



Mayor Defends 'Christian' Welcome To 'Ex-Gays'

PALM SPRINGS, California - Ron Oden, the openly Gay mayor, said in an opinion piece published Friday (Sept. 22) that he was only showing "Christian courtesy" in welcoming an "ex-Gay" group to his city Saturday, CBS News reported on the PlanetOut Network. Mayor Oden has been under fire from the city's many Gay and Lesbian residents over a welcome letter he sent to the organizers of the Love Won Out conference, taking place 20 miles away in Indian Wells.

"It's a pleasure to welcome you," the mayor wrote to the notoriously anti-Gay right-wing activist group Focus on the Family, which organized the conference. "We are so proud to have you here in the Palm Springs area."



Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden

Focus on the Family, based in Colorado Springs, Colo., teaches that Gay men and Lesbians lead "deviant un-Christian lifestyles" and that with the group's help, they can "change" their sexual orientation. Officials with the group were pleased with the mayor's letter. "We were refreshingly encouraged that here was a city official walking out genuine tolerance," said Melissa Fryrear, director of the group's Gender Issues division. "He's public about being a Gay man, which made it even more significant that he was showing us so much respect."

But the city's Gay residents were "completely unified in their outrage" about the mayor's letter, Palm

Springs Gay rights advocate Claire Jordan Grant told CBS. She organized a Unity Rally to ferry busloads of protesters to picket Saturday's conference. Out Lesbian Councilwoman Ginny Foat called Oden's letter "unfortunate."

But Oden, an ordained minister, said he was only being a good Christian. "I do not agree with Focus on the Family," he wrote in an opinion piece published in the Palm Springs Desert Sun, dismissing the argument that Gays can change their sexual orientation as a "discredited claim." Yet, I believe that I should show them common or Christian courtesy."

CDC Backs HIV Tests For All Between 13 - 64

ATLANTA, Georgia - All Americans between the ages of 13 and 64 should be routinely tested for HIV to help catch infections earlier and stop the spread of the deadly virus, federal health recommendations announced Thursday (Sept. 21) say, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said HIV testing should become about as common as a cholesterol check. Nearly half of new HIV infections are discovered when doctors are trying to diagnose a sick patient who has come for care, CDC officials said.

"We know that many HIV infected people seek health care and they don't get tested. And many people are not diagnosed until late in the

course of their illness, when they're already sick with HIV-related conditions," said Dr. Timothy Mastro, acting director of the CDC's division of HIV/ AIDS prevention.

The announcement was hailed by some HIV patient advocates and health policy experts. They said the guidelines could help end the stigma of HIV testing and lead to needed care for an estimated 250,000 Americans who don't yet know they have the disease.

The recommendations aren't legally binding, but they influence what doctors do and what health insurance programs cover.

Some physicians also ques-

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COMMENTARY . . .

by Peter Likens

Proposition 107 Does Everything But Protect Arizona Families

Proposition 107 is a threat to two of Arizona's most important institutions - families and businesses. Under the guise of protecting marriage, Proposition 107 is commonly referred to as the same-sex marriage ban, in an attempt to mislead the voters.

It will, in actuality, not change the legal definition of marriage in Arizona, but it will amend the Arizona Constitution to restrict many types of benefits. It will bar government entities from offering domestic-partner benefits, such as health care, to their employees who rely on them. It will take health-care benefits and legal protections away from thousands of unsuspecting heterosexual couples across the state, including seniors, families of police, teachers, firefighters and other public employees.

The overwhelming majority of domestic partnerships involve one man and one woman who choose not to marry for any number of personal reasons, such as loss of retirement benefits or religious prohibitions against remarriage. These individuals would be the primary victims of the passage of Proposition 107.

The so-called "Protect Marriage Arizona" amendment is redundant, as same-sex marriage has been illegal in Arizona since 1996 and the courts have upheld the legality of this statute as recently as 2004.

Arizona law is clear, regardless of whether Proposition 107 passes: Marriage is between one man and one woman. Yet, if successful, Proposition 107 will demolish a critical safety net for families united through domestic partnerships.

Thousands of Arizona couples choose to remain unmarried yet protected and united as a family through a domestic partnership. The city of Tucson was the first municipality in Arizona to offer a domestic partner registry in 2003, and as of June 2006, 438 couples were registered. This registry was created so unmarried couples, Gay or straight, could make medical decisions for one another, visit each other when in the hospital and, essentially, care for one another. Proposition 107 will take away this registry, leaving hundreds of seniors and government employees unprotected.

The cities of Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tucson and Tempe, as well as Pima County, Pima Community College, Maricopa Community Colleges and school districts across the state, currently offer domestic benefits such as health care to their employees. The employees of Arizona's public universities are formally employees of the state. As such, they are among Pacific-10 Conference

schools denied domestic partner employee benefits. The University of Arizona does offer partial tuition scholarships to domestic partners and their children.

Leaders of business and government entities offer these benefits in order to stay competitive in recruiting the best and brightest. Proposition 107 will negatively affect these business institutions, with repercussions that will spill over into the private sector.

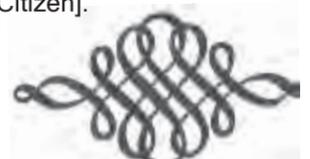
If Proposition 107 passes in November, it is anticipated that proponents of the amendment would also attempt to prohibit private employers who contract with state or local governments from providing domestic partner benefits. So the impact could be even more far-reaching, affecting some of the most successful corporations that offer domestic-partner benefits, including Motorola, Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Raytheon. Private employers will be one lawsuit away from being forced to rescind the benefits offered to unmarried couples. Perhaps worse, employers who don't offer these benefits may be reluctant to ever do so without potential lawsuits, due to the chilling effect of a voter proposition on the issue.

This effect already has taken hold in states such as in Michigan and Ohio after similar laws passed and domestic benefits were denied to thousands of state employees. The Alliance Defense Fund (chief supporter of Arizona's Proposition 107) sued Michigan State and Miami University of Ohio to force them to stop offering domestic benefits.

Citing these reasons, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon and the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce have all endorsed the "No on Prop. 107" campaign. The bottom line is this: Proposition 107 has been named "Protect Marriage Arizona" but does nothing to preserve or protect the institution of marriage. Instead, this initiative would take away health care, domestic benefits and legal protections granted by government entities and could subject other businesses to lawsuits.

This is not a positive view of the future that I believe any of us want for Arizona

[Peter Likens, President Emeritus of the University of Arizona, retired in June after nine years of service. This op-ed was reprinted from the September 25 edition of the Tucson Citizen].



UPDATE

UofA Gay Fraternity Gets Charter

TUCSON - It took a little more than one year for a group of University of Arizona students to get a national charter for their Gay fraternity, reported La Monica Everett-Haynes of the Tucson Citizen. Delta Lambda Phi, which is now recognized at UA, received its charter earlier this month.

"We were one of the fastest charters in history because we were dedicated to this," said Christopher Newman, 23, a senior education major and founding member. It's the university's first fraternity geared toward Gays, making UA one of a few schools in the nation with Greek letter organizations geared toward Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) students. But the fraternity, which completed rush this month, is not exclusively for Gays. Membership is open to men who are Bisexual or progressive.

The Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity reactivated the group's charter, which existed at UA in 1991, under the designation of the Omega chapter. The Omega designation is significant for the 15-member fraternity. Many of the members said the name is symbolic. "It represents the end of the Greek alphabet - the strongest letter," Newman said. "This is something profound. Our trustee told us, 'Finally, Omega is a beginning, and not an end.'"

With their charter in hand, the fraternity members are soliciting organizations - LGBT or not - for which they can volunteer. They are also planning fundraising events and intend to soon hold a Date Dash. The fraternity will be part of UA's Coming Out Week in October and will participate in homecoming events in November.

