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Vigil Held For 4th Avenue Assault; Victims Say Attack Was Not A Hate Crime



TUCSON - About a week ago, two Gay men were beaten on Tucson's 4th Avenue, reported KVOA-TV 4. Immediately, many labeled it a hate crime, but both victims say they don't believe hatred was the motivation for their being assaulted.

Saturday night (Oct. 7), about 50 people gathered outside the 4th Avenue Gay bar IBT's. They came to protest violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people.

"We are here tonight to say hate is not okay," one speaker said. Chris Davis, 23, spoke. A Gay man, Davis was assaulted on 4th Avenue last weekend. Davis says his attackers, "...broke the lower portion of my eye socket and they fractured my major sinus." To repair it, Davis says he'll need to get a plate put in his face. Davis says he was attacked after he ran after suspects who'd just assaulted one of his Gay friends. Davis says, "I ended up getting beat up pretty bad," but Davis does not believe his attack was a hate crime. He says, "I was the person that chased them, and I think that initially, they just didn't want to be caught."

Ryan Burchell, 24, is the friend Davis was trying to assist. Burchell says he and several Gay men were walking on 4th Avenue, loudly joking about being Gay. Burchell says his attackers thought the sexual comments were directed at them. There was a verbal confrontation, then, Burchell says, the suspects walked away. But, Burchell says, "I was kind of drunk and I really wanted to fight. So I ran my mouth a little bit and they came back." Burchell says the suspects punched him in the mouth, loosening his teeth, then ran. Burchell believes his assault was not a hate crime. He says, "It wasn't a hate crime whatsoever in my case at all, nor do I plan to pursue it as one." Burchell says it's important for him to set the record straight because so many Gays are victims of hate crimes, he doesn't want to diminish what happened to them. "I don't want to be a falsified victim,"

Burchell says. "It's not fair."

Tucson police arrested two suspects in this case. Police won't identify them, but they say both were charged with misdemeanor assault. Tucson's Wingspan Anti-Violence Project says so far this year, it's received 27 reports from people who say they were victims of hate-motivated crimes.

ED NOTE: In all fairness, this incident did not take place in or around IBT's. It was about a block and half South. IBT's has an excellent record of making the establishment safe and secure. As a matter of fact, when their security heard of the problem, they went down the avenue, found the attackers and held them until the police arrived.

But this does show that it is not safe to play around in the streets anytime. Any place is safe if you mind your business and do not provoke people, especially when alcohol is involved.

Senate Fails To Reauthorize Ryan White Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Senate failed to reauthorize the controversial Ryan White Act before it adjourned for the season, reported advocate.com. The reauthorization measure, which passed the House of Representatives on Sept. 28, did not make it to a Senate vote.

The Ryan White Act mandates the distribution of \$2 billion in federal funds for care, treatment, and services to those with HIV/AIDS. The reauthorization bill would have changed the way the money is distributed and would most likely have led to rural areas receiving more funds than they had previously. Many Democratic legislators from states

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Regular HIV Testing Plan May Take Years To Implement

ATLANTA, Georgia - Don't expect your doctor to nudge you toward an HIV test anytime soon, despite bold new government advice that most Americans be tested for the AIDS virus, reported the Associated Press. Public health experts say testing in many parts of the country probably won't get going for a year, maybe longer, because of a complex tangle of state laws and the reluctance of some family doctors.

"I think it's going to be very slow progress," said Lawrence Gostin, a public health law professor at Georgetown University.

When the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the new guidelines last month, they were widely met with enthusiasm. And they were supposed to take effect right away.

The goal is to prevent the further spread of AIDS and reach an estimated 250,000 Americans who don't realize they have HIV. The CDC is recommending testing for all teens and adults under age 65 when they visit doctor's offices, emergency rooms and other health-care centers.

At least one major doctors group - the 94,000-member American Academy of Family Physicians - has declined to take a position on the CDC's new advice, questioning the cost and whether it's really necessary for everyone.

And even doctors who support the guidelines say it won't be as simple as the CDC had hoped.

The idea was that by offering the test to virtually everyone, primary care doctors would be spared from counseling patients before the test and from obtaining specific consent to test for HIV. But laws in New York and in at least two dozen other states require pretest counseling or have other rules that may make it hard for doctors to follow the CDC advice as written.

"The whole point was to try to reduce the bureaucracy and administrative burden" for doctors giving HIV tests, Gostin said.

"But I don't think state laws will allow that," he said, adding that it may take years for some legislatures to ease current restrictions.

"How challenging this is going to be depends on where (what state) the doctor practices," said Dr. Nancy Nielsen, a Buffalo, N.Y.-based physician who sits on the governing board of the American Medical Association.

And then there's the daunting issue of dealing with a patient who has HIV, which some pediatricians and family doctors have rarely faced.

Many primary care doctors customarily refer a patient with HIV to a specialist better equipped to treat the virus and put the patient in touch with support services. That's expected to continue.

But the primary doctor will be expected to break the initial news of the diagnosis to the patient - a task requiring skills some physicians don't always

demonstrate, said Dr. Kimberly Manning, an internist at Atlanta's large public hospital, Grady Memorial.

"It's not like someone's cholesterol being high," she said. With HIV, a physician must be prepared to empathize, educate and guide patients into such steps as notifying intimate contacts, she added.

And there is the issue of cost. A routine blood test for HIV can cost between \$3 and \$5, some health experts say. New rapid tests, done through finger pricks or oral swabs, cost \$15 or more.

Some medical centers have been offering rapid tests for free, thanks to government funding and support from companies like Pennsylvania-based OraSure Technologies Inc., one of at least four companies that sell rapid-result HIV tests in the United States.

The programs have been deemed mostly successful. For example, at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., 58 percent of 1,000 ER patients offered the HIV test have accepted since a pilot program began last month.

But the money for that effort will end someday, and then paying for the test will become an issue.

Health insurers are considering the CDC guidelines, and some have said they usually pay for services recommended by the CDC. But it's more complicated than that.

