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LGBT Characters Disappear From Network TV

LOS ANGELES - Despite the emergence of three LGBT television networks Gays have all but disappeared from the six major broadcast networks according to a new study, 365Gay.com reported.

After a promising network pilot season that saw many new shows developed with Gay and Lesbian characters, the actual number of LGBT representations on the six networks will comprise less than 2% of all characters on the networks' 2005-06 schedule, according to the analysis conducted by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

GLAAD said Monday (August 28) that it counts only 16 "series regular" and recurring Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual roles and there continues to be no Transgender characters.

The 16 characters appear in 14 different scripted programs out of a total of 110 shows on the broadcast networks. While this number is up from the 11 characters counted last season, GLAAD said, the lack of representation is still cause for concern.

"Out of 710 'series regulars' that will appear this season on the broadcast networks, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual characters make up less than 2%," said GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Damon Romine.

"This is a shocking misrepresentation of reality and of the audience watching these programs.

"Of the 16 characters, 13 are male and three are female; 13 are white, with one Gay character each representing African Americans, Latinos and Asian Pacific Islanders.

"If you're looking at network television to see a good cross section of our community, you're not going to find it. What you will find is primarily Gay white males," Romine said.

In addition, many of the characterizations of Gays and Lesbians on the networks fall into minor, supporting or recurring roles.

"The LGBT community wants to see itself represented on television. It's that simple. We want to see our stories told and we want to know that our lives matter," said Romine.

"Television is a reflection of society, but the broadcast networks are not doing enough to fairly represent the diversity of their audience. We are still too often portrayed as stereotyped caricatures, and the reality of our lives and relationships is largely ignored." Cable, meanwhile, continues to traverse boundaries Romaine said.

GLAAD counted 25 LGBT characters that will appear on cable series in the 2005-06 season.

This is GLAAD's 10th annual report on the state of LGBT characters on television.

This year GLAAD also examined ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation among all "series regulars" scheduled to appear on the broadcast networks during the 2005-06 season, based on information the networks provided by Aug. 29.

The report found that male characters outweigh females 57% to 43%, and that the faces on network scripted shows continue to be predominantly white at 76%. African Americans make up 14% of the characterizations, Latina/os 6%, Asian Pacific Islanders represent 3%, with less than 1% making up other ethnicities.

Vatican Plan To Block Gay Priests

VATICAN CITY - The new Pope faces his first controversy over the direction of the Catholic church after it was revealed that the Vatican has drawn up a religious instruction preventing Gay men from being priests, the (Manchester, England) Guardian newspaper reported.

The controversial document, produced by the Congregation for Catholic Education and Seminaries, the body overseeing the church's training of the priesthood, is being scrutinized by Benedict XVI.

It been suggested Rome would publish the instruction earlier this month, but it dropped the plan out of concern that such a move might tarnish his visit to his home city of Cologne last week.

The document expresses the church's belief that Gay men should no longer be allowed to enter seminaries to study for the priesthood. Currently, as all priests take a vow of celibacy, their sexual orientation has not been considered a pressing concern.

Vatican-watchers believe the Pope harbors doubts about whether the church should publish the document, which has already been the subject of three drafts.

"Inevitably, such a directive will be met with opposition," said John Haldane, professor of moral philosophy at the University of St Andrews.

The instruction tries to dampen

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Tucson Pride On Parade Gears Up For 2005



TUCSON - The volunteers who brought you Pride on Parade 2004 will build on that success to again bring Tucson it's best ever Pride Parade and Block Party on October 9, free and open to all.

Working in conjunction with Tucson Pride, Inc., producers of OUToberFEST, the Pride on Parade 2005 Committee (POP) will again invite Tucson's GLBT and allied community to celebrate diversity over Tucson's Pride weekend.

Following last year's format with some adjustments, Pride...on Parade! will begin at 6 p.m. on October 9, at the corner of 4th Ave. and 9th St. and continue north on 4th Ave. to Catalina Park at 1st St., to be immediately followed by a block party on 4th Ave. Interested in being part of the parade? You, your business, group, organization, pets, whatever, are invited to participate. Contact us at info@prideonparade.com to find out how.

This year's Grand Marshall will be Amanda Simpson, a vital member of our community who has expended tireless amounts of time and energy to educate people on the issues of Transgender people in the community as well as the workplace. Amanda recently garnered America's attention as this nation's first openly Transgender person to win the 2004 primary election with her bid for state legislature here in Pima County.

Once again, this year's parade will be funded in part by sales of raffle tickets for a \$1,000 Grand Prize. Tickets are 6 for \$10 or \$2 each, and are available through Pride on Parade volunteers, at Desert Pride on 4th Ave., or by contacting us at info@prideonparade.com.

Immediately following the parade, celebrate Pride with a community block party between 4th St. and 5th St., free and open to everyone. POP will have information booths, live entertainment, dancing, and we'll draw the grand prize winner for our \$1000.00 raffle!

Sponsorship opportunities also exist for businesses or groups who would like to help with the expenses of producing this year's events. Sponsorships start at only \$100, and include parade entry, logo placement, and a booth at the events block party. You can find out more about sponsoring at prideonparade.com or by contacting us at info@prideonparade.com, or by phone at (520) 991-9265.

Real Estate Firm Bars Gays From Neighborhood

RICHMOND - A human rights body has determined that a real estate office in northern Virginia is guilty of discrimination against Gays, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The Alexandria Human Rights Commission ruled that Long and Foster Realtors in McLean, Virginia discriminated when they sold an Alexandria home to a married couple — rather than to a Gay man willing to pay more for it.

Lawrence Cummings accused Long and Foster Realtors of discrimination based on sexual orientation and marital status, but the commission did not specify which of the charges it agreed with.

Cummings wanted to buy a

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UPDATE

Turnabout Is Just About Here

TUCSON - "Turnabout for TIHAN" is an annual show put on by some of Tucson's GLBT clubs and their bar staff.

The staff request donations from their friends and customers in order to do a "turn-about" from male to female (or vice versa) and put on a show to benefit TIHAN's (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) work in the community.

The "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show will take place on Sunday, September 4 (during Labor Day weekend) at the Inn Suites Hotel and Conference Center (St. Mary's and Granada). The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are only \$12.50 in advance, or \$15.00 at the door. Admission includes the show and a light buffet at 5:30 p.m. The evening also features a raffle with some great prizes. Tickets can be purchased now by calling (520) 299-6647. For more information about TIHAN, call the same number or go online to tihan.org.

Sign Up To Fight The PMAA

PTUCSON (ON) - The effort continues in the ongoing battle against the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), the right-wing, homophobic group spearheading the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMAA)

On Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10, Arizona Together volunteers will be out and about at several Tucson GLBT bars, restaurants and clubs with information about the PMAA, conducting voter registration, and spreading the word about the radical right-wing supporters of the bigoted measure.

With this upcoming event, word will be spread about the PMAA but if the volunteers are limited in number, the message can only get so far. Arizona Together needs your help in this and for other planned events, including:

A table at annual Wingspan Dinner (Saturday, September 24); the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission celebration of the anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote in the U.S. (Monday, September 26); the Domestic Partner Registry Drive at OUToberFEST (Saturday, October 8); Arizona Together participating in the pride parade as well as

the block party taking place after the annual Fourth Avenue event (Sunday, October 9); and Arizona Together's National Coming Out Day event in Tucson, (Tuesday, October 11).

So to get involved in Arizona Together, for Southern Arizona, call Jessica Knutson at Arizona Together, (520) 624-1779, Ext. 21, and in Phoenix and Northern Arizona, call the Arizona Together office, (602) 908-4067, or go online to aztogether.org and sign up to volunteer and get the E-mail updates.

There are two options to donate funds for the upcoming fight. If you don't wish to give online, then make checks payable to "aztogether.com" and mail them to AZTogether.com, 2303 N 44th St, #14-1548, Phoenix, AZ 85008. At their Web site, aztogether.org, people can also make secure online, credit-card donations as well.

Hannah Blue Heron At Antigone Books Sept. 15

TUCSON - Hannah Blue Heron will read from and discuss her new memoir, *That Strange Intimacy* (Trafford, \$25.00), 7 p.m., Thursday, September 15, at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

A long time Lesbian feminist community builder, musician and writer, Hannah has led a fascinating life, including 17 years as a nun. Her book shares details of her interesting path, from her days in the convent to the moment at age 41 when she left it to find the outside world terrifyingly changed. After trying to "fit in" to a society that felt very alien, working at a job she hated, marrying briefly, and nearly being killed by a man she tried to help, Hannah decided to read everything she could to seek out ideas for rebuilding her life. After a stint as a straight hippie, Hannah met a group of older Lesbian feminists, and knew she'd found home.

The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. For more information call (520) 792-3715.