Members said they had a variety of reasons for wanting to form a Gay fraternity. Some didn't feel comfortable pledging with other fraternities on campus. Others said the fraternity is the preferred way to meet like-minded peers in a close community. "The troubles, the hardship - anything we go through, we participate together," said Larry Muth, 20, a sophomore majoring in psychology and the fraternity's secretary. Muth said it is "rewarding and satisfying" to be able to connect with other men in that way. Dan Churgin, the fraternity's president, said it is sometimes difficult to find friends on campus or in the Tucson community who share the same passion for learning and service work. "Of course, there's the bar scene," said Churgin, a microbiology senior. "But it's hard to find someone

TIHAN Update

TUCSON - TIHAN (Tucson Inter-faith HIV/AIDS Action Network) will be auctioning an autographed Lance Armstrong poster donated by Armstrong's coach, Chris Carmichael. The poster is currently on display at Arizona Cyclist Bike Shop in the St. Philips Plaza on Campbell and River.

Dr. Kevin Carmichael, one of Tucson's top HIV doctors and brother of Chris Carmichael facilitated the donation, Dr. Carmichael stated, "My brother and I are very happy to be in a position to support TIHAN which provides a valuable service to the Tucson community, particularly in a time where money for HIV services has been effectively decreasing... Fortunately through the efforts of TIHAN and other organizations, the impact of these dramatic cuts has been to some degree ameliorated."

Proceeds raised will benefit AIDS awareness and support services for TIHAN. Opening bids begin at \$1,000 and are being accepting from now until 2:00 p.m. on Nov 17. The winner will be announced at the El Tour de Tucson on Nov. 18. Submit your bid to Scott Blades at scott@tihan.org.

Come and get involved with TIHAN! Meet great people, have fun, and make a difference. An orientation for new volunteers is being held at First United Church of Christ on Thursday, Oct. 12, 5:15- 9:00 p.m.

This orientation is the gateway to exciting volunteer opportunities, such as becoming an office receptionist or joining one of our Education Teams. It also the first step in preparing you to volunteer on one of our CareTeams or with Poz Café. Or maybe you need a refresher about HIV and TIHAN after a long vacation? If you or someone you know is considering sharing time and talents with the community, TIHAN is the place for you, and our New Volunteer Orientation is a great way to get started! Topics include HIV 101, Overview of Volunteer Opportunities, TIHAN History, Panel of Persons Living With HIV, Putting Faith into Action.

The cost is only \$15.00, which covers materials and snacks. Scholarships are available. To register, please call (520) 299-6647.

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Lesbian Looks - Opening Night Sept. 29

TUCSON - "Unveiled" opens this year's Lesbian Looks film series, Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., UA Modern Languages Building, Room 350.

"Unveiled," (Angelina Maccarone 2005 Germany, 90 minutes) is about Fariba, persecuted in Iran because of her love for another woman, assumes the identity of a man to gain temporary asylum in Germany. She takes an illegal job in a sauerkraut factory, where fellow worker Anne takes an interest in the strange foreigner. As the two become close, Anne begins to suspect Fariba's true identity—and both women face danger when authorities tell Fariba she must return to Iran. A political film about the arbitrary violence of exile, and a compelling love story.

"SONNTAG MORGEN" (Beate Kunath, 2006, Germany, 7 min) will also be shown. Intense longing and desire for a past relationship continue to haunt a broken-hearted lover at every sunrise.

For More Information, contact Beverly Seckinger (520) 621-1239, bsecking@u.arizona.edu.

CDC Backs HIV Tests For All

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tion whether there is enough evidence to expand testing beyond high-risk groups, said Dr. Larry Fields, the president of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

But the recommendations were endorsed by the American Medical Association, which urged physicians to comply.

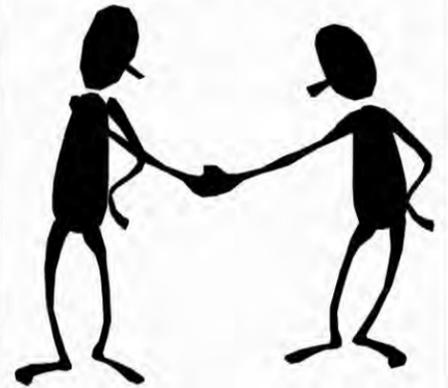
Previously, the CDC recommended routine testing for those at high-risk for catching the virus, such as intravenous drug users and Gay men, and for hospitals and certain other institutions serving areas where HIV is common. It also recommends testing for all pregnant women.

Patients wouldn't get tested every year: Repeated, annual testing would only be recommended only for those at high-risk.

CDC officials have been working on revised recommendations for about three years, and sought input from more than 100 organizations, including doctors' associations and HIV patient advocacy groups. The CDC presented planned revisions at a scientific conference in February.



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Several Events Being Planned For Richard Heakin Memoriam During His Sister's Visit To Tucson

While visiting Tucson, Richard Heakin, the young student from Lincoln, Nebraska, was murdered outside of a Gay Bar in June 1976. The tragic death and the justice system that placed the three men guilty of the murder on probation, has always been credited for bringing the Gay Community of Tucson Out, become active and an organized force to be reckoned with the local police and politicians, and the general public's recognition that there was a real G/L community here..

At the time there was the MCC Church and two or three bars catering to the Gay community. No leadership or means of communicating with one another. That's when the Observer began publishing and keeping the community informed. The city's Gays sprang up and out. The City Council passed a non-discrimination ordinance and good things began to happen and change for the local Gay/Lesbian community.

Richard's sister Lori, who has been in touch with the 'Richard Heakin Committee' and will come to Tucson October 12th for a few days, her first visit. Richard's birthday is going to be celebrated On October 13. The committee has been responsible for the Heakin Memorial Bench in front of City Hall, among many other events and activities in the past honoring this young man, and keeping his name alive in our daily lives.

During Lori's visit, she has indicated that she would like it to make it a celebration of Richard's life, meet Tucsonans and tell them what the Heakin memorial means to her family.



Richard Heakin 6/6/76

Plans are in the works with City Hall to mark the visit and activities at other times during the visit.

The Heakin Committee is meeting this Saturday, Sept. 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Avenue. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and give input. Tucson's PrideWeekend is being celebrated on the 14th and 15th so plans will includethose activities also.

Please come out and join in the planning Sunday and make Lori's visit a truly memorable occasion; not only for her and the Heakin family, but to all of us in the GLBT community as well as the general community. Especially during our Pride Week, it is important to show everyone that we are truly proud of ourselves and to show that we value life and mourn those who have passed on.

AIDSWALK Tucson 2006 - Take A Step

TUCSON - Take a step onto the beautiful University of Arizona Campus Mall for the 18th Annual AIDSWALK 2006, October 8.

ing over time Among the more than one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S., an estimated 25% do not know they are infected.

For this year's event, organizers have pumped up the energy with a new location, new date, and new activities. Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by supporting those in the community living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, preventing the spread of HIV, and remembering those we've lost to HIV/AIDS. You can help. Participate in the 10K fun run or 5K walk and raise donations to support the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

Help stop this global epidemic and support those living with HIV/AIDS while helping prevent new infections by participating in AIDSWALK 2006. Anne Maley added, "One hundred percent of donations raised will stay in Southern Arizona to support critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to fund prevention programs for people at risk for HIV."

This year marks the 25th anniversary since the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced its first warning of the disease later to be known as AIDS. Over the past 25 years, many strides have been made to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS but much more is needed to be done. Anne Maley, Executive Director, SAAF, commented, "Southern Arizona is experiencing a growing need for our services at a time when we are experiencing cuts in government funding. I encourage everyone to join AIDSWALK 2006 and help us increase awareness and the much needed resources to continue providing high quality services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Pima County and southern Arizona."