For example, coverage for treatment in an ER wouldn't normally include an HIV test, said Dr. Jeremy Brown, research director for the hospital's department of emergency medicine.

To help doctors sort out these and other issues, the CDC, AMA and other groups are meeting Oct. 16 in Atlanta. CDC officials said they never expected HIV testing to become widespread right away. "There are some elements that take time," said the agency's Dr. Rob Janssen.

Once doctors do offer the tests routinely, most patients are expected to go along, several physicians said.

"If they come with the imprimatur of the CDC ... those things are a pretty easy sell to parents," said Dr. Michael Wasserman, a Metairie, La., pediatrician.

Many adult patients get HIV tests when they sign up for life insurance.

Dr. Michael Baron, a Stone Mountain, Ga., family physician, has already begun following the CDC guidance. When routine blood tests are given, he asks patients to allow HIV testing as well.

Mary Osborne, 59, was in for a check-up. Married for 16 years, she considers HIV infection unlikely, but said OK.

A cousin died from AIDS two years ago, she noted. "It (the test) doesn't bother me at all," she said.

UPDATE

Diva By Diva Oct. 13

TUCSON (ON) - Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus and special guest artists present, "Diva by Diva," Friday, Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m., at the Historic "Y" Theater, 300 E. University.

Tucson's own Reveille Gay Men's Chorus are the proud hosts for this event, held in conjunction with other Pride in the Desert activities being held.

"Diva by Diva" is a fabulous evening of wonderful music and outrageous laughter! Help us celebrate our most adored female vocalist of the past century: Barbra, Judy, Bette, Madonna, Cher, Edith, Billie, Patsy, Dolly, Cyndi, Karen, Patti, Aretha, Tina, Diana, Liza, Ethel, Elaine, Bernadette, Ella, Donna, and many more!

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and students. For more information, go online to reveillegmc.com or call (520) 304-1758.

'Homoneurotic' October 20 - 21

TUCSON - "Homoneurotic," Tucson's new voice in Gay comedy presents its world premiere, Oct. 20-21, 7:00 p.m. at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress.

Explores the funny side of neuroses we all share. Come and experience ninety minutes of comedy, dramedy/pathos and everything in between in this fast paced collection of short portraits of queer life. There are even a couple of musical numbers.

Tickets are \$10 each. Call Club Congress, (520) 622-8848 for tickets.

'Boy I Am', Oct. 13

TUCSON - "Boy I Am," a film about female-to-male (FTM) Transgender visibility will be shown Friday, Oct. 13, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., the University of Arizona Modern Language Building, Room 350.

SAGA, the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance is hosting the event and panel discussion.

"Boy I Am" aims to break down that barrier and promote dialogue about trans issues through the experiences of three young transitioning FTMs in New York City as they go through major junctures in their transitions, alongside the voices of Lesbians, activists and theorists who raise and address the questions that many people have but few openly discuss. This screening is dedicated to the memory of Alexander Goodrum, a pioneering trans activist in the Tucson community and nationally.

For more information call (520) 621-1239.

Vets For Honor Guard Sought

GLBT Veeterans are sought to be the Honor Guard at the Tucson Pridse Parade October 15. Call Maurice at 323-2293. "Join us and show your colors, Maurice said.

First Words: Relativity Oct. 19-22

TUCSON (ON) - First Words: Relativity, a festival of four plays on an alternative view of the families will be running Oct. 19-22, at Zuzi's Theater in the Historic Y, 738 N. 5th Ave.

How does a married couple dealing with issues of sexual orientation negotiate the rearing of their child? How does an elderly Lesbian couple living in a assisted living residence keep their relationship a secret? Where do a Gay father and his unmarried, pregnant daughter find common ground on issues of paternity? Why would a Gay man turn his back on his relationship with his partner and move away from his supportive family? And just what are "Gay family values" anyway?

First Words: Relativity is a festival of four new plays on the theme of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) family life. Reaching beyond the political spin generated in the last presidential election and rekindled by the proposed Protect Marriage Arizona Amendment, the First Words: Relativity Festival provides a more direct and personal view on how we define family. In fact, audiences may be surprised by work that crosses political and social boundaries separating liberal from conservative, gay from straight.

The works presented also deal with issues not commonly addressed in the public conversation concerning "non-traditional" families. While gay marriage, civil unions and adoption rights might be among the most salient issues on the ballot this year, the impact of sexual orientation on family roles and relationships is very complex, reaching far beyond what can be deliberated through political processes. Panel discussions including community leaders will follow some performances for the purpose of continuing the dialogue sparked by issues presented in the plays.

First Words: Relativity is sponsored by Stark Naked Productions, which will be present on four plays rotation, with panel discussions by community leaders following the performances. The schedule of the plays are: Thursday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m.: Stress Incontinence by Richard Chaney, Daddy by Chuck Cummings (mature content). Friday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m.: Back In by Jason Montgomery, Transitional Objects by Eugenia Woods (mature content).

Tickets are \$16 per performance or \$30 for a festival pass. For more information, contact Eugenia Woods, (520) 529-8868, stark_naked_productions@yahoo.com.

'No On Proposition 107' Update

TUCSON - University of Arizona President Robert Shelton said he opposes a voter initiative that would ban domestic partnerships, civil unions and same-sex marriage because it would hinder the university's ability to attract new employees. Shelton's declaration during the "UA discusses inclusion" forum at Gallagher Theater (Oct. 4) was the first time he had taken a stance on Proposition 107.

"I can tell you unequivocally that were this to pass, it would be very bad for the university," Shelton said. "It would really cripple this university's ability to compete." Shelton's stance echoes that of his predecessor, former President Peter Likins. Likins and Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon filed a brief with the Arizona Supreme Court in August that opposed the amendment.

"Having two respected members of our state's academic community on our side speaks volumes to me and should speak volumes to voters," said State Representative Kyrsten Sinema, committee chair. "Both President Shelton and President Likins recognize the detrimental impact that Prop. 107 will have not just on Arizona's families, but on our economy."

