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LGBT Workers Could Be Fired Under School Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives on Thursday (September 22) passed an extension of the Head Start early childhood program but an amendment added at the last minute could put the jobs of LGBT education workers at risk.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, aims at improving teacher quality in preschool programs. About 900,000 preschoolers from low income families currently take part Head Start. The extension passed Thursday seeks to increase that to more than 1 million.

The School Readiness Act, which is backed by the White House, passed 231-184 with most Democrats and a handful of Republicans voting against it after an amendment was added that would allow taxpayer funded faith-based organizations to discriminate in employment. (Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Tucson, voted against the amendment and the bill while Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson voted in favor of the amendment and the bill.)

The amendment put forward by Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) will allow faith-based Head Start providers to hire exclusively on the basis of adherence to a particular religion.

The provision could allow an employer to use "religion" as a proxy to fire a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender Head Start teacher. The amendment also threatens to override local and state nondiscrimination laws that protect workers from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The White House backed



U.S. Congressman Raul Grijalva

the amendment to the bill, saying it would protect religious groups from having to "forfeit their religious hiring autonomy."

During debate, Rep. Maxine Waters (D - CA) called the amendment divisive. "A faith-based initiative has no place in Head Start. Don't start the resegregation of America."

Passage of the measure also drew criticism from the nation's largest LGBT civil rights organization.

"Congress should never fund discrimination with Americans' tax dollars," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "Faith-based organizations have been partnering successfully with the government for years without the need to bypass civil rights laws in providing social services."

Third Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, Oct. 15

TUCSON - On October 15, the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Partnership of Tucson, will observe a special day of awareness and prevention against HIV/AIDS in the Latino community. Although this is the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month, it is also the first day of the fight against AIDS in the Latino community.

"National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is mobilizing Latino communities around the country to take action by getting tested and educating themselves and their families about this terrible disease," said Dennis de Leon, President of the Latino Commission of AIDS in New York City "It is a day to demand that religious, civic and elected officials take action to fund HIV prevention and for care and housing for all Latinos regardless of immigration status, risk group or nationality. We are confronting the stigma associated with HIV that keeps the disease such a dirty little secret in the broader Latino family. HIV infections may be dropping for the White community but Latinos and African Americans are facing a horrible new reality."

In fact, National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) was created to open the eyes of the media, elected and appointed leadership, foundations, religious leaders, celebrities, governmental agencies, media and civic leaders so they will truly be our partners in addressing this health crisis.

With that in mind, a host of organizations from coast to coast have organized a wide range of activities throughout the nation. The local partnership in Tucson will sponsor an event to commemorate NLAAD. The sponsors are El Rio Community Health Center, Inc.-Special Immunology Associates, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, The Tucson HIV/AIDS Interfaith Network, Luz Social Services, COPE Behavioral Health Services, GlaxoSmithKline, Wingspan, La Cadena-Alianza Hispana, LULAC, Teatro Orgullo, Pima County Health Department, The City of South Tucson, Sam Lena/South Tucson Public Library, Arizona-Mexico Border Health Foundation and Mujer Sana-Healthy Woman.

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New Report Reveals Widespread Police Mistreatment of LGBT Citizens

NEW YORK - In the most comprehensive report of its kind to date, Amnesty International (AI) reveals that police mistreatment and abuse of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people is widespread throughout the USA and goes largely unchecked due to under reporting and unclear, under-enforced or non-existent policies and procedures, reported pageoneq.com.

"Across the country, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people endure the injustices of discrimination, entrapment and verbal abuse as well as brutal beatings and sexual assault at the hands of those responsible for protecting them — the police," said Dr. William F. Schulz, Executive Director of Amnesty International USA (AIUSA).

"Some, including Transgender individuals, people of colour and the young suffer disproportionately, especially when poverty leaves them vulnerable to homelessness and exploitation and less likely to draw public outcry or official scrutiny.

"It is a sorry state of affairs when the police misuse their power to inflict suffering rather than prevent it," he added.

In its 150-plus page report, Stonewalled: police abuse and misconduct against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people in the United States, AI focuses on four cities — Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and San Antonio — and surveys the 50 largest police departments in the country, as well as Washington, D.C., about LGBT policies and practices. It also includes information from several hundred interviews and testimonies.

AI's findings strongly indicate that there is a heightened pattern of misconduct and abuse of Transgender individuals and all LGBT people of colour, young people, immigrants, the homeless and sex workers by police. At times, the mere perception that someone is Gay or Lesbian provokes physical or verbal attacks.

The mistreatment and abuse documented in the report includes targeted and discriminatory enforcement of statutes against LGBT people, including so-called "quality of life" and morals regulations; profiling, particularly of Transgender women as sex workers; verbal abuse; inappropriate pat-down and strip searches; failure to protect LGBT people in holding cells; inappropriate response or failure to respond to hate crimes or domestic abuse calls; sexual harassment and abuse, including rape; and physical abuse that at times amounts to torture and ill-treatment.

Several examples include:

Young Gay men and advocates in Chicago told AIUSA of a police officer who, according to one man, will "remove

his badge, gun and belt and then beat you unless you give him a blowjob, after which he'll just leave you there."

Police officers accused a Latina Transgender woman in San Antonio of stealing. One officer reportedly said, "People like you make the world a bad place." Three police officers and two detectives allegedly surrounded her while one officer searched her, exposing her pubic hair, buttocks and one of her breasts. She said, "I didn't ask to be searched by a female officer. I've tried that before - they don't care, to them we're all men." She was not charged with any crime. Officers refused to give her their badge numbers. She said, "I know to be respectful to police officers but I'm tired of the way they are treating us."

Police officers allegedly beat, hog-tied and dragged Kelly McAllister, a white Transgender woman, across a pavement upon her arrest in Sacramento, CA. She was placed in a Sacramento County Main Jail cell with a male inmate who struck, choked, bit and raped her. That inmate received a mere three-month sentence. No officer has been disciplined for the incidents surrounding Kelly's incarceration.

Two Lesbians of color reported that two men in Brooklyn, NY, followed, harassed and threatened them, saying, "I'm going to kill you, bitch. You're not a man....I'm gonna put you in your place." The verbal abuse escalated to physical abuse; the two women called 911. When police were told this was a homophobic crime, the officers reportedly left without further investigating the incident or taking a complaint, telling the ambulance attendants responding to the women's call to leave. One woman reportedly was bleeding from the head due to a blow from one of the men. Her companion stated, "It was ridiculous. There she was running down the street bleeding and chasing after the ambulance."

A Native American Transgender woman reported that two Los Angeles police officers handcuffed her and took her to an alleyway. One officer reportedly hit her across the face, saying "you fucking whore, you fucking faggot," then threw her down on the back of the patrol car, ripped off her miniskirt and her underwear and raped her, holding her down and grabbing her hair. The second officer is also alleged to have raped her. According to the woman, they threw her on the ground and said, "That's what you deserve," and left her there.

While it is impossible to obtain accurate statistics, the AI study showed that Transgender people, particularly women and the young, suffer disproportionately. A large percentage of Transgender people reportedly are unemployed or underemployed, leaving the population more vulnerable to homelessness or situations that leave

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OUToberFEST Saturday, Oct. 8

TUCSON - 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., 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 them 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 nonprofit 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.

For more information, call (520) 622-3200, E-mail: pride@tucsonpride.com, or go online to tucsonpride.com.

Pride On Parade Sunday, Oct. 9

TUCSON - There's only two weeks before Tucson's best Pride Weekend ever and still time for your group, organization, family, or business to participate.

Parade organizers are continue to invite local groups to submit a float entry, vehicle, or marching contingency for the parade. Applications for non-profits and other groups are at prideonparade.com.

The block party entertainment line up is being firmed up, but organizers said if you or your group are interested in being part of this celebration of local pride, E-mail at info@prideonparade.com to be part of the show.

Volunteers are needed to assist with preparations and logistics on the day of the parade. If you always wanted to be part, and can set aside one day, please plan to help us on October 9, putting on Tucson's Pride Parade. If you are interested please e-mail info@prideonparade.com.

TIHAN Update

TUCSON - "Musical Potpourri," a benefit concert for TIHAN will take place Sunday, October 2 3:00 p.m., at the Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 5201 N. Craycroft.

The concert will feature an exciting hour and a half of music featuring Tucson Arizona Mass Choir, Roth d'Lux, Reveille, and Lisa Otey. This concert and fund raiser is sponsored by Thrivent Financial, and will be followed by a hors d'oeuvres reception courtesy of Safeway, Trader Joe's, and Wild Oats Market.

Tickets are \$12 (children 12 and under are \$2), and available at the door, or in advance by calling TIHAN (520) 299-6647. (Credit card orders can be accepted by phone.) . . .

TIHAN is very pleased to announce that Juanita Molina has accepted to serve as TIHAN's new Program Coordinator.

Juanita comes to TIHAN with a history of community activism, including substantial experience working with people living with HIV. She has been active in the rape crisis and domestic violence movements, as well as immigration and HIV/AIDS advocacy. Before joining TIHAN, she coordinated multiple crisis-intervention programs, provided direct services to people with HIV, and served as a council member for the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault for four years.