AIDSWALK 2006 promises to be fun, festive, and a day of awareness. We have activities for youth, plenty of great food, live music including a live mini concert following the event, Quilt opening ceremony, and more! Information about the event is being added daily, so check out aidswalktucson.com or contact (520) 791-WALK (9255) for the latest info. Be ready to gather your friends and family to take a step forward in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: There are an estimated 38.6 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, doubled since 1995. During 2005, an estimated 4.1 million people became newly infected with HIV, including 540,000 children 55% of U.S. adults, ages 18-64, report ever having been tested for HIV, including 21% who report being tested in the last year. This number has been increas-



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UPDATE

Long Prison Sentences For Brutal Gay Pride Beatings

SAN DIEGO - Three men accused of vicious attacks on men leaving San Diego's Gay pride festival last July were handed long terms in prison on Monday (Sept. 25) reported 365Gay.com. Six men were attacked as they left Balboa Park where San Diego's Gay pride was being held on July 29. The victims were taunted with homophobic remarks then beaten.

admitted to being an accessory after the fact for shaving Tatum's head and putting tattoos on him in an effort to conceal his identity.

At least two of the victims were struck by a baseball bat. One victim, Oscar Foster, is expected to be released from hospital soon following reconstructive surgery on his face. He was struck nearly a dozen times with an aluminum bat. Another victim received a non life threatening stab wound.

Both Carroll and Lincoln have criminal records. Lincoln was on parole in connection with another crime when he was arrested. During the preliminary hearing, one of the victims described how he was struck by a baseball bat, then called 911 and began following the men as they continued their rampage. Paul Mullins, 34, said he realized he was outnumbered but followed the gang to help police. After hitting him twice with a baseball bat the gang next went after a man who was sitting on a bench. "They just beat him ... They just kept beating him," Mullins testified. The gang then attacked another man in some bushes. "They yelled 'faggot' at him," Mullins told the court. He said that he yelled to the victim that police were on the way. One of the attackers then told the others "We've got to get out of here."

James Carroll, 24; Lyonn Tatum, 18; and Kenneth Lincoln, 24, suddenly changed their pleas to guilty on Friday (Sept. 22) after two days of damning testimony during a preliminary hearing. Under a plea bargain accepted Monday by Judge Frederick Maguire, Carroll will serve 11 years in prison, Tatum eight years and Lincoln 32 months. As part of the deal all three were required to detail their rolls in the attacks. Carroll admitted using a bat in carrying out a hate crime. Tatum admitted to using a knife and committing a hate crime and Lincoln

A fourth person involved in the attacks, a 15 year old boy, entered the guilty plea Monday (Sept. 18) to three counts of assault with a deadly weapon that included hate-crime sentencing enhancements.

Rainbows Festival Oct. 7-8

PHOENIX - The annual Rainbows Festival will take place, Oct. 7 - 8 at Heritage Square Park, located near 7th Street & Monroe, just two blocks north of Chase Field in downtown Phoenix. Admission to the two-day event is free.

parking spaces in this area of downtown Phoenix, surrounding Chase Field. Arizona Center, Phoenix Convention Center and America West Arena.

With the food offered, music, and over 200 local vendors, the annual Rainbows Festival is an urban street fair and festival to celebrate the great diversity of Phoenix. This is the largest Gay/Lesbian event in the state of Arizona. It is an opportunity for the Gay/Lesbian community and their friends to celebrate the diversity of the Phoenix community.

Each year, the organizers of the annual Rainbows Festival select a group of local Gay/Lesbian non-profit organizations to benefit from the event. The following organizations have been selected for the 2006 Rainbows Festival: Greater Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GPGLCC), Arizona Human Rights Fund & Foundation (AHRF), Phoenix Pride, Inc (PPI), Lesbian Cancer Project (LCP), 1n10 / Youth Services, and Body Positive.

There are several large parking garages within 4-5 blocks of the site for the annual Rainbows Festival in downtown Phoenix. There are nearly 20,000

For more information, call (602) 770-8241 or go online to rainbowsfestival.com.

This Film Is Not Yet Rated - Opens Sept. 29

TUCSON - This Film Is Not Yet Rated, the breakthrough film from Oscar-nominated director Kirby Dick (Twist of Faith) is an unprecedented investigation into the MPAA film ratings system and its profound impact on American culture will open Friday, Sept. 29 at the Loft Cinema, 3233 East Speedway.

whether sexuality is banished to the cutting room floor; whether Hollywood studios receive detailed directions as to how to change an NC-17 film into an R while independent film producers are left guessing; and finally, whether keeping the raters and the rating process secret leave the MPAA entirely unaccountable for its decisions.

The MPAA, a lobbying organization for the movie industry, maintains a ratings system first implemented in 1968 by longtime president Jack Valenti. This system, with its age based content classification using letter grades G, PG, PG-13, R, and NC-17 (formerly X), has become a cultural icon. But behind its simple façade is a censoring process kept entirely secret. Board members are anonymous; deliberations are private; standards are seemingly arbitrary. Thus, the trade organization for the largest media corporations in America also keeps a trademarked lock on content regulation over our most unique and popular art form.

Filmmakers who speak candidly include John Waters, Kevin Smith, Matt Stone, Kimberly Peirce, Atom Egoyan, Darren Aronofsky, Mary Harron, actress Maria Bello and distributor Bingham Ray. In This Film is Not Yet Rated, director Kirby Dick also examines the most controversial ratings decisions in recent history, as well as the MPAA's efforts to protect copyright and control culture in the name of piracy and profit. Ultimately, Dick tries to uncover Hollywood's best-kept secret: the identities of the ratings board members themselves. The result is a movie about movies unlike any other movie ever made.

This Film Is Not Yet Rated asks whether Hollywood movies and independent films are rated equally for comparable content; whether sexual content in Gay-themed movies are given harsher ratings penalties than their heterosexual counterparts; whether it makes sense that extreme violence is given an R rating

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Register To Vote Deadline Oct. 9; Early Voting Ongoing

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, Arizona voters approved Proposition 200, which dealt with illegal immigrants getting state services at taxpayers' expense as well as changing the rules pertaining to registering to vote and casting a ballot at the polls, instituting a modern day, "poll tax."

Arizona's laws pertaining to registering to vote and casting a ballot at the polls have changed, thanks to voters who bought the lies by the proponents of Proposition 200.

Can these rules change? Only through another legal challenge resulting in the striking down of the voting provisions of the measure or another vote of the people to repeal Proposition 200, so this will be part of the political spectrum in the Grand Canyon State, for the time being.

Even with all this, there is a solution to deal with these new rules, join the ever growing list of registered voters who wish to exercise their constitutional rights by casting a mail-in (early) ballot, a much more convenient way to vote, especially nowadays with Proposition 200 now the election law in Arizona.

This is becoming the preferred way to vote in Pima County. In the Nov. 5, 2002 general election, 108,220 people cast mail-in (early) ballots while in the Nov. 2, 2004 general election, 184,247 registered voters in Pima County mailed in their ballots.

Proposition 200 grandfathered and grandmothered all registered voters at the time the measure was voted on, November 2, 2004. For persons registered to vote at the time, all is needed is to fill out an early (mail-in) ballot request form.

Unlike in elections past, no reasons are needed now to make the request, as it was part of the request form but state law has been changed

and Proposition 200 didn't deal with these provisions so you can cast your ballot, even during these times.