Proposition 107 denies legal status to unmarried couples in any of the state's political subdivisions including universities like U of A or ASU. Meaning that either university could be hindered from offering their employees domestic partner benefits. Shelton's statement occurred just one day after ASU President Dr. Michael Crow implemented parental leave for both same-sex and straight domestic partners. According to the ASU website, "the paid leave may be used by the birth mother, father, adoptive parents and domestic (same or opposite sex) partners." ...

During their weekly Study Session meeting, Oct. 10 Tucson's Mayor and Council issued individual statements on Proposition 107 and took up a resolution reaffirming their support of Tucson's Domestic Partners Registry and the city's human relations ordinance. ...

Upcoming events: Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m., Grijalva Campaign Headquarters (3301 South Sixth Ave. southeast corner at I-10, next to El Indio Restaurant). In addition to the "regular" Grijalva walks that take place every Saturday morning, this particular walk will include a "107 against 107" component in which round up 107 people to walk against Prop 107. If you can't walk this particular morning, please walk with Grijalva any other Saturday - it's a great chance to have fun and get the word out about Proposition 107 and its impacts on all Arizonans. Details at grijalvaforcongress.com.

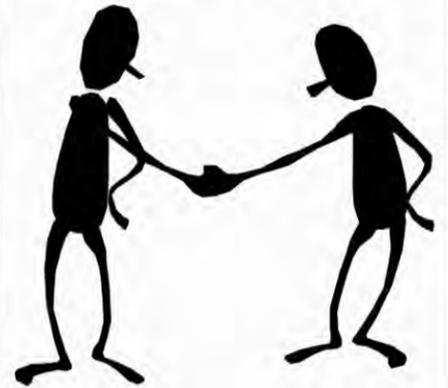
Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. to sunset. DeMeester Amphitheater at Reid Park (Country Club Road at roughly 18th Street). The event formerly known as OUToberfest promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, and "No on 107" needs people to help staff the ArTo table and/or schlepp set-up stuff from the office, 181 S. Tucson Blvd, Suite 103, to the venue the night before between 2 and 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 5 p.m., Pride on Parade, Fourth Avenue. People are needed to work the crowds recruiting volunteers for phone banking and other GOTV efforts. Anyone who will be marching and wants signage and/or other propoganda are more than welcome to swing by the o office and grab some. Call (520) 326-8154 or E-mail les_p_hackenslash@yahoo.com.

Call Jeff Simpson - Southern Regional Field Organizer, (520) 326-8154, jsimpson@aztogether.org, Kendra Leiby - Central Regional Field

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AIDSWALK 2006: An Event To Remember

Tucson - A few days before October 8, 2006, we had a nice refreshing rain. And as delightful as rain in the desert is, it is not something we want to see the morning of AIDSWalk. But Sunday morning, a refreshing breeze and a cool morning greeted the record number of walkers who came out in support of the fight against AIDS. Emcee Barbara Grijalva from KOLD News 13 acknowledged the beautiful weather to the huge amount of people. Everyone was in agreement.



Between 5,000 and 6,000 people gathered at the UA Student Mall to participate in this, the largest AIDS community awareness and fundraising event in Tucson's history. Slightly shy of the goal of \$230,000, the amount of money raised will continue to increase to meet the goal as remaining contributions come in after the event. (Have you made your contribution yet?)

Opening the day was the traditional quilt ceremony. The opening of nine quilts from the National AIDS Quilt Project and the presence of several quilts from the Tucson AIDS Quilt Project at the event makes the point clear that AIDS touches us all. As people gathered around the quilt display and listened to the names being read off, one knew that this was a moment of quiet reflection. How many more will there be?

The UA basketball team cut the ribbon to signal the start of the 5K walk and thousands walked through the balloon arch after them. How invigorating it was to witness the sea of

people flood the streets of the route as they strode in support of people living with HIV/AIDS, in memory of those they have known who have been lost to this virus, and in commitment to HIV prevention. People of all ages walked, including an 82 year old woman who wondered if there was someone there older than she. (If there was, he or she was silent.) The energy level was incredible.

Adding to the atmosphere of "we will not be defeated by AIDS," the event included two Tucson bands, Politically Incorrect and TMI (Too Much Information). Other features at the event such as the climbing wall, the kids' zone, and an unbelievable array of free food and beverage items provided an environment that welcomed everyone.

Helping achieve Sunday's

success were corporate underwriters including the title sponsor: Desert Diamond Casino. Other major sponsors included Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA), Wells Fargo, SunMist, Cable Positive, Cox Communications, Comcast, Dex, The Journal Broadcast Group, Lotus Radio Group, Access Tucson, KOLD-TV, and the Tucson Weekly.

Special thanks goes to TIHAN for offering an Interfaith Service following the Quilt Opening Ceremony. Thank you also to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus who sang for the Interfaith Service attendees.

The winning teams for each category were:

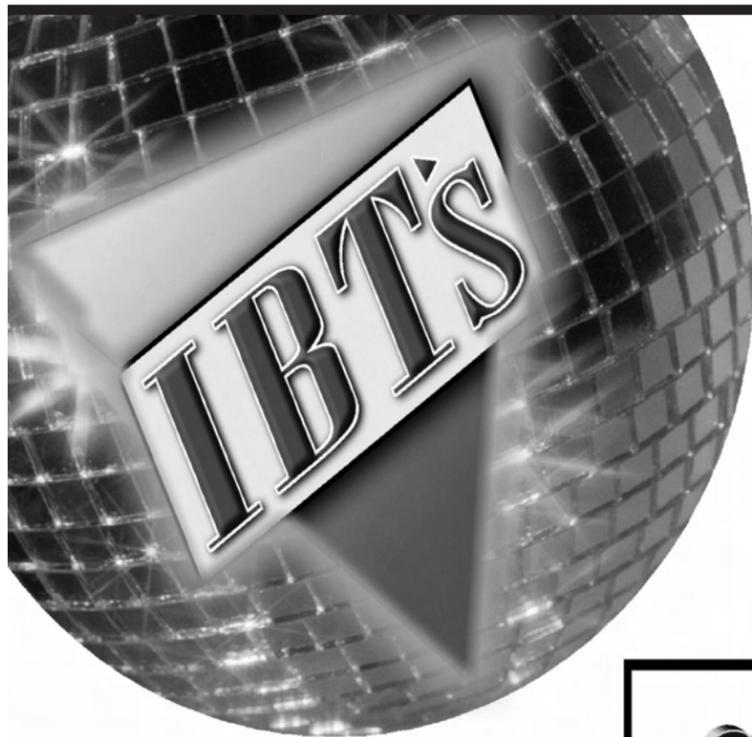
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I want to thank everyone who participated in AIDSWALK 2006 as a walker, runner, sponsor, or volunteer. Your involvement makes a difference as we create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS. Remember in this fight against AIDS