2005 Bisexual Men's Conference Oct. 7-9

TUCSON - The fourth annual Bisexual (Bi) Men's Conference, to be held October 7-9, will take place in Tucson and the Sheraton Tucson Hotel and Suites.

This three-day weekend is hosted by the Bisexual Foundation, an organization founded in 1993 to educate the public about Bisexuality.

The fourth Annual Bi Men's Conference will offer approximately 8-12 workshops/presentations, and at previous conferences these have covered themes like: Coming Out, Relationships, Spirituality, Identity and Health to mention a few.

The weekend will also coincide with Tucson's Outoberfest Celebration which attracted over 7000 participants last year and should make the 3 day Bi Men's Conference weekend an even more

memorable event. The past three conferences have been highly successful, drawing men of all ethnicities, races, and religions, and from all across the country for an informative and fun weekend. The Bisexual Foundation anticipates that attendance at this year's Conference will exceed past attendance significantly.

For more information about the Bi Men's Conference, you can check the Bisexual.org website. For conference workshop information contact: Alexei Guren at: (520) 990-9408, Alexei_Guren@msn.com.

Latina/o Community Forum On Civil Rights, Marriage, Oct. 9

(Tucson) Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) individuals, families, and friends together with elected officials and community leaders will gather for a Sunday, October 9h Community Forum at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., 3 to 5 p.m., to discuss discrimination, civil rights and marriage equality.

The forum, free and open to the public, will provide a rare opportunity for LGBT Latino families and friends to publicly discuss the challenges to equality they face in Arizona and within the Latina/o community.

This discussion is hosted by Wingspan, Freedom to Marry, NGLTF, Lambda Legal, Las Adelitas, La Cadena, Puertas Abiertas, Coalición de Derechos Humanos/Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras, the National Latina/o Coalition for Justice, Arizona Together, GLAAD and AHRF. In attendance will be Member of Congress, Raúl M. Grijalva, Pima County Board of Supervisors' Richard Elias, Arizona Together's Vicki Gaubeca, Mobilization Coordinator from Freedom to Marry, Lisbeth Meléndez Rivera, and a representative from Coalición de Derechos Humanos/Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779, or E-mail: cathy@wingspan.org.

Lesbian Looks Continues Oct. 7

TUCSON - The Lesbian Looks Film & Video Series continues on October 7 with a trio of new documentaries.

WALK IN THE LIGHT (M.R. Stiff, 2005) profiles the progressive, Los Angeles-based Unity Fellowship Church. A former crack addict turned pastor, a transgendered grandmother, and a lesbian couple with incongruous religious backgrounds, reveal how being part of the Unity family has allowed them to replace condemnation with self-acceptance.

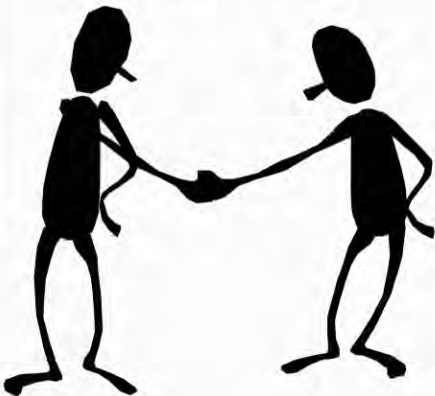
Winner of an Israeli Oscar for Best Documentary, KEEP NOT SILENT (Ilil Alexander, 2004) reveals the clandestine struggle of three women (members of a secret support group called "Orthodykes") fighting for their right to love within their beloved Orthodox communities in Jerusalem.

ONE WEDDING AND A REVOLUTION (Debra Chasnoff and Kate Stilley, 2004) puts a human face on the fight for marriage equality. In February 2004, the mayor of San Francisco ordered city officials to allow Lesbian and Gay couples to get married. Pioneering activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, celebrating their 51st anniversary, had the privilege of being the first couple to tie the knot.

All screenings take begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Modern Languages Auditorium on the U of A campus, and are free

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Voters’ Remorse On Bush

By Bob Herbert

Maybe, just maybe, the public is beginning to see through the toxic fog of fantasy, propaganda and deliberate misrepresentation that has been such a hallmark of the George W. Bush administration, which is in danger of being judged by history as one of the worst of all time.

Mr. Bush’s approval ratings have tanked as increasing numbers of Americans worry that their president, who seems to like nothing better than running off to his ranch to clear brush and ride his bike, may not be up to the job.

The most recent New York Times/CBS News Poll strongly indicated that the public - tired of the war-without-end in Iraq and dismayed by the federal response to the catastrophe in New Orleans - “has growing doubts about [the president’s] capacity to deal with pressing problems.”

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll found for the first time that a majority of Americans do not see Mr. Bush as a strong and decisive leader. In an article in USA Today, Carroll Doherty of the nonpartisan Pew Research Center said of Mr. Bush: “He’s lost ground among independents. He seems to be starting to lose ground among his own party. And he lost the Democrats a long time ago.”

Reality is caving in on a president who was held aloft for so long by a combination of ideological mumbo-jumbo, the public relations legerdemain of Karl Rove and the buoyant patriotism that followed the Sept. 11 attacks. The Bush people were never big on reality, so sooner or later they were bound to be blindsided by it.

Remember, there was already a war going on when Katrina came to call. I’ve always believed that war is a serious matter. But the president was on vacation. Dick Cheney was on vacation. And Condi Rice was here in New York taking in the sights and shopping for shoes. That Americans were fighting and dying on foreign soil was not enough to demand their full attention. They were busy having fun. So it’s no wonder it took a good long while before they noticed that a whole section of America had been wiped out in a calamity of biblical proportions.

What Americans are finally catching onto is the utter incompetence of this crowd. And if we didn’t know before, we’re learning now, in the harshest possible ways, that incompetence has bitter consequences. The body count of Americans killed in Iraq has now passed 1,900, with many more deaths to come. But there’s still no strategy, no plan. The White House hasn’t the slightest clue about what to do. So the dying will continue.

Mr. Bush’s “Top Gun” moment aboard the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln was two and a half years ago. It was another example of the president in fantasyland. The war was a botch from the beginning. Mr. Bush never sent enough troops to get the job done, and he never provided enough armor to protect the troops that he did send. Thin-skinned, the president got rid of anyone who had the temerity to suggest he might be wrong about some of the decisions he was making.

Here at home, even loyal Republicans are beginning to bail out on Mr.

Bush’s fiendish willingness to shove the monumental costs of the federal government’s operations - including his war, his tax cuts and his promised reconstruction of the Gulf Coast - onto the unsuspecting backs of generations still to come.

There is a general sense now that things are falling apart. The economy was already faltering before Katrina hit. Gasoline prices are starting to undermine the standard of living of some Americans, and a full-blown home-heating-oil crisis could erupt this winter. The administration’s awful response to the agony of the Gulf Coast has left most Americans believing that we are not prepared to cope with a large terrorist attack. And Osama bin Laden is still at large.

School District Bans Laramie Project

VANCOUVER - A British Columbia school district with a history of banning Gay positive books has now banned a local high school from putting on a production of The Laramie Project, reported 365Gay.com.

The critically acclaimed play, about a reaction of residents of Laramie, Wyoming to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, was to have been performed by students Elgin Park Secondary School. When students turned up for auditions they were told that the board had told the school it would not be allowed to present the play.

“The play wasn’t appropriate as family entertainment,” Doug Strachan, communications manager of the Surrey school district, told the Vancouver Province. Strachan said the decision had nothing to do with the issue of homosexuality. Laramie Project playwright Moises Kaufman disagrees. Kaufman told the Province: “It seems like the real issue is not whether it’s age appropriate. It seems this community has a real problem with homosexuality. I’m

This is what happens when voters choose a president because he seems like a nice guy, like someone who’d be fun at a barbecue or a ballgame. You’d never use that criterion when choosing a surgeon, or a pilot to fly your family across the country.

Mr. Bush will be at the helm of the ship of state for three more years, so we have no choice but to hang on. But the next time around, voters need to keep in mind that beyond the incessant yammering about left and right, big government and small, Democrats and Republicans, is a more immediate issue, and that’s competence.

[Bob Herbert is a New York Times columnist, from which this article is reprinted from.]

very disappointed. It sounds like a real retrograde stance.”

Canada’s national LGBT civil rights organization also slammed the board’s decision. “This is outrageous,” said Gilles Marchildon, Executive Director of Egale. “Over and over again, the Surrey School Board has acted to prevent the teaching of tolerance in its schools. Their feeble justification for banning the play rings hollow in light of the play they chose to censor and their history of anti-Gay actions.”

In 1997 the board banned three books depicting families with same-sex parents from classrooms because they might offend conservative Christians. The board’s decision went to court and in 2003 the the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that to ban books in publicly funded schools on religious grounds was unconstitutional. The court did not order the books back in classes, opting instead to require the board to reconsider the three books. The board banned the same books from classes again, this time saying only the books did not fit the criteria.