For the upcoming 2006 elections in Arizona in which many political offices on the federal, state, county and local levels will be up for consideration, as well as ballot propositions, including Proposition 107, all voters can go online to: <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/earlyreq.html> to get the details and <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/images/earlyreq.pdf>, to print out the request form, following the instructions and sending it in, or call the Pima County Recorder's Office, (520) 740-4330. Early voting is currently ongoing and the deadline to request a ballot is Friday, Oct. 27.

For those unfortunate new residents, the hurdles are in place and despite this, every effort must be made to register and cast a ballot.

One of the most important items people carry in their wallets, purses, fanny-packs, etc., in Arizona has become their driver's license or photo identification card. If you haven't updated the information on either one, do so.

Arizona drivers' licenses or photo identification cards, issued after 1996, according to the provisions of the proposition are acceptable, as long as they have a picture, name, and your current address, city, state and zip code.

If you are carrying an old driver's license or photo identification card, these days it is paramount that you get it updated since Arizona has instituted their version of a "poll tax."

For more information on registering to vote, call the Pima County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4330. To register, go online to recorder.pima.gov/regvote.html. Monday, Oct. 9 is the last day people can register to vote for the Nov. 7 general election.

Military Rejects Lesbian's Enlistment Try

PHOENIX - Meg Sneed made a public vow to try to enlist in the U.S. Coast Guard as part of the national "Right to Serve" campaign, the Arizona Republic reported. The campaign hopes to challenge the nation's "don't ask, don't tell" policy regarding Gays in the military.

But when Sneed, who is openly Gay, planned to enlist at Phoenix's U.S. Coast Guard recruiting office on Central Avenue on Wednesday morning (Sept. 20), the lights were off, the door was locked and no one answered the phone. Sneed knew it was likely that if she had spoken to a recruiting officer that morning, she would have been rejected because she wasn't going to hide who she is. Under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, Gay service members must not disclose their sexual orientation in the military. But Sneed didn't expect the office to be closed. Coast Guard officials said it was a coincidence. Daniel Tremper, spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard, said officers often go outside the office to recruit during the day.

"In the state of Arizona, there are two Coast Guard recruiting officers, one in Phoenix and one in Tucson, and that's it. There aren't many recruiting offices to begin with," he said. "We have a visibility issue, which is why we spend a lot of time away from our desks and out there. We want people from Prescott, not just from Phoenix." Sneed saw the closed office as a sign that she's not wanted. "It was their way of saying, 'No, we don't want you here, and we're not even going to show up and tell that to your face,'" she said. "I want to serve my country, and I would like the opportunity to go through the process." Sneed had said she was going to enlist at the Coast Guard office on Wednesday, the same day a major "Right to Serve" rally was being held in New York. Gays and Lesbians in 30 other cities are also challenging the policy.

Tremper didn't hold out much hope about her enlisting.

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Although he isn't allowed to talk about individual cases for privacy reasons, he says that the Coast Guard follows military policy. Other officials say they are enforcing the law from Congress.

Sneed and other right-to-serve proponents say the rejection doesn't matter; they just want to get their point across. "When I was 16, I wanted to join and go to the Coast Guard Academy," Sneed said. "I wanted to serve my country. . . . I came out shortly after that, and after reading

about 'don't ask, don't tell,' I knew I couldn't do it. I knew I couldn't pursue that dream." Instead, Sneed works with teens at a crisis-intervention center and attends Phoenix College. She hopes to transfer to the University of Arizona's pharmacy program. She also wants to raise a family and continue to stand up for Gay rights. "I plan to stay pretty involved in what's going on here locally and also nationally," she said. "If there are things that I can support with my time or being there, then I would want to be involved."

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POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

'Lies About Proposition 107'

In the Center for Arizona Policy's (CAP) "Family Facts Arizona" newsletter, dated July 14, 2005, Lynden "Len" Munsil, now the Republican candidate for Governor wrote in section three, entitled "Lies About PMAA (Protect Marriage Arizona Amendment) - (Proposition 107)," that "I will be addressing some of the false arguments being made to scare people into not signing the PMAA petitions." Munsil adds that "... much of the rhetoric you will hear from opponents is pure politics, scare tactics and fiction."

Lynden continues, giving a list of "some of the things the PMAA does not do" that included hospital visitation, inheritance rights, medical decision making, "other benefits," providing for each other in their last will and testament, preventing government from enforcing "domestic violence laws against domestic partners who become violent," "private businesses providing benefits to whoever the business wants to provide with benefits."

Munsil didn't stop there, writing that, "... the amendment simply reserves the special status of marriage in our laws to people who are actually married."

More Munsil fiction because of the following:

On Jan. 13, 2005, in a written statement from Munsil from CAP announcing the initiative, Lynden said the PMAA (Proposition 107) will be "... a comprehensive, constitutional marriage amendment ...";

The PMAA's language, filed with the Arizona Secretary of State, May 16, 2005 that states, "to preserve and protect marriage in this state, only a union between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage by this state or its political subdivisions and no legal status for unmarried persons shall be created or recognized by this state or its political subdivisions that is similar to that of marriage."; and,

Cathi Herrod, now the President of the CAP, said in the May 17, 2005-Arizona Daily Star article, entitled "Gay Marriage Supporters, Foes Framing Debate for 2006 Vote," that "... the amendment, if approved, would outlaw that registry (City of Tucson Domestic Partner Registry). That is because it gives unmarried couples the same access as families to city services, as

well as the same visitation rights at hospitals within the city." In the June 18, 2005-East Valley Tribune article, entitled "Same-sex Marriage Fight Looms," Herrod said "If it gives a legal status to unmarried individuals, ... it would not be allowed." Does this mean then that Herrod is lying about the PMAA?

In their Jan. 13, 2005-CAP announcement statement, Munsil wrote that "marriage, the foundation of our society, is too important to politicize." Even more fiction and pure politics since on May 17, 2005, the day after that Len, Cathi and their minions filed the paperwork, they launched their campaign with press conferences in Tucson, Flagstaff and with a political rally in the mall between the Arizona House and Senate chambers, "the epicenter of Arizona politics."

In the May 17, 2005-Arizona Daily Star article, entitled "Gay Marriage Supporters, Foes Framing Debate for 2006 Vote, Munsil is quoted as saying "You never know where the next activist judge is going to strike," and that "... courts here have never been asked to decide whether Arizona has to recognize the marriage of a Gay couple legally performed in another state."

More Munsil fiction and convenient memory loss because of Standhardt V. Superior Court, 206 Arizona 276 (Arizona Appeals Court 2003) that upheld Arizona's statute prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying (A.R.S. 25-101) as well as the statute (A.R.S. 25-112) prohibiting that ensures marriages from other states prohibited through A.R.S. 25-101 won't be recognized in Arizona that Munsil and the CAP acknowledge in their issue brief, "Civil Unions and Gay Marriage." Note: In May 2004, the Arizona Supreme Court refused to hear the case, upholding the Appeals Court decision that the statutes were valid and setting legal precedent.

It gets even better since in the same position paper, it goes on to state that "one of CAP's first successfully drafted and lobbied laws were Arizona's 1996 ban on same-sex marriage." In an interview in the Apr. 10, 2005-Arizona Daily Star article, entitled, "Len Munsil Wants to Convert You," as well as his biography on CAP's Web site, azpolicy.org, that "he personally drafted (SB 1038, creating A.R.S. 25-101 and A.R.S. 25-112)" the "... prohibition on same sex marriage," which was written "in the basement of the House late in the session."

Paraphrasing Audre Lorde, the great African-American Lesbian poet, teacher and activist, our silence will not protect us. So we as a community must get involved in every way possible since we shouldn't assume that people know how our families and rights are under attack from Munsil, Herrod, Nathan Sproul (the coordinator for Yes on Proposition 107 for Protect Marriage Arizona), CAP and their minions.