Bowling League Starts Fall Season Sept. 5

TUCSON - The Tucson Desert Coyotes Bowling League will be starting its fall/winter league session on September 7, at Santa Cruz Lanes.

Have fun and meet new friends in this all level league, beginners to

advanced. Everyone is welcome in this mixed LGBT/straight friendly league.

The Desert Coyotes at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights, with a first time meeting at 6 p.m., September 7. Santa Cruz Lanes is located at 3665 S.16th Avenue, with easy access from I-10 East to I-19 South, take Ajo exit, turn left East and then left again on S. 16th up to Santa Cruz Lanes!

Weekly cost is \$12.00, plus shoe rental if needed. There is also a yearly sanction fee of \$16.00 for men and \$12.75 for women, which goes to National Bowling Organizations for membership.

Teams consist of three person teams, male and/or female. If you're not already on a team, don't worry, we will have spaces available for individual bowlers to join teams. For more information, please contact Russ, (520) 991-8795, Paul, 319-0890, Marge, 404-3591 or Santa Cruz Lanes at 622-2186.

Wingspan Volunteer Orientation Sept. 3

TUCSON - Wingspan will be holding an orientation for prospective new volunteers on Saturday, September 3, 10:30 - noon, at the new offices, 425 E. 7th St.

Volunteering at Wingspan is a great way to meet some of the most interesting, smart, talented, fun people in Tucson! Volunteer Orientation is the first step. The orientation is a brief introduction to Wingspan, its history and its programs.

For more information, and to RSVP, please contact Kendall Tankersley ktankersley@wingspan.org, (520) 624-1779, volunteer coordinator.

OUToberFest Just A Month Away

PTUCSON - OUToberFEST, Tucson's Fall Pride festival will take place Saturday, October 8 at the DeMeester Band Shell in Reid Park in Tucson.

This event is organized by Tucson Pride, Inc. is an Arizona non-profit corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that produces and promotes cultural, educational and recreational events for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community in Tucson, Arizona.

OUToberFEST, for which this year's theme is "love is love," will feature live local, regional, national and international entertainers on the main stage. In addition, they will have multiple entertainment venues, commercial and non-profit exhibitors, a food court, youth and children's areas and much more. This event continues to grow by number of participants and in areas of entertainment offered.

Because of the size of the event, many volunteers are needed the day of the event. Tucson Pride has developed "Volunteer Dollars," a program in which volunteers are "paid" and the "paycheck" goes to the non-profit organization of their choice. For more information, call (520) 622-3200 or E-mail: pride@tucsonpride.com. For more information about Tucson Pride, go online to tucsonpride.com.

Want to do something positive with your leisure time?

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- GoGo Boys on the Dance Floor at 10 pm
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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4

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- Dance All Night with DJ Mike Lopez at 10 pm

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Wingspan Annual Dinner Sept. 24

TUCSON - On Saturday, September 24, more than 900 guests are expected at the Tucson Convention Center for the Wingspan Eighth Annual Benefit Dinner; an evening of celebration, socializing, recognition and enlightenment.

Wingspan is honored to have Mandy Carter as keynote speaker for the event. Mandy is a leading African American Lesbian activist and the co-founder and current Executive Director of Southerners on New Ground (SONG), southnewground.org. Her work against war and violence and promoting social and economic justice for people of color and equal rights for women and the LGBT community has been successful because of her strength as a both a grassroots and national coalition builder. Winner of the prestigious Stonewall Award, Mandy was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize as part of the 1000 Women for Peace nominations.

Three community awards will be presented during the dinner.

The Godat Award, which honors a lifetime of service to the LGBT community, will go to Mae Krueger who has been a tireless advocate for the rights of LGBT people in Tucson and Southern Arizona. Her leadership in Desert Voices has both provided beautiful music, but also a tool for community building. Mae has also assumed leadership roles with the Tucson LGBT Chamber of Commerce (formerly the CBA), the Steering Committee for the Rainbow Habitat for Humanity Build and Lesbian breast

cancer awareness and advocacy.

The Community Ally Award is Wingspan's "thank you" to allies outside the LGBT family, and will be presented to Detective Tim Rupel of the Tucson Police Department for his outstanding contributions to Tucson's LGBT community, particularly for his work against hate crimes as part of the Hates Crime Unit.

The Steve Hall award, named in memory of the past Wingspan board president, honors a person who demonstrates outstanding contributions toward the mission, values and work of Wingspan. This year's Hall award goes to Kathy Altman who has served on the Wingspan Board of Directors for six years, including nearly three years as President of the Board. Kathy was instrumental in helping transition Wingspan from an all-volunteer run organization to one with professional staff. Kathy has also run the Lesbian cancer and health project in its early days and more recently, coordinates the Rainbow Build Habitat for Humanity project.

There will be a Silent Auction during the reception from 5:30 - 7 pm. 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 dance music provided by Descarga.

Tickets are on sale for \$85 per person or \$850 for a table of ten by calling (520) 624-1779 or visiting www.wingspan.org.

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Teen Pleads Guilty In Gay Bashing

SANTA FE - A 17-year-old boy has pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and other charges in a February attack on two Gay men, reported the Associated Press on Advocate.com.

David Trinidad, the first of six defendants to go to court, pleaded guilty Tuesday (August 23) to aggravated battery, battery, conspiracy, and criminal damage to property. An attorney for another man charged in the beatings said his client will not plea-bargain, while a lawyer for a third said his client will plead to some charges and testify against co-defendants who go to trial.

New Mexico district judge Michael Vigil ordered a 15-day evaluation of Trinidad before sentencing. The teen could be sentenced as a juvenile, which could include being committed to the state until his 21st birthday, or be sentenced as an adult, in which he could get up to seven and a half years in prison. He was on probation for a rape conviction involving a 4-year-old boy at the time of the beating, prosecutors said.

James Maestas, 21, and Joshua Stockham, 23, were attacked by a group of men February 27 in the parking lot of a Santa Fe motel after an earlier confrontation with them at a restaurant. District attorney Henry Valdez has said he will seek tougher sentences under New Mexico's hate-crimes law. Maestas, who spent more than a week in intensive care, had to undergo extensive physical and speech therapy, said assistant district attorney Heidi Pircher. Stockham suffered minor injuries.

Maestas was not at the hearing. Stockham, who attended, had no comment. Also charged are Isaia Medina, 19; Gabriel Maturin, 20; Paul Montoya, 20; Joseph Cano, 19; and Jonathan Valdez, 23. Lawyers have said prosecutors have offered pleas to at least four, though none has appeared in court. Maturin and Medina are charged with aggravated battery, battery, and conspiracy. Cano, Valdez, and Montoya are charged with aggravated battery, conspiracy, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and criminal damage to property under an accessory theory.

Valdez's attorney, Dan Marlowe, said his client will not take a plea deal. "He's not pleading; he didn't do anything," Marlowe said. Maturin's attorney, Thomas Clark, said his client will plead guilty to some charges in exchange for "truthful testimony" in possible trials of others in the case. Maturin could face up to seven years in prison, Clark said.

Real Estate Firm

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home last year in the Beverly Hills section of Alexandria. Owners ultimately sold it to someone else.

Cummings says his realtor learned the sale was based on the owners' hope that a family would buy the home. The commission will issue recommendations for penalties within 30 days. Those could include up to five-thousand-dollars per breach of city housing code.

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Court Thwarts Falwell Bid To Shut Gay-Positive Web Site



Jerry Falwell

RICHMOND - The owner of a Web site critical of the Rev. Jerry Falwell's views on homosexuality did not violate trademark laws by using a common misspelling of the television evangelist's name as the site's domain name, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday (August 24)

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously reversed a lower court decision and ruled that Christopher Lamparello of New York City can continue to operate his "gripe site" at <http://www.falwell.com>.

"The result proves this is still America," Lamparello said in a telephone interview. "Just because someone who's a lot more powerful than I am demands that I do something doesn't mean I should do it."

Jerry Falwell Ministries can be found online at <http://www.falwell.com>.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton ruled last August that Lamparello's domain name was nearly identical to the trademark bearing Falwell's name and could confuse Web surfers, despite a disclaimer noting that it is not affiliated with Falwell. The appeals court disagreed, citing the adversarial nature of the Lamparello's site.

"After even a quick glance at the content of the website ... no one seeking Reverend Falwell's guidance would be misled by the domain name <http://www.falwell.com> into believing that Reverend Falwell authorized the content of that website," Judge Diana Gribbon Motz wrote in the opinion, which was joined by Judges M. Blane Michael and Robert King.

"No one would believe that Reverend Falwell sponsored a site criticizing himself, his positions, and his interpretations of the Bible."

The American Civil Liberties Union, which filed a brief supporting Lamparello, called the ruling a victory for free speech on the Internet.