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Police, LGBT Community Get Along, Both Groups Say

PPHOENIX - At the end of the day, the Phoenix Police Department and the city's Gay and Lesbian population are on the same side, reported the Arizona Republic.

"We feel we have a very good relationship with the Police Department," said Michael McFall, president and CEO of the Greater Phoenix Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. "I can't say anything negative. We've had a good rapport."

A report recently from Amnesty International argues that abuse - verbal, physical and sexual - of Lesbian, Gay and Transgender people and selective enforcement by police are widespread problems, and that these agencies haven't done enough to address issues like homophobia within their ranks. But Phoenix, one of 29 departments across the nation, and the only one in the study from Arizona, doesn't appear to have that problem.

Patrick Kelly is chairman of a community advisory board that works with Phoenix police to ensure that hate crimes and other problems affecting Gays and Lesbians are addressed. He said the department has been proactive in addressing the board's concerns. "When (a problem) is identified, they definitely jump on it," said Kelly, who described Police Chief Jack Harris as "a very good ally."

Kelly, who has been on the board for two years, said he knew of only one incident in the past few years in which an officer seemed to harass Gays. "It felt like (the officer) was targeting the Gay bars," he said. "For any little (traffic) infraction, he would make them take a Breathalyzer test." Once the officer was reassigned the problem went away, Kelly said.

Detective Tony Morales, a Police Department spokesman, said that each year officers get training about how to interact with the Gay community. The

department uses the advisory boards to "keep a good working relationship with all of the community." Each board is assigned a detective who works to address issues and complaints.

Morales said he could not recall any instances in his six years as public information office in which officers have abused Gays or Lesbians, and he hadn't heard of anything like it in the 35 years he has been on the force. "Our department will not allow abuse of any kind," he said. "It doesn't matter who the citizen may be," all will be treated with respect.

Other Valley cities have been "less proactive" in their interaction with Gays and Lesbians, Kelly said.

Sgt. Mark Clark, a Scottsdale Police Department spokesman, said his department does not offer community interaction training and hasn't had any complaints of officers antagonizing Gays and Lesbians. If any incidents did come up, they would be investigated like any other complaint, Clark said.

The Tempe Police Department conducts diversity training with its officers, and it is understood within the department that discrimination on any basis would be unacceptable, said Sgt. Dan Masters, a department spokesman who is Gay.

Masters said Tempe Police Chief Ralph Tranter had created an environment in which officers were able to pursue their career goals without fear of reprisal for having certain attributes, and he believes that culture filters down into officers' interactions with the public. "I know that the culture I am fortunate to have here in Tempe doesn't exist elsewhere in the Valley," he said. "I don't want to say (how police treat Gays and Lesbians) is a non-issue," he added, "but I think because of that environment, it hasn't caused great concern."

Harvard Will Allow Military Recruiters On Campus

BOSTON - Reversing a decision made last year, Harvard Law School will fully cooperate with Pentagon recruiters this fall as it awaits a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the constitutionality of a law requiring schools to open their doors to the military, reported Advocate.com.

The dispute concerns a decade-old law called the Solomon Amendment that requires campuses to offer full recruiting access to the Pentagon or risk losing federal grants. Before it was enforced, numerous law schools denied the military formal recruiting access, saying the government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding Gays in the military violates the schools' nondiscrimination guidelines for recruiters.

Last year the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided with law schools that had sued to overturn the law on free speech grounds. After that decision, most schools said they would continue to abide by the law pending a final ruling from the Supreme Court, which will hear the case in December. Harvard, however, reverted to its old policy and did not offer formal recruiting cooperation last spring.

But in an e-mail sent to students late Tuesday (September 20), Dean Elena Kagan said the Pentagon had told Harvard it would enforce the law despite the third circuit court ruling, potentially costing the university—and especially its research-intensive medical and public-health schools—hundreds of millions of dollars. Overall, about 15% of the university's budget comes from the government.

Community Forum On Medicare Changes Oct. 1

TUCSON - A free community forum, presented by Pima County on Aging and Senior Pride on Medicare Part D, will take place Saturday, October 1, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Come learn about the changes to Medicare. How will these changes effect you? When should you apply? Are there subsidies for low income?

For more information, call Pat Woelke at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779 or E-mail: pwoelke@wingspan.org.

Latino AIDS Awareness Day

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Nuestra Cultura" will feature community agencies' information booths, guest speakers, HIV prevention education, free and anonymous HIV testing, press conferences, official proclamations by political leaders, entertainment, food and music." It is important that the community invest in building a healthy Latino community" said Ernie Pérez, NLAAD Chair-Team Tucson. The Festival runs 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday, October 15, at the City of South Tucson Governmental Patio and Library. The event is free and open to the public.

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Gay Catholic Priests In Shock Over Papal Edict



Pope Benedict XVI

NEW YORK - Word that a soon-to-be-released Vatican document will signal homosexuals are unwelcome in Roman Catholic seminaries even if they are celibate has devastated Gay clergy - and raised doubts among conservatives about whether an outright ban can be enforced, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Reports circulated that the upcoming “instruction” from the Vatican’s Congregation for Catholic Education will reaffirm the church’s belief that homosexuals should not be ordained.

In recent decades, Vatican officials have stated several times that Gays should not become priests because their sexual orientation is “intrinsically disordered” and makes them unsuitable for ministry.

The latest document is scheduled to be distributed within weeks, just as an evaluation of all 229 American seminaries gets under way under the direction of the same Vatican agency developing the seminary statement. Among the questions the evaluators will ask is whether “there is evidence of homosexuality in the seminary,” according to the agency’s guide for the inspections.

The review, called an Apostolic Visitation, was ordered by Pope John Paul II in response to the U.S. clergy sex abuse crisis that erupted in 2002. That scandal involved abuse of girls as well as boys, although most of the alleged abuse victims since 1950 were adolescent boys.

Critics ranging from Gay rights groups to advocates for victims have accused the Vatican of attempting to scapegoat homosexuals to divert attention from the church’s failures to protect children. They point out that experts on sex offenders say Gays are no more likely than heterosexuals to abuse children.

A Gay American priest, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared reprisals from church leaders, said he and other Gay clergy and seminarians felt “absolute horror” when they heard about the anticipated ban. “I’ve spoken to Gay priests who feel demoralized. I’ve heard straight priests say that they’re embarrassed by it. I’ve heard priests both straight and Gay seriously considering leaving,” he said. “They couldn’t believe that after centuries of either explicit or implicit welcoming of celibate Gay clergy that the church would turn its back on them.”

James Hitchcock, a church historian at St. Louis University and conservative commentator on contemporary Catholicism, said he thinks the ban is necessary. But he conceded the policy will be difficult to enforce, since candidates for the priesthood can hide their sexual orientation. He’s also concerned that Gays dedicated to remaining celibate will be unfairly excluded. “In theory, one might say, judge each case on its individual merits, but some doubt whether it would be done in a proper way,” Hitchcock said.

Estimates of the number of Gay seminarians and priests vary from 25 percent to 50 percent out of about 42,500 priests in the United States.

Archbishop Edwin O’Brien, who leads the Archdiocese for the Military Services in Washington and is coordinating the seminary evaluations, said last week that the church wants to “stay on the safe side” by enrolling seminarians who can remain celibate. “There are some priests, I don’t think there are many, some ordained people with same-sex attractions and they’ve done very well” remaining celibate, he said. “But generally speaking, in my experience, the pressures are strong in an all-male atmosphere.”

Several priests challenged that argument and noted that heterosexual priests face their own temptations: The overwhelming majority of lay ministers who work side by side with clergy are women, yet no one has suggested banning heterosexuals from the priesthood.

School Settles Lesbian Tuxedo Dispute

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - A Florida school district has settled a discrimination claim by a Lesbian student whose picture was removed from the yearbook because she was wearing “boy’s clothes,” 365Gay.com reported.

The dispute arose in February when Principal Sam Ward of Fleming Island High School ordered the picture removed when he was proof reading the year book before it went to press.

Ward said that Kelli Davis’s tuxedo was not proper attire. The school requires females to wear frilly scoop neck collars.

The county school board and its superintendent backed the decision, which was debated at a School Board meeting attended by about 200 people. Fifteen of the 24 people who spoke at the meeting were in favor of Davis and nine supported the principal’s decision.

Davis contacted LGBT civil rights groups and the National Center for Lesbian Rights sent a demand letter to the school threatening a lawsuit.

In the settlement agreement, the school board agreed to change its senior portrait policy, add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination policy for both students and teachers, distribute a copy of the new non-discrimination policy to all secondary school students, provide annual non-discrimination training that includes sexual orientation to all faculty and staff, and provide diversity training that includes sexual orientation to all junior high and high school students in the district.

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Davis, who began classes at the University of South Florida this Fall, said she was pleased with the settlement.

"I'm just relieved it's over and that no other student in Clay County will have to go through the embarrassment, humiliation and frustration I went through," she said. "I hope the new policies will help the faculty understand

it's their responsibility to intervene when kids are being picked on because they're Gay or because they don't meet society's stereotype of how they are supposed to look or act."