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Proposition 107 Update

TUCSON - With six weeks until election day, Nov. 7, opponents of Proposition 107 are gearing up for the final push in the effort to defeat the measure that would bar recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships, as well as the extension of medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and families of employees.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Arizona Together will be holding rallies and events across the state to raise the awareness about Proposition 107 and the potential ramifications.

Tucson's rally will take place at 2 p.m. at Presidio Park downtown. Tucson Councilmember's Karin Uhlich and Jose Ibarra, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias and Arizona House Democratic leader, Phil Lopes are scheduled to speak.

Phoenix's event will take place at Arizona Together's campaign headquarters, 319 E. McDowell, noon to 7 p.m. Organizers goals for this event is to have 200 people throughout the day reach 2,000 voters.

Northern Arizona opponents will be holding a rally, 1 to 2 p.m. at Heritage Square in Flagstaff ...

Meanwhile, other opponents of Proposition 107 will also be holding an event on Sept. 30 in Tucson.

No on 107 will be holding a

rally and fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., at Colors Restaurant, 5305 E. Speedway. No on 107 was formed to focus a local effort in Southern Arizona on defeating Proposition 107.

The plan for the local effort, according to No on 107, is printing yard signs and purchasing radio

ads in both English and Spanish markets for the final election push. Come and hear about the campaign strategy, enjoy free live music, and get involved in the effort to defeat Proposition 107.

If you can't make this event but you'd still like to help the No on 107 Campaign, send your contribution as a check or money order to: No on 107, 1718 East Speedway Blvd # 244, Tucson, Arizona, 85719. Due to campaign finance disclosure you must include your occupation and employer when making a contribution. ...

A \$500,000 campaign commitment from Bill Lewis and Rick Underwood was announced by Arizona Together. Lewis and Underwood, long-time community philanthropists and contributors to the arts, already presented the coalition with a \$100,000 check and have pledged another \$100,000 for every \$250,000 raised by Arizona Together up to \$1 million.

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LGBT Jewish Inclusion Project Invites You to our September/October and High Holiday Events



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"Apples and Honey" potluck dessert party, Sunday, September 17th, 7 pm at a private home. Contact us for information.

"Break-the-Fast" potluck dinner, Monday, October 2, 6:30 pm, at a private home. Contact us for information.

Sunday Night at the Movies – "Yossi and Jagger"

Sunday, September 24, 6:30 pm at the Tucson Jewish Community Center, 2nd floor (River and Dodge), beverages provided. This Israeli film is the touching story of two gay soldiers struggling to connect.

The Traveling Gay Chavurah

An informal group of LGBT Jews goes to services together the first Friday of the month, with an optional dinner. The next service is October 6th at Congregation Or Chadash, near River and Campbell. A Sukkot potluck starts at 5:30 followed by Friday Night Live, a music-based service, at 6:30

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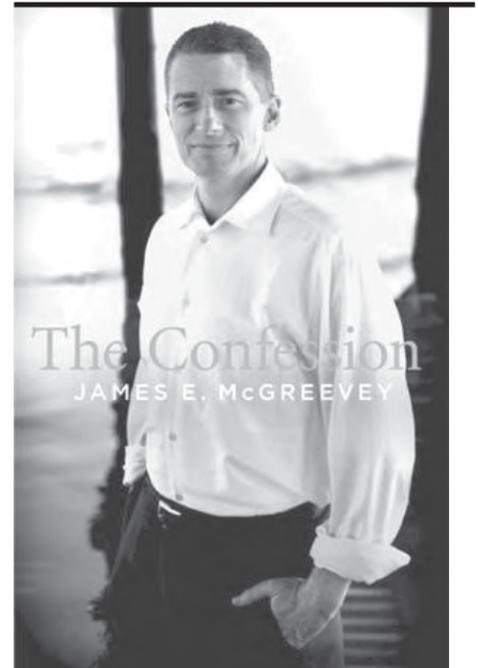
McGreevy's Book Selling Well

NEW YORK CITY - The newly released memoir by former New Jersey governor James E. McGreevey, who left office amid a Gay sex scandal, recorded strong sales following the first of his several television appearances to promote the tell-all book, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Released on Tuesday (Sept. 19), *The Confession* ranked number 4 on Amazon.com and number 7 on BarnesAndNoble.com on Wednesday (Sept. 20).

The book includes explicit details of his relationship with an Israeli man that McGreevey says began when he was governor and a new father. The man says he is not Gay and has claimed McGreevey sexually harassed him. McGreevey's taped appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show aired Tuesday (Sept. 19). It was followed Wednesday by an interview on NBC's Today and visits to ABC's The View and Hannity & Colmes on Fox News later. A cover story in which McGreevey talks with The Advocate hit the newsstands Tuesday (Sept. 26).

The one-time Woodbridge, N.J., mayor who would become New Jersey's top elected official stunned

the nation when he announced in August 2004 that he was a "Gay American" and would leave office three months later. McGreevey, 49, is still in the process of divorcing his second wife. He now lives with Australian-born financier Mark O'Donnell in Plainfield.



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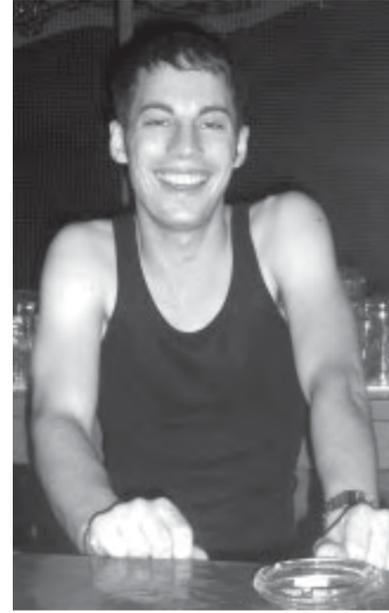
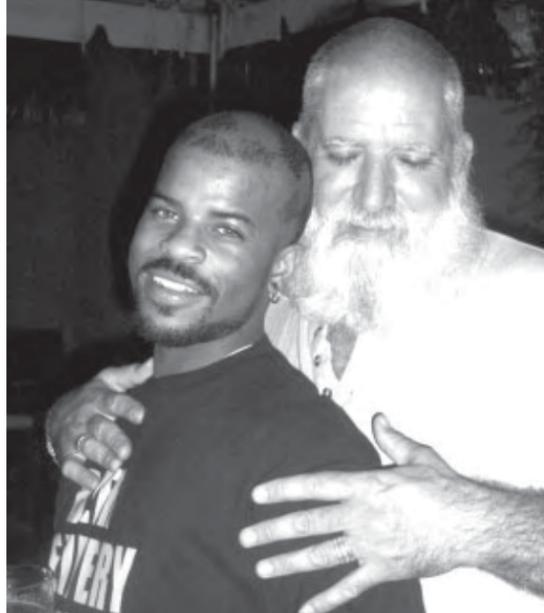
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Little Things

by Lee Thorn

The ARIZONA DAILY STAR recently published an e-mail from one of Tucson's city bureaucrats to other Tucson city bureaucrats that stubbornly sticks in my mind. I bet whoever wrote the e-mail regarded it as an idle passing thought and had no idea of its sticking power. It asks, to the best of my recollection, "Who gets to tell (a local developer) that he's back on the list?"

he's a guy who serves as chairman and as board member on a dizzying variety of public-spirited projects.

