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Pentagon Retreats On G/L 'Disorder'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Pentagon officials said Wednesday (June 28) that the Department of Defense no longer classifies homosexuality as a mental disorder, but the change has no effect on the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy against Gay personnel, the PlanetOut Network reported.

In a 1996 document recertified as "current" three years ago, the Pentagon categorized homosexuality alongside mental retardation and personality disorders. The document was uncovered this month by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, a think tank at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

News of the policy angered several lawmakers, Gay rights activists and medical professionals because the American Psychiatric Association had removed homosexuality from its list of disorders in 1973.

"Homosexuality should not have been characterized as a mental disorder in an appendix of a procedural

instruction," the Pentagon said in a statement Wednesday. "A clarification will be issued over the next few days. "Notwithstanding its inclusion, we find no practical impact since the appendix simply listed factors that do not constitute a physical disability, and homosexuality of course does not," Pentagon officials said.

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy against Gay and Lesbian military personnel was passed by Congress in 1993. More than 10,000 employees have been discharged because of the policy.

The Pentagon discharged two military employees per day during fiscal 2005 for being Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which works to end the military's Gay ban.

The number of 2005 discharges - 726 - represented an 11 percent jump from the year before, and the first increase since 2001.

Arizona Together Update:

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - Arizona Together (AT) filed its (June 30) financial report with the Secretary of State's Office.

As of May 31, the campaign had raised \$523,423, for which AT said it was the result of the coalition's vigorous pace over the past several months.

AT still had \$244,187 on hand at the end of May, according to the most recent figures, after setting up the two offices and hiring political consultants for the possible, upcoming campaign against the potential ballot initiative.

On the other hand, Protect Marriage Arizona (PMA), the group spearheading the effort to get a proposed state constitutional amendment on the November ballot, which would prohibit the legal and governmental recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships, had raised \$377,155, according to their May 31 financial report.

Minus the expenses to gather signatures via paid circulators and other consultant fees, PMA reported only having \$47,519 left.

"Considering that Arizona Together is a 'NO' campaign effort and that the initiative has yet to qualify for the ballot, this level of fundraising success is significant, even unheard of, although we are still far from our goal of \$2.7 million," stated Steve May, Treasurer of Arizona Together, in a

press release. "It says to me that more and more Arizonans understand that the so-called Protect Marriage Amendment puts a lot of families in jeopardy."

"We've covered a lot of ground over the last several months," commented State Representative Kyrsten Sinema, committee chair in a press release. "Our pool of donors is rapidly growing, with citizenry contributing anywhere from \$5 to \$500, with a median contribution at about \$50. We're also noticing that our supporter base is expanding as more and more Arizonans recognize the negative impact that the amendment will have on unmarried couples and their families."

More than a thousand contributors and supporters have joined Arizona Together. The coalition will expand this list all the way until Election Day. To join this expanding list and fight those who would take away the rights of citizens, go online to aztogether.org, or send checks to Arizona Together, 319 E. McDowell Road, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. . . .

Thursday, July 6, is the deadline to file petition signatures for initiatives, referendums and proposals to amend Arizona's constitution for voter consideration for the 2006, November general election ballot. More than 183,917 valid signatures of registered Arizona voters are needed, by state law, for the PMA proposed state constitutional amendment to appear on the fall ballot.

Appeals Court Allows HIV Bias Case Against Rice

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An HIV-positive candidate for the U.S. Foreign Service will have his day in court, thanks to a unanimous ruling Tuesday (June 27) by three judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Last April, a federal judge in Washington ruled that accommodating Lorenzo Taylor would put too great a burden on the Foreign Service. In Tuesday's reversal, the appellate court ruled that Judge Rosemary Collyer accepted a number of the government's questionable claims as fact in violation of the standards for summary judgment. The appellate panel sent the case, which names Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as a defendant, back to court for a jury trial on those and other issues.

Taylor, now 50, was recruited to join the service after a career in government. With a degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and with several languages to his credit, Taylor breezed through the service entrance exams and was set to accept a post in 2001. But when Taylor, who has been HIV-positive since 1985, told physicians about his serostatus, his job offer was revoked. According to court papers, the U.S. State Department requires all new foreign service recruits to be immediately available for worldwide posting. HIV-positive candidates, the government told the court, are only fit for limited assignments.

Taylor contested this notion, pointing out that he has never suffered symptoms from the virus, which he treats with routine medications and two or three quick trips to the doctor each year. Taylor asked the service to assign him to one of more than 200 posts with facilities for full HIV treatment and lab tests. Alternatively, Taylor suggested that he use some of his own sick leave and vacation time to travel to the nearest doctor and lab every six months.

But the government balked, insisting that providing special dispensation for Taylor would compromise its ability to maintain its standards for other recruits. With the help of Lambda Legal, Taylor sued the service, charging that its reluctance to make an effort at accommodation violated the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Act, a precursor to the Americans with Disabilities Act, requires the government to take "affirmative action" when making "hiring, placement and advancement" decisions regarding "individuals with disabilities."

Among other things, the appellate panel noted that between 1998 and 2002, the Service accepted a dozen asthmatic recruits who lacked perfect health credentials. These individuals were given a "Class 2" medical rating, which applies to people with "a medical condition that requires periodic and/or specialized medical evaluation or treatment, or whose medical condition would



Condoleezza Rice

be aggravated by conditions at specific posts." Class 2 status is also granted to U.S. Foreign Service staffers who seroconvert during their tour of duty.

The appellate panel suggested that granting Class 2 status to a recruit like Taylor, who shows no symptoms and who is exceptionally well-qualified, might not be a tremendous burden on the Foreign Service after all. At the very least, the question was one for a jury to decide.

Albuquerque Police Raid Gay Bath House

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico - Gay community leaders are seeking answers about a police raid on an Albuquerque bathhouse where officers allegedly were wearing bullet proof vests and armed with semiautomatic weapons, 365Gay.com reported. Local and state police and the Albuquerque fire marshal's office raided Pride Gym arresting the manager and several patrons on liquor violation charges.

Officers had a warrant to search the premises for liquor. Police said that they sought the warrant after a weeklong investigation of the club. The Department of Public Safety said the raid was part of a crack down on businesses selling alcohol illegally or selling to those who are underage, as part of an ongoing effort to cut down on drunken driving.

Club manager Ron Cordova was arrested on suspicion of selling and dispensing alcohol without a liquor license. Police declined to say if liquor had been found in the club during the raid but five customers were charged with alcohol-related violations and a sixth man was arrested on an unspecified warrant during the raid. The fire marshal's office ordered the building closed, citing "numerous fire-code violations." Police said the raid involved only alcohol and fire issues and had nothing to do with the nature of the club.

But at least two patrons say police used excessive force. Brian Eckert tells The New Mexican newspaper that the officers carrying semiautomatic weapons banged on doors,
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UPDATE

Wingspan Anniversary Block Party, July 7

TUCSON - Wingspan will be celebrating its one year anniversary at the new building with a Meet Your Neighbors block party, July 7, 6:30 p.m., 425 E. 7th St. The event will live entertainment, drag shows, food, beverages, games, prizes and more.

Wingspan will also be showing our Neighbors You Know television commercials. Bring your friends, Bring your family, have a good time and meet your neighbors.

For more information, contact Ashley Nowe with Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, ext. 15, anowe@wingspan.org.

Community Conversation On The Film "Crash" July 11

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Human Relations Commission and the Anti-Hate Crimes Taskforce, will host a community conversation on the Academy Award winning film, "Crash" by writer-director Paul Haggis, July 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Main Library, 101 N. Stone.

The film "Crash" is a compelling, thought-provoking drive through post 9/11 Los Angeles and takes an unapologetic look into the complexities of prejudice, bigotry, and fear through the eyes of a powerful multi-cultural / multi-ethnic ensemble cast. Inspired by a personal car-jacking experience, award-winning writer/producer Paul Haggis makes his directing debut in this controversial film.

The community is invited to join the Human Relations Commission and The Anti-Hate Crimes Taskforce in this facilitated film discussion that examines the reality of the experience, the impact, and the fear that sends many careening and crashing through life. The event is free. E-mail your reservation to: info.oeop@tucsonaz.gov on the Subject line type the word CRASH. Include a contact name, phone number and the number of people attending the event. Please make your reservation early. Seating is limited. For more information, call Leondra Price, (520) 791-4593.

Volunteer Training For TIHAN July 13

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be conducting a volunteer orientation and training, July 13, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the TIHAN office, 1010 N. Craycroft Road, #301.

Volunteer training will address questions about HIV/AIDS and give volunteers new ideas about what they can do to help. Interactive and informative, the training is available to all who want to learn more about HIV/AIDS, gain understanding of and sensitivity to those living with HIV/AIDS and people interested in TIHAN volunteer opportunities.

Subjects covered include HIV/AIDS 101, stigma and stereotyping, living with HIV/AIDS, interfaith responses to HIV/AIDS, and an introduction to TIHAN programs. TIHAN encourages all ages, including seniors, University students and high school age teens, to participate. For more information, call (520) 299-6647.

Share Meeting July 10

TUCSON - SHARE's (Self Healing And Recovery Empowerment) meeting, Monday, July 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., will feature the topic of holistic health.

Marc Haberman, a holistic health practioner will be the featured speaker, talking about the basics of a balanced life including nutrition, bodywork, energy balancing, and spiritual awareness.

SHARE meets weekly on Monday's. For more information, E-mail: leepoffaith@comcast.net.