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On behalf of all of us at TIHAN, I want to convey our thanks to everyone involved in the 9th Annual "Turnabout for TIHAN" 2005 benefit show. It was one of the best shows in Turnabout's long history, and we're thrilled to say that it raised more than \$26,000 (far exceeding our previous record!) to support the ongoing programs and services provided by TIHAN. Over 300 people came out to the InnSuites Hotel for the event as staff from Tucson's LGBT bars joined together to put on a benefit show. As you saw from the pictures in last week's Observer, the evening was filled with fabulous costumes and makeup, great food, beautiful stage/set design, and hilarious performances.

TIHAN and those we serve owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who made this benefit such a success:

First, to the producers—Marc Brunelle, Ray Gregg, and Dave Huff. Once again, you did a fantastic job! Thanks so much for the many, many hours you poured into making this event succeed yet again. Congratulations! Second, to this year's emcees—Bunny Fufu and Janee Starr—thanks for your performances and for keeping the show flowing (and the money too!). Your commitment is amazing, and we are very grateful! Third, to the participating GLBT bars in Tucson: I am grateful for your willingness to support and have your staff participate in this benefit show. Thank you to Yard Dog Saloon, Woody's, IBT's, and our two newcomers, Ain't Nobody's Bizness and Howl at the Moon, for supporting us and giving back so generously to the community that supports you.

Fourth, the bar employees who performed so magnificently: Miss Vanna (Tim Barth), Taylor Park (Roland Bayne), Marci Phillips (Marc Brunelle), Amanda Plough (Jake Chapman), Johnny D (Johnny D), Miss Pixi Stixx (Chris Davis), Hillary Delgado (DJ Hill), Gracie Wray (Ray Gregg), Miss Dee Dee (Dave Huff), Enya Moore (Jeremy Isaiw), Billy Banger (Megan O'Brien), Lady Lay (Tom Parker), Bobby Banger (Marti Price), Evita Patron (Chris Roberts), Trixie (Frank Schepis), Dixie Wrecked (Dan Skaggs), Miss Silver Reins (Rickey Smith), Courtney Roxoff (Troy Terpening), and all the backup performers including Gracie's famous Yard Dogs (Shawn, Mark, John, Byron, Jeff, Roland). You all looked so great and wowed us with your costumes, makeup, hair, and musical selections. You were amazing, as proven by the audience's roars of applause and generous tipping! Congrats to Ray Gregg, the top money-raiser for the second year in a row!

Fifth, to the incredible support team of people who donated their time, helping with every detail from ticket sales to makeup to lighting to food to ushering to raffle to money to auction to makeup and more! Thank you David Zinke, Cathy Ernst, Denise McDonald, Ric Reyna, Diana Flair, Jessica Deveraux, Heather Boa, Ayida Cox, Ajia Simone, Stan Phalp, Natalie Perry, Bunny Fufu, Lucinda Holliday, Mark Little, Janee Starr, Robert Smith, Tammi John, Don Thomas, David Yurick, Ric and Jorge Reyna, Tim Barth, Adam Yzaguirre, Bill Morrow, Merlin Cummins, Mike Kramowski, Marti Price, John Kingsbury, Libby Howell, Rosey and the Girls, Craig, Janet, Cherwee, Richard Z, Brian, Sheldon, Kristin, Rachid, Bobbi, Manny, Chuck, Dan, Jerry, Steve, Mike, Scott, John, George, Kerrah, Brian, Bruce, Richard B, Carlos, Kathleen, Phil, James, Curt, and Rob.

Sixth, to the many businesspeople and organizations that contributed, thank you for your generous support: PF Chang's, Molly G's, Delectables, Wild Birds Unlimited, Rik England/Abtrax Salon & Day Spa, Venture-N, The Biz, Betts Printing, Barkley Mortgage, Hilton Hotel-East, Transitions Hair Studio, Artistic Beauty Colleges, T and T Enterprises, Ted's Country Store, Smuggler's Inn, Vic's Corn Popper, Dorothy Ernst, Embassy Suites, Buddy's Grill, Westward Look, Magpie's Pizza, Mama's Pizza, Evergreen Flowers,

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Finally, I want to thank four more of the most generous donors in our community. Randy Greenberg and Michael Danielson, thank you so much for your generous \$1,000 gift and for your challenge. And to Claire Thomas and Lori Kirgan, thank you for not just agreeing to match Randy and Michael's challenge, but for going much bigger and offering to match the entire amount raised that night, which was an amazing \$13,000! Lori, Claire, Randy, and Michael, you made a great evening doubly special by your leadership gifts that will allow TIHAN to continue to serve people living with HIV in our community. You are awesome, and Tucson is very fortunate to have leaders like you who inspire philanthropy!

Because of the support of all these people listed above, our entire community will benefit from the additional AIDS education, awareness, and services made possible as a result of "Turnabout for TIHAN 2005." Our love and thanks to you all.

Scott Blades, Executive Director
Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN)

Dear Editor:

On Friday Sept 23rd we held a fundraiser at Woody's the benefits of which to go to the American Red Cross and the Humane Society. We raised \$5064.00 thanks to the generosity of our customers and the support of our community. The funds were split evenly between the two organizations.

I would like to thank our staff member Rob Rowley for managing to round up, in two weeks, an incredible array of prizes. A big thank you to Ajia Simone who single handedly auctioned of the items. Thanks also to our staff for supporting and helping with the auction. To our chef Leno who volunteered his time and talent for our food along with Bruce Breaux. A special thanks to our performers who gave of their talent and time Susan Artemis and Craig Faltin, Arthur Migliazza and the members of Flam Chen and their brilliant flame performance.

A big thank you to the following businesses and individuals who donated the wonderful items that brought in so much money: Jill Conway of Detail Management, the Royal Elizabeth Bed and Breakfast, the Hilton El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort, the Hilton East, the Legacy Golf Resort-Scottsdale, the Penasco Del Sol Resort in Rocky Point, the Starr Pass Golf Suites, Miguels Restaurant at La Posada, Mosaic Cafe, Tony Romas, Terra Cotta Cafe, Safeway, Antigone Book Store, Massage Dynamics, A Beauty Treat Pet Grooming, Marc Spears Salon, Tucson Tanning Centers, Energy Tanning of Phoenix, Paradise Health Services, Madaras Galleries, artist Hal Bardach and Quail Lane Studios. There were other art donations which came in but unfortunately the donors' names did not get to me in time, my thanks and apologies. If I overlooked any person or organization, my apologies.

Again a big thank you to all for making this such a successful fundraiser

SAAF UPDATE

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

by Anne Maley
AIDSWALK 2005: Seventeen years of getting together to raise funds and awareness. Many walkers come year after year to participate in this event to raise money for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation’s mission to assist people living with HIV/AIDS and to provide HIV prevention programs. The commitment is incredible. The support is necessary.

In this update is one person’s story of why he continues to participate in AIDSWALK. His message is an encouragement and a challenge.

“My first physical involvement in AIDS Walk was in 2002, after I learned how to walk again, having been diagnosed with HIV and AIDS back in 1997.

“By 1997, I had no clue of the progression of my infection. I was merely preoccupied with life and working full time when I got my 1st episode of pneumocystis pneumonia. I then learned of my HIV infection and AIDS diagnosis. I lost a couple of weeks from work. I was distraught and confused. I looked for help and found it with SAAF as an agency that assists HIV positive individuals. I got connected with them, received support and counseling and a connection with an HIV doctor. I counted my blessing, went on with my life and between 1997 and 1999 donated to AIDSWALK as a “thank you” for the help and support that I had received.

“By the end of 1999, I was hospitalized due to a re-infection of pneumocystis pneumonia and anemia...lost 6 months of memory of my life, forgot how to walk and talk, lost 49 lbs, lost my job and my health insurance, but to my great relief, SAAF was there again to provide support!

“Through various services from SAAF, I received assistance as well as community referrals to help me out with my care and recuperation! Weeks later, I came out of the hospital in a wheel chair, I spent two years at home further receiving

help from SAAF with continued connection to medical services, help with food programs, financial assistance, CM support, friendly check in’s and later on with a walker. I am now doing better, back working full time.

“I think back to my close episode to death, I think of those who are now in the same predicament that I was in three years ago. SAAF was there as support to myself, family and partner when in dire need. SAAF caseworkers came to may aid and supported me in getting better! To this day, I am still grateful for the succoring help received from SAAF. That is why I continue being involved in AIDSWALK. I know that it takes effort and dedication to help out PLWA (people living with AIDS). I also realize that the cost is not cheap, that is why I donate of my time and resources to serve as support to those in need.

“I will always remember the first time I walked at AIDSWALK in 2002, helping raise money to help others like me... I continue providing support to AIDSWALK because I want others to have the same opportunity and support that I received from SAAF. In walking, I get the benefit of exercise, in walking to raise funds for AIDSWALK, we benefit those in need!

