as a lady, have you learned about being a man?" The judges will then select the best man in the group, based on a variety of criteria.

SC Johnson has signed on as the show's major advertiser.

Evolution has had a history of Gay positive productions including Bravo's hit series Gay Weddings and Boy Meets Boy.

TBS is a division of Time Warner.

"It's like Tootsie, It's meant to entertain," TBS spokesperson Gina McKenzie told 365Gay.com.

"We're not trying to hurt anyone,

but show how gender roles in our society work."

But, despite assurances that the show will be Gay positive at best and Gay neutral at the least, GLAAD wants to see for itself that it is not like Fox's "Seriously, Dude, I'm Gay".

That show was pulled from the Fox schedule at the last minute after protests from GLAAD and other groups. The furor over the program arose as soon as the first press statement from the network was released.

"It's a heterosexual male's worst nightmare: turning Gay overnight," said the p.r. statement.

G/L Connecticut Couples Sue To Marry

HARTFORD - A lawsuit challenging Connecticut's refusal to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples was filed Wednesday, August 25, in New Haven Superior Court, 365Gay.com reported.

Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the Boston-based group that won marriage rights for Gay and Lesbian couples in Massachusetts, launched the suit on behalf of seven couples from across Connecticut who were recently denied marriage licenses in Madison, Connecticut.

"This case presents a historic opportunity for Connecticut," said Mary Bonauto, GLAD's Civil Rights Director. "Marriage is both a profound personal commitment and unique legal relationship that provides enormous protections to families. As a simple matter of equality, it is time for Connecticut to end this discrimination against same-sex couples and their families."

The plaintiff couples, who have been in committed relationships for between 10 and 28 years, many of them raising children, contend that only marriage will provide them with the protections and benefits they need to live securely as families.

Five of the seven couples have young children; some have faced health issues and worry about being denied access to one other in times of crisis. While all the couples are concerned about receiving the full range of protections that only flow through marriage, many also believe that only marriage will convey the depth and commitment of their relationships to their families and the world at large.

"I met someone, fell in love, and we have built a life together for 24 years," said Garrett Stack, 57, who along with partner John Anderson, 61, are among the couples suing. "That's why I want to get married until death do us part."

"This case is about American citizens who pay taxes, vote, walk their dogs, wash their cars, own homes, and raise children," said Teresa C. Younger, Executive Director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, which joined GLAD in filing the suit.

"Our plaintiffs, American Gay men and Lesbians, are entitled to the same protections and rights as other Americans. The American dream is embedded in equality and fairness, and marrying the one you love is part of the American dream. No one should be denied that right."

The defendants in the case are the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), which supervises the registration of all marriages, and Dorothy C. Bean, the town registrar of vital statistics in Madison, who denied plaintiffs marriage licenses.



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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.

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.

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 how fair they were straining to be.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

[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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BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Venecia, Vera Las Vegas and Heather Boa.

YARD DOG SALOON - Come by and get your homework assignments. It's Back to school time again. For those who came by the last back to school party will know what we're talking about. For those who don't, you can get your homework assignment from today until Sept. 6 - Labor day. Then you will find out your grade.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IBT'S - Labor Day Weekend Party starts tonight with jazz on the patio with Susan Artemis from 6-9, hot GoGo Boys from 10p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and hot dancing with DJ Mike Lopez from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - It's the Crystal Cabaret every Friday with Crystal Abrahms, Bunny FuFu and Amanda.

WOODY'S - Labor Day weekend begins here with a pick-up Volleyball game, Patio bar opens at 7:30 with Alex and the latest in Dance and Pop DVDs.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IBT'S - The weekend party continues at 8:30 p.m. with Ajia Simone and guests this week will be Janee Starr, Amanda Bury and Angelique Houston. 9:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. hot dance with DJ Q

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - GoGo Boys begin dancing at 9:30. p.m.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Party continues with Bucky's world famous Omelette Bar from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Beer Bust from 3 to 7 p.m. and a real live DJ 9:00 p.m. to closing.

YARD DOG SALOON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Chips too. 50/50 drawing takes place at 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

IBT'S - Labor Day Weekend 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., Community Bar-B-Que from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Hot dance music from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (Labor Day)

IBT'S - 11:00 a.m. "Monday Morning Madness" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Ajia Simone, Veronica Halliwell and Janee Starr. Pure decadence.

VENTURE-N - Special Labor Day Bar-B-Que from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Drink specials too!

WOODY'S - Labor Day Community Bar-B-Que from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. and pick up Volleyball. 9:00 p.m. Karaoke with Michael D.

YARD DOG - It's Back To School Time. If you have gotten your homework assignments and turned them in you can find out your grades today at 5:00 p.m.! There will be a 6:00 p.m. Lunch Break too.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Drag Show "Chicas Mink".

NON-BAR CALENDAR Groups / Clubs / Organizations /

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

#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, SEPTEMBER 20

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

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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 Tourny 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th 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.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel Open 9pm.

NOTICES

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.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 (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-2269, 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.

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 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.



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

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, 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 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 OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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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 Anabeli at 325-0892

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

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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

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 Girlz 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)867-0083 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.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED — Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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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.

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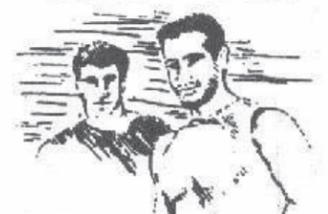
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