'Neighbors You Know' Commercial Campaign On The Air

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - "Neighbors You Know," the series of nine television commercials, featuring local Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) "neighbors" and the contributions they each make to the community telling their real-life stories of community service through work and volunteerism, and urges viewers to speak up for the neighbors they know as well, has hit the broadcast air waves.

Featured in the series of commercials are:

Amanda Simpson - Test Pilot and Systems Engineer, Carlos Torres - Veteran of Armed Services; Non-Profit Employee, (Spanish and English language versions), Ivy Schwartz - Family Practice Medical Doctor, John Peck - Strategic Planning and Fundraising for Jewish Community, Kathleen Mayer - Pima County Government Public Prosecutor, Maudree Callahan - University of Arizona Financial Aid Staff, and Susan Anderson Smith - Episcopal Priest.

Kent Burbank, Executive Director of Wingspan, the organization overseeing the project, stated, "Southern Arizona is better, richer, and safer because of the contributions of the LGBT community. The 'Neighbors You Know' campaign is intentionally designed to show real, local LGBT individuals from different backgrounds and walks of life. The LGBT community is very broad and diverse and we can be found in every neighborhood. Truly, we are your neighbors. And, more importantly, we are contributing, each in our own way, to your neighborhood and local community through work and volunteerism."

One of those featured, veteran Carlos Torres, said the need for these commercials was simple. "It is time to

put a face on the LGBT community and show the diverse contributions that we make everyday."

As reported, the ads are currently running on local network, Spanish market and cable television and the campaign has raised \$43,500 for the airtime. To view these ads online, go to wingspan.org/content/news_wingspan_details.php?story_id=306. So make a donation and help fund the campaign to pay for these commercials and spread the message. Make checks payable to: Wingspan, putting "Neighbors You Know" on the memo line, and send them to: Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Tucson, Arizona 85705, or to donate online, go to www.wingspan.org/content/donations.php.

LGBT Retirement Option Plans

NEW YORK - The National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, Merrill Lynch, and the Hartford's Retirement Plans Group announced Tuesday (June 27) the creation of new retirement options geared toward LGBT business leaders, their employees, and families, reported advocate.com. The partnership will seek to fill the gap in education about and availability of retirement opportunities in the LGBT community.

The partnership will also include Merrill Lynch's participation in the NGLCC LGBT supplier diversity initiative. The initiative provides a direct link between LGBT businesses and corporations who want to add LGBT businesses to their diverse supply chain.

Todd Sears, senior financial adviser for Merrill Lynch, said in a statement, "Helping LGBT small-business owners achieve their retirement goals is the next step in our comprehensive LGBT financial planning initiative. We are very proud to be national partners with the NGLCC in launching this unique program, and we are also very pleased that the Hartford has joined our initiative as a preferred provider."

Albuquerque Police

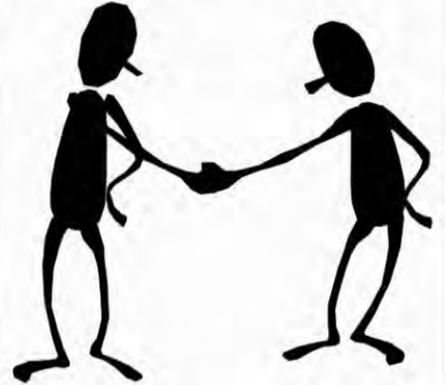
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ordered people, some naked, into hallways and ordered them to lie facedown where they were handcuffed. "This is a message of violence to the Gay community," Eckert told the New Mexican.

"Take out the Gay context, and imagine if officers with machine guns raided an 18-and-under establishment because they heard they were selling liquor and made all the children get facedown on the ground, cuffed their hands behind their backs and pointed guns at their heads? Do you think anyone would stand for that?"

A second man said that police handcuffed several men in their 70s. Police say that it is customary to handcuff people during a police investigation for the safety of the officers.

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Most Major Companies Offer Equal Benefits

WASHINGTON, D.C. - More than half of the major U.S. companies in the Fortune 500 index now offer health insurance benefits to employees' same-sex domestic partners, according to a new report by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, reported the PlanetOut Network. The foundation's report hailed the development as a "milestone" for the American workplace.

As of June 1, 2006, 253 companies in the Fortune 500 offer domestic partner benefits. In addition, 86 percent of Fortune 500 companies prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, while 16 percent include gender identity or expression in their nondiscrimination policies, the group noted in its annual "State of the Workplace" report.

"While protections for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Americans are stalled in Congress, corporate America continues to surge ahead," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "This isn't a Democratic or a Republican issue. It's an issue of basic fairness and good business."

"As 'The State of the Workplace' shows, an investment in equal benefits is minor to the employer but priceless to employees," Solmonese said. "By removing barriers to employee success, corporate America is ultimately removing barriers to the success of companies across the nation."

For the first time since employers began providing health insurance coverage to employees' same-sex partners, a majority of America's

largest businesses now extend domestic partner benefits.

As of June 1, 2006, 253 – or 51 percent – of the 2006 Fortune 500 companies provided benefits to employees' same-sex domestic partners.

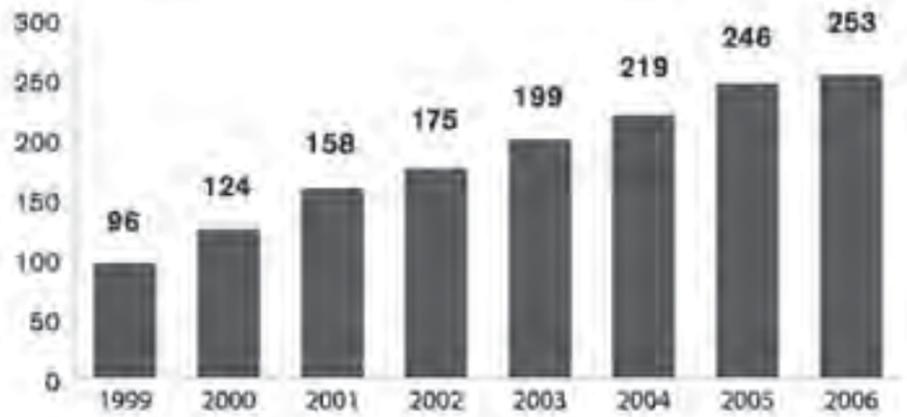
Eighty-six percent of Fortune 500 Companies prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation

Eighty-one Fortune 500 companies included the terms "gender identity" and/or "gender expression" in their non-discrimination statements – 10 times the number of Fortune 500 companies that had such policies in 2001.

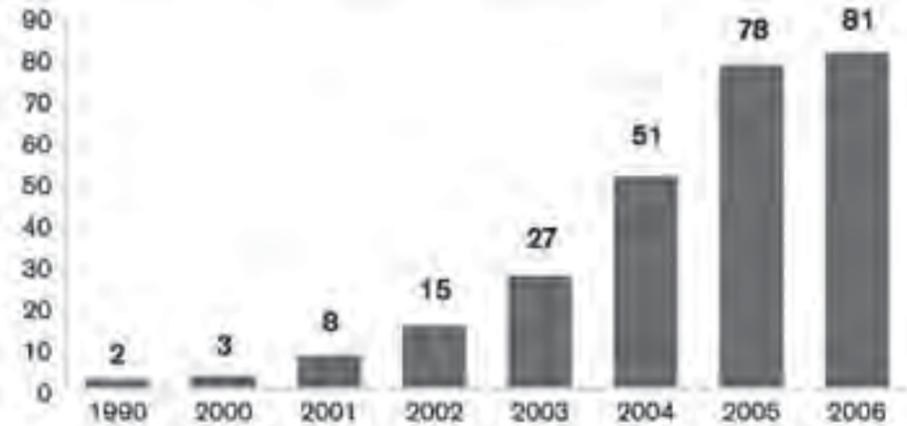
As the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community fends off attacks from lawmakers regarding equal marriage rights, there have been wins in anti-discrimination and benefits policies at the state and local levels.

In 2005, Montana became the 13th state to extend domestic partner benefits to state employees. The state was joined by 16 local municipalities that extended domestic partner benefits during the period covered by this report. As of June 1, 2006, a total of 201 cities and counties granted equal benefits to employees' partners. Seven states prohibit discrimination in private sector employment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity – California, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, Rhode Island and Washington, plus the District of Columbia. Three states – Illinois, Maine and Washington – joined the list since Jan. 1, 2005. Ten additional states ban workplace discrimination exclusively on sexual orientation.

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UPDATE

Snow's Life And Work Celebrated

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Friends, coworkers, compatriots and people whose lives he touched and inspired, came together to celebrate the life of Craig Snow at the Temple of Music & Art, June 29. Snow died of bladder cancer on May 17 at the age of 59.

"He was one of the first people to help pull the community together, to give a voice to Gay men when so many were afraid to speak," said Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). "Craig's passion and compassion made others listen."

Snow and others organized the first community meeting to discuss what they thought was the AIDS epidemic coming to Tucson. From that meeting was the establishment of the Tucson AIDS Project, for which Snow would become its first paid director in 1987. TAP was Tucson's first AIDS service organization providing some in-home care, prevention information, support groups, counseling and a hot line.

"He resigned his position with the university to help lead the creation of the Tucson AIDS Project," said friend Vicky Strome. "Craig told me once, 'It was the scariest thing I've ever done. I didn't know where I was going. I just knew I had to take that step.'"