"Trademark law must not be used to inhibit the freedom of speech in this powerful and important medium," said Kent Willis, executive director of the ACLU in Virginia.

Falwell's attorney, John H. Midlen Jr., said he will ask the full appeals court to reconsider the decision.

"We have argued from day one that the likelihood of confusion test relates only to the domain name itself and not to the content of the Web site, which is not known to the Internet surfer until they've already been confused by the domain

name," Midlen said. "It is an argument we will be pressing forcefully to the full court."

The panel considered the "initial interest confusion theory" but ruled that it applies only when someone is trying to profit financially. No such motive existed in this case, the court said.

Lamparello's attorney, Paul Levy, said the ruling recognizes "the fundamental value of trademark law, which is to protect consumers against confusion in making their purchase decisions."

Lamparello took Falwell to court after the minister sent letters in October 2001 and June 2003 demanding that he surrender the domain name. According to the appeals court, Lamparello's site was getting only about 200 "hits" a day to more than 9,000 for Falwell's site.

"I find it odd that they want to take this site down so aggressively," Lamparello said of Falwell. "I think it's because he's disturbed by the content. Perhaps it does hit a raw nerve."

Among the headlines on Lamparello's site are "Proof that fundamentalists selectively quote the Bible" and "What commandment is Dr. Falwell breaking?"

Lamparello is not the first Web master to clash with Falwell over domain names. In 2003, Gary Cohn of Highland Park, Ill., surrendered the domain names jerryfalwell.com and jerryfallwell.com after Falwell threatened to sue him over trademark infringement.

Cohn said he created the sites in response to Falwell's public comments after the 2001 terrorist attacks. Falwell claimed feminists, homosexuals and abortion-rights advocates provoked God to "lift the curtain" of divine protection on America. Falwell later apologized.

Feds & State Raid Orlando Gay Club

ORLANDO - A combined federal and state task force raided Parliament House, one of the largest Gay entertainment complexes in Florida, arresting all 12 bar employees early Monday morning (August 29), reported 365Gay.com.

A state official said that they were acting on a tip that the club was serving alcohol to minors. Investigators say they used minors to test the club's system of putting identifying bracelets on underage patrons. When the "plants" were served alcohol the joint task force made up of state police and agents with the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms moved in, shutting down the bar.

Officials say that nine bartenders and three servers - the entire staff on duty - was arrested.

Witnesses said that one employee resisted arrest and was pepper sprayed. He was taken to hospital complaining of chest pains.

Patrons say that Parliament House is generally very careful not to serve underage customers.

Parliament House is an Orlando Gay fixture and has been around for more than 30 years. It has frequently been used as a venue for events associated with Gay Days at Disney World and has been a target of anti-Gay groups. Officials did not say who tipped them off about underage drinking.

Question about the raid have



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been raised including the use of federal agents and the large number of officers involved in the raid.

Officials say they are still in the

process of determining what charges will be laid against the workers and the club. If convicted Parliament House could lose its liquor license. The complex's hotel remained open Monday although the bar was closed.

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TUCSON'S ONLY MEN'S BAR

LABOR DAY/JUNGLE PARTY
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Major LGBT Rights Groups Announce Opposition To Roberts

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Four of the nation's largest LGBT civil rights groups Thursday (August 25) officially announced their opposition to the nomination of Judge John Roberts for the US Supreme Court, 365Gay.com reported.

The Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays issued a joint statement calling on the Senate to reject President Bush's candidate for the court.

"Since President Bush nominated John Roberts on July 19, disturbing evidence has emerged about the kind of justice that he would be," the joint statement said. "His writings as a lawyer, his rulings as a judge, and his statements as a policymaker all lead us to the unfortunate conclusion that Judge Roberts would not vote to protect our civil rights from those who are, at this moment, fighting so hard to take them away. Instead, his record indicates that Judge Roberts would vote to roll back the constitutional protections upon which our community — and all Americans — rely."

The statement also said the groups are concerned that the Senate has had no access to many documents relating to Roberts' service as principal deputy solicitor general from 1989 to 1993. Those documents include Roberts' writings about cases involving voting rights, choice, the separation of church and state, and a number of other issues.

Although documents produced by Roberts for President Reagan have been turned over to the Justice Committee, the White House has refused to give up documents from the two Bush administrations claiming they are shielded by attorney-client privilege.

"Judge Roberts has such a narrow view of what the courts can and should do, it's a wonder he wants the job at all," said HRC president Joe Solmonese. "Ultimately, this is about an individual's right to privacy. From women's rights to religious freedom to civil rights, there is powerful evidence that Judge Roberts would rule against equality."

NGLTF executive director Matt Foreman said that throughout his entire adult life "Roberts has been a disciple of and promoted a political and legal ideology that is antithetical to an America that embraces all, including Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people."

Foreman said that Roberts has shown opposition to the constitutional rights to privacy, equal protection and due process as well as federal government's role in confronting injustice.

"I have no doubt he's an accomplished lawyer and an affable dinner companion, but that doesn't make him any less a mortal danger to equal rights for Gay people, reproductive freedom and affirmation action," Foreman said.

Although every major LGBT rights organization has voiced concerns about Roberts nomination, Thursday's joint statement is the first officially opposing placing him on the high court.

Lambda Legal was the lone LGBT rights group not to sign the document. Lambda says it will not make a decision on Judge Roberts until after hearings are held on his nomination.

Earlier the group issued a series of 30 questions it believes Roberts should be asked by the committee.

They include Roberts' position on the Supreme Court ruling in *Romer v Evans*, the landmark Equal Protection case in which Roberts worked pro bono for the Gay group arguing before the court.

Another question asks Roberts' position on *Lawrence v Texas*, the sodomy law overturned by the Supreme Court in a ruling setting out the Right to Liberty for Gays. Additionally, Lambda wants to know Roberts' stand on the Right to Privacy.

Hong Kong Anti-Gay Law Ruled Unconstitutional

HONG KONG - A Hong Kong judge ruled on Wednesday (August 24) that a law requiring a life sentence for men under 21 who engage in Gay sex is unconstitutional, 365Gay.com reported.

The landmark decision stemmed from a legal challenge brought by 20 year old William Roy Leung who said the law was prejudicial because the age of consent for heterosexual or Lesbian sex is 16. Sentences for heterosexuals or Lesbians engaging in sex with someone under the age of 16 also are less severe than for two 20 year old Gay men, Leung noted.

High Court Judge Michael Hartmann agreed. In his ruling Hartmann said the laws "discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. (They) are demeaning of Gay men who are, through the legislation, stereotyped as deviant."

Hartmann's ruling also found that the law is inconsistent with Hong Kong's mini-constitution, the Basic Law, and the Bill of Rights, which provide that all Hong Kong residents are equally protected by the law.

"[The laws are a] grave and arbitrary interference with the right of Gay men to self-autonomy in the most intimate aspects of their private lives," he said.

Outside the court a jubilant Leung said that "I can finally have a loving relationship without being scared of (being) thrown into jail for life imprisonment."

In the past five years police have arrested 65 men under the anti-Gay sex laws and 26 were convicted.

"It is a landmark case and a long overdue judgment," said Hong Kong Gay activist Roddy Shaw. "It's the first time that sexual orientation has been upheld as a protected ground against discrimination in a Hong Kong court," Shaw said.

In April, a fashion show organized by a Gay businessman was shut down after 10 members of Hong Kong's Police Tactical Unit burst in and began searching members of the audience. (story) It was one of a series of raids on Gay venues in the past year in what activists called systematic police harassment.

A month later the former British colony saw its first Gay rights demonstration. (story) About 100 people -many of them in masks to hide their identities - marched through central Hong Kong to call for civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians.

The Hong Kong government is considering legislation to grant greater rights to Gays and Lesbians but in a recent poll 60 percent of respondents said there was no need for such legislation and nearly 70 percent said they were unaware of sexual discrimination.

Human Rights Monitor in a recent report said that Hong Kong is lagging behind the rest of the world in Gay rights.

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(The following is a press release from Arizona Together, a coalition formed to fight the proposed Protect Marriage Arizona amendment to the state constitution that would ban the governmental recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships, prohibit governmental entities from extending medical and dental benefits to employees who have domestic partners and their families and affect many current laws on the local, county and state level.)

Arizona Republican Senator John McCain last night (August 25) endorsed the "Protect Marriage Arizona" amendment being pushed by the ultra-conservative group, The Center for Arizona Policy.

"Senator McCain has a presidential campaign to run, and his endorsement of issues that many Arizonans consider extreme is understandable in light of the fact that he is also running for the nomination in places like South Carolina and Louisiana," said Republican Steve May, former member of the Arizona House of Representatives and treasurer of "Arizona Together," the coalition opposing the amendment.