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For donations, go online to voteno107.com/donate.html or iwsecure.com/noprop107/contribute/. To send a check, make checks payable to "No on 107," and mail them to No on 107, 1718 E. Speedway Blvd. #244, Tucson, Arizona 85719. (Due to campaign finance disclosure laws you must include your occupation and employer when making a contribution), or "Arizona Together," and mail them to Arizona Together, 319 E. McDowell Road, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.



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UPDATE

Teen Sentenced To Ten Years For Gay Bashing

SAN DIEGO - A 15 year old boy who took part in the beatings of Gay men as they left San Diego pride festivities in July was sentenced Wednesday (Oct. 4) to 10 years in custody, 365Gay.com reported. Because of his age the teen's name cannot be made public. In handing down the sentence Juvenile Court Judge Theodore Weathers said the attacks were "horrific" and "beyond comprehension."

will spend his incarceration at a youth facility.

During the preliminary hearing for the three adults 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."

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. At least two of the victims were struck by a baseball bat. One of them was hit nearly a dozen times and required reconstructive surgery on his face. Another victim received a non life threatening stab wound.

Following Mullins testimony James Carroll, 24; Lyonn Tatum, 18; and Kenneth Lincoln, 24, suddenly changed their pleas to guilty. Under a plea bargain accepted Monday (Oct. 2) 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 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. Both Carroll and Lincoln have criminal records. Lincoln was on parole in connection with another crime when he was arrested.

Three adults who were involved in the attacks received prison terms two weeks ago ranging from 32 months to 11 years. The teens lawyer told Judge Weathers on Wednesday that his client was a follower and not one of the ringleaders in the attack. Attorney Robert Bourne called for counseling, substance abuse treatment and vocational training. The District Attorney's office said that wasn't enough. The teen pleaded guilty on September 19 to three counts of assault with a deadly weapon that included hate-crime sentencing enhancements. Witnesses identified the teen as one of those wielding a bat. He

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Finalists Chosen For Statue To Harvey Milk

SAN FRANCISCO - An international competition to select an artist to create a bust of slain Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk has been whittled down to three candidates, 365Gay.com reported.



Harvey Milk

The city's Arts Commission called for submissions to be made by August 1. The three artists who made the cut are Bruce Wolfe of Piedmont, Cedric Wentworth of San Francisco and the Daub, Firmin and Hendrickson Sculpture Group of Berkeley.

They will each create preliminary sculptures to be judged by a community panel following public input.

The final statue will be about six feet tall and be placed in City Hall. It will cost some \$60,000 with the money coming from a grant from the Bob Ross Foundation, named for the founder and former publisher of San Francisco's Bay Area Reporter, and from people around the world.

return.

White also turned his gun on Mayor George Moscone killing him as well.

White served five years in prison for the killings and committed suicide after being released.

There already is a sculpture of Moscone outside San Francisco's City Hall.

Milk has been immortalized in the film "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk", at a school named for him, and a plaza near Castro and Market Streets.

Plans to erect a statue honoring Milk have been in the works since 2004.

Milk was the first openly Gay elected official in California. On Nov. 27, 1978, after less than a year in office Milk was gunned down in his City Hall office by former Supervisor Dan White.

White who had quit his job on the Board of Supervisors and wanted it back blamed Milk for blocking his

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Foley Scandal: What Did He Know And When Did He Know It?

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - During the Senate hearings on the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Hotel, Senator Howard Baker, R-Tennessee, posed the famous question to an individual testifying on then President Nixon's knowledge of the scandal. "What did he know and when did he know it?" asked Baker.

More than thirty-years later, this question can be posed to outgoing Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-CD 8 on his knowledge and involvement in regard to the growing scandal and investigation involving former Florida Republican Congressman Mark Foley and the salacious E-mails and instant messages Foley sent to male Congressional Pages (of age and underage), described as "Foleygate."

On Tuesday (Oct. 10) Kolbe released a statement giving his "best recollection" of the Foley incident back in 2000, which contradicts with details of an earlier statement given by his own press secretary, Korenna Cline.

"I have been contacted by news organizations about former Rep. Foley's e-mail contacts with former pages. This is my best recollection of the single incident I was made aware of.

"Some time after leaving the Page program, an individual I had appointed as a Page contacted my office to say he had received e-mails from Rep. Foley that made him uncomfortable. I was not shown the content of the messages and was not told they were sexually explicit. It was my recommendation that this complaint be passed along to Rep. Foley's office and the Clerk who supervised the Page program. This was done promptly. I did not have a personal conversation with Mr. Foley about the matter. I assume e-mail contact ceased since the former Page never raised the issue again with my office. I believed then, and believe now, that this was the appropriate way to handle this incident given the information I had and the fact that the young man was no longer a Page and not subject to the jurisdiction of the program."

According to a story though published Monday (Oct. 9) in the Washington Post, Cline said the former page had showed the congressman Internet messages that had made the youth feel uncomfortable with the direction Foley (R-Florida.) was taking their e-mail relationship. When the Foley matter erupted, a Kolbe staff member suggested to the former page that he take the matter to the clerk of the House. Kolbe served briefly as chair of the Page Board, as well as the committee from 1999-2001. "The congressman - or our office - did not know of any other pages or former pages that felt uncomfortable around Foley," Ms. Cline said in an interview. "We were only aware of this one."