Snow served as the project's executive director until it merged with the Shanti Foundation and the People With AIDS Coalition - Tucson to become SAAF in 1997. After that, Snow formed a nonprofit consulting firm, Craig Snow & Associates, to work with local government and other groups to improve the lives of the homeless, children, battered women, teen parents and those getting off welfare.

To close the celebration of Snow's life and work, Strome read a reworked stanza from Snow's favorite poem, "Sunday Morning" by Wallace Stevens.

He says, "I am content when wakened birds, Before they fly, Test the reality Of misty fields, by their sweet questionings; But when the birds are gone, and their warm fields Return no more, when, then is paradise?"

There is no haunt of prophecy, Nor any old chimera of the grave,

Neither the golden underground, nor isle Melodious, where spirits gat them home, Nor visionary south, nor cloudy palm

Remote on heaven's hit, that has endured As April's green endures; or will endure Like his remembrance of awakened birds, Or his desire for June and



Craig Snow

evening, tipped By the consummation of the swallow's wings.

Snow's family requested that in his honor, make a donation to the Tucson Medical Center Hospice, 5301 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712.

Ode To Independence

by Samuel Williams

A Gleaming Sword
 A Striking Soldier
 A Thrust of Liberty

The iron fist versus the heart of man
 Flags streaming through the air
 Ode to Independence
 Ode to the will power of some
 And the persuasion of others

You can lock a man in chains
 You can bind him to your will
 But his mind will roam free
 Like an eagle soaring through the sky

Ode to Freedom
 With liberty ringing in our ears
 Gods of all dwell here

And their holy places of praise
 Race is of no question
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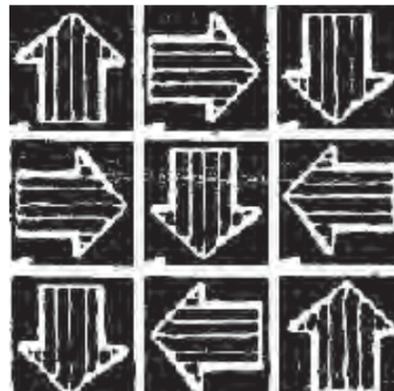


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Court Expands HIV Responsibility

SACRAMENTO, California - A person who has reason to believe they have HIV may be sued by sexual partners if they become infected, the California Supreme Court ruled on Monday (July 3), broadening the state's view of when liability arises from the disease, wired and news services reported.

Knowingly passing along HIV, which leads to AIDS, is already illegal in California and people who do so may be sued for damages in state court. The California Supreme Court's decision widens the scope for law suits against sexual partners over negligent transmission. The 4-3 ruling in the case of a woman who accused her ex-husband of giving her HIV on their honeymoon is the court's first involving allegations of negligent HIV infection. It makes those with "constructive knowledge" — people who should know by their behavior and other signs that they could be infected — legally liable for infecting others. A federal court in Michigan is the only other jurisdiction to rule similarly, in a 1993 case involving former NBA star Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who tested positive for HIV in 1991. Justice Marvin Baxter, writing the majority opinion, said, "Society has an overriding policy of preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV, which would be enhanced by imposing a duty of care on those who have reason to know they are infected with HIV."

The emotional distress and fraud lawsuit was filed four years ago by a woman identified only as Bridget B. against a man identified as John B. Bridget and John last had intercourse

during their honeymoon, court papers said. John told her that he was monogamous and disease-free and insisted on having unprotected sex. Bridget tested HIV-positive in October 2000, and John was found to be positive shortly after. In December 2001, John told Bridget that he had had sex with men, according to court documents. She sued him, and he countersued, accusing her of infecting him. In her lawsuit, Bridget demanded to know the names and addresses of all John B.'s Gay sex partners in the 10 years before their wedding in July 2000. The court ruled that if she can show that an HIV test John B. took as part of an insurance policy was faulty or unreliable, she could ask for a more detailed sexual history.

Three of the court's seven judges wrote dissents. Two justices said it was unfair to punish those who didn't know for sure that they had HIV. Justice Carlos R. Moreno, in dissent, scoffed at that argument, saying it was hard to believe someone would take liability into account in deciding whether to get tested. The ruling "potentially licenses invasions into the sexual privacy of all sexually active Californians and may even invite abuse of the judicial process," Justice Moreno said. "One can easily foresee a spate of 'shakedown' or vengeance lawsuits brought by plaintiffs whose motivation is not so much to discover how they contracted HIV as to force lucrative settlements or embarrass a former sexual partner by exposing that person's sexual history."

Gay Philanthropist, Microsoft Pioneer Ric Weiland Dies



Ric Weiland

SEATTLE, Washington - Ric Weiland was one of the first five employees hired by Microsoft, and the first who was openly Gay. He made a sizable fortune work-

ing for the software giant and distributed his wealth freely among LGBT and HIV/AIDS organizations, reported 365Gay.com. Weiland, who was 53, he took his own life at his Seattle home. Friends said that he had been depressed for some time. Weiland leaves behind his partner Mike Schaefer and numerous nieces and nephews.

Weiland's death came as a shock to LGBT leaders. "Ric was an exceptionally generous man who made extraordinary contributions to our work," said Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director, Lambda Legal. His quiet commitment made the work of so many organizations possible - and our community is better off for it," Cathcart said.

Matt Foreman, the Executive Director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, remembered Weiland as a quiet humble man who was committed to using his wealth for the betterment of Gay Americans. "The breadth and scope of this commitment was immense and unwavering," said Foreman. "Our community has lost a wonderful friend and leader, and the Task Force extends its deepest sympathies to Ric's partner Mike Schaefer and all those who knew and loved Ric."

"When I met with Ric in Seattle last year, he was definitely interested in

what we were doing as an organization," remembered GLAAD President Neil Giuliano. "But what surprised me was that his real priority was establishing a personal connection with the people at GLAAD. His understanding of how strong relationships are at the core of our success as a movement is a tremendous legacy he leaves behind and one of so many reasons he will be missed."

Pride Foundation Executive Director Audrey Haberman remembered Weiland as a humble man. "Despite his tremendous professional and personal achievements, he specifically requested no special attention for his generous charitable gifts, or the hard work he did on behalf of Pride Foundation and many, many other organizations," she said.

One of his pet projects was the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network. His magnificent gifts helped numerous organizations, including ours, to not only survive but to thrive," said Kevin Jennings the Founder and Executive Director of GLSEN. "He never sought anything - attention, credit, fame - in return for his giving, which is the mark of a true philanthropist."

"Ric was a man who not only spoke about doing good things to better the world - he actually did them. From working to find a cure for AIDS to fighting discriminatory workplace policies against GLBT workers, Ric always gave 100 percent of himself," said Joe Solmonese, President, Human Rights Campaign.

Weiland first met Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen and they became good friends. In 1975 Allen and Bill Gates founded Microsoft in

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Guillen Will Attend Gay Games, Has Drink Named By G/L Bar, Goes To Training

CHICAGO - White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen, recently slapped with a fine and ordered to attend sensitivity training for calling a Chicago Sun-Times columnist a Gay slur - plans to spend the team's only day off during a six-game road trip at the Gay Games, advocate.com reported.



White Sox Manager Ozzie Guillen

Some of Ozzie's Gay pals and even Gay Games organizers extended the invitation and the skipper says he'll be there on July 17 - the second day of competition. "Yeah, I'm going. I'm going on the off day. But I had plans to go even before I was asked," Guillen said. "I've had plans to go there for a long time." Guillen will return to Chicago between show-downs with the Yankees and division-leading Tigers. He'll be able to take his pick from 22 events - track and field, softball, wrestling, beach volleyball, badminton, flag football, billiards and squash among them - scheduled all over town. Guillen's Gay Games visit has nothing to do with the trouble his mouth got him into with Major League Baseball for calling columnist Jay Mariotti a "fag" during a locker room interview. Guillen apologized for using the slur, saying he didn't intend to offend Gays. He says he plans to attend sensitivity training soon. Going to the Gay Games "is something Ozzie would do for fun. It's something he would want to see and do, to go out with friends," said Guillen's friend and hairdresser Edwin Quiros, who is Gay. "He just wants to do things like that. He's a cool guy. It's what I expect Ozzie to do."

Gay Games VII spokesman Kevin Boyer said - Gay slur notwithstanding - that Guillen should expect a warm welcome. "We're glad to hear he'll be attending because it demonstrates how the Gay games brings people together - whether straight or Gay - through competition. There's no hurt feelings. He's apologized... he won't do it again," he said. "It's cool that Ozzie will be at the center of two events that unite the city. The Gay Games on one hand and the World Series on the other." ...

In other news, The Kit Kat Lounge and Supper Club, known for its outrageous drag shows and equally outrageous celebrity martini's has introduced the Ozzie GuillenTini. "[Guillen] has been a supporter of the Gay community," Kit Kat's John McCartney tells the Sun-Times. "What he said was no big deal, and we wanted people to know it's time to get over it." The Kit Kat, on N. Halsted, began selling the drink on the weekend. The drink is made with assorted fresh fruit and vodka. It costs \$8.50 and comes with a Sun-Times sports section.

Serving the paper on the side is a nod to Sun-Times columnist Jay Mariotti the object of Guillen's latest outburst. ...

Ozzie Guillen discovered Monday (July 3) that sensitivity training gave him some insights on language and allowed him to do something he really enjoys - talk. "I'm glad I did it. I'm glad it's over with and a lot of people will be real excited to hear that Ozzie finally got punished and did what he was supposed to do," Guillen said after a two-hour session with a certified counselor. The team declined to name the counselor or in what field he practices. But Guillen said before Monday's game against Baltimore he did a lot of the talking, while also picking up some pointers on the choice of words. "There are so

many different languages you can use when you are going to talk to somebody. There are a lot of things you cannot say about anybody, even when you want to say them," Guillen said. "It was kind of cool. I thought it was just like, 'Oh my God, I'll just go to sleep here and let this guy talk.' I did the talking, most of the time. He asked me a lot of questions."