“Some day, I hope a cure for HIV/AIDS is found. In the meantime, I continue to rely on the camaraderie and human spirit of helping each other that has developed though the years of the epidemic.”

Thank you for sharing your story and for the example you set.

Join us on October 16 at Rillito Park for AIDSWALK 2005. Registration forms are available at SAAF’s office (520) 628-7223, 375 S. Euclid Ave., or online at AIDSWALKTUCSON.COM. Together let us create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS.

Gay Bishop Predicts Anglican Church Split



Bishop V. Gene Robinson

BPLYMOUTH, NH - The first openly Gay bishop in the Episcopal Church is predicting a division in the Anglican Communion two years after U.S. church leaders triggered global outrage by approving his election, reported the Associated Press (AP).

“This is at least as much about power and control as it is about theology and Scripture,” New Hampshire Bishop V. Gene Robinson told The Associated Press in an interview. “It’s about who’s going to be calling the shots, and who’s going to be in and who’s going to be out.”

At stake is how 77 million Anglicans around the world, including 2.3 million members of America’s Episcopal Church, define their religion and their relationship to one another. Robinson said he underestimated the opportunity his election gave conservatives to organize within the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion of which it is a part.

Until about six months ago, Robinson remained optimistic the Anglican Communion would work through initial outrage over his election to respect the customary right of dioceses to elect the bishop of their choosing. But at a private meeting of American bishops in Los Angeles several months ago, Robinson said, he first sensed what he considers a conservative power grab.

Robinson came to discuss reconciliation, he said, but several opponents had a different goal. “I said ‘I’m here to talk about how we can live together.’ And three or four of them said: ‘I’m not here for reconciliation. I’m here to divvy up the property from this divorce,’” he said.

Robinson said he wants to reconcile with opponents, but not by leaving a post he was properly elected to. He was chosen in June 2003 from a field of four candidates, garnering support from

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POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

October 10, 2005

To those who've recently moved to the City of Tucson, its metropolitan area, Pima County or the rest of Arizona, welcome to the Grand Canyon State - the land of sunshine, heat, thunder, monsoons (or three weeks of rain), skin cancer, identity theft, a modern-day poll tax, stolen autos and some of the screwiest laws around.

One of these laws deals with voter registration - either for new residents, those who moved to the state after November 2, 2004, or for people who lived in Arizona prior to November 2, who were already registered to vote but who may be living at a different address or another country in the state.

During the 2004 Presidential election, Arizona voters approved a state referendum, known as Proposition 200 that requires individuals to produce documentation of proof of citizenship when applying for public benefits, voter registration (new, from another Arizona county or changing information because you live at a different address), and casting a ballot at the polls on election day (the subject of last week's column).

Despite Arizona law disallowing ballot initiatives covering more than one subject, the federal Voting Rights Act for which Arizona must follow due to its past history of voter disenfranchisement, and both the 15th and 24th amendments of the U.S. Constitution, either prohibiting states and the federal government from using a citizen's race, color or previous status as either a voting qualification, or forcing a citizen from paying a poll tax or any other type of tax, court rulings to legal challenges, and rulings from the U.S. Department of Justice, Proposition 200, that disenfranchises voters, is the law for the upcoming Tucson election, as well as all elections for the foreseeable future in Arizona.

So with the deadline to register to vote for the upcoming City of Tucson Council general election, Monday, October 10, approaching, a primer on these new rules.

If this is your first time registering to vote or you have moved from another county in Arizona, the voter registration form must also include proof of your citizenship on the form, or it will be rejected and not processed according to Proposition 200. Acceptable documents are:

An Arizona's Driver's License number or non-operating state government identification number issued after October 1, 1996, that has your current address. (On the voter registration form, there is a place to write the number in to process it.)

If you haven't gotten an Arizona driver's license or a non-operating state government identification card, then you must provide a legible copy of the driver's license or non-operating identification card issued by another state that identifies United States Citizenship.

For those whose out-of-state driver's license or identification card doesn't state that you are a citizen, then the person must provide legible copy of either of the following: A birth certificate that verifies United States Citizenship or a legible copy of your United States passport containing your name and passport number.

People who've become naturalized citizens of this country, home of the land and the free, must provide a legible copy of United States naturalization

documents or the number of the certification of naturalization. If the number is provided, it will need to be verified before the voter registration can even be processed.

Native-Americans wanting to register to vote will have to provide either a Bureau of Indian Affairs Card Number, Tribal Treaty Card Number or Tribal Enrollment Number in the designating line on the voter registration form.

People who are registered to vote, prior to November 2, 2004, are still on the voter rolls, even if they've moved within the same city or county. Though if these people wish to cast their ballots at the new polling place (precinct), they must have filled out a voter registration change-of-address form, providing a valid photo I.D., such as an updated driver's license or identification card, issued after October 1, 1996, that shows their new address prior to voting. When filling out the form, only the identification number should be written on the designated line on the voter registration form.

If you are confused about this, join the ever-growing club of misinformed and potentially disenfranchised Arizonans thanks to this modern day, poll tax. For more information, call either the Tucson City Clerk, (520) 791-4231 or the Pima County Recorder, (520) 740-4330.

Gay Bishop

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more than 75 percent of New Hampshire's clergy and a majority of lay delegates.

The bishop remains convinced that Gays and Lesbians will be full included in the Episcopal Church someday and his opponents will be unable to prevent this, even if larger Anglicanism does divide.

"In the (last) two years, I am only more convinced about it," he told the AP. "This has been the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me - not the status - but this moving, astounding role that for some reason known only to God, I've been asked to play."

Study Finds Many Gay Men Use Viagra

NEW YORK - A study in the September issue of the journal Sexually Transmitted Diseases shows that Gay and Bisexual men commonly use the erectile dysfunction drug Viagra, Advocate.com reported.

Researchers in San Francisco report that a telephone survey of Gay and Bisexual men showed that 29% recently used Viagra and that men with larger numbers of sexual partners, higher levels of unprotected anal sex, who use recreational drugs, or are HIV-positive are among those mostly likely to take Viagra. Use of the erectile dysfunction drug was not correlated to age, race, or socioeconomic status, according to the study.

"Viagra use appears to have become a stable fixture of the sexual culture of men who have sex with men, crossing age, race, and socioeconomic subgroups," the researchers conclude in their study. "Its use is associated with a general behavioral risk pattern for HIV/STD transmission."

In Their Own Words

Flippity Floppity On Conservation



"Conservation may be a sign of personal virtue, but it is not a sufficient basis for a sound, comprehensive energy policy." - Vice President Dick Cheney, May 1, 2001

"We can all pitch in by being better conservers." - George Bush, September 26, 2005

Really, or is this just more empty rhetoric from a corrupt administration, since:

OIL INDUSTRY COFFERS SWELLING WITH CASH: According to the Wall Street Journal, "Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch/Shell Group both reported huge increases in first-quarter income, benefiting from the industrywide bonanza also swelling the coffers of their peers: high prices for the oil they pump

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RECORD PROFITS FOR EXXON: Exxon "said net income totaled \$7.86 billion, or \$1.22 a share, up 44% from \$5.44 billion, or 83 cents a share, a year earlier.... Exxon's results were a record first-quarter take for the oil behemoth..." [Wall Street Journal, 4/29/05]

SHELL PROFITS UP 40% FROM LAST YEAR: Shell "reported net income of \$6.8 billion ... up 40% from \$4.85 billion in the first quarter of 2004." [Wall Street Journal, 4/29/05]

\$30 BILLION IN EXTRA REVENUE FOR CONOCOPHILLIPS: The Houston Chronicle reports "ConocoPhillips, the nation's third-largest oil and gas company, said today that first-quarter earnings soared year-over-year on high oil prices.... Total revenue was \$38.9 billion, up from \$30.2 billion last year...." [Houston Chronicle, 4/27/05]

EXXON'S HEADACHE — WHAT TO DO WITH \$40 BILLION IN CASH?: Exxon Mobil's "soon-to-retire CEO suddenly has a new anxiety: how to spend the windfall wrought by \$55-a-barrel oil. By the end of April, Exxon will have a cash hoard of more than \$25 billion.... If oil simply stays where it is now, Exxon's cash could approach \$40 billion in 12 months. By then [Exxon's CEO] is expected to have handed off the top job — and the headache of what to do with all that cash." [Fortune Magazine]

BILLIONS IN GIVEAWAYS TO OIL INDUSTRY TUCKED IN ENERGY BILL: In the Energy Policy Act of 2005, oil and gas companies will receive \$515

million in authorized spending from the U.S. government, including "\$125 million to reimburse oil and gas producers for 115% of the costs of remediating, reclaiming, and closing orphaned wells." The bill also created a \$2 billion ultra-deepwater fund to pay for research that companies are already pursuing without government help. On top of that, the bill provided \$3.275 billion in new tax breaks to the oil and gas industry. [Taxpayer.net]

What Makes Our Town Tick

by Jerry D

Hello readers! Today as you read this, I celebrate the 40th year of being Ita Ortiz's oldest son. It seems that reaching the "big four-oh" has become a successful marketing ploy for the greeting card company and others. The number seems to mark a special time in a human's life. I do not see any whales, turtles or other animals making a big deal about it. No matter how much I attempt to ignore just another birthday, this one does have some sort of meaning. So I thank those who will take the time to read the following rants of a 40 year old. These are some things that I would love to see prior to me writing about my 50th year.