McCain voted against expanding hate crime laws to include crimes against Gays in June of 2000 (S.2549).

"We understand that the Senator is doing what he has to do politically. We have a year to educate the Senator and others about the harmful effects of this proposal. It hits unmarried straight couples even harder than Gay couples, and will deprive some children of medical



EDITOR:

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COMMENTARY . . .

coverage. The extreme nature of this amendment doesn't fit with Arizona's live and let live traditions, and we expect that many Arizonans who don't know the facts right now will come around on this issue in the months ahead to join with the majority of Arizonans who already say they will vote against it. The Senator may be among those who change their views, although we know he is in a special political bind," May said.

The measure would affect the rights of 120,000 unmarried couples in Arizona, many with children. Approximately 10% of the couples are same-sex unions.

"We're happy to have this out of

the way, over a year before the election," commented acting campaign manager, Dennis M. Burke. "Even though the Senator has chosen his team, we hope to encourage him to stay on the bench," Burke said.

"Many Arizonans are upset by the Senator's actions, but we've all seen this story a thousand times before: the candidate takes extreme positions to get the nomination, then moderates his positions when he gets that nomination. This is that old game. We, as a campaign, did seek to meet with the Senator to encourage him to stay out of the fight, but we understand the realities of his presidential campaign strategy," Burke

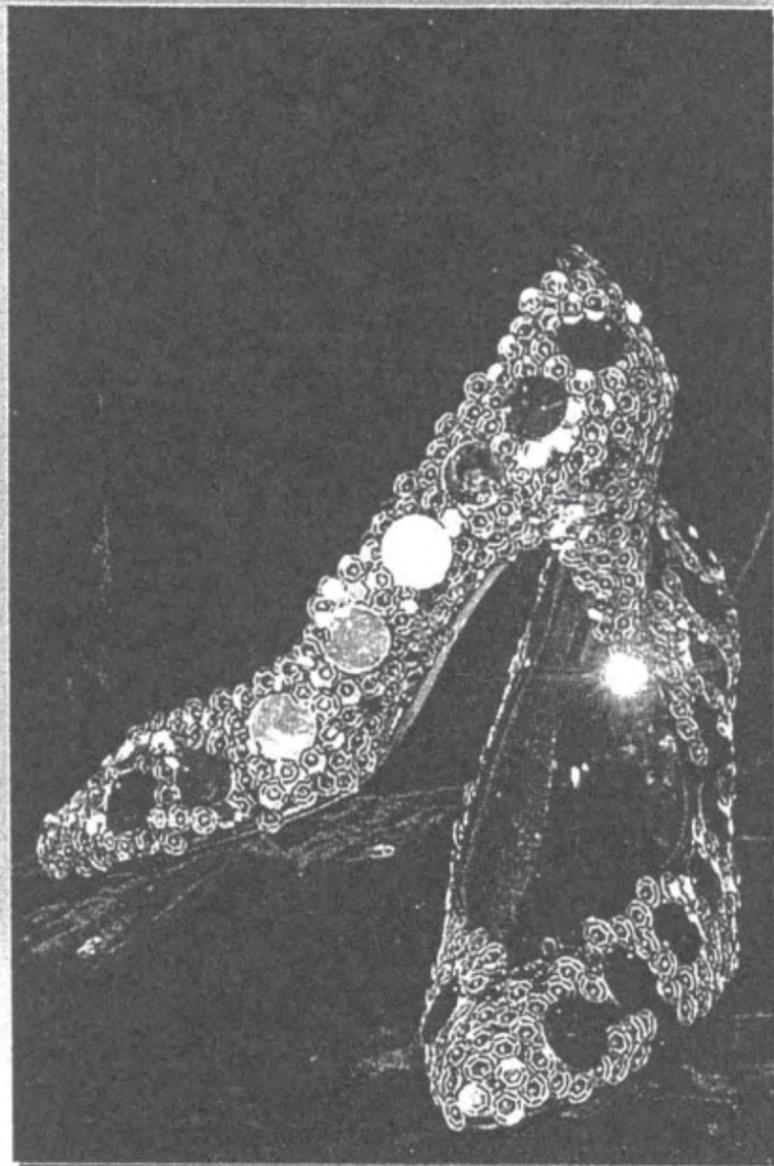
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"The more fuss we make about his position with letters to the editor and other expressions of disappointment, the more we will help etch on the Arizona memory the fact that the Senator has endorsed the amendment. Therefore, we will provide the Senator with the facts regarding the harm this extreme measure will exact on 120,000 unmarried Arizona families, and we will hope that he feels unmotivated to give the extremists additional assistance. We will also give him some surprising news next week about public opinion in Arizona on this issue that may make him wish he had held his fire," Burke said.

[Editor's Note: To contact McCain's Arizona offices, call 602-952-2410 (Phoenix) or 520-670-6334 (Tucson). You may also use this link to contact him via his Web site: <http://mccain.senate.gov/index.cfm>.]

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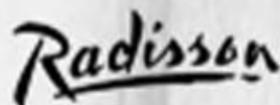
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POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

American Dream

Dear Gracie:

The "American Dream," often associated with the Protestant work ethic, is that through hard work, courage and determination one can achieve prosperity, and these beliefs or values depending upon your opinion was held by many immigrants who came to the "land of the free" and for which were passed on to subsequent generations.

Another part of the "American Dream" Gracie, is to have the opportunity to be in a loving relationship, starting a family, providing for them and ensuring their future so that they have the same chances as well.

With the "American Dream," the United States was founded as a classless society, as the federal Constitution, one of the oldest legal documents in the world (in effect since 1789), that defines the U.S. government and the rights and benefits of citizens. As it states in the preamble of the Constitution, "We the People of the United States . . ."

There are no caste systems, class status, or titles in the U.S. Gracie, this nation is supposed to be the land of opportunity for all who comes to these shores, paraphrasing the slogan on the Statue of Liberty which many immigrants saw as they came to this country to pursue the "Dream."

But unfortunately Gracie there are people and extremist wingnuts who feel otherwise, as you have witnessed that has taken place in other states and that Arizona will probably be facing next year thanks to the extremist, wingnut group, the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP).

There are Arizonans and other individuals living in many other states in the U.S. that work, vote, pay taxes, own a home, property, a business, have a significant other and in many cases, a family, in their efforts pursuing the "American Dream" who can't get the benefits and opportunities that other citizens in the country have, not because of something they've done but because of whom they are.

Gracie, when the effort is made to ensure that everyone has the same benefits listed under federal, state, county and local laws, these extremist wingnuts and groups, such as CAP state that these people are trying to get "special rights."

Some "food for thought" to consider Gracie over the upcoming Labor Day which has been around since 1887 to honor workers:

There are families who pay taxes at a higher rate than other families in this country.

Some of the families are not even recognized as such under current law while there are other families who are afforded the benefits and privileges listed in the statutes and must spend thousands of their hard-earned dollars drafting legal documents protecting their family.

In the "land of the free," there are individuals who work cannot and get medical and dental coverage for their significant other and their families while other individuals they may work alongside in their place of employment, who get these benefits.

Those workers who have contributed to the betterment of this country and now are enjoying their retirement, may find love in their "golden years," but can't have their relationship recognized because they will lose a significant portion of their "nest egg."

These are not "special rights" Gracie, but parts of the "American Dream," something that should be available and accessible to all Americans. These are some of the tenets for which this country was founded upon and for which this message will go forth in the upcoming battle in Arizona against CAP and those extremist proponents of the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment who believe otherwise.

As ever faithful always.

In Their Own Words



When asked jokingly, by Bill Maher on his HBO show, REAL TIME Friday, August 26, "now it's obvious Bush won't meet with you, will you go over his head and try to speak to Cheney or Rove?" Cindy Sheehan said, "I have already gone over his head, to the American people. We employ him, he is our employee."



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Thursday, September 1

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Mimi's (Tucson Mall location). For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Friday, September 2

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come and put your acting/miming skills to the test. For directions and reservations, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

Saturday, September 3

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 am. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for our monthly Pot Luck dinner and to get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. While reservations are not necessary, please call Robert at 400-1376 for location and directions.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 7:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Sunday, September 4

9th Annual 'Turnabout for TIHAN' at the Inn Suites Hotel on the corner of St. Mary's and Granada. Tickets \$12.50 in advance of \$15 at the door. Available at TIHAN and most GLBT bars in Tucson. The performers request donations from their friends and customers in order to do a "turnabout" from male to female (or vice vers) and put on a show for the community to benefit the programs of TIHAN.

Monday, September 5

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

Tuesday, September 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, September 9

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

Saturday, September 10

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

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 7:00 P.M. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Sunday, September 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. Mike hosts Mah Jong. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Mike at 326-3555.

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m.