The Post story goes on to state that Kolbe once invited four former pages to make use of his Washington home while he was out of town, according to an instant message between Foley and another former page, Jordan Edmund, in Jan. 2002. The pages planned to attend a first-year reunion of their page class. But because of a snowstorm, they did not take Kolbe up on his offer, according to one of the four pages.

Cline said one of the youths

invited was a former page of Kolbe's. Because the congressman frequently travels on weekends, either to his Arizona ranch or abroad, the house is often available to friends, constituents, staffers and former staff members, such as a former page, she said.

Now Kolbe implied through his statement that it really wasn't his problem, since "the young man was no longer a Page and not subject to the jurisdiction of the program."

According to an article in the Oct. 9 edition of the New York Times, Kolbe, who had served as a Page, often talked about his admiration for the program, once declaring on the House floor that he had a "special relationship with the page program." The Congressional Record of June 9, 2000, captured an exchange between Mr. Kolbe and Mr. Foley, which offered a glimpse into how active both were with the program.

"I am sure I speak for all of the pages when I say that one of the favorite members is the gentleman from Florida," Kolbe said of Foley, "who never fails to stop by the page desk and inquire about the pages and spend a little time talking to them."

Mr. Foley replied, "Let me pay back the compliment you have just given me." He went on to ask the pages to salute Mr. Kolbe "for his dedication to the page program."

Asked to comment Tuesday, (Oct. 10) on the Kolbe statement for a story on CNN, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, said confronting Foley was Kolbe's responsibility.

"I don't know anything more about it," said Hastert. "If there's something that was of a nature that should have been reported or brought forward, then he should have done that."

Meanwhile, in Oklahoma City on Tuesday (Oct. 10), a former congressional page who may have received suggestive electronic messages from Foley was interviewed by the FBI. Ex-congressional page Jordan Edmund and his attorney, Stephen Jones, emerged from the 2 1/2-hour meeting at the U.S. Attorney's office about 12:30 p.m. local time, reported yahoo.com.

"Jordan answered all of their questions," Jones said. "I'm not able to discuss the interview except to say that it occurred." Jones said his client was not issued a subpoena and was not asked to return. Jones also plans to talk to House officials investigating the case.

Edmund's connection to Foley became public after ABC News inadvertently published the computer screen name of an ex-congressional page who allegedly received online instant messages from the ex-congressman.

The FBI interview was among a host of developments in the unfolding scandal surrounding the 52-year-old Foley's relationship with teenagers, called pages, appointed to run errands for lawmakers while Congress is in session. Meanwhile, lawmakers are responding to the ethics committee's request that they survey aides and former House pages to find out if any of them had knowledge of inappropriate Foley conduct toward pages.



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Arizona's Republican gubernatorial nominee, Lynden Munsil, Nathan Sproul, Cathi Herrod and those individuals fronting as the head of the Protect Marriage Arizona (PMA) front organization, as well as the Center for Arizona

Policy (CAP) who are the ones really spearheading the effort in Arizona to enshrine discrimination in the state constitution with Proposition 107, the PMAA (Protect Marriage Arizona Amendment) would change that, marginalizing same-sex families, as well as opposite-sex couples and their families, making them all "high risk," because as Herrod, a lobbyist for the CAP said in the June 18, 2005-East Valley Tribune article, entitled "Same-sex Marriage Fight Looms," "If it gives a legal status to unmarried individuals, . . . it would not be allowed."

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Early Gay Activist's Papers Go To Nation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In April 1965 Frank Kameny helped organize the first Gay rights demonstration in front of the White House. It came almost eight years after he was fired from the Army Map Service because he was Gay, reported 365Gay.com. Friday (Oct. 5), Kameny presented the papers and artifacts of a lifetime of Gay activism to the nation - including the original picket sign he carried in front of the White House.



In a ceremony held at the U.S. Library of Congress Kameny officially turned over more than 70,000 letters, documents and memorabilia. "Nearly fifty years ago, the United States Government banned me from employment in public service because I am a homosexual," Kameny said.

"This archive is not simply my story; it also shows how Gay and Lesbian Americans have joined the American mainstream story of expanded civil liberties in the 20th century. Today, by accepting these papers, the nation preserves not only our history but marks how far Gay and Lesbian Americans have traveled on the road to civil equality."

Kameny's personal papers will be stored at the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress where scholars will be able to gain an insight into the early days of the Gay rights movement.

It includes thousands of pages of letters, government correspondence, testimony tracing the arc of the Gay civil equality movement in the U.S. through Kameny's life and activism from the 1950s to the present.

Several rare protest and picket signs will be made part of the permanent collections of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The collection includes original photographs of Gay men and women picketing the White House in 1965 along with the original picket signs; the original policy statement of the U.S. Civil Service Commission in 1966 explaining to

Kameny the legal arguments why homosexuals "are not suitable for federal employment"; documents tracing the formation and advocacy of The Mattachine Society of Washington; documents from the American Psychiatric Association and the fight to "de-list" homosexuality as a mental illness; and impassioned testimony by Dr. Kameny in defense of scores of homosexuals being stripped of security clearances, and fired from their government jobs.

In addition to these gifts to the federal repositories, many of the remaining picket and protest signs will be donated to Gay and Lesbian history archives throughout the United States for their collections Kameny said.

It had long been Kameny's wish to ensure the papers once stored in his Washington, D.C. attic remain in the Nations Capital, his home for over five decades and that they ultimately are made available to all for historical research.

With advancing years Frank Kameny was not eligible for a federal tax deduction, as is common with such an extraordinary donation because of his limited means. The gift was made possible through an original matching grant from former Member of Congress Michael Huffington, as well as additional contributions from organizations and individuals.

Supreme Court Refuses Gay Marriage Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The US Supreme Court turned down an appeal Tuesday (Oct. 10) by a Gay California Gay couple who want to marry. It is the first time the issue of same-sex marriage has been offered to the high court, 365Gay.com reported.