Guillen said he enjoyed the exchange and has another session planned after he manages the American League team in the All-Star game in Pittsburgh. What did he learn? "Be polite," Guillen said. "The thing I told the guy, I say I don't need to be polite, I need to speak better English. I understand the system better. A lot of people thought I was making the excuse of not being from this country. No, I have 26 years here and I know what every little word means to anybody, that's no excuse. "The guy said, 'If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything,'" Guillen added. "I say, 'If you have to say that to somebody, don't tell me what then. I'm not going to say that.' I will be the same guy, use a different word."

Illinois Referendum Sputters

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois - It appears a referendum to prod Illinois lawmakers to pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage isn't likely to make it onto the ballot in November, reported 365Gay.com. A spot check of signatures by the state Board of Elections shows the ballot measure has come up short.

The board examined 64,000 signatures and found only 91 percent were valid. Protect Marriage Illinois submitted 340-thousand names for the referendum, more than the 283-thousand required, but with a validation rate of 91 percent it would fall short of the threshold. Protect Marriage said it will appeal the findings to the full board. The referendum calls upon the Illinois lawmakers to enact a constitutional amendment to ban all unions of same-sex couples including marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships. The organization began collecting signatures after the legislature last year rejected an attempt to pass an amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

Even if the measure gets on the November ballot it is nonbinding. Citizen referenda in Illinois can only prod the legislature to act. Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his GOP challenger, state Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, both oppose amending the constitution. In May Blagojevich signed an order extending domestic partner benefits to gay and lesbian state employees. The move made Illinois the 13th State to offer such benefits.

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Arnold Skirts G/L Marriage In Log Cabin Speech



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

LOS ANGELES - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger got mixed reviews for a speech Thursday night (June 29) aimed at shoring up support among Gay Republicans, reported 365Gay.com. Schwarzenegger alienated a large segment of the Gay community that helped put him in office when he vetoed a same-sex marriage bill that had

passed the legislature and more recently said a measure to mandate the teaching of Gay history along with other minority groups would meet the same fate.

But his keynote speech at a fundraising dinner for Log Cabin Republicans - his first speech to a Gay organization since becoming governor - was long on snappy phrases and short on details. "In politics, I believe we need to address problems rather than attacking people," Schwarzenegger told the sellout crowd at the Renaissance Hotel.

"Whether you're Gay or straight, everyone needs someone to love. California is diverse, but it must never be divided. Tonight I want you to know that I am proud to be on the same team with you. I can't promise you that I will always be of the same mind, but I can promise you that I will always have an open mind." Some in the audience chanted "four more years" others later complained the governor passed up an opportunity to explain why he vetoed the marriage bill.

Pennsylvania Anti-G/L Amendment Dies

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania - A proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania constitution to ban same-sex marriage, block civil unions and possibly curtail domestic partner benefits has died in committee, 365Gay.com reported. The measure had passed the Senate but was tied up in committee in the House which has now recessed for the summer.

Lawmakers will return to the Capitol in September but under state law the amendment cannot be pursued again this year. State law requires at least 90 days' public notice of an approved amendment before a general election. The issue now considered dead in the fall as well, but conservative lawmakers and religious groups supporting the amendment say they will have the proposed amendment reintro-

duced in 2007.

Amending the state constitution requires approval by the House and Senate in successive two-year sessions of the General Assembly and then the approval of voters in a statewide referendum. If a new bill clears both houses next year the earliest it could be put to voters would be 2009. That's good news for opponents of the bill who were quick to point out polls show opposition to a sweeping amendment is declining. Pennsylvania already has legislation on the books that limits marriage to opposite-sex couples. Opponents of the amendment say that is enough. Supporters of amending the constitution say they fear the so-called Defense of Marriage law could be overturned by the courts.

Ohio Anti-LGBT Amendment Does Not Void Lesbian Mom's Rights Court Rules

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage cannot be used by a woman to prevent her ex partner from visitation rights to a child they were raising a Columbus judge has ruled, reported 365Gay.com. In addition to banning same-sex marriage the amendment, known as Issue 1, says the state "and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage."

Lawyers for Denise Fairchild argued in Franklin County's domestic relations court that the amendment extends to adoption. Fairchild had a boy by artificial insemination when she and Therese Leach were a couple and the two women cared for the child. At Fairchild's request, the Franklin County Domestic Relations Court gave Leach parenting rights in 2001, saying the women "shall be treated in the law as two equal parents of their minor child." When the couple broke up Fairchild

refused to allow Leach visitation rights and Leach went to court.

Magistrate Darrolyn Krippel ruled Thursday (June 29) that the amendment to the state constitution could not apply in the case. "Granting custody of a minor child to a nonparent is done every day," Krippel said in a written opinion. The judgment noted that family courts regularly settle custody disputes between unmarried people and even people of the same sex. "The granting of custody to these nonparents is not against public policy," Krippel said. Fairchild said she intends to appeal. She said that she is aware she is trying to use an anti-Gay law for her own ends and admitted she voted against the ballot issue



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POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

'School Daze'

An attempt by Republican state Legislators to allow discrimination on school campuses and districts has been thwarted. As first reported in this column for this publication (Observer #1145), Democratic Governor Janet Napolitano vetoed SB 1153.

Under the guise of the title, "postsecondary institutions; religious organizations; equality," SB 1153, sponsored by 19 ultra conservative state legislators, including Arizona Senate Majority Leader, Tim Bee, R-Tucson, would have allowed student clubs and organizations to deny membership to individuals because of their "moral, political or religious proclivities" and still be eligible for full access to facilities and funding from their respective school or district.

Learning institutions, such as the University of Arizona, Arizona State and Northern Arizona Universities, Pima Community College, and school districts, including the Tucson Unified, Sunnyside and others across the state, have anti-discrimination ordinances and policies in effect, protecting the rights of their students, but those policies and measures would have been nullified if the Arizona GOP attempt to get their religious-right political base to the polls in this election year, in an attempt to hold onto power had succeeded, in the name of "equality," as they had spun it in previous press accounts, columns and stories.

SB 1153 had passed both GOP-dominated chambers in the last days of this session, by a 16-12 margin in the state Senate and 33-18 in the state House, and was sent to Governor Janet Napolitano's desk and her subsequent veto.

When interviewed by another publication seeking comment, Sen. Linda Gray, R-Glendale, SB 1153's primary sponsor, said the measure was really about free speech, not discrimination and that groups shouldn't be forced to accept members who may not agree with the group's intent or who hope to join only to be disruptive. "I'm surprised the governor doesn't stand for these students' First Amendment rights," she said.

Governor Napolitano indeed does stand for their rights, as she stated in her veto letter, dated June 28, saying Gray's bill would have "... lead to a host of adverse consequences . . ." and "... not in the best interest of students."

So state Senator Gray and other Republican state Legislators really has the best interest of students when they ram-rodged discriminatory measures like SB 1153, as well as tax credits and vouchers for private, religious and charter schools, during this past session, while under funding public education yet again, ensuring the state's ranking 49th out of the 50 states, only outspending Idaho by \$6 per student, according to recent reports compiled by the U.S. Census?

Reaction to the veto of SB 1153's by opponents, was swift.

Napolitano's veto of the university-clubs measure was applauded by the Arizona Board of Regents, said Regent lobbyist Michael Hunter, for an interview with another publication.

Amy Kobeta, Director of Pub-

lic Affairs for the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), in an E-mail, said AHRF had spoken with the Governor's staff to express their thanks "... on behalf of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community."

Openly Lesbian state Senator, Paula Aboud, D-Tucson, when reached for comment, expressed her appreciation to Governor Napolitano for vetoing SB 1153, ensuring equal and safe environments for all Arizona students

"I am pleased that the Governor has once again taken a stand against discrimination. I really think our greatest hope now and for the future lies in the open minds and hearts of young adults. The Governor's veto will encourage their appreciation of diversity," openly Lesbian Tucson Councilmember Karin Uhlich said.

"Governor Napolitano's veto sends a clear message that discrimination should not be tolerated in our institutions of higher learning. Taxpayer funds should never be used to promote bias or unequal treatment of any group of people," said Kent Burbank, Executive Director of Wingspan when learning of SB 1153's legislative demise.

"By vetoing SB1153, Governor Napolitano sent a strong message that discrimination is wrong," stated Sam Holdren, head of Eon, Wingspan's LGBT youth program. "The defeat of SB1153 is a win for inclusion and diversity."

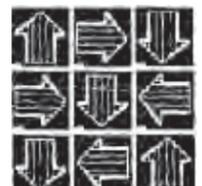
The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Religion and Expression, is as follows: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Napolitano's veto, as well as other actions during her first term in office, shows she does stand for the First Amendment. On the other hand, state Legislative GOP members, as well as the Arizona Republican Party who have shown they don't, through their "actions" toward the citizens of the Grand Canyon State.

Ric Weiland Dies

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Albuquerque, New Mexico hired Weiland and four others. Weiland moved with Microsoft to Redmond Washington in 1979. He briefly left the company for a stint at the Harvard Business School returning to Microsoft in 1982. After leaving Microsoft in 1988, Weiland dedicated most of his time to philanthropy. "Ric was certainly a key contributor to Microsoft's early success and was a brilliant programmer," Allen said in a statement. "I have many fond memories of Ric and all the things we did together, and I will miss him."