Some background: Apparently there's a list of washes within the city whose "development" has been restricted by the city in the interest of protecting the natural environment. Apparently some of the washes on this restricted development list are located on the properties of a very politically powerful developer. It seems that some city bureaucrats took the developer's washes off the restricted list in a very quiet manner. Next some environmentalists shined the light of day on the creeping bureaucrats. And, finally, the bureaucrats very publicly restored the powerful developer's washes to the restricted list.

Where Al Swearinger gets his fictional sway over Deadwood by virtue of leading a small band of murderous thugs, our local developer gets his real sway over Tucson by having worked hard over fifty years to make a ton of influential contacts at the same time that he was making a ton of money.

I've raised the question in previous columns of why our rather ineffectual local politicians seem to lack a vision for Tucson's future. I think the same question might be asked of this anything but ineffectual developer who could be thought of as the acting boss of Tucson. It would be fun to sit down with him and say, "What's your vision for Tucson's future? Where are we headed, boss?"

Judging by what he's done so far, I don't think he has any more of a vision for Tucson than the politicians have. He seems to favor endless and unrestricted desert rape for personal profit and mainstream charities for, as far as I can tell, sincerely charitable motives. If you had a serious idea for some public policy or program that would benefit Tucson, and if that idea didn't directly conflict with the relentless destruction of the desert, it might make sense to present it to our developer directly and forget about official city government. After all, if you lived in Deadwood, would you take a serious idea to E. B. or to Al?

Hence the question in the bureaucrat's e-mail: Who gets to tell the developer he's back on this list? My own question is this: How powerful do you have to be to rate a city official being personally delegated to inform you, in your capacity as a private citizen, that a city policy decision may be displeasing to you?

The comparison to one of my favorite TV programs is inescapable. In HBO's brilliantly written DEADWOOD, Mayor E. B. Farnum scurries, on a regular basis, to the establishment of Al Swearinger, the town boss, to inform him of anything that the mayor hopes Al might find interesting and to receive whatever instructions the boss might have for him. I guess the e-mail sticks with me not only for its sound of someone quaking in his boots, but also for its sound of someone who's not the least bit ashamed of quaking in his boots. I have to ask myself, what on earth could a citizen do, what possible powers could a citizen have that would enable him to so completely cow the city's bureaucracy?

(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.)

One might naively assume that it's just a matter of money, that if you have enough money you can simply buy politicians. There are at least a couple of reasons to suspect that it might not be the case here. The first reason is that Tucson is loaded with rich people who don't have appreciable political clout. The second reason is that the local developer in question who so terrorizes our city officials does not seem all that inclined to throw his money around in the form of extravagant political contributions.

So what's the deal? A little research on our fearsome local developer reveals that he has serious connections with our community that go back at least half a century. He hasn't been just a developer; he's been a major player in a wide array of business enterprises. He's also been a major player in a wide array of charitable enterprises. And he's not just a guy who writes out a big check;



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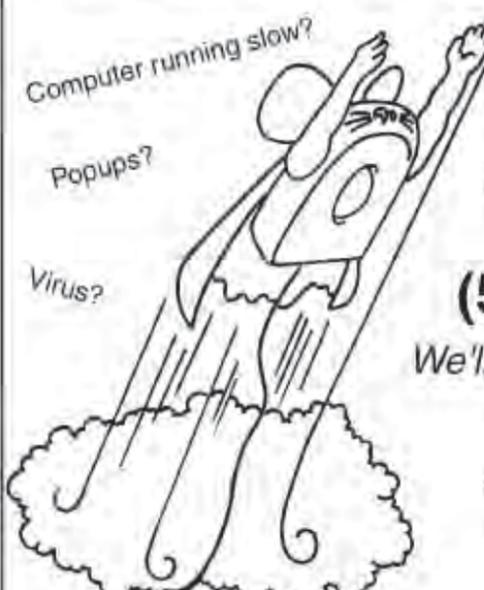
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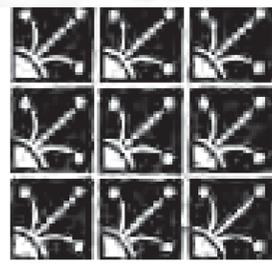
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N.J. Episcopalians Nix Gay As Bishop

NEWARK, New Jersey - Avoiding further controversy in the worldwide Anglican family, the Episcopal Diocese of Newark on Saturday (Sept. 23) chose a Massachusetts priest as their new bishop, rather than an openly Gay candidate from North Carolina on the ballot, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.



Rev. Michael Barlowe

The Rev. Mark Beckwith won on the third ballot, taking 253, or about 53 percent of the 477 ballots cast by clergy and lay representatives. Canon Michael Barlowe, 51, an openly Gay priest from California, only had one vote from a lay person in the final round. Even in the first round, the Marion, N.C. native only had 40 votes, 16 from clergy and 24 from lay people.

Elizabeth Kaeton, an openly Gay priest at St. Paul's Church in Chatham, felt Beckwith was the best choice to lead the diocese, but thought the global Anglican community's pressure on the American church to avoid more Gay bishops was an "elephant in the room." She thought it sad that "someone of the caliber of Michael Barlowe had such a poor showing."

Barlowe is currently an officer for congregational development for the Diocese of California in San Francisco. The election in the historically liberal diocese came at a time when divisions over the Bible and sexuality are threatening the denomination and the worldwide Anglican family. A win by Barlowe would put the diocese at the center of a crisis over whether Anglicans who disagree about ordaining Gays can stay in the same fellowship.

The feud erupted in the Anglican community in 2003, after the Episcopal Church consecrated its first

openly Gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire. In June, the Episcopal General Convention, the church's top policy-making body, voted to ask U.S. bishops to "exercise restraint by not consenting to the consecration" of candidates "whose manner of life presents a challenge to the wider church." However, the measure is not binding.

Beckwith, of Worcester, Mass., had previously served in the Newark diocese in Morristown and Hackensack. He must still be approved nationally by diocesan standing committees, which are panels of local lay people and clergy similar to a board of directors, and a majority of the more than 100 Episcopal bishops who lead U.S. dioceses. If approved, Beckwith will replace Bishop John Palmer Croneberger, who is resigning to spend more time with his ill wife, diocese spokeswoman Rev. Sandye Wilson said. The Episcopal Church is the U.S. representative of the global Anglican Communion.

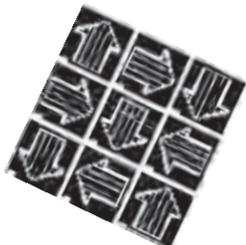
Gay Prince Has Happy Birthday

NEW DELHI, India - India's prince Manvendra Singh Gohil celebrated his birthday Sunday (Sept. 17) in his customary fashion—by holding a music and arts festival in his family's Rajpipla palace—having apparently patched up months of family strife

sparked when he came out in the media as Gay, The Times of India reported on advocate.com.

For the past eight years, Manvendra has celebrated his September 17 birthday by organizing the music festival, where several prominent classical singers perform. "The idea is to provide an opportunity to young performers," Manvendra, who turned 41, told the Times.

The festival was organized under the banner of the Lakshya Trust, the local AIDS/HIV nonprofit in Gujarat state, of which Manvendra is patron. After announcing the event Wednesday, he politely avoided questions regarding his being disowned by the royal family on coming out. However, the Times noted, the scenario has improved, and the family has largely sorted things out: Manvendra said they would be attending the event.