Arthur Smelt and Christopher Hammer of Mission Viejo, California went to court after they were turned down for a marriage license in 2004. U.S. District Judge Gary Taylor last year ruled against the pair Taylor saying that the California law preventing same-sex marriage "has a disproportionate effect on homosexual individuals," but said the government's desire to promote procreation is a valid reason for infringing on the rights of Gays.

The couple then appealed to the the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. "Everything that is wrong is not discrimination," said Judge Jerome Farris, part of the three-judge panel that heard arguments. The court ruled that the couple

should await the outcome of cases already proceeding in state courts in California. "It is difficult to imagine an area more fraught with sensitive social policy considerations in which federal courts should not involve themselves if there is an alternative," Judge Ferdinand Fernandez wrote in the panel's ruling. The decision also noted that the couple did not have legal standing to sue over federal laws against same-sex marriage because they have not attempted to acquire any federal benefits of marriage, such as filing a married income tax return.

Smelt and Hammer did not have the endorsement of major LGBT rights groups in their dispute. Lambda Legal, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the ACLU all of which are involved in same-sex marriage at the state level in a variety of states believe the issue of Gay marriage should be fought on

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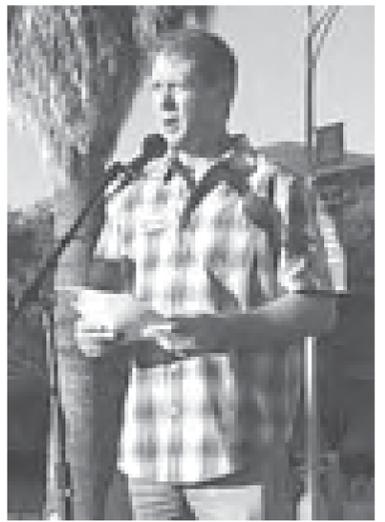
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the local level before a federal case is mounted. In the joint the Lambda, ACLU, NCLR case a California appeals court rejected arguments that banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. The issue is expected to reach the California Supreme Court next year.



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Dear Observer,

On behalf of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), I want to thank everyone who supported "A Nite of Stars Under the Moon" this past Saturday at Howl at the Moon. With a packed bar in attendance, this benefit show raised \$1,252 for the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) and TIHAN, and we are very grateful.

I want to thank Howl at the Moon for hosting the event, and Les Krambeal and Gordon Owsley who helped organize the benefit, along with AGRA. A huge gay rodeo contingent from Phoenix traveled down to Tucson for the show, including almost the entire Board of Directors! Pussy LeHoot (Miss International Gay Rodeo 2005) did a great job as hostess and performer, and treated us to performances from a star-studded cast of royalty from both Tucson and Phoenix that included Hollie Woods (Miss IGRA 1991), Ebony (Miss National Gay Rodeo 1983), and Miss Claudia B (star of Charlie's Hee Haw Honeys), Mikaila Kay (Miss Gay Arizona 2007), as well as live vocal performances from Travis James (Mr. Arizona Gay Rodeo 2006), Gary Rushton (Mr. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-Up), Patrick Lose (Mr. IGRA 2003 1st Runner-Up), and Kyle Ross (Mr. AGRA 2004)

In addition to all the great performances, the evening was glittered with a huge number of raffle prizes, and we owe special thanks to TIHAN's Juanita Molina, who along with Jerry Jacobs, Noel, Juan, Les, and Gordon, helped organize an impressive raffle.

Thank you to Howl at the Moon and everyone who participated in and supported this benefit show that jointly helps TIHAN and Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and the upcoming Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2007 (January 12-14, 2007 at Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass in Chandler, Arizona - visit www.agra-phx.com for details).

It was indeed a great nite of stars under the moon! With appreciation,

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

EDITOR:

As a licensed social worker, a Gay man, and the father of a teenager, I am deeply concerned regarding the rhetoric spin coming from former Representative Mark Foley through his attorney David Roth. Mr. Roth tells us that Mr. Foley is not a pedophile. That may be true: a pedophile is an adult who is sexually aroused by and seeks sexual gratification from pre-pubescent children. A more accurate clinical term to consider is 'hepophile,' an adult who is sexually aroused and pursues for sexual gratification post-pubescent children. It is a disorder that is independent of the gender or sexual orientation of the perpetrator, as demonstrated by recent news accounts of female teachers having sex with teen male students.

Mr. Roth also tells us that Mark Foley is a Gay man, even though there is no evidence of that. There is, however, evidence that Mark Foley is a straight man, as evidenced by his informing a reporter from the Washingtonian magazine in a 1995 article that his date for a star-studded party was Miss Germany.

Mark Foley's illicit sexual text messages to a teen male page are the actions of a hebophile.

Calling his actions that of a Gay man are incorrect, inflammatory, and intentionally misleading to divert attention from the truth of his hebophilic action.

I hope the American public is astute enough to see through this ploy.

Eric Cuestas-Thompson,
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In Their Own Words

"It would really cripple this university's ability to compete." - University of Arizona President Robert Shelton on Proposition 107, the proposed amendment banning same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

More Arrests As Military G/L Protests Spread

TAMPA, Florida - A national campaign opposing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" the ban on Gays serving openly in the military saw four of its members arrested Friday (Oct. 6) in a small community east of Tampa, reported 365Gay.com. As demonstrators marched in front of a military recruiting office at a mall in Brandon four members of the group entered the building an attempted to enlist in the Navy.

They were told that Gays and Lesbians cannot serve under the Clinton-era law and asked to leave. When they refused the recruiting officer stepped outside and waved to a police officer in a patrol car who had been monitoring the protest. The officer also asked the four to leave the building. When they did not he handcuffed them and led them to the cruiser. The four were given tickets for trespassing and freed, as other members of the group marked back and forth carrying signs reading "Equal Rights."

The four charged will be required to appear in court at a later

date where it is expected they will receive fines. The protest was part of the national Right to Serve campaign organized by the LGBT nondenominational group Soulforce. The group is targeting more than 30 cities across the country. The arrests bring to nearly 30 the number of young people who have charged with civil disobedience.