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The State Of LGBT Rights Around The World

NEW YORK - While cities around the world hosted upbeat Gay pride parades in recent weeks, human-rights activists kept watch on a contrasting set of developments: Gays beaten by demonstrators in Moscow, convicted on sodomy charges in Cameroon, targeted by sweeping anti-Gay legislation in Nigeria.

"It shows there are still dangers in just being Gay - and dangers in speaking out," said Paula Ettelbrick, executive director of the New York-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. "You need people willing to stand up and claim their space, even against tremendous odds - country by country, city by city." Ettelbrick's commission, along with other human rights groups and some members of Congress, are intensifying their efforts to monitor and protest abuses and oppression of Gays and Lesbians overseas. Results have been mixed.

Regions of concern include Africa, where many politicians engage in anti-Gay rhetoric; Islamic countries where Gay sex is illegal and sometimes punishable by death; and certain Eastern European countries where Gay pride marches have been banned or targeted by harassment and violence.

"In a lot of countries, you've got Gays and Lesbians enjoying new visibility, but at the same time the opposition forces become more angry," said Scott Long of Human Rights Watch. "People need to be aware of the possible backlash."

Among the recent incidents: In Moscow, Gay activists were pummeled by right-wing protesters and detained by police on May 27 when they tried to gather after the city banned a Gay pride parade. Mayor Yuri Luzhkov says he will ban such parades as long as he holds office. More than 30 members of Congress signed a letter asking Russian President Vladimir Putin to condemn the anti-Gay violence.

In Cameroon, where Gay sex is punishable by up to five years in prison, seven men were jailed more than a year before being convicted three weeks ago on sodomy charges. Human rights groups say the men were

abused in prison and convicted despite lack of evidence. Ettelbrick's organization also says many youths have been expelled from schools in Cameroon on suspicion of homosexual behavior. Closeted Gays have been targeted by the West African country's tabloid newspapers, which claim to have "outed" several dozen prominent people.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has proposed a bill that would criminalize same-sex relationships - imposing prison terms for not only for Gays or Lesbians who have sex, but also for organizers of Gay rights groups and participants in same-sex marriage ceremonies. "In Africa, politicians trying to shore themselves up see homophobia as a useful thing to exploit," Long said.

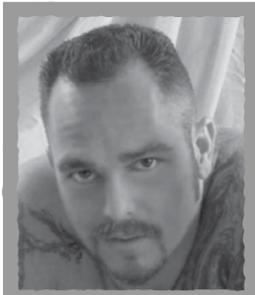
Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., wrote to Obasanjo in May, warning he might reconsider his support for U.S. aid to Nigeria unless the legislation was withdrawn. Frank and five other members of Congress also protested the convictions and imprisonment of 11 men arrested in November at what police in the United Arab Emirates called a mass Gay wedding. Initially, authorities said the men would be tested for male hormone levels and might face hormone injections, though these procedures did not occur.

In Jamaica, which outlaws Gay sex, Gays are frequent targets of attacks and harassment. The Caribbean island's best-known Gay activist was murdered in 2004 by an assailant wielding an ice pick; a Gay man who counseled people with AIDS was shot dead last year. Iran is a constant concern to activists because of recurring reports of men being executed for Gay sex. A pending Human Rights Watch investigation has verified that such executions occur, Long said, though it is difficult to gauge how frequently. "The minimum you'll face is torture in jail or court-ordered floggings," he said of Gays arrested in Iran.

U.S. activists were pleased this year when the State Department's annual worldwide human rights report devoted more attention than usual to problems Gays face. Even Frank, who disagrees with most Bush administration policies on Gay issues, took note. Worldwide, Frank said, "things are getting better, but not fast enough."

Eastern Europe has become one of the most intriguing Gay rights battlegrounds, as activists in several countries confront conservative political and religious leaders who disdain Western Europe's Gay-friendly policies. In Poland, about 3,000 people marched peacefully three weeks ago in Warsaw's annual Gay rights march, an event marked in previous years by violence and official bans. Former Warsaw Mayor Lech Kaczynski, now Poland's president, refused to grant permits for the parade in 2004 and 2005, saying such events threatened Polish society. The European Parliament adopted a resolution in mid-June asserting that homophobia is on the rise in Poland. Latvian lawmakers have approved a constitutional ban on marriage for same-sex couples and refused to outlaw workplace discrimination against Gays, despite concerns that European Union policies require such a law. Last year, hundreds of anti-Gay demonstrators jeered and hurled debris at marchers in Latvia's first Gay pride parade.

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Around The World

Man Charged In Cameroon Sodomy Purge Dies

YAOUNDE, Cameroon - One of 11 men who spent more than a year in jail awaiting trial on charges of sodomy has died of AIDS-related complications, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission said Friday (June 30) that it has learned that Alim Mongoche died in hospital. He was one of seven men who were sentenced last month to 10 months in prison. He had been in prison for more than a year and was released for time already served and taken immediately to hospital. "The last year of Alim's life was spent in the notorious Kondogui Prison in Yaoundé where conditions are harsh and medical treatment non-existent, particularly for HIV-related illness," the IGLHRC said in a statement.

Mongoche was one of 11 men arrested a June 2005 raid on a Gay bar. Two were released in March and the others were put on trial the following month. When the prosecution failed to produce witnesses the 9 were acquitted but the government refused to release them and instead ordered a new trial. At the second trial two men were acquitted while Mongoche and the others were convicted. Homosexuality is illegal in the African nation, punishable by up to five years in prison.

The United Nations Human Rights Committee has declared that sodomy laws are inconsistent with countries' obligations to non-discrimination under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. At its 39th Session in Banjul, Gambia last month, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights also questioned the Cameroonian government about its treatment of Gays.

Police Urged To Nix World Pride

JERUSALEM, Israel - Politicians and religious leaders opposed to holding World Pride in Jerusalem next month are pressuring police to ban the event on the grounds it could lead to violence, reported 365Gay.com. Jewish, Christian and Moslem groups and conservative politicians have joined to denounce the festival in almost daily press conferences and media statements.

Jerusalem City Council member Mina Fenton has collected a petition with 100,000 signatures calling for the parade and festival to be cancelled. "To hold [World Pride] in Jerusalem is a provocation and a declared mockery of all that is precious and sacred in the Holy city of Jerusalem in the eyes of the entire world," the petition says. But the most strident opposition has come from religious leaders - led by an American. New York Rabbi Yehuda Levin, of the Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance of America and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the US and Canada is currently on his sixth visit to Jerusalem in recent months to oppose World Pride. At a conference he called the Gay parade the "spiritual rape of Jerusalem." "This is not the homeland, this is the Holy Land," he declared. Levin said if police do not stop the parade religious leaders may lie down in the street to prevent the march from taking place. A Moslem leader, sheik Ibrahim Sarsur who is also a member of the Kensett, warned Gays that "if they dare to approach the Temple Mount during the parade - they will do so over our dead bodies."

Opponents of World Pride acknowledge that the Israeli Supreme Court likely would not block the parade if religious groups do not try to block it.

ahead on the grounds it could lead to a violent confrontation between marchers and anti-Gay groups. A police spokesperson Monday (July 3) said that a decision will be made by Jerusalem Police Chief Ilan Franco in consultation with Internal Security Minister Avi Dichter. World Pride will be held in Jerusalem from Aug. 6 - 12 and is expected to draw thousands of people from around the world. The event which is held in a different world city every four years was to have been in Jerusalem last summer but postponed due to the Israeli pullout from the Gaza. Jerusalem Open House, Israel's largest LGBT civil rights organization which is organizing this summer's event, is working on a wide range of activities leading up to the big parade. Major events include an Multifaith LGBT Clergy Conference, an outdoor festival, Human Rights Day, LGBT Health Day, an International LGBT Youth conference, and an LGBT Film Festival.

More Than Legislation Needed To Combat Homophobia

LONDON - The head of an umbrella organization of Britain's largest unions says that despite growing legislation to protect the civil rights of Gays and Lesbians not enough is being done to win the hearts and minds of the public, reported 365Gay.com. "Unfortunately, while the legal framework may have changed beyond recognition, we've yet to see a parallel shift in social attitudes, Brendan Barber the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress told the organization's annual LGBT conference.

Discrimination in the workplace is banned by law in the UK, but on the streets, homophobia is rampant Barber said pointing to a growing number of violent crimes against Gays. "Most shockingly we see that in the violence directed at the Lesbian and Gay community," he told the conference, timed to coincide with Europride which is being held this year in London. Barber said that there were 1,300 homophobic crimes reported in London alone last year. "Such statistics, however alarming, don't begin to tell us about the day-to-day abuse suffered by Gay people.

He noted that despite the strong anti-bias laws discrimination continues to be a problem in business, and that a TUC commissioned study showed that two out of five LGBT workers had faced abuse at work as a result of their sexuality. And, the problems extend beyond the streets and workplaces. "The casual jibes, the bullying at school, the hotel owners who still refuse to host same-sex couples, or the football crowds and their offensive chants."

Barber said that little is likely to change until there is a major shift in social attitudes in the country. "When a national newspaper runs a front-page story about a footballer with the headline 'I'm no rear gunner', you know the battle for hearts and minds is a long way from being won," Barber told the conference. "It's a battle we must fight in the workplace as well as in society. And despite the lengths some employers have gone to promoting diversity and tolerance, and rooting out homophobic bigots, others simply turn a blind eye, or actively encourage a workplace culture that makes it difficult for their Lesbian and Gay staff to be 'out' at work for fear of falling victim to the office or the factory bullies."