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ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)

Prepare to spend a lot of time thinking about relationships this week. Gay Rams quiver at the thought of being tied down but don't shiver in your timbers just yet. It's possible to find ways of easily balancing your needs with those of another. Don't be coy. Be honest and let the chips fall where they may. I'll bet they fall in perfect alignment.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

Put your nose to the grindstone and plan out all detailed and unpleasant projects. Queer Bulls can make a difficult job much easier. If you are clever and creative, you make everyone on the job work like a well oiled machine while you "supervise". And speaking about well oiled machines, it's also a great time to reevaluate your exercise regiment. Hint, hint.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Let your imagination soar while Mercury enters Libra. Almost anything, no matter how outrageous, can be attained. Will this lead you into danger? You bet! Just be careful of what you envision. Pink Twins can find themselves catapulted to the top of the heap. You can become a benevolent ruler or cranky despot. Let's see what happens when the world kisses a frog.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Make a mental note to review any home based issues that have reached a stalemate. Mercury gives all pink Crabs tremendous powers of concentration and persuasion. Reassess and try again. But draw the line at any conversation that has you bending over backwards to win others' approval. This is the time to place your own needs first and foremost. Damn the approval!

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Proud Lions are provided with their own soapbox. Got a few choice things to say to the world? It's time to tap into your political bag of tricks and make a few mountains move. Get more involved in local, neighborhood issues and channel your natural theatrical feistiness. Who knows where you will find yourself on election day. Stumping at the poll or stuffing the ballot box?

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Queer Virgins find their minds focused on personal finances with Mercury in Libra. Reevaluate all that you value and hold near and dear. You may need to "de-accessorize" in order to feel more in control of your money stream but first carefully do your fiscal homework. At very least, dive into any interesting relevant subject and soak up knowledge for a rainy day.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Sparkling, ebullient and frothy. Yes that is you Gay Libra, especially when Mercury enters your own sign. You have that je ne sais quois and should quois that all over town. Get out and about and be sure to meet and greet. Not only do you grab everyone's attention, you can launch some new projects and captivate some influential backers. Now that is a very nice position to be in!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

If your intuition is more alive and acute, chalk it up to Mercury's foray into Libra. Proud Scorps are unconquerable, bold and brash for a change. Air out that musty closet and dispose of anything that has been hidden and repressed. In fact, the clarity of your thoughts enables you to divine the evil designs of any hidden enemy. That, of course, is always divine!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Social circles swirl to a crescendo. Gay Archers attract and engage almost anyone from any social group and that makes you very happy and content. The only thing you may wish to avoid is the tendency to say what you think others would like to hear rather than what you truly believe. It is always better to be true to yourself and thus acquire true friends. Or is it wealthy friends?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Clearheaded pink Caps can dive into turgid corporate seas when Mercury enters Libra. Plan your professional course of action carefully when this fabulous energy shimmers and swells. If you have a hankering for a key to the boardroom, you may wish to set the stage for it now. Corporate sharks are no match for you. Now you must pack shark bait and a large harpoon.

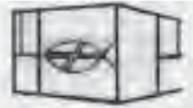
AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Aqueerians set their sights on great faraway vistas. Plan a fabulous vacation when Mercury dips into Libra. Whatever tickles your fancy will scratch your itch. If time and dough are tight, satisfy your wanderlust by going back to school and learning a new thing or two. You never know who you will meet among the stacks. Will they be stacked themselves? Let's find out.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

Mercury sets your thoughts on sex, sex, and more sex. Guppies become obsessed with merging and connection. But is that all there is? Reevaluate what truly makes you happy and fulfilled. Is it a cheap and tawdry bite or is it a committed relationship between two mature and serious individuals? On second thought, don't answer that now. Mull the possibilities later.

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Friday, September 29
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Saturday, September 30th
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Sunday, October 1
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Tuesday, October 3
The Great Gay (Male) Reading Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. For October 3rd Shyam Selvadurai's "Funny Boy" will be discussed. For more information call Doug, 529-0014.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Peruse our newest MSN Event! Join the Gay Reading Group to discover the joys of reading for pleasure and enlightenment. You may find that there is absolutely nothing like going to bed with a good book-or a friend who's read one. Call Doug at 529-0014 .

Wednesday, October 4
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Tuesday, October 10
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A "whistful" evening of Bridge with host Michael at 326-3555. Please plan and call ahead for an evening of fun, and challenge your skills or learn new ones. . And when your Bridge partner excuses himself to go to the bathroom, at least then you will know what he has in his hand!

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Rights Groups Critical Of CDC Recommendations

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Leading LGBT and AIDS advocacy groups are critical of new federal health recommendations issued on Thursday (Sept. 21), reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

While endorsing a call for more testing for HIV the guidelines issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention they expressed concerns about provisions that eliminate both written consent and counseling.

"With these revised recommendations, CDC is shirking its responsibility to persons tested for HIV and missing an important opportunity to improve prevention and treatment of HIV infection," said Lambda Legal's HIV Project Director, Bebe J. Anderson. "Pre-test counseling - including information about risk behaviors and risk reduction - is vital. Health care providers who follow these guidelines will miss an important opportunity to educate those tested about HIV infection and transmission risks. These guidelines discourage open and honest conversation about HIV. It is also vital that all persons specifically give their written consent to be tested for HIV, which better ensures that a person knows that they are being tested, particularly in emergency care settings."

Doing away with written consent requirements could easily lead to people being tested for HIV without their knowledge, particularly in urgent care settings where health care providers may not have the time to have a meaningful discussion with a patient about the consequences of HIV testing and what it means to have HIV, the American Civil Liberties

Union said in a statement.

"Receiving an HIV diagnosis is a significant life-changing event," said Rose Saxe, a staff attorney with the ACLU AIDS Project. "In addition to having to learn to live with a life-threatening disease, people with HIV deal with the continuing stigma that comes with having HIV. Without pre- and post-test counseling requirements, we risk losing a critical opportunity to educate people about HIV and how to prevent the spread of it." Saxe also said that studies have shown that patients who are tested without consent are less likely to get the follow-up care that is critical to maintaining good health.

The previous counseling recommendations sought to ensure that medical providers educated patients about HIV and how it is transmitted. Saxe said that because certain vulnerable populations, such as HIV positive adolescents, are at even greater risk of self-destructive behavior without adequate counseling, the new recommendations could cause adverse results, jeopardizing the health of those newly diagnosed and hampering prevention efforts. She also said that the new regulations raise serious privacy concerns. Virtually every state in the nation now collects the names of those who test positive for HIV. Many states also require doctors to report private information, such as drug use and sexual history about those who test positive.



South Korea Picks Gay Film For Oscar Contention

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea has selected a Gay-themed movie that became an unexpected domestic box-office hit to put forward as its candidate for best foreign film at the U.S. Academy Awards, the country's state-run film agency said Thursday (Sept. 21), reported the Associated Press on advocate.com.

"King and the Clown," a tale by director Lee Jun-ik about a male clown caught between the affections of a despotic king and the love of a fellow performer, is the No. 2 film in all-time ticket sales in South Korea. It only lost the top spot this month to "The Host," a thriller about a family's fight against a mutant monster.

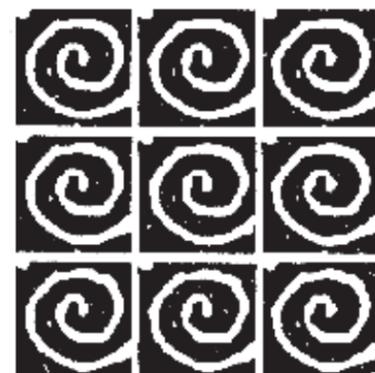
The Korean Film Council said it reviewed the two films and another, "Time," by internationally renowned director Kim Ki-duk, and decided to pick "King and the Clown" because it was believed to have a better chance of winning an Oscar nomination. Nominated films are scheduled to be announced in January, the council said. A Korean film has never been nominated for an Academy Award.

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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 7pm.

MONDAY

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Watch Monday Night Football here! \$1 Jumbo Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Domestic Draft Beer at happy hour prices all night.