Since the ban on Gays serving openly was implemented a decade ago more than 11,000 men and women have been dismissed under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" according to the Government Accountability Office. A study conducted last year for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network concluded that the U.S. military could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits if Gays and Lesbians in the military were able to be open about their sexual orientation. A bipartisan bill to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" died when Congress adjourned. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.), the measure's author said he would re-introduce the bill in the next Congress.



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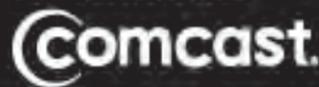
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
DD and I

by Lee Thorn

Once again Tucson's one and only art critic (in a town of almost one million!) ventures forth to the city's best art gallery to report from the creativity front and to reassert the proposition that without serious criticism the arts perish. Who says a fanfare requires trumpets?

Anyway, I always like to stress the fact that Davis Dominguez (DD) has for decades been Tucson's best gallery and, far more significantly, Tucson's only world-class gallery. I stress those things because I've been told that the tone of my criticism is sometimes less than reverential. And I readily admit to finding the combination of reverence and art cloying in the extreme.

DD currently has oil paintings and inkjet prints by Matthias Duwel and sculpture by Ben Goo. The show is up until October 21. As always, they also have a bunch of interesting single works in their side gallery and foyer.

Many of Duwel's paintings share a visual theme that might be described as piles of deteriorating plastic junk. His "Blue Chair," oil on canvas, about 3x4 feet, looks like piles of plastic junk, including a blue chair, deteriorating in a warehouse. His "Mall II," oil on canvas, about 3x4, looks like piles of plastic junk deteriorating under a bridge. His "Attic II," oil on canvas, 3x4, looks like piles of plastic junk deteriorating under water. His "Big Easy," oil on canvas, 4x4, looks like piles of plastic junk deteriorating on an upper story of a skyscraper under construction in a big city. "Yellow Chair," oil on canvas, 4x4, looks like piles of plastic junk, including a yellow chair, deteriorating in a vacant lot of a metropolitan area. "Bob House," same same in an abandoned attic. Another same, same in an abandoned basement.

Duwel's "AZ Boogie Woogie," by far the most interesting of the plastic junk motif, has the stuff in a mysterious floating belfry with intriguing hanging weights. There's a nice contrast here between the floating feeling and the hanging feeling. There's also an interesting apparent inconsistency or at least a competition with regard to the painting's light sources.

(Aside to students: In the early days of abstract painting, you'd have been thought mad to discuss a work's "light sources.")

Duwel's "Underpass" is an inkjet print, about 3x4 feet, that gives us lively noisy movement and flashing lights. The viewer seems to be looking out from a cave into a dangerous, tumultuous, obscure environment. I'd be tempted to stay put inside.

"Hanger," inkjet 4x3, gives us billowing cascading light and the sense of a strangely silent river rapids flowing towards us.

"Hall of Strings," inkjet 4x3, has a small human figure walking away, bottom center, who pulls the piece together, giving it focus and perspective.

"Cruz," inkjet 4x3, fails to gel either because it's all surface or perhaps because it lacks an organizing principle. In any case it's flat in both senses, pancake and beer.

Ben Goo's "Untiled #10" painted (black) maple, about 6x9 inches, is a powerful and elegant work that brilliantly contrasts big curves and sharp angles. Its inspired simplicity makes his other small works look cluttered by comparison. When you take a second look at those other small works, they ARE cluttered. There are too many things going on and no firm direction. Goo's larger marble works are uncluttered but rather dull.

Jean Stern's "Red Table," about 3x4 feet, oil on canvas, presents smooth male and female nudes in a smooth semi-abstract setting that features large spaces and contrasts tranquility with potential excitement. You might think of this work as a study in the use of large simple forms, and a triumphantly successful one.

Barbara Jo McLaughlin's untitled hanging sculpture of wood, lace wood, and polyurethane has an amazing buoyancy, looks like it's about to fly away, and, to paraphrase a remark by a Civil War soldier, could put the heart back into a whipped chicken.

Tim Murphy's "Milky Way," 5x5 oil on canvas, looks like a boring aerial photo of a winding road to nowhere, or perhaps a section of a worm-eaten piece of wood.

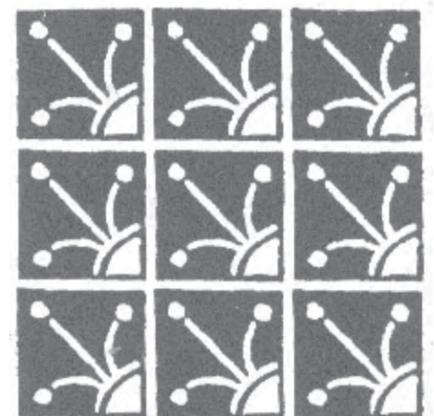
Josh Goldberg's "De Renum Natura," 5x5 acrylic on canvas, is an abstraction that looks like a seascape. Up close it doesn't work at all. From 15 paces back it comes alive with light and movement that produce a kind of grandeur.

As is usual with DD, this is easily the best art show in town.

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

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LGBT Americans Gaining Visibility

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As schools, colleges and community groups across the country prepare to observe National Coming Out Day on Wednesday (Oct. 11) two new reports show encouraging signs of LGBT acceptance, reported 365Gay.com. The first report is a national survey that found that seven out of ten heterosexual adults in the United States say that they know someone who is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender.

The online poll, conducted by Harris Interactive in conjunction with Witeck-Combs Communications, was taken from September 7 to 14 and involved 2,932 adults. Furthermore, 83 percent of those who self-identify as Gay or Lesbian consider themselves "out."

In general, when asked if they considered themselves open about their sexual orientation, 92 percent of Gays and Lesbians said they are "out" to their close friends and 78 percent said they are "out" to their parents.

Many Gays and Lesbians also say they are "out" to other relatives such as grandparents or cousins and to co-workers and colleagues.

The second new report provides even further insight into what living openly means to the advancement of equal rights. Not only are more Americans becoming familiar with the lives of GLBT people but as they become more familiar they are more supportive.