I would love to see a government decision that does not receive criticism for the sake of another. We have seen a lot of bickering lately from those in Washington. It seems that the only thing that any elected official is good at is blaming or playing victim. Take some time to think about whom we keep sending to do a job that can be done by us directly at home. No matter whom we vote for, there will always be a compromise in what is needed versus what is received.

I would like to see sport returned to its original meaning. The evolution of games to levels of fanaticism is never going to be any good outside of the

It get's even better! On it's Tuesday September 26 broadcast, CBS News correspondent Gloria Borger reported that Michael Brown, who recently resigned as the head of the FEMA (Failure to Effectively Manage Anything), has been rehired by the agency as a consultant to evaluate it's response following Hurricane Katrina. So will Brownie do "a heck of job" with this too George?

Olympic level. I have given up on rooting for any team who sells their logo for profit, though I will still attend any game anyone invites me to. Sport needs to be a diversion, not headline filler. If fans stop attending, there will definitely be a change in policy that much is guaranteed.

To those of you who confronted me over the time I worked the dj booth at the Venture and Yard Dog, I have a little bit of news for you. There is no such thing as "Gay music." Music is just that. It holds no title. It has no possessive properties. The more any group in society removes its boundaries for what it has to offer, the faster that group will melt in with the others and be less scrutinized. Listen to the music, don't claim or identify it.

I am around thanks to the love and caring of many people. When my children are grown, I will be happy to tell them about how it was when I was their age, but never correct what they are striving for themselves.

Our children are the ones who will more than likely sign our future plans over in whichever direction they see fit. Let's give them a better picture and maybe our own olden days will be filled with nicer afternoons. Have a great week!

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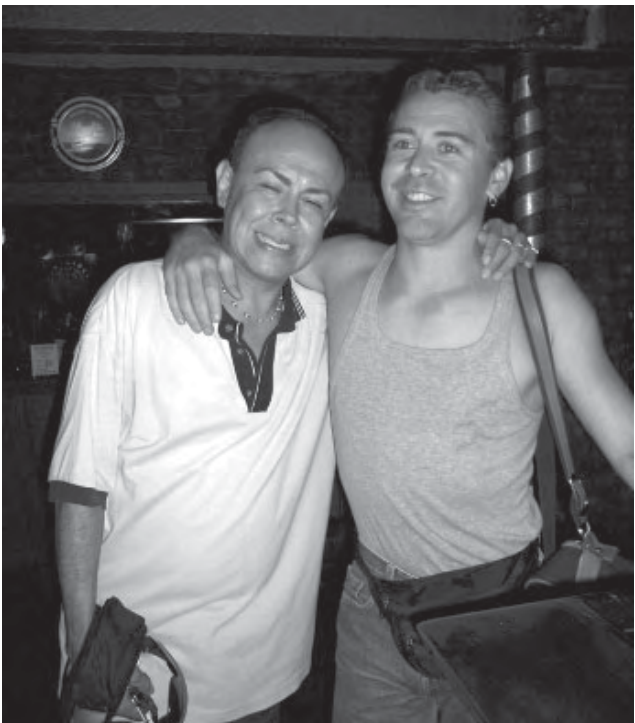
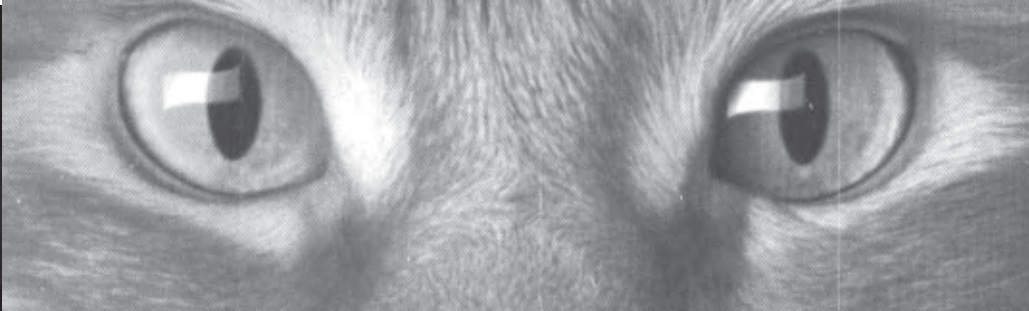
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A Voice In The Wilderness

Coming Out? For How Much?

by Brad Spaulding

Tucson Pride Inc. will be presenting the Outoberfest this Saturday, October 8 at Reid Park, but I will not be in attendance. It's not due to the fact that I have a problem with "coming out" (anyone who knows me at all knows that this is nothing I have trouble with), but it has to do with the \$7 admission fee.

Now I realize that this initially comes off as sounding petty and cheap, but the fact is that I work a menial retail job and don't make that much money in the first place. Besides, this issue has already raised hackles with a few people in Phoenix as well, namely the \$10 gate fee (!!!) for their local pride celebration. Quite a few people had written letters to the Phoenix Gay papers complaining about having to pay to celebrate Gay pride, and in response, a few TRULY petty people wrote back with an almost mocking tone saying essentially, "What, you mean you can't afford a measly ten bucks? What kind of loser are you? Why don't you open up a savings account, put in a dollar a month and save up for next year? Huh-huh! That way you'll have \$2 left over for a beer!"

I was lucky and honored to be friends with a man by the name of David Eyde, a man who did not have much in the way of money but gave so much of himself in heart and effort to help improve the Tucson GLBTQ community. I believe a picture of him is still hanging over the Wingspan lending library in honor of all that he had done for that organization. A couple of years before he passed away, I mentioned to him that the Outoberfest was going to start charging a gate fee. His jaw dropped, incredulous, and exclaimed in a way that only David could do, "That's classist!" I wholeheartedly agreed.

Between the two of us, we re-envisioned the "party at the park" as neo-Dickensian struggle between rich and poor. We wondered why there should be this discrimination against the low-income queers? Why should they be denied a chance to come out in public? Sixties-style folk anthems started to ring in my head as we continued to conspire. I settled in on "Talkin' 'Bout A Revolution" by Tracy Chapman: "Poor people gonna rise up / Get their share / Poor people gonna rise up / Take what's theirs."

I mean honestly, what are we getting for our seven hard-earned bucks anyway? Once we get in, we're just gonna find more things to pay for: food, drink, t-shirts, pride rings, leather- bound teddybears, etc. Of course, there is the "entertainment", but as I look over the list of headliners, frankly I've never heard of any of them so I don't know that they're even worth the cash. Between that and the various dance floors available, it just sounds like a low-end, cheap-ass circuit party to me. (I have this horrifying image in my head of drag performer Chad Michaels taking a break from her show to read the truly nasty excerpts from this article aloud to a cacophony of booing hissing queens. Well, may the queens forgive me, and just remember that faggots-on-the-rag are part of the community, too. So celebrate me, motherf***ers!)

However, these are not my major problems with the concept of an admission fee. By paying \$7 and going into a fenced-in area where nobody else can get in, are we really coming out? Is this showing pride in our homosexuality? Aren't we just running from safe place to safe place, i.e. the bars, the community center, the social club meetings, the adult bookstores, etc., and never letting ourselves be known to Tucson at large? October 11 is National Coming Out Day; shouldn't we do that now more than ever?

I'm thinking of Amancio Corrales

whose murdered body was found in the Colorado River outside of Yuma and at the time was dressed in drag. I'm thinking of Philip Walstead who was beaten to death outside of a Gay bar in the 4th Avenue shopping district. I'm thinking of the anti-Gay vandalism that took place in Ahwatukee a few short weeks ago. I'm thinking of the fact that "faggot" is still the number one insult on school grounds across the country. In this conservative age, when the queer-bashing threat looms so large, when so much is going against us socially and politically, it is time for us as a community to take a stand and raise our voices and tell people just who the hell we are because you simply cannot come out of a closet when you're hidden behind a wall!

Even Phoenix had sense enough to create the all-inclusive and fee-free Rainbows Festival. My suggestion is that we not bother with the questionable Outoberfest and instead support the attached Pride On Parade on 4th Ave. on the following Sunday, October 9 at 6pm. Come early, support the local businesses and be sure to wear your most outrageous outfit (or a simple "Gay Pride" tee will do), but be visible!! I'll be there with the Tom of Finland boys proudly emblazoned across my chest. Let Tucson know that we have strength in numbers and that we aren't going away anytime soon!

And for the Gods and Goddesses sakes, don't make this a once a year thing! Go out with friends to stores and restaurants around town with your Gay t-shirts and rainbow rings; don't be afraid. If you're worried about a confrontation or violent backlash, contact Wingspan first and ask them for self-defense courses around town to boost your confidence. Be Brave! Be Fearless! Come Out Over And Over Again And Never Ever Stop!!!