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. Patio Bar opens 7pm

TUESDAY

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Game Night with Dan 5-7pm and nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:30 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Pool All Night. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only and open tournaments at 7 and 10. Play for points & prizes - no cash involved.

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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Karaoke with Roseemry at 8:30pm

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 7pm.

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 and Craig Faltin. 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. 21 and over.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Two-Step lessons with Amanda every other Friday. Call 293-7339 for schedule. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight serving late night munchies menu.

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 7pm

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 7:00-10:00pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 11am -9pm. \$2.50 Capt. Morgan or Malibu. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for \$4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Johnny D playing dance mix or check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9pm to midnight serving late night munchies menu.

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 7pm.

Arts and Entertainment

Now Playing thru October 1

Live Theatre Workshop presents Ira Levin's 'Deathtrap' a comedy about a playwright. Performances 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 3:00p.m. Sunday., 327-4242.

Now Playing thru November 1

Gaslight Theatre presents "Phantom of the Opera" adapted by Peter Van Slyke. 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sundays. 886-9428.

Now Playing thru September 30

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" as part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national theater initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Directed by Jon Jory who directed last seasons elegant "Pride and Prejudice". ATC Box Office 520-622-2823

Arts and Entertainment

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Now playing thru October 1

The Invisible Theatre presents "Rounding Third" by Richard Dresser. One's never wrong and the other's always right...a recipe for fireworks...just what happens in a riotously funny play about two mismatched little league coaches and their tumultuous baseball season which begs the age-old question of what's really important - is it whether you win, or is it really how you play the game? 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman). \$22 - \$25 per person. Call 882-9721 for reservations and information.

October 6

UofA Presents Jose Feliciano and Sextette at Centennial Hall. 621-3341

October 10 thru 15

A Nederland Broadway In Tucson presentation "The Ten Tenors" - a new musical force to be reckoned with. They have been seen by 77 million people on 3 continents selling out shows and winning hearts with their unmistakable charm, camaraderie and vocal prowess in opera. Pop, rock and more. Since their debut in 2001, the classically trained all-Australian singing sensation has enjoyed a relentless touring schedule. From arias to ABBA, their unique style is an unparalleled fusion of artistry, musicianship and comedy. Tucson Music Hall, 260 S. Church.

October 22 thru November 11

Arizona Theatre Company presents August Wilson's "Jitney" the winner of New York Drama Critic's Award for Best Play. Overflowing with

BAR CALENDAR

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

WOODY'S - Sarong Underwear Party 8:00 p.m. until closing. Drink specials for those who participate.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

HOWL AT THE MOON - Karoke starts up again tonight and every Thursday with Rosemary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

WOODY'S - Earthquake Party 8:00 p.m. til close. All Martinis, Cosmos and Margaritas \$1.00 off.

SATURDAY, SEPT EMBER 23

HOWL AT THE MOON - TMI is here playing classic rock, blues and more.

WOODY'S - UofA Tailgate Party 5:00p.m. Bud/ Bud Light \$2.50 during the game plus complimentary hot dogs and popcorn.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

YARD DOG SALOON - Boo's Texas Hold-Em Poker Tourney 5:00 p.m. Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

WOODY'S - Final Arizona Gay Idol Party. 9:00 p.m. Bud and Bud Light Promo Team and drink specials.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

VENTURE-N - Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

HOWL AT THE MOON - Special joint benefit for the Phoenix Gay Rodeo Association and TIHAN. Shows are 9:00 and 11:30 p.m. and will feature direct from Phoenix Pussy LeHoot (Miss International Gay Rodeo 2005); Hollie Woods (Miss IGRA 1991); Ebony (Miss National Gay Rodeo 1983) and Miss Claudia B (Star of Charlie's Hee Haw Honeys). Also appearing are Tucson favorites Adrienne Alexander (Miss AGRA 1995); Heather Boa (Miss Gay Tucson 2007); Mikaila Kay (Miss Gay Arizona 2007) and Bunny FuFu (Miss Gay Arizona 2004) The evening will also feature several of the AGRA cowboys singing as well a raffles, auctions and other surprise guest stars. Mark your calendars now!

WOODY'S - 1ST Desert Decadence Party. Enjoy Sex on the Beach, Tie Me Up - Tie Me Down or Suck and Blow all at \$1.00 off. Contests and Prizes starting at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

WOODY'S - Now opening at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy Brunch. Bloody Marys and Mimosas and NFL games all day. Special show tonight at 8:30 p.m. An evening with Ajia Simone and Lucinda Holliday.



NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and

the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club, 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 Street. 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, contact **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 Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and

Pride Weekend. 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.

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; Dezerz Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)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)

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

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

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

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 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 MANTO 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 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. 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, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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

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.

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UCLA Teams Up With OUTfest To Save Films From Extinction As Part Of The Legacy Project



From the 1986 Gay Film "Parting Glances"

LOS ANGELES - At last, the word is out, reported the Daily Bruin. After the groundbreaking "Out of the Closet, Into the Vaults" symposium last April, the UCLA Film and Television Archive and Outfest have announced the restoration of two of the most influential and important films in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender film history.

The preservation of the 1986 drama "Parting Glances" and the 1977 documentary "Word is Out: Stories of Some of Our Lives" is the first of many efforts to protect LGBT motion pictures through the Outfest Legacy Project for LGBT Film Preservation. The Legacy Project began last year as a way for Outfest, one of the leading showcases for LGBT film, to ensure that the large collection of moving images they had amassed and exhibited over the years would be restored and preserved for future generations.

"The idea is longevity and making sure that our ideas are not just present today but in the future as well," project manager May Haduong said. "It's so easy to think in the present that you forget that the past, present and future are all related."

Due to the minimal financial backing and commercial support behind most LGBT films, it is up to organizations like the UCLA Film and Television Archive and Outfest to save them from extinction.

"The collection is important because it is in such desperate need for restoration," said Rob Stone, the archive's associate curator for collections. "We're talking about films really into the social movement that were really underground because of the social climate." According to

Stone, the archive chose its first two projects because they are both in need of preservation, but relatively well-known.

"Parting Glances" involves a Gay man in Greenwich Village dealing with his partner's upcoming departure to Africa and his friend's ongoing struggle with AIDS. "Word is Out" was the first full-length LGBT documentary, delving into the day-to-day experiences of Gay men and women of the '70s. "Both of these films are cultural memories of the LGBT experience and are also amazing films," Stone said.

Though the preservation process is still in its beginning stages, organizers are already looking forward to showcasing the reworked pieces on the big screen. "We anticipate being able to show these films at future Outfest events and to show one or both at the Outfest 25th anniversary (next year)," Haduong said.

Beside its restoration mission, the Legacy Project has amassed over 3,500 LGBT films through the Archive Research and Study Center (ARSC) which will be accessible to students, researchers and scholars. "Most of the films now available for study in the Legacy Collection were submitted for consideration and/or screened at Outfest's LGBT film festival, including independent, activist and experimental works, which otherwise may be very difficult to access after their initial festival runs," said ARSC coordinator Mark Quigley. "This is our next step to ensure the longevity of our images. This is the perfect place to go," Haduong added.

ARSC offers these 3,500 titles for free and public on-campus access, in addition to over 10 years of Outfest festival catalogs. And to encourage the use of these new materials, Quigley and the ARSC have produced an illustrated collection study guide and plan to team up with UCLA's LGBT Campus Resource Center this fall to preview highlights from the Outfest collection and to show students how they can access such titles on campus. "The cultural significance of the Outfest Legacy Collection can't be overstated, and we strongly encourage students to utilize this important resource," Quigley said. "The importance of the collection doesn't exist without participation."

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