Terry hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

Wednesday, September 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jack for an evening of Canasta. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For directions and reservations, please call Jack at 887-3736.

Thursday, September 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, September 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join John & Rick as he hosts Pizza Night. For just \$5.00, come and enjoy a night of Pizza and good conversation. For reservations and directions, please call John & Rick at 743-3289. Please reserve your spot by noon on Thursday, August 15th.

Saturday, September 17

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed) 7:30 am. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

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

Saturday, September 17

#1-Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.
#2-Food & Drinks - 7:00 P.M., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, September 19

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the "putting out the Newsletter" Night. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Strange Bedfellows? (after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

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

Tuesday, September 20

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m.
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What Makes Our Town Tick

by Jerry D

TRD Finale, September 17

Hello readers! Bridging the gap between a new season of football and the end of the baseball season, Tucson sees another sport finale at the local level. Saturday, September 17, is the final bout of the Tucson Roller Derby (TRD) season. The event will pit the Furious Truckstop Waitresses versus the Vice Squad for the annual title of champion of the Old Pueblo's Roller Derby League.

In past articles, I have reported on the monthly bouts and the involvement of the community to make this event one of the most regularly attended in Tucson. This time around I let my eyes and ears take in the action and give me the sights and sounds that make this latest review.

At the last bout, held August 20th, anyone in the capacity crowd could have conducted this story and given a tempting account of the fun and action that is held regularly at the bouts. I spoke with fan and family, sometimes both in the same person, who gave me their opinion on why the roller derby has become the event not to miss.

The last bout had the Iron Curtain taking on the Furious Truckstop Waitresses. The fan base was almost down the line, with opposing followers sitting side by side. In the crowd the age range ran from a weeks-old infant, to a septuagenarian who made sure everyone around her knew who she was rooting for.

Almost everyone who I talked to had the same response for the simple

question of why they were behaving in a frenzied manner and losing their voice in support of the participants on the track. It was in honor of those who don the pads and give them a bout worth remembering every month that the season is in swing.

For those of you just learning about this sport which is growing nation wide as you read, here are the few basics to give you an insight to what the buzz is about: It is real roller derby, not a staged bout with predetermined winners. Also, participants are there for love of sport, no one is getting paid to be out there sacrificing their bodies. Finally, community involvement is the secret to the success of the league. It is a league in the true sense of the word. Although there are bouts between separate squads, all are part of the TRD and work together tirelessly to assure that all who attend are entertained, welcomed and leave satisfied.

On Friday, September 9, Club Congress will be host to a pep rally to support the league. Join the fun starting at 7 p.m., and meet the stars of the track to help raise funds for the coming season. Once again the season finale is held on Saturday, September 17, and the bout will be held at Bladeworld, 1065 W. Grant (Behind the big movie theatre, near I10). Information, instruction and any missing detail here could be found at the leagues website, tucsonrollerderby.com. Check out what happens when those who love the sport for love get together for the benefit of the fan. Have a great week!



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#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for an evening of Dinner and a Movie; ?My Little Chickadee? with W.C. Fields and Mae West. For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Wednesday, September 21
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Canasta. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For directions and reservations, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

Thursday, September 22
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Saturday, September 24
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
The Bridge
 by Lee Thorn

Tucson's Rio Nuevo revitalization project has always struck me as a disheveled bureaucratic frolic in dire need of adult supervision. The ARIZONA DAILY STAR's opinion section of August 21 ran an editorial and an interview on the current status of Rio Nuevo that left me anything but reassured.

we're talking about downtown Tucson. You couldn't get 500,000 visitors a year to downtown Tucson to see God the Father handing out exploding cigars. And speaking of cigars, what can these people possibly be smoking.

The STAR's focus was on the centerpiece of the project, a suspension bridge that would span 1-10 and the Santa Cruz River and house a science museum that's supposed to attract 500,000 visitors a year. Rio Nuevo's director says he doesn't know how much it will all cost, but he's looking north of a hundred million.

I got a kick out of the project director saying that the bridge "will literally redefine the image of Tucson in minds throughout the country and maybe internationally." Does Tucson even have a national image, let alone an international image?

I feel like Rip Van Winkle. Where was I sleeping when all the public discussion of this bridge was going on?

I know that we like to think of ourselves as the town with the longest non-mechanized rodeo parade in the world, but to the rest of the country Tucson's image is that of a fictional town that used to crop up in old cowboy movies -- or was that Tombstone? And what is Tucson's image in the minds of Romans, Parisians and Londoners? Mercy!

I called the STAR and they said they've been doing tons of articles on the project. I guess my problem is that I get my news primarily from the TV and I haven't seen a single mention of the 100-million-dollar bridge there.

For those of you who have been Rip Van Winkling along with me, the bridge sounds like it might actually be a cool thing. The STAR describes it as "an arch resembling a rainbow that spans a wider Interstate 10, from which would hang a pedestrian bridge supporting the (science) museum, restaurants and other structures

I've seen dozens of stories on local TV news about the process involved in deciding what will replace the World Trade Center (WTC) buildings in New York and not one story on local TV news about the process involved in deciding to build a 100-million-dollar bridge in Tucson.

"The arch would stand 360 feet at its peak. Cables would support a 60-foot-wide bridge stretching 1,200 feet over the highway, giving people a vantage point of eight stories high."

I also asked the STAR if there had been any community input on the bridge idea and I got what I thought was a curious response, "Apparently you think there wasn't enough." Well no, I didn't think that. I didn't know. I was just asking.

The bridge could be a good thing for Tucson, even if we discount the fantasy projections and the delusions of grandeur about our image. The museum of science would be as good as the stuff you put in it. I mean, there's lots of science stuff -- biology, physics, chemistry You'd more of less have to have some organizing principle or theme to get a good museum started. Do we have one?

And there are lots of other questions that come to mind: Who decided that what Tucson needs is a pricey bridge across the Santa Cruz? Some person made that decision. Is it unreasonable to ask his name?

So the bridge could be good. The museum could be good. But what would be better for Tucson than 100 bridges is this: a transparent process the would allow citizens to attach names to ideas and that would allow citizens to make their assessments of planning ideas known to the planners and to other citizens.

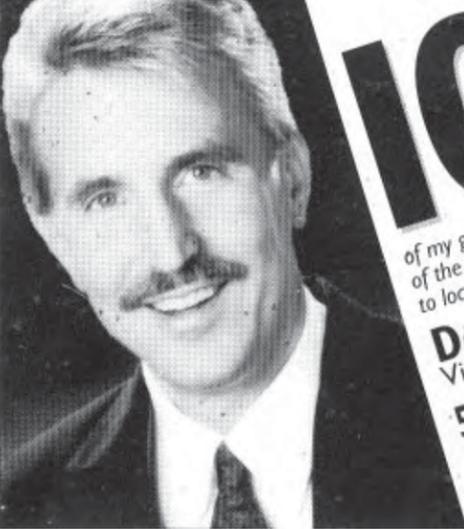
Who decided that the bridge should be designed by a Uruguayan? Was there an international design competition that I slept through? Perhaps this was one of those jobs that we hear so much about nowadays that Americans are just unwilling to do.

How come New Yorkers can take this approach with the WTC and we can't take it with a project of similar or even greater importance to our future?

What do you put in a science museum that will draw 500,000 visitors a year to downtown Tucson? You might remember that the original centerpiece of Rio Nuevo was going to be a fish tank that was going to draw 100,000 visitors a year. That projection was discarded as "unrealistic only to be replaced by a projection that's downright fanciful.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754. E-mail: Doid3@aol.com.]

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'Gay Chat Mayor' Recall Moving At Lightning Speed



Mayor Jim West

SPOKANE - Three days after they began circulating petitions (August 27) seeking an election to recall Mayor Jim West, organizers say they have collected about 40 percent of the necessary signatures, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Ralph Tracy raced from car to car pulling into the lot of a vacant car-repair shop on busy Division Street that serves as a drive-through collection point and recall headquarters.

"People are starting to realize we can make a difference," said Tracy, a volunteer who logged 14 hours handing out petitions on Sunday and planned a 17-hour day yesterday.

"He's done some good things for the city, but when it comes down to it, Spokane's image has been hurt."

"This is an opportunity to take politics out of it ... for people to have the chance to vote again," Tracy said. "We revote and whether he stays or goes, it's all over with."

The mayor's office referred calls for comment to his lawyers.

West, in his second year as mayor after a 17-year career in the state Legislature, is accused of offering a City Hall job to someone he thought was an 18-year-old high-school student he met in an online Gay chat room. The "teen" was really a computer expert hired by The Spokesman-Review newspaper to track the mayor's online activities.

The newspaper published a series of articles implicating West in

sexual abuse of boys in the late 1970s and early 1980s and of offering City Hall jobs in exchange for sex to young men he met online. West acknowledged using "poor judgment" but has denied doing anything illegal.