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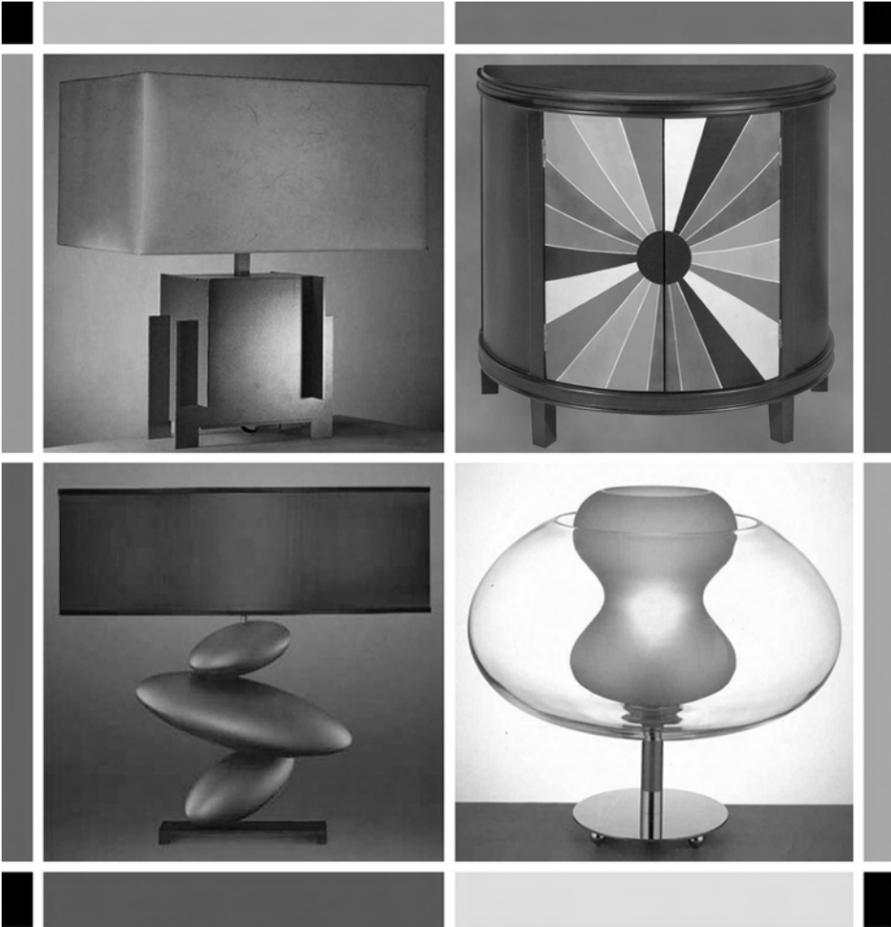
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Castro's Niece Leading LGBT Revolution In Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba - Mariela Castro is leading a Cuban revolution less well-known than her Uncle Fidel's—one in favor of the acceptance of LGBT people within the island's macho society. Castro, 43, is leading the charge from her government-funded National Center for Sex Education, based in an old Havana mansion, the Reuters news agency reported on advocate.com. As director of the group, she promoted a soap opera that scandalized many Cubans in March by sympathetically depicting Bisexuality. The controversial show depicted, among other story lines, the life of a construction worker who leaves his wife and children for the man next door.



Mariela Castro

not to say the same for homophobic attitudes." Cuba eliminated the crime of sodomy in 1979. Cuba is also a country where abortion is a constitutional right and divorce a simple procedure.

Now President Castro's niece is pushing for passage of a law that would give transsexuals free sex-change operations and hormonal therapy in addition to granting them new identification documents. A draft bill was presented to parliament last year and was well-received, she said. It is expected to come up for a vote in December. If approved, it could make Cuba the most liberal nation in Latin America on gender issues. Castro says her goal is to bring the revolution her uncle and her father, defense minister Raul Castro, fought 47 years ago to the terrain of sexuality. Her group has also campaigned for better AIDS prevention as well as acceptance of homosexuality, Bisexuality, and transvestites. "I want to bring the revolution's humanity to those aspects of life that it hasn't reached because of old prejudices," she told Reuters. Much has changed, she says, since the 1960s, when Gays and Lesbians were sent to work camps, or the 1970s, when they were denied certain jobs as "ideological deviants." "None of that exists anymore," Castro said. "But that is

Mariela Castro says she isn't a leader but simply part of a movement for greater tolerance. Nevertheless, she admits her access to the two most powerful figures in the country has helped her cause. Castro says she has the support of her 75-year-old father, who is second in charge of the all-powerful Communist Party and as first vice president in line to succeed Fidel. "Of course, I talk with my father whenever I have the chance. He is one of those in the party that supports our work. He thinks it is useful, good, just," she said. Castro sees her uncle less often. "Fidel is very sensitive to these issues," she said. "He is a pensive man, and when the subject is one of justice it gets his attention. He asks for more information, more elements to consider." Castro sees herself as continuing the work of her mother, Vilma Espin, head of the Cuban Women's Federation for the last 45 years. Eighty-seven percent of the island's women are members. Espin, considered one of the most influential personalities of the Cuban revolution, is the originator of the Cuban family code, adopted in 1975,

which calls on men to share household chores and child care. Castro said many people ask her if she plans to push legalization of same-sex marriage. "We do not know what we will propose. It depends on

what we identify as homosexuals' and Lesbians' main needs," Castro said. "Marriage is not as important in Cuba as in other more Catholic countries. Here consensual pairing is more important," she said. "What matters is love."

Anglican Chief Offers Breakaway Plan



Rowan Williams

LONDON - The leader of the world's feuding Anglicans made a proposal Tuesday that would create a two-tier structure for the worldwide church, which is divided over roles of women and Gays and the authority of the Bible, reported the

PlanetOut Network. The church's spiritual leader, Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, suggested in a letter to the 38 national leaders, called primates, that their churches could sign a doctrinal covenant to remain full members of the communion or opt for "associate" status. If the plan moves forward, the communion is likely to debate the matter - and the language of the covenant - for months.

The proposed associate level of membership could isolate the liberal churches of the United States, Canada, Scotland and New Zealand, the Reuters news service reported. Many viewed the proposal as the first step toward a schism in the 77-million-member Anglican Communion. "It is schism in all but name," declared the London Times in an editorial Wednesday (June 28). The Anglican Church in Nigeria, one of

several major member churches in Africa that oppose Gay clergy and the blessing of same-sex unions, called the plan a "novel idea," Reuters reported. The American Anglican Council, a conservative splinter group that has distanced itself from the main U.S. Episcopal Church, welcomed the covenant plan as well.

U.S. Episcopalians brought Anglican differences to a crisis point in 2003 by consecrating the world church's first openly Gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. The U.S. church rejected demands from conservatives in Africa and at home that it resolve to elect no more Gay bishops. Episcopalians voted instead to call for "restraint." And in a church where women bishops are rare, the Americans further rocked the boat by electing Katharine Jefferts Schori as their presiding bishop - another global first. Williams has been trying to broker a truce between conservative and liberal archbishops worldwide since Robinson's elevation. "There is no way in which the Anglican Communion can remain unchanged by what is happening at the moment," Williams said in the letter. "Neither the liberal nor the conservative can simply appeal to a historic identity that doesn't correspond with where we now are."



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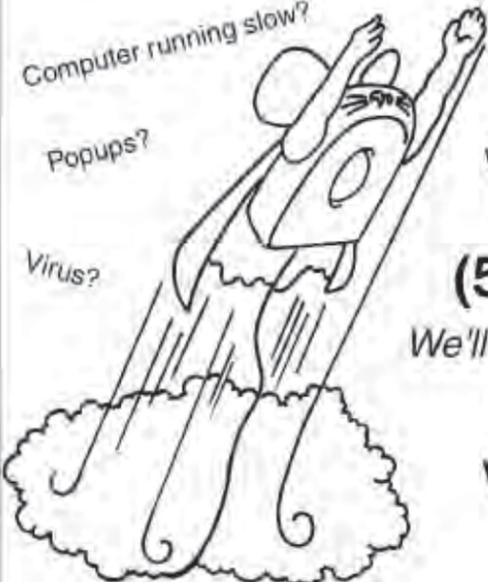
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ARIES (3/21 - 4/20)
As the temperature rises through July, proud Rams' thought turn to, er dieting and all matters of health. Isn't it a little too late? I guess not. You can modify your routines without much drastic change and see some very beneficial effects. But don't hide yourself away and cover yourself up while you chisel and buff. You actually have a lot to be proud of. A lot.

TAURUS (4/21 - 5/21)
"Fun" is your middle name all through July. Well maybe it's more along the lines of "Fanatic." Whatever gets your blood going, trot it Out and show it off. Queer Bulls are the ones to see and be seen. You instinctively know where all the best parties are located. Hurry and sniff them up before the summer speeds by. By autumn you'll be content to just feather your nest.

GEMINI (5/22 - 6/21)
All the action is home centered this July. Pink Twins can't be tempted to stray far from the domestic scene. You are interested in improving your surroundings and filling them up with Gay company. So expect to do more than your share of entertaining all through the summer. You don't mind, as long as you can recruit a few helping hands in the kitchen, or wherever!