School Expels Girl For Having Lesbian Parents

ONTARIO, CA - A 14-year-old student was expelled from a Christian school because her parents are Lesbians, the school's superintendent said in a letter, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network.

Shay Clark was expelled from Ontario Christian School on Thursday (September 22).

"Your family does not meet the policies of admission," Superintendent Leonard Stob wrote to Tina Clark, the girl's biological mother. Stob wrote that school policy requires that at least one parent may not engage in practices "immoral or inconsistent with a positive Christian life style, such as cohabitating without marriage or in a homosexual relationship," The Los Angeles Times reported. Stob could not be reached for comment by the newspaper. Shay and her parents said they won't fight the ruling.

School administrators learned of the parents' relationship this week after Shay was reprimanded for talking to the crowd during a football game, Tina Clark said. Clark and her partner have been together 22 years and have two other daughters, ages 9 and 19.



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‘Ex-Gay’ Facility Gets Reprieve

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities has backed down on an order closing a facility that claims to turn Gays straight, 365Gay.com reported.

The department now is giving the Love In Action facility an additional week to apply for a license or the order will be carried out. The state contends the group needs a license for the services the group claims to provide to comply. Love In Action Executive Director John Smid said the organization is trying to meet the state’s requirements, but refused to go in any details.

The state inspected two facilities in Memphis on Aug. 19 and determined Love In Action was providing housing, meals and personal care for mentally ill patients without a license. If convicted of operating without a license Love In Action

would face criminal penalties that include fines of up to \$500 and six months in jail for each day the facilities are determined to be in violation of state laws.

The Department of Mental Health’s current action is not the first time Love In Action has drawn the state’s attention. Earlier this year the Department of Children’s Services investigated a child abuse complaint against Love In Action that was found to be unsubstantiated. The complaint stemmed from a Web logger going by the name of “Zach” who said his parents were sending him to a religious organization that would try to convert him to heterosexuality. The teen identified himself as a 16-year-old from Bartlett, Tenn., and said his parents “tell me that there is something psychologically wrong with me. ... I’m a big screwup to them, who isn’t on the path God wants me to be on. So I’m sitting here in tears ... and I can’t help it.”

Widespread Police Mistreatment

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women and the young, suffer disproportionately. A large percentage of Transgender people reportedly are unemployed or underemployed, leaving the population more vulnerable to homelessness or situations that leave them exposed to police scrutiny and abuse.

Meanwhile, 72 percent of police departments responding to AI’s survey said they had no specific policy regarding interaction with Transgender people.

AI welcomed the initiative taken by several police departments to improve their practices. The West Hollywood Station of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department has a Gay and Lesbian Conference Committee that is open to the public and allows police to stay in touch with community concerns.

The City of West Hollywood also established a Transgender Task Force that addresses policing issues.

In Washington, D.C., the Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit (GLLU) is staffed by four full-time officers and ten volunteers, and the head of the unit, Sgt. Brett Parson, reports directly to the police chief. GLLU is also involved with training efforts within the police department.

However, the AI report demonstrates that despite initiatives such as these, police departments nationwide need to do more to protect LGBT people — something that was reflected in responses to the AI survey of police policies and practices with regard to LGBT people.

Of the 29 departments that

responded to the survey, only 31 percent instruct their officers on how to strip search a Transgender individual; two thirds (66%) of police departments reported providing training on hate crimes against LGBT individuals; and while most departments provide training regarding sexual assault (86%), about half (52%) do not include LGBT-specific issues.

“Police officers are hired to protect and serve all of their communities, not only the ones they deem worthy,” said Michael Heflin, Director of Amnesty International USA’s OUTfront program, which focuses on LGBT human rights.

“Every human being, without exception, has the right to live free from discrimination and abuse, yet LGBT people nationwide are afraid to report hate crimes or other abuses to the police, who at times prove themselves to be the criminals.

“If we can’t count on law enforcement to set an example, hate crimes and discrimination will continue to flourish in a land that otherwise has made relative headway in the fight for LGBT rights.”

Under international law, everyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, is guaranteed the fullest enjoyment of his or her civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.

The United States is party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the principal international treaty that lays out fundamental rights such as freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention and torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, as well as the Convention Against Torture and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.



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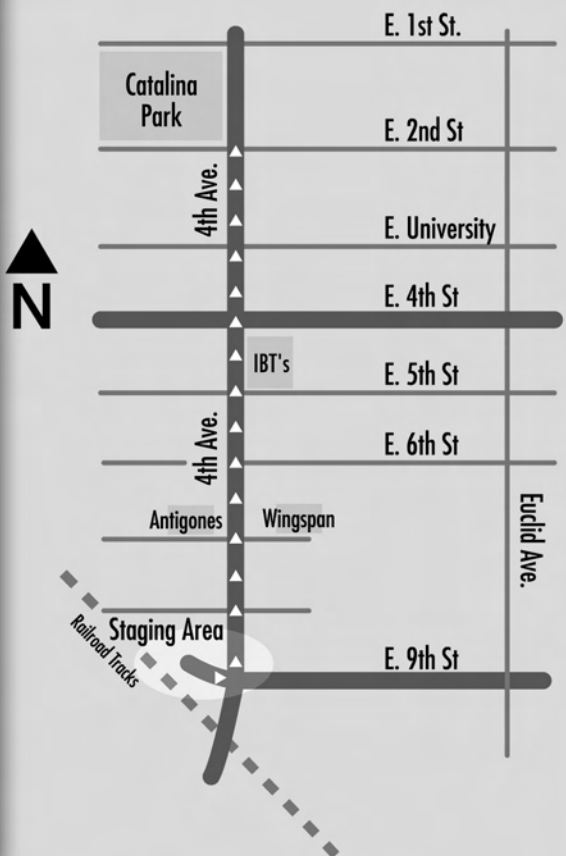


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Thursday, September 29
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Saturday, October 1
9:00am - 11:30am Medicare Part D, Forum presented by PCOA & Senior Pride Wingspan, 425 E 7th Street, Tucson Come learn about the changes to Medicare. How will these changes effect you? When should you apply? Are there subsidies for low income? Event sponsored by Senior Pride & Pima Council on Aging. For more information contact Pat Woelke 624-1779 ex 22, or pwoelke@wingspan.org

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed:7:30 a.m. Join Robert, Mike & Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack & Mike at 881-5733 or 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

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Non Bar Calendar

friends. This month, we will have a few carnival type games to play with all proceeds benefiting AIDSWALK on behalf of MSN. While reservations are not necessary, please call Robert at 400-1376 for location and directions.

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

Monday, October 3
Tucson Prime Timers Bowling at 10:30 a.m., Golden Pin Lanes, Miracle Mile. Lunch — 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, October 4
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, October 5
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Thursday, October 6
#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 1:00 p.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at China A Super Buffet (River Road location). For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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Friday, October 7
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, October 8
Organized by Tucson Pride, Inc., OUToberFest, Tucson's Fall Pride Festival will take place today at the DeMeester Band Shell in Reid Park from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There is a \$7.00 entry fee for this day-long event which features Niki Harris and Chad Michaels along with LeeAnne Savage, Orgena Rose, Courtney Robbins, Desert Voices, TMI, Amber Norgaard, Taiko-Odaiko Sonora plus Doria Riddle, DJ Raynman, Colors Dance Venue, IBT's Drag Depot, Howl at the Moon Country Dance Venue and hundreds of local and national vendors. Thousands are expected to take over the Reid Park Southeast corner. Lots to see, lots to do and lots of fun. Don't miss it! For more information or to volunteer call 520-622-3200 or e-mail: pride@tucsonpride.com or go on-line to www.tucsonpride.com

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed):10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. OUToberFEST at Reid Park. Curt is chairing our MSN booth. Please contact Curt at 877-9161 to help man the MSN Booth (2 Hour Shifts at 10,12 & 2).

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

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

Sunday, October 9
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Wednesday, October 12
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.

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Friday, October 14
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Saturday, October 15
#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed) 7:30 am. Join Robert, Mike & Jsck for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack & Mike at 881-5733 or 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, October 15
#1 -Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.
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ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
If a light has been turned on in relationships, thank Sun in Libra for the flattering pink glow. Proud Rams don't have to put on an act around partners. Set aside all silly games and deal with the reality of the situation. So be yourself, hooves, horns and all, and watch as things neatly fall into place. However, if the place happens to be in the wings, I'd reevaluate the deal.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Practical queer Bulls easily tackle any stressful decisions on the job. Sun in Libra provides diplomacy, grace, aplomb and a head for details. Bring it on! In fact, any distasteful onerous task you undertake goes smoothly. Be warned - the more work you take on, the more you will have. Stress builds. Find creative ways to ease your stress any way you can. Exercise? Oh okay...