The state Supreme Court on Wednesday (August 24) cleared the way for circulating the recall petitions filed by Shannon Sullivan, a single mother who said she found it hard to explain West's conduct to her 9-year-old son.

Sullivan and Rita Amunrud are the leaders of Citizens for Government Integrity, the pro-recall group.

To make the ballot, organizers must collect signatures of about 12,600 registered city voters. Amunrud said the group hopes to turn in 16,000 signatures.

"We're right around 5,000," Amunrud said. "We hit the floor running when the word came down" that petitions could be circulated, she said.

Sullivan signed the first petition in a ceremony across the street from City Hall on Thursday afternoon (August 25).

Amunrud spent yesterday morning (August 29) seeking permission from businesses to set up petition-collection areas.

Equal Marriage Bill Heads For California Senate

SACRAMENTO - A bill legalizing same-sex marriage is headed for California's Senate floor next week after clearing the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday (August 25), the PlanetOut Network reported.

Sen. Carole Migden, the chair of the committee, championed the bill, AB849. It would legally define marriage as gender-neutral and was approved, 7-4, with Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter, joining three committee Republicans in opposing the bill.

"Senator Migden is very pleased," Alan LoFaso, Migden's chief of staff, told the PlanetOut Network. "She's been a strong supporter of this legislation and has worked hard to make it happen. She's a very active member of the LGBT Caucus."

AB849 is the resuscitated same-sex marriage bill authored by Gay Assemblyman Mark Leno, whose original bill fell four votes short in California's Assembly in June. Leno used a parliamentary move known as "gut and amend" to change a bill about fishing to a bill legalizing same-sex marriage.

"Allowing same-sex couples to access one another's health care plans, make joint medical decisions, inherit one another's property, file joint tax returns, and provide for their children without fear of them falling into foster care should one partner pass away is not only humane but fiscally prudent," said Leno in a press release by Equality California, the

organization sponsoring the bill.

"I'm grateful that a majority of my colleagues in the Senate Appropriations Committee has taken a principled stand against discrimination and in favor of allowing same-sex couples who want to devote their lives to one another," Leno said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is being pressured to vote against the bill by social conservatives who are gathering signatures to put three amendments banning same-sex marriage on the June 2006 ballot.

"We call upon Gov. Schwarzenegger to announce that he will veto this anti-marriage, anti-voter bill," said Randy Thomasson, president of the Campaign for Children and Families and organizer of VoteYesMarriage.com, an organization supporting one of the ballot initiatives.

"It's high time for the 'Terminator' to tell California families where he stands on AB849," Thomasson said in a quote published by the San Francisco Chronicle.

Geoffrey Kors, the executive director of Equality California, told the PlanetOut Network he is optimistic the governor will sign the legislation. "The governor has been consistent in saying he's fine with same-sex marriage if the courts and the people rule, he will support it. The legislature is the people's body, and so hopefully he will sign it."

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Gender Gap Divides U.S. Gays and Lesbians

SAN FRANCISCO - Although they campaign arm-in-arm for Gay rights, Lesbians and Gay men don't always march in step. With bemusement and at times frustration, they acknowledge a lingering gender gap in how they live, socialize and perceive each other, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The two groups each grapple with real differences, and with stereotypes of themselves and the other sex: that Gay men are the party-goers, flashy and promiscuous; that Lesbians are the relatively dull homebodies — “soccer moms,” in the words of one activist.

In San Francisco and New York, nightclubs in the main Gay districts tend to be virtually all-male, while many Lesbians have settled in quieter, less expensive neighborhoods. Some Lesbians question whether Gay men, whom they supported fervently during the peak of the AIDS crisis, are reciprocating now with appropriate empathy for Lesbian health problems.

“It never ceases to amaze me how much sexism there is among Gay men, given that they're the main victims of sexism,” said Kate Kendall, executive director of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights.

National Gay rights leaders — men and women — say the gender gap has narrowed dramatically from the 1960s and '70s, when Lesbian feminists openly rebelled at what they considered to be patronizing male domination of the movement. Now, political solidarity is strong, but other differences remain.

In Chicago, for example, a Gay men's group at the Broadway United Methodist Church recently invited two Lesbians to one of its weekly meetings to discuss gender issues. The men and women each brought along a list of stereotypes they subscribed to — for example, that Lesbians craved to be phys-ed coaches, and Gay men to be interior decorators — and found the discussion refreshing.

“It felt so novel and unique,” said Cathy Knight, one of the participants. “It's stuff you'd think we could talk about, but we don't.”

The group leader, librarian Arlie Sims, said he gained insight about how Lesbians view Gay men. “It's not hard to see the ways in which being a white male carries with it privilege — even if you're a Gay white male,” he said. “There's a sense that everything is about the boys.”

Knight suggested that even if some stereotypes are accurate, they shouldn't serve to divide a community that needs unity.

“More Lesbians are coupled, homebodies, they don't go to bars as much, and men are more sexually active,” she said. “My response is, ‘So what?’ If that's what they choose, it doesn't have anything to do with having less moral values. It's about expressing yourself.”

Evidence suggests that Lesbians are indeed more drawn to monogamy than Gay men — two-thirds of the same-sex couples who have married in Massachusetts or entered civil unions in Vermont are women. But prominent Lesbians balk at using such statistics to question the multi-partner dating preferences of many Gay men.

“I don't have any judgment about how they order their lives,” Kendall said. “Lifestyle choices that are damaging and self-destructive — that's the problem, not Gay men having more partners.”

While Gay men, as a group, have

a higher incidence of drug abuse and sexually transmitted disease, activist Cheryl Jacques said Lesbians shouldn't generalize or view the men as impeding political progress.

“I've met too many monogamous male couples and promiscuous, drug-using women I wouldn't want around my children,” she said.

Jacques — former president of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national Gay-rights group — said she has met numerous activists who distrust the other gender.

“One of the best messages you can convey as a leader, is, ‘Hey, the enemy is over there,’” Jacques said. “We are a family. We may have differences within our four walls. But we all share the enemy that wants to strip us of our common humanity.”

Never was the common bond more evident than in the worst of the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, when Lesbians doubled as caregivers and lobbyists on behalf of stricken Gay men who were not getting all-out support from the political and health establishments.

“It was as if we were siblings, and you found out your brother is gravely ill and your parents pay no attention,” Kendall said. “It was a life or death situation, and whatever the social differences were became totally irrelevant.”

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a rarity among major Gay-rights groups in retaining a gender-specific name, even though it advocates on behalf of men, too, in pushing for same-sex marriage and other goals.

“That part of our name conveys a feminist philosophy and recognizes that sexism is the universal oppressor — of Gay men as well as Lesbians,” Kendall said.

At times, the discussion of gender can be lighthearted. Kendall, for example, joked that Lesbians “don't have a social life — it's just being soccer moms.”

Paris Poirier, a Lesbian filmmaker from Santa Monica, Calif., tackled gender stereotypes with a mostly light touch in a 1997 documentary, “Pride Divide” — interviewing dozens of Gay men and Lesbians about differences in dating habits, humor, tastes in pornography. Among the stereotypes debated: that Gay men were more witty in their conversation, more predatory in their sex lives, less serious in their relationships.

“I don't think Lesbians are as whiny as they used to be,” Poirier said in an interview. “There's a lot more freedom to talk about gender issues.”

Shum Preston, a political consultant in San Francisco, said he and his partner of 13 years have been thrust into Lesbian culture since they became co-parents of children with two Lesbian couples.

“The friendship structure seems a lot stronger than in the Gay male community,” he said. “We're the longest surviving male couple I know, but in the Lesbian culture we're just two more peas in the pod.”

Bevan Dufty, who represents the heavily Gay Castro district on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, said the boom in Gay parenting is forging a powerful new bond between Lesbians and Gay men raising children as they share advice and lobby for family-oriented services.

But the Castro's nightlife remains male-dominated, Dufty said, and the Lesbians and Gay men in his coed track club often divide by gender when dispersing for lunch after running together.

“I've had women say they don't feel welcome in parts of the community,” Dufty said.

Matt Foreman, New York-based executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said the degree of interaction between Lesbians and Gay men varies by locality.

“Where there's not much interaction, the stereotypes, the jokes and the myths persist,” he said. “I've been to places like Topeka, Kansas, where Gay men and Lesbians socialize together and have a good time, while in New York —

with the exception of some political and charitable events — there's virtually no interaction.”

Foreman also said Gay-rights groups should place more focus on breast cancer and other women's health issues.

“I understand the frustrations of Lesbians,” he said. “They did so much to respond to the AIDS crisis and don't see a lot of reciprocity.”

Amber Hollibaugh, senior strategist with Foreman's task force, said the Gay community should strive for candor in addressing gender issues.