CANCER (6/22 - 7/23)
Don't sit quietly stewing in your own thoughts this July. Mars commands you to say what needs to be said. Gay Crabs have put up with lots of hot air from certain idiots over the past few weeks. Quiet suffering is not your thing. Of course, that may mean that you make a few folks uncomfortable and burn a few bridges. Do I see an ash or two fly by?

LEO (7/24 - 8/23)
A fool and their money is soon parted. But a smart proud Lion can invest, divest or just enjoy the conquest that money provides. July is the time to enjoy your gotten gains and use them to grease the wheels for future comfort. Will you be tempted to squander your dough on just another yeasty lump? Why not wait to see how adding a little heat can change the recipe.

VIRGO (8/24 - 9/23)
There are times when you will ache to be the center of attention this July. Maybe you can make a deeply moving first impression that will carry you on wings of glory through the month. Or maybe, with rushing and reckless Mars, queer Virgins manage to create a vastly different yet equally memorable presence. Ahem. See yourself as others might see you. Need I say more?

LIBRA (9/24 - 10/23)
Mars moves in mysterious ways and so should you all through July. Proud Libras have that certain something and can use it to their advantage around friends and among those you seek to impress. But don't just spread it around for selfish purposes. There is a great deal that you can offer our community. Volunteer or at least donate money, you cheap thing.

SCORPIO (10/24 - 11/22)
As you brush off the effects of a rowdy Pride celebration, remember to tie up all your social loose ends as July gets underway. Proud Scorps find their date books stuffed and their cocktails shaken (or is it stirred?). Line up scores of networking opportunities for yourself through the month and be guaranteed to have a packed summer, if that is the way you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (11/23 - 12/22)
Have you been shirking your responsibilities? You know you have. It's time to get down to it and worm your way back into the power elite. Gay Archers say they are not interested in wielding power but they hate being subjugated. Throw off your chains of laziness and rise up; Mars sez take charge and overthrow the corporate structure. Marchons, marchons, in July!

CAPRICORN (12/23 - 1/20)
You have that get-up-and-go. So why not use July to get up and go, go, go? Pink Caps are often content to hang around the usual places with the usual (read: boring) crowd. This is no time for blah routine. Get Out and explore the world. But first, find some fascinating travel mates to help you seek those exotic locales with fabulous locals. Send me a postcard!

AQUARIUS (1/21 - 2/19)
Mars puts a bit of zip in your doodah. Your temperature rises and your sex life becomes zesty and very spicy. Seek like minded folks and expand your circle of close acquaintances. Aqueerians find that July not only increases their hunger, it also offers home delivery for any type of meal they choose. Are you hankering for animal, vegetable or mineral?

PISCES (2/20 - 3/20)
Guppies love to be in a close, passionate relationship. July brings you ample opportunity to put the spark back into any established (but getting staid and boring) partnerships or ignites your ardor to seek new ones. For those who are swimming the seas in search of the right seaman, this is a good time to get your tail out there and paddle the waters. Is that a buoy?

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Gates' Gift

by Lee Thorn

The world's richest man (and wife), perhaps the richest man in world history, makes perhaps the biggest philanthropic commitment in world history, a staggering amount in dollars as well as a staggering amount in terms of percentage of his total wealth, and you just have to stand back and applaud. Before I get into my habitual grumpy analytical mode, I have to say that the magnitude of the gift is spectacular and, in all honesty, "spectacular" doesn't even do it justice. As much as I disdain the grotesquely rich, if destiny crossed my path with Bill's I'd humbly offer to shake his hand.

All that being said, I must express my astonishment that of all the tens of billions of dollars that Bill is giving away, not one thin single has been earmarked for the arts! William, what's up with that? Are you afraid that even a tiny amount for the undernourished arts would damage your techno-geek image? In a society where the arts have virtually been banished from public education, where the arts get less government support than they do in any other Western democracy, where a PBS series called "American Masters" gives us a sitcom star as an example of an American master, William the Geek can't see the need to send a single dollar bill to the arts?

And that is not the worst of it. The media have been jumping up and down and singing the Geek's praises for several days now and nobody has noticed that the arts - all of the arts - got left out in the cold. Is there a better case that the arts in this country are in dire need of support than the fact that their being totally left out of the Gates' munificence doesn't draw as much as a raised eyebrow or a whisper of public notice?

So where are all the billions going? They're going to education and health. Who the hell can argue with that? Teacher! Teacher! Call on me! Education: It's generally conceded, both by the populous and by the experts, that the American education system is in the toilet. It's widely understood that massive standardized testing is going to make it even worse, but that we're going to do it anyway because we don't know what else to do. Given these realities, isn't massive support to education at this

point rather dangerous? Might it be akin to propping up an economic system that's doomed to failure and thereby simply prolonging the inevitable misery? Any support of education that doesn't, as its primary goal, reform education might well be the equivalent of buying drinks for an alcoholic.

Health care is another American disaster. In a recent newspaper article the author was perplexed by the fact that, although the US spends more per capita for health care than England, the English have significantly higher life expectancies. This despite the fact that they booze a lot more than we do. Could it be because everyone in that country has free access to health care? Do you think? The best thing Bill could do for health care in this country would be to bride every member of congress to vote for a national health care service so that Americans could have the same access to health care that the rest of the industrialized world has had for decades.

Getting back to art, let's forget about the fact that an appreciation for art can make life worth living even in this forsaken century and let's concentrate on some practical benefits of art that even a geek can understand. We get our appreciation of proportion from art. Without a sense of proportion there's no such thing as justice. Without justice there's no such thing as a just society. You're left with a society whose guiding slogan is, "I've got mine." Sound sickeningly familiar?

Would somebody please tell Bill that a little more technology will not save the world. For that matter, a lot more technology will not save the world. We've got telephones that spontaneously ask us for voice commands and car seats that cool as well as warm our buns and the world by any rational measure is a mess. Can you say "Darfur?"

What passes for education in this country is a skill set that can leave its bearer devoid of any knowledge of graphic art, music theory, the history of drama, etc. You can pass for an educated person today without knowing a Matisse from a Modigliani, Shakespeare from Moliere, Martha Graham from Fred Astaire, Bartok from Dvorak. If anybody reading this knows the Geek, please tell him that if he sent me a check for a billion dollars I could spend it on direct aid to the arts in America without breaking a sweat.

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



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Friday, July 7
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.
 Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come out and totally enjoy putting your acting/miming and pantomime skills to the test. For directions and reservations [(a limited space event, please plan ahead and phone early)], place a telephone call to Lee and Merlin, your gracious yet competitive emcees and moderators, at 207-5336.

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails - 5:30-7:00 p.m., Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, July 8.
 Tucson Prime Timers Business Meeting - 11 a.m., Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm
 Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay serial killer instincts! Phone host Steve at 644-2076 for location, driving directions, and info.

Sunday, July 9
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.
 Thom and Ken coordinate Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Ken at 294-6606 or Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com before Sunday Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like sharing a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday July 10
 Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, July 11
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 Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown. Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with men at a deeper level? A Circle Of Men meets every Tuesday evening at Wing-span. Call Tom 591-2828 for info and directions.

Wednesday, July 12
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 Canasta hosted by Peter 881-8276 MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, July 13
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Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails - 5:30 p.m., Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

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Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, July 17.
 Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, July 18
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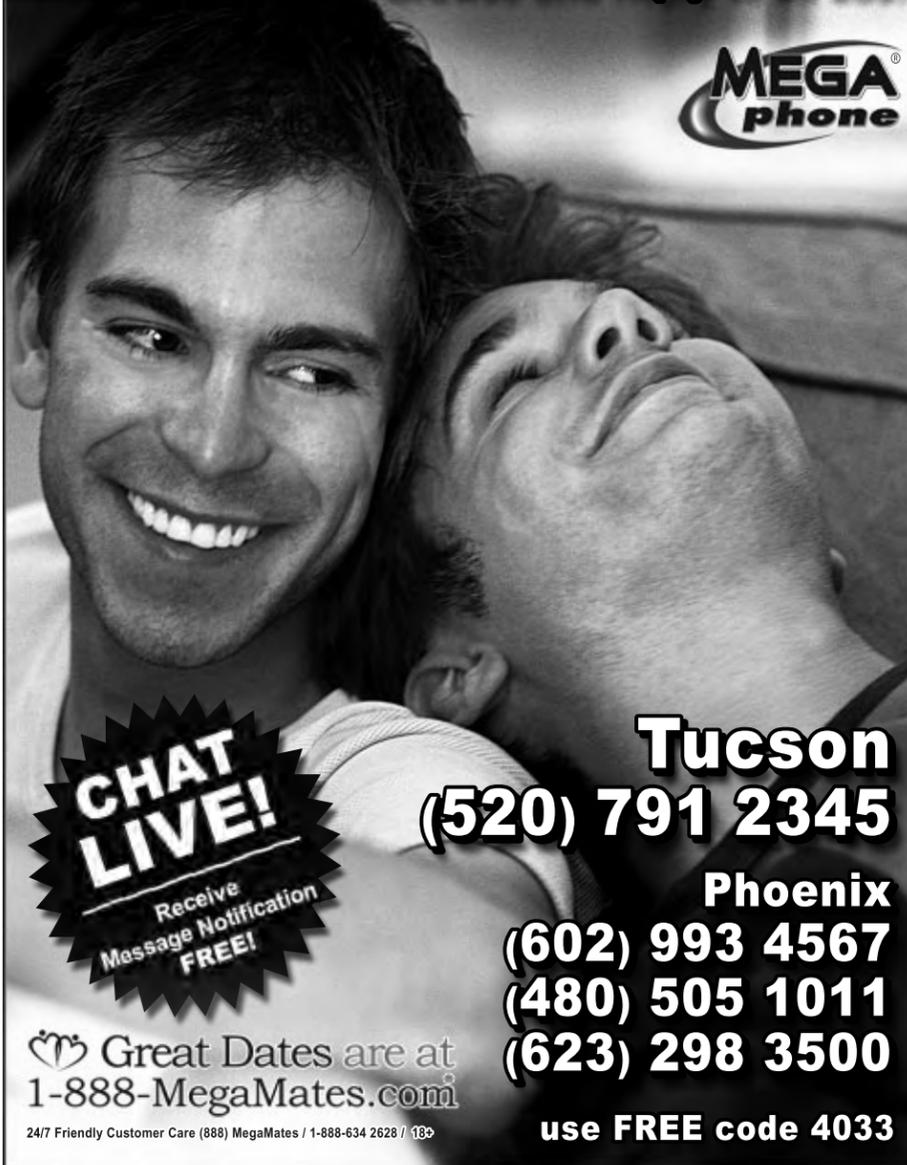


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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

sunday

COLORS - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Live music with Dickie Steed during Brunch (11:30-2:30)

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 pm. 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 Bar open 2pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7pm. \$2.50 Sirloin or Chicken Burgers w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. DJ Jeff on the Patio 9pm. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Monday Munchies 4 - 9 pm with reduced prices on appetizers - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around.