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Inspiration strikes! Whip it into a raging fire. Lucky Twins are in the pink and ready to have fun when Sun enters Libra. Drill into your most creative wells and see what spurts. Chances are you may gush with aptitude. Let people talk. They are just jealous! Even calculated risks pay off but remember the old adage; bears and bulls make money, but pigs lose their shirts. Oink.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Sun in Libra creates a warm and loving home environment. Gay Crabs are tempted to shut out the entire world and retreat into their secure shell but don't snuggle alone. Invite a few compadres over to stoke your home fires. Also any family issues can be resolved to your satisfaction now. Mutual respect is the goal of the day. Unless it is with that snooty you-know-who.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
Have something weighty on your mind? Now is the time to hoist it and toss it. Proud Lions roar with attitude with Sun in Libra. Every one of your opinions hit the

target in a breezy, diplomatic yet effective manner. And you have been incubating some terrific ideas that once planted, can take root and grow. Who would have thought? Nuh? So what are you waiting for?

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Pink Virgins seem to be especially concerned about money while the Sun sits in Libra. Usually conservative (ahem, or is it cheap?) they focus on the bottom line with greater acuity. Save or spend? Perhaps it's just a matter of doing your fiscal homework, seeking the right advisor or asking the right questions. Whatever the heck it is go out, listen up, get down and cash in!

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Birthday greetings proud Libra! Gather your rosebuds and get Out there to strut your incomparable stuff. It is a great time to begin brash new projects, plant seeds of wilde dreams and meet many, many new people. This is no time to be shy and retiring. It's your time of year so make an excellent first impression. And I don't mean on the living room couch buddy.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Although you may have been stressed out by a bad vibe or two, Sun in Libra now casts a warm, affirming light on any intuitive or self sacrificing endeavor. That doesn't mean that you should spend your time contemplating your navel and wasting time. It means that good Gay deeds now reap good Gay karma. And we can always use a bit of good Gay karma, can't we queer Scorp?

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Proud Archers can't escape the crowds if they tried when Sun enters Libra. Friends gather 'round and push the bon temps to an ever increasing roll. It's time to harness this jolly energy and become a very social social director. Pals may even forget all those unintentional foul remarks you made only last week. Ha ha. Errr they were unintentional ... weren't they?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Although your professional life may be zig zagging out of control, help is on the way. Sun in Libra makes even the most pessimistic pinstripped pink Cap sit up and smile. You are infused with more confidence to harness your power. Score a few points in preparation for your move into the first class cabin but please remember those of us in coach. Send some champagne to the back, will ya?

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
The world is your oyster when the Sun sits in Libra. The question is - Will you ultimately find a big pearl or a pile of sand? It is up to you. Aqueerians embark on an exciting new course of study or set out to meet some exotic strangers and learn a thing or two from the experience. But don't sit around waiting for the mood to strike. You will just wind up being moody.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Make the most out of Sun in Libra with a few randy sexcapades. Guppies happily swim in the hot waters and join in any spicy stew. Bring to a boil, pardner. Life is too short to play hard to catch. Personal psychological breakthroughs are also possible so if your sex life is overcooked. No matter what, you won't go home hungry. There is always spiritual nourishment.

Lesbian Looks

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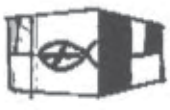
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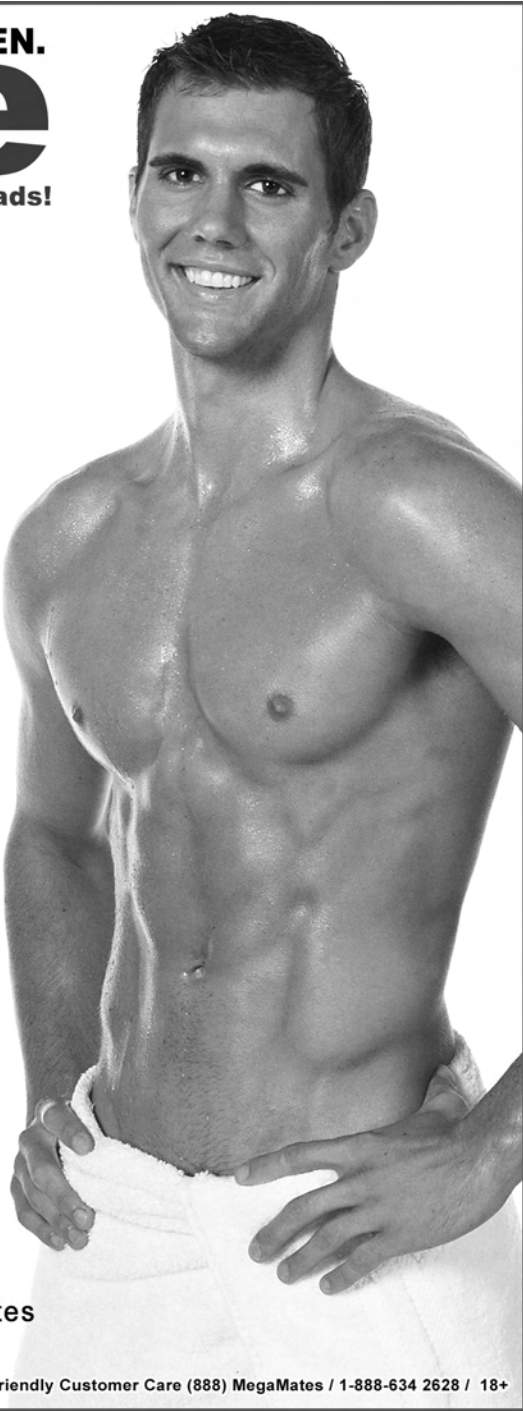
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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

sunday

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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 Tourneys 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 -Troy’s Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

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 Craig Carter 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. 1stTuesday 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 Craig Carter 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, “Diva-Licious” show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
HOWL AT THE MOON - A special benefit Drag Show to raise money for Rainbow Build, the nation’s first GLBT sponsored build for Habitat for Humanity. Show features National Title holders, Drag Kings/Queens, sursprise guests, raffle and Door Prizes and an open mic talent show. It all starts at 7:00 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Deb’s Tacos from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
WOODY’S - Octoberfest Party with Beer Specials all day. German Brunch 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Brats and Sauerkraut 5-9 p.m. Sport Court Patio Bar opens at 2:00 p.m. until closing. Karaoke with Michael D. 9:00 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Steaks by Rob and Pete starts at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
IBT’S - Party after OUToberFEST with Karaoke on the patio and \$3.00 Teriyaki Beef Kabobs & Beer. 8:30 it’s Showtime with the “Saturday Starlettes” hosted by Janee Starr. Then at 10:00 p.m. dance with DJ Q with “Circuit Saturday” and DJ Mike Lopez playing on the Patio.

WOODY’S - Mark your calendar to be part of Woody’s “After The Picnic” Party. Special entertainment and DJ Jef.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
IBT’S - Parade Party begins at 4:00 p.m. plus Karaoke on the Patio, 5:30 Benefit BBQ and 9:00 p.m. dance the night away with DJ Mike Lopez.

WOODY’S - “Pride Rainbow Party” 8:00 p.m. until closing. Watch for more details.

Campus Starbucks Pulls Cup With Gay Quote

WACO - The Starbucks at Baylor University has pulled coffee cups featuring an author’s quote about growing up Gay, reported the Associated Press (AP) on the PlanetOut Network.

The quote comes from novelist Armistead Maupin, who gained fame through his “Tales of the City” series. The quote on the cups reads: “My only regret about being Gay is that I repressed it for so long. I surrendered my youth to the people I feared when I could have been out there loving someone. Don’t make that mistake yourself. Life’s too damn short.”

Aramark, the dining contractor, pulled the cups from the campus store after an e-mail said the quote was inappropriate at a Baptist university.

“My understanding is it was a decision made by Baylor dining services staff, and I’ve not yet been able to trace it back to any Baylor administrators telling them point-blank to pull the cup,” Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley told the Associated Press.

“I think they were trying to be sensitive. Obviously, Baylor is a Baptist-affiliated institution, and Baptists as a denomination have been pretty outspoken on the record about the denomination’s views about the homosexual lifestyle,” Brumley told the AP.

Baylor has a record of treating its LGBT students poorly. In August the Princeton Review ranked it one of the worst schools for LGBT students. In February 2004, Baylor was accused of stripping student Matt Bass’ scholarship to its theology school after discovering he was Gay. After students rallied to support him, the school cracked down on organizers.

CNN noted student leader Darrin Adams was threatened with expulsion just days before his graduation. “It’s the same way Baylor deals with any issues — just remove them,” Adams told the PlanetOut Network. “Their whole attitude of nonconfrontation not only provides them with more problems, but is also an un-Christian approach to dealing with life.”

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

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 425 E. 7th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 743-0810, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm M-F.

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

GET NAKED with TNTucson MEN! We're a social and recreational club. Have you ever longed to camp, swim, hike or play with others who enjoy the same, dropping all the masks and pretensions? We're for you! TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com, P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6"

Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, 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 / MOVIES / ETC! Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or joycesmth1@aol.com. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

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

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.

REVEILLE 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 Bryansct@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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