“We need to talk about this, and not think it's dangerous,” she said. “There are real differences. ... and a lot of times, in order to achieve solidarity, people try to hide them.”

Utah Supreme Court To Consider Parental Rights For Former Lesbian Couple

SALT LAKE CITY - The case of a Lesbian who wants to be a parent to a child born to her former same-sex partner will be heard by the Utah Supreme Court, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The issue before the high court on Tuesday (August 30) will be whether the woman is legally entitled to a continuing parental relationship with the child when the biological parent objects.

Keri Lynn Jones and Cheryl Pike Barlow met in 2000 and were together about three years.

“Probably after we were dating six months maybe, we decided we wanted to have a baby in the next year so we spent a lot of time talking to our attorney,” Jones contends.

Jones contends they intended to rear the girl — now 4 years old — together and took several steps to establish legal relationship for her and the baby. Barlow disputes that she ever intended for Jones to have a legal relationship to the child.

At the beginning both women shared in the joy of the birth. But then, Barlow said, she discovered Jones was having an affair with another woman.

“I did enter into this relationship thinking she and I could have a life together,” Barlow said. “I was dead wrong.”

After the breakup, Barlow, a former Gay activist, said that she “left the Gay lifestyle” and converted to an evangelical Christian faith.

Barlow said Jones has no legal ties to her daughter and, as the mother, Barlow believes she should decide if Jones can see the girl.

“I never elected a legal relationship with her,” Barlow said. “Nor did I put myself in the position that she would have legal rights to my child.”

Utah law prevented Jones from adopting the girl.

The issue before the state Supreme Court could test earlier common law court rulings in Utah that have allowed visitation by divorced stepparents. But the U.S. Supreme Court has handed down rulings that establish a biological parent's right to make the decision.

Last December, Third District Judge Timothy Hanson ruled that although Jones had no legal right by adoption or marriage, there was a parental relationship between the girl and Jones. He ordered visitation for Jones as being in the best interest of the child.

“This case is not about Gay marriage. This case is not about Gay adoption. What this case is about is whether or not a child is better off in this rather uncertain world with as many people as possible taking an interest in the child, both financially and emotionally,” Hanson wrote in his decision.

The judge also noted that the couple traveled to Vermont to register as domestic partners.

Barlow's lawyer, Frank Mylar, said the case is a parental rights issue.

“You have somebody who is a fit natural parent and somebody who claims that they should have rights to a child, even though they do not have any legal relation to the child either by blood or marriage,” Mylar said.

Jones' lawyer, Lauren Barros, said the core issue is the best interest of the child. If local legal doctrine is overturned by the Utah Supreme Court, the decision could affect any unmarried person raising and caring for a non-biological child without the benefit of adoption.

“I think that the precedent around the country also supports the rights of people who have a special parent relationship with a child,” Barros said.

Both sides have the assistance of advocacy organizations. Barlow's position is being supported by the Alliance Defense Fund, an Arizona-based conservative Christian organization. Jones is being supported by the National Center for Lesbian Rights in California.

Members of the Utah Legislature and the American Civil Liberties Union are paying attention to the case. There are indications that state lawmakers might introduce legislation dealing with “in loco parentis,” which is Latin for “instead of a parent.”

The possibility of winning before the Utah Supreme Court only to have the Legislature step in alarms Jones. She said there were family members, doctors, lawyers and many others involved in the birth and raising of the girl. “To all of a sudden to think that you're just going to be written off as a roommate and that I'm just some stranger trying to take away her child,” Jones said.

Barlow said she doesn't want anything to do with Jones. Barlow said the dispute has been hard on her daughter. Barlow and the girl have moved to Texas.

“I feel as if my rights have been stripped away,” Barlow said. “After a fleeting three-year relationship, I feel I'm now being prevented from taking care of her; I have to sit back and watch her suffer.”

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Take the heat off your summer as September now blissfully cools your jets and ices your drinks. Many planets loll in Libra and provide easy going fun and a sexy flirtation or five. Balance is everything, comrade. Or will you go head over heels? Only if you are very lucky!

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Relationships take priority as September races in. Proud Rams find that any one to one interaction is at once pleasantly happy and strikingly powerful. See how you can make connections and create more balance in your life. Don't sit at home and wait for a delivery. Get Out there and seek. You shall find. But rather than looking under a rock, try looking under a gem ... or two.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
It is not clear if you have been working all that hard but now that September makes an appearance so should you. Work demands are dispatched with greater ease. Gay Bulls can charm colleagues to take a bit more off your plate onto theirs. Clear off your slate so you have more guilt free party time. Okay, so maybe you haven't felt all that guilty about it either.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Your summer will not end with September. In fact, as the month progresses you can find even more opportunities to relax and just have fun. Pink Twins are usually creative and sociable. So put your innate talents to work and toss a few autumnal soirees with a few spring chickens. There are a few romantic interests who will pique your interest ... among other things....

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
September energies will turn your focus to home decorating and entertaining. Pink Crabs are happy homemakers anyway but now there is a burning urge to make your surroundings absolutely perfect - balanced, beautiful and bountiful. Spruce it up and show it off. You will be amazed how many old friendly birds will fly in and nest. Good thing too - you need the eggs.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
We can't hear you. Roar it out baby! September rolls in and sets you on a course of conversation, debate and ultimate triumph. What exactly do you want? You manage to find a diplomatic way of asking for it. Proud Lions may have felt that they couldn't express themselves without biting on their tail. Now wrap it around the throats of all dissenters and give it a good squeeze.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Money may have been tight but now you know how to make a dime work like a dollar. September brings you a certain financial acumen, some much needed good advice and also a bit of plucky luck. Generous and diplomatic energy provides you with greater insight into risk management. Run with the bulls or the bears... or the trolls if that is your thing.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
You are usually charismatic and charming, but be prepared to harvest a bumper crop now. Gay Libras have too much of a good thing in September. So rather than pour a bit of your oil in each and every social pool, be discerning and spill over into only the most important and significant groups. The holidays are coming and you need to be prepared with a choice of fabulous invites.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Proud Scorps peek into the future this September and see some momentous stuff going on. Shine a light into all your dark corners, expose all your hidden enemies and release all leaden secrets that hold you down. This is a cleansing time where you will leave no fig leaf hanging. Good. Now get Out there and make a name for yourself. Is it more than four letters...?

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
September beats a path to your door and so do a crateload of friends. No matter how hard you try to be alone, mysterious and independent, you find that a pride parade of compadres is always ready to tag along. Relax and enjoy it while it lasts, Gay Archer. And as long as your dance card is full, try a tango or two with a certain special someone.

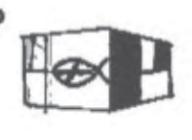
CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Pink Caps have hauled more than their fair share of corporate garbage. Things were beginning to stink. But September now opens a window of fresh air and you find that senior staff finally begins to value your worth. Take advantage of any opportunity to make your mark and advance into new territory. It is corporate warfare so take no prisoners ... unless they are gorgeous.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
There is something pulling you far away from home base this September. Is it your itchy feet? Is it your inquiring mind? Or is it your cabin fever? No matter what it is, Aqueerians can get an entirely fresh perspective on the world when they get Out and explore it. New life is breathed into old bones. Adventure beckons from every corner. So what are you waiting for??

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
The steamy summer may be cooling down, but you shouldn't. There is a sexy spark in the air and Guppies seem to know just what to do with it. This is no time to sit at home and wait for royalty to knock. Get out there and mingle if you are single. Start a few electrical fires. September is your month and you are especially lucky in love now. What a change of pace!



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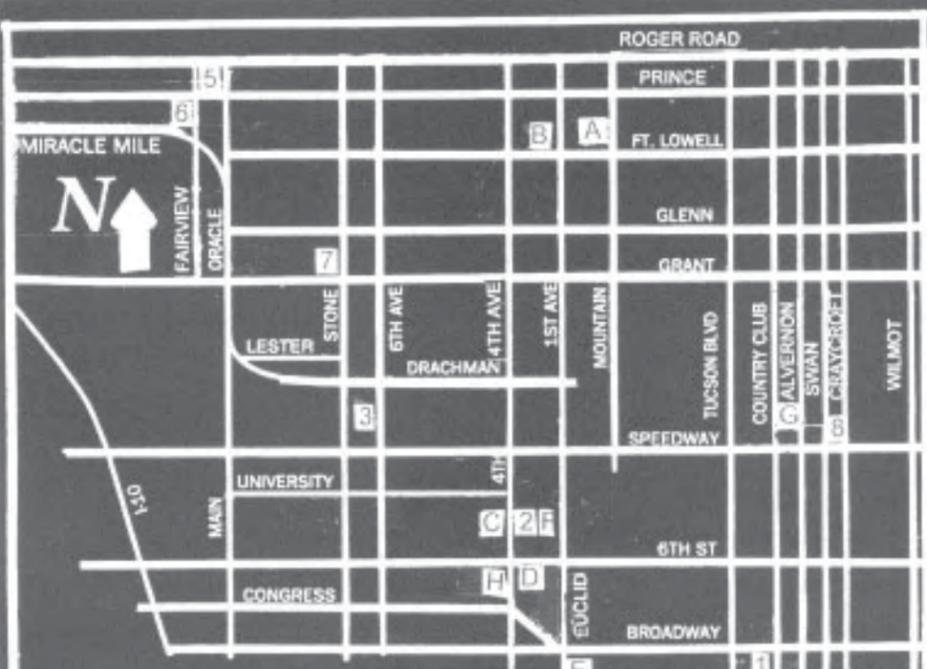


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Vatican Plan To Block Gay Priests



POPE BENEDICT XVI
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Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican body charged with looking into the abuse claims, Benedict, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, was made acutely aware of the scale of the problem. He is thought to have made clearing up the scandal one of the key goals of his papacy.