IBT's -Open Noon. 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 Martinis 4-8pm..

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 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Game Night with Dan 5-7pm & nightly dinner specials 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. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Women-only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:30 p.m. for women only.

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 7pm. 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, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only.

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 9am. Patio 7pm. 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, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm.

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 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). 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-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Two-step lessons with Amanda every other Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then dance mix 'til close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside. 9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

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-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Hot new Jazz Duo "Sunnyatta" performs 7-10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$4.00 Burger & Fries all day. Check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9 pm - 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.

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.

Arts and Entertainment

Now Playing thru July 16

Live Theatre workshop presents "Arsenic and Old Lace" directed by Sabian Trout. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays. 5317 E/ Speedway/ Tickets are \$16 with discounts available. Call 327-4242 for reservations and more information.

"Oscar and Felix: A new Look At The Odd Couple" Top Hat Theatre Club. Neil Simon's reworked and refreshed comedy of two divorced men, slovenly Oscar Madison and fastidious Felix Ungar, who try to cut living expenses by living together only to find that they drive each other crazy. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3:00 p.m. Sundays. 326-6800

Now Playing thru August 19

Gaslight Theatre presents "Gnatman" at 7010 E. Broadway. A comedic superhero musical written and directed by Peter Van Slyke. Performances 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Sundays. Call 886-9428 for information and reservations.

Arts and Entertainment

Continued

July 14

Desert Diamond Casino, I-19 & Pima Mine Road, Exit 80 (7 minutes South of Tucson). Presenting Kool and the Gang. TicketMaster 321-1000.

August 15

AVA Amphitheater at Casino Del Sol presents Earth Wind and Fire. I-19 Exit, Valencia West.. 321-1000.

August 17 - September 24

"The Lion King" Broadway's Award Winning Musical. At Tucson Music Hall. Tickets: Tucson Convention Center Box Office, 260 S. Church Ave. Ticketmaster 321-1000.

September 1

Casino Del Sol AVA Amphitheater presents Lynard Skynyrd. Ticketmaster 321-1000. I-19, exit Valencia West. 838-6700.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JULY 8

HOWL AT THE MOON - MCC Fund-Raising Benefit Talent Show "Variety for the Vicar". 8:00 p.m. Donation \$5. Benefits the General Fund of Water Of Life, MCC.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

IBT'S - Starting this Sunday it's 18+ nite from 9:00 p.m. to close at IBT's Chicken Coop! You must have a valid I. Mike Lopez will be spinning on the dance floor. Also this Sunday, Bring your ticket from the Sidewinder's TIHAN Benefit baseball game for \$1.00 off all cocktails all night.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

WOODY'S - Twister Underwear Party hosted by David from 9:00 p.m. until closing.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

WOODY'S - July Birthday Party. Cake - Balloons - Champagne / Register with your favorite bartender.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

WOODY'S - "Caribbean Party"

Lawsuit By Expelled 'Lesbian' Teens Proceeds To Trial

SACRAMENTO, California - The California Supreme Court has declined to hear an appeal of a lower court ruling allowing a lawsuit by two teenagers who claim they were expelled from a Lutheran school over allegations they were Lesbians to go to trial, reported 365Gay.com. California Lutheran High School had asked the justices to toss out the suit on the grounds that as a religious institution it had a First Amendment right not to have to comply with the state's non discrimination law.

The school, in Riverside County, is owned by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod which considers homosexuality a sin. With the high court deciding not to hear the appeal the case will proceed. The lawsuit, filed in Riverside County Superior Court, seeks the girls' re-enrollment at the school, unspecified damages and an injunction barring the school from excluding Gays and Lesbians. Because both girls are minors their names were withheld by the court.

The suit alleges that the school's principal, Gregory Bork, called the girls into his office and grilled them on their sexual orientation and "coerced" one girl to say she loved the other one. The next day, the suit alleges, Bork told the girls' parents they could not stay at the school with "those feelings." In a Sept. 12 letter to the parents, Bork acknowledged officials had seen no physical contact between the girls but said their friendship was "uncharacteristic of normal girl relationships and more characteristic of a Lesbian one." The case is being monitored by the state agency in charge of enforcing California's tough civil rights laws. California civil rights law protects LGBT students from discrimination, but does not specify whether faith-based schools are exempt.

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

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 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

GLBT-friendly AL-ANON group meets Saturdays at 11am at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson

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 298-6727, 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

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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, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30_9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit www.azgaydance.org

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, 425 E. 7th St. 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-diversity 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)624-1779 x26 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 Wednesdays 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

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, and reading from Buddhist spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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.

The new **MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY** is meeting about honoring the spiritual side of ourselves. It is the men's social/erotic group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities, and real tantric sex education. Call Marc 881-4582 in advance Check it out. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.

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.



Gay Mounties Married In Private Ceremony

YARMOUTH - Nova Scotia - Ronnie Devine doesn't know what the fuss is about, 365Gay.com reported.



Jason Tree (left) and David Connors

While cleaning his lobster boat Friday (June 30), the fisherman said he doesn't understand why people are still talking about

the marriage of two young Mounties in this bustling fishing port. "It doesn't bother me one bit," he said as other fishermen were busy getting their boats ready to set sail. "As long they're doing their jobs properly, I couldn't care less about it."

The marriage of the two Nova Scotia constables, held during a private ceremony at a downtown hotel, marked the country's first same-sex marriage between male Mounties in their trademark scarlet tunics. Constables Jason Tree, 27, and David Connors, 28, were to recite their own vows before a justice of the peace, about 100 guests, and a line of other RCMP officers dressed in their red serge and Stetson hats. But the function was strictly off limits to the public.

A sign at the hotel read: Private function by invitation only. Staff at the front desk refused to talk about the event, and a screen made of white sheets was set up to keep onlookers from seeing anyone moving between the lobby to the convention center where the ceremony was to be held.

EuroPride Parade Draws 750,000

LONDON - On a blisteringly hot, sunny Saturday (July 1), London witnessed close to 750,000 revelers celebrating EuroPride, organizers said, reported Gay.com UK. A Scotland Yard spokesman estimated 40,000 had turned out for the parade. As ever, there's a slight disparity between the police figures and anybody else's. Organiser Jason Pollock joked at the

seemingly moderate figures: "40,000? In the parade? On Dean Street? Down Bateman Alley?" he asked.

The sensational parade marked the end of a two-week European festival of LGBT culture. Streets in central London were closed as marchers, floats, dancers and bands led the EuroPride proces-

sion. It's the first time in Pride history that the parade has taken over the shopping hell that is Oxford Street. "I wish Oxford Street could be like this every day," said one party boy, waving a pink union flag that matched his pink satin hot pants." The pink union flag, which a very entrepreneurial straight market trader ran up, and sold for 10 pounds (two for £15) proved to be the hit of the day - encapsulating World Cup patriotism, Gay



pride and most usefully, simply giving queens something to wave and flap about. Stonewall's Angela Mason commented on the re-colored flags, saying that as a community, we needed to put "the pink back into the Union Jack." Spectators cheered as the parade, including a giant rainbow flag, wound its way towards Trafalgar Square. "It shows to the world what London is, the world's most diverse, Gay-friendly city," Pollock said.

we march through the city of London - one of the greatest cities on earth - is a city can be a wonderful place to live in with people of every race, religion and sexuality." The streets were so busy that cleaners weren't drafted until nearly 2 a.m. They were supposed to start at 8 p.m. Despite the enormous turnout, the trouble-free event got very little coverage in the mainstream media.

About 40 Royal Navy personnel led the parade in their uniforms, a first at any Gay Pride worldwide. It was for this novel and groundbreaking event that many people showed up to witness. Sadly, Army and RAF personnel were not given permission to take part in their official uniforms. Gay activist group Stonewall marched with placards demanding the dismissal of Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles over his use of the word "Gay" to negatively describe a ring tone. The parade traveled along Oxford Street and Regent Street, then on to Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square, then Whitehall and Victoria Embankment. London Mayor Ken Livingstone, who was at the front of the parade, said it was a chance to celebrate the Lesbian and Gay community's contribution to the city. "What this shows as

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