Titled, "Coming Out' and Americans' Attitudes on Gay Rights," the report was done by the Hunter College Center for Sexuality and Public Policy at the City University of New York.

Conducted by Kenneth Sherrill, Professor of Political Science at Hunter College, and Patrick Egan, Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics at Princeton University, the report draws upon the first-ever national archive of public opinion surveys about GLBT Americans.

The archive, which is being developed through a partnership between Hunter College and the Human Rights Campaign Foundation,

currently holds 120 public opinion polls on subjects relating to GLBT rights.

The new report, compiling data from a wide variety of polling finds that, in 2001, having a Gay or Lesbian family member raised the typical American's support for Gay marriage by 17 percentage points, and it raised the typical American's support for adoption rights for Gay couples by 13 percentage points.

Using data from 2004, the report finds that contact with Gays and Lesbians is associated with an 13-percentage-point increase in support for some sort of legal recognition of same-sex couples (either marriage or civil unions) among heterosexual Americans who are otherwise typical with respect to characteristics such as age, education and political party.

Similarly, personal knowledge of a Gay or Lesbian person was associated with a 13-point decrease in support for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would ban same-sex marriages.

These two newly released reports now provide us with even greater insight to how important it is for us to live our lives openly and honestly by telling our stories," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"If seven out of 10 heterosexuals know someone who is GLBT, then many Gays and Lesbians are making their identity apparent as a natural part of their lives - just like their age, height, hair color or personality," said Mark Shields, director of the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project.

"For most people, coming out or opening up to someone starts with a conversation. And for those interested in fostering strong, deep relationships with their friends and family, living openly often allows for closer relationships with the people they care about most."

The first National Coming Out Day was celebrated on Oct. 11, 1988 to mark the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Equality.

Senate Fails

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with large cities, including New York Senator Hillary Clinton, opposed the reauthorization.

"Health care and treatment access for one low-income uninsured group should not be provided at the expense of the other," said San Francisco AIDS Foundation executive director Mark Cloutier in a statement. Cloutier believed that San Francisco, which has the highest per capita caseload of people with AIDS in the country, would have lost millions of dollars if the reauthorization had passed.



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Stodgy Saturn makes an excellent aspect to transformative Pluto. Not only are we able to learn from our mistakes, we tend to make fewer new ones. Is that really true? Well that is what I have been told.

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)

Gay Rams have a party itch to scratch. Any yet even light hearted fun will have its important lessons and learning experiences when Pluto trines Saturn. That does not mean that life takes a more serious turn though. It means that creativity can lead to genius and genius can lead to international repute. Fame! Glory! Power! Okay maybe I exaggerate ... but not by much.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

What is it that gets queer Bulls out of bed in the morning? Perhaps it is the knowledge that life is good, home is stable and love is nearby. Pluto now trines Saturn and brings all these forces into harmony. Not only can you create a warm and inviting domestic environment, you can also find someone sexy to share it with. Some bastards have all the luck.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Say what you mean and mean what you say, especially around partners. Pink Twins can be very diplomatic when they put their minds to it. Now not only can you charm anyone, you can make it more meaningful and sincere. If you are trawling for a new catch be ready to toss a few new lines. Hurry - before you know it you will revert back into just another glib wannabee.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Toiling uncomplainingly day after day at some rot awful job might be getting to you. The urge will be to chuck it all away. But keep plugging and remain optimistic Gay Crab. As Pluto trines Saturn, all your hard work will be rewarded. In fact it may even substantially pay off. You can reap what you sow not only in hard cash but also in added power. Wield your big stick.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

There are times when you carry yourself so regally that others are convinced that you really are from royalty. This is one of those times proud Lion. You are wise, dramatic and benevolent as you change the social landscape and set new things in motion. Meet, greet and strut it with the best of 'em, when Saturn trines Pluto.

Don't trip on your tail... or anyone elses.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

You seem to know just what to do to get warring family members in line. Not only do you achieve some degree of peace, you are able to intuitively hit all the issues and render them inactive. This will also be a time to reappraise your physical surroundings. Queer Virgins keep a tidy home but there is more to life than just the absence of dustballs. Decorate!

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Sociable pink Libras are virtually surrounded by compadres. If you are hoping for a bit of alone time to contemplate your (or someone else's navel) just forgetaboutit! The fleet is Out in force. Give into the social dynamic and fill up your dance card. Not only will you open yourself up to new experiences, you will also be a bit of an experience yourself. I'll never tell.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

All your careful planning and hard work will pay off when Saturn trines Pluto. Not only can proud Scorps climb up a rung or two on the corporate ladder, they will be handsomely rewarded for it. While you are admiring your bulging bottom line, be sure to not squander it on just another bunch of cheap and gaudy trinkets. Unless of course you are into that sort of thing.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

There is no better time to travel than when Pluto trines Saturn. Gay Archers can make their mark on the world with their carefully acquired knowledge and finely honed international view. So what are you doing sitting home and impressing your couch? Gather your pennies and get Out there. You needn't go far but you must get your buzz on some new stimuli.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Thrills, chills and spills become your love technique as Saturn trines Pluto. That really translates into the excitement of the chase, the passion of the conquest and the head over heels ending. Yes love is in the air pink Cap. So what are you doing renting movies and diving into a big tub of popcorn? There is someone waiting for you if you can pick the corn out of your teeth.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

There are usually times when your friends disapprove of your relationships ad your partner complains about your rowdy crew. It has created uncomfortable situations. But now Saturn trines Pluto and Aqueerians find that life is one big lovefest. Everyone thinks everyone else is just terrific. At some point you may want to get back in your spaceship and return to the planet earth.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

Your dreary job suddenly brightens as Saturn trines Pluto. You are noticed and rewarded! The secret to your success is to not let your attention be diverted by trivialities and time wasters. Stay away from the water-cooler and continue to finish off those pesky little detailed projects. Apparently even an office drone has their day in the sun. Today is your day Guppy. Pack sunscreen.

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