Next month the Vatican will send investigators to the US to gauge the scale of the scandal. More than 100 bishops and seminary staff will visit 220 campuses. They will review documents provided by the schools and seminaries and may interview teachers, students and alumni, then report directly to the Vatican, which could choose to issue the instruction barring homosexuals from entering the priesthood as part of its response.

Studies show that a significant proportion of men who enter seminaries to train for the priesthood are Gay. Any move signaling that homosexuals will not be allowed to join the seminaries, even one couched in the arcane language of the Vatican, could reduce the number of recruits to the priesthood.

In a further sign of the instruction's deeply controversial nature, it is expected the document would be signed by a cardinal rather than the Pope himself if the Vatican decides to publish it.

The Vatican has been carefully trying to soften Benedict's image since he was elected earlier this year. In recent weeks he has reached out to the Jewish and Muslim communities as well as young Catholics during the church's World Youth Day. The initiatives have been seen as a significant PR success. A decision to publish an instruction that would underscore his religious conservatism would be detrimental to Benedict's standing as he enjoys his "honeymoon period" on the world stage.

down the controversy by eschewing a moral line, arguing instead that the presence of homosexuals in seminaries is "unfair" to both Gay and heterosexual priests by subjecting the former to temptation.

"It will be written in a very pastoral mode," Haldane said. "It will not be an attack on the Gay lifestyle. It will not say 'homosexuality is immoral.' But it will suggest that admitting Gay men into the priesthood places a burden both on those who are homosexual and those they are working alongside who are not."

The instruction was drawn up as part of the Vatican's response to the sexual abuse scandal that surfaced in the American church three years ago, which has seen hundreds of priests launch lawsuits against superiors whom they accuse of abusing them.

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HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11am. Lotchen open until 8pm. Watch the NFL here! \$1.00 Jumbo Hot Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments at 4 and 7pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

IBT's - Open Noon. \$1.75 Bloodys, or mimosas. til 4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 5:30-7:30 Beer Bust. 2-4-1 drink specials and DJ Mike Lopez 10pm to close. (Some restrictions apply).

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Brunch \$5, 11:30 - 2:30. Patio open 1pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7p. \$2.50 Sirloin Burger or Chicken w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

monday

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

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 - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Mike Lopez 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy & Beefeaters Martinis.

WOODY'S - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Rum until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm

tuesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. 1st Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner and a Concert" shown on 52" projection system. Full menus served until 10pm.

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 Debbie from 8 - midnight

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Q playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month \$2.00).

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longneck. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 80s Nite 9-close. \$1 off to those wearing 80s concert T-shirt. (Excludes draught & schnapps).

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm.

wednesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/ Bunny Fu Fu. HiNrgy dance with DJ Q,

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Underwear- fetish-leather nite \$1 off for those wearing underwear-fetish or leather. (Excludes draught & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Vodka until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm.

thursday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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 Debbie from 8 to midnight.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$6.00.

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool all day. NTN Game Nite w/prizes 9-close. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon. Patio bar open 8pm-close

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

friday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Reservations suggested.

Open 11am for lunch. Dinner 5-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm domestic beers or well cocktails \$2.25.

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. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen re-opens 9 pm to Midnight for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm., Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm-2am.

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am.w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 5pm

saturday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Amber Norgarrd sings originals and cover tunes 6:30-9:30pm. Reservations suggested.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Kitchen open til 8pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm, \$2 Well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 small pitchers, \$5 large pitchers. \$4.00 Cheeseburger & Fries all day. DJ Johnny D playing your favorite dance & country 9pm to close. Kitchen re-opens 9pm - midnight for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. \$5 Steak or Fish w/all the trimmings 5-9. Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz w/Arthur Migliazza on the patio 6-9. Party w/ DJ Jeff 9-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 5pm.

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BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

IBT'S - IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party continues with an all-star drag show hosted by Bunny FuFu at 9pm followed by Dancing and at Midnight a wet Jockey Short Contest hosted by Ajia Simone.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

IBT'S IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party continues An Underwear Party ... Wear your sexiest underwear and dance all night with DJ Mike Lopez spinning top 40 all request and the bar staff dancing on the bar in their underwear at 10pm. GoGo Boys on the Dance Floor at 10pm. \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila Shots.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

IBT'S - IBT's Anniversary Weeklong Party continues with free appetizers from 5 to 8 pm. Happy Hour Martini Special from 4 to 9pm BlackLight Party Night with free giveaways all night and two DJs, one on the dance floor and one on the Patio starting at 10pm.

VENTURE-N - The annual Weekend Jungle Party starts up with hot snacks tonight from 5 to 7 p.m.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' starts tonight here with Torn - Tattered - Twisted Party.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IBT'S - Anniversary Weeklong Party continues Karaoke and Teriyaki Beef Kabobs with dollar draught specials on the patio from 5 to 8 pm. Saturday Starlettes hosted by Janee Starr at 8:30pm. Dance all night with DJ Q inside and DJ Mike outside.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' continues with the "Blue Ball" here tonight. Drink specials for those in blue.

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party really begins with Bucky's Omelettes served from 11am until 2pm. Then from 7pm to closing at 2am, the Jungle Party roars with a Costume Contest, Prizes, Jello Shots, etc. etc.!!!! Get your free loincloth. Ask the bartender for instructions.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

IBT'S - Anniversary Weeklong Party continues with Free BBQ on the Patio with dollar for draught specials and Karaoke from 4 to 7:30pm. Dance all night with DJ Mike and 2-4-1 specials at 10pm.

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party continues today with a Patio Beer Bust from 3-7pm and Bossburgers from 5-7pm, "PLUS".

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' continues with a "Turnabout Party" tonight.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY

IBT's - Bar opens today at 10am with Mike's Famous Free Breakfast with eggs, bacon, pastries, Danish and fresh fruit. Monday Morning Madness Drag Show at 11am. Complimentary sandwiches for lunch with chips and potato salad. After the drag show DJ Q will be spinning on the dance floor and Karaoke on the patio.

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party winds down today with a holiday Barbeque from 5 to 7 p.m.

WOODY'S - Labor Day Weekend 'Decadence Party' winds down today with a community Bar-B-Que from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Gay Croquet on the Sport Court with the patio bar open. Games.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

WOODY'S - Heather Boa Fundraising Car Wash for her run for Miss Gay America title.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

WOODY'S - Sarong Party - More details later.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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 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 create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

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

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

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

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

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call 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 til 9:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz 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.

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call 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)

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.

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

"OUT ON THE TRAILS - EQUESTRIAN FUN!"
Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

LIKE TO READ?
The Guys' Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join us. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday, at 6:30 p.m. Reading selections include Gay-themed novels, bios and other nonfiction. For location or more info, email Bryan at Bryanset@aol.com

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

LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, a reading from a Buddhist religious text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Meets every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Sean Seeba at 622-8759 for more information.

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

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

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

SUN WORSHIPERS OF TUCSON (SWOT) is a local men's nudist organization for men of all ages. Events feature swimming, hot tubbing and socializing in a relaxed, private setting. Check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swot>. Bi-weekly daytime meetings, Saturdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm. Contact John at 327-3135 for more info and upcoming dates.

MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY FORMING for anyone wanting quality friendships, better health and more passion in their lives. This group has far-reaching benefits for those who want to explore their own spirituality, sexuality and purpose in life. Weekly social events include Keys to Healthy Relationships, and Be Your Own Best Lover. Also events include entertainment like dinner, movies, theater and art. Group discussions. Group fun with intimacy, spontaneity and play. A great way to meet other men who are on a more focused path. Contact Marc Haberman, Holistic Health Practitioner at 881-4582.

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th Street. 743-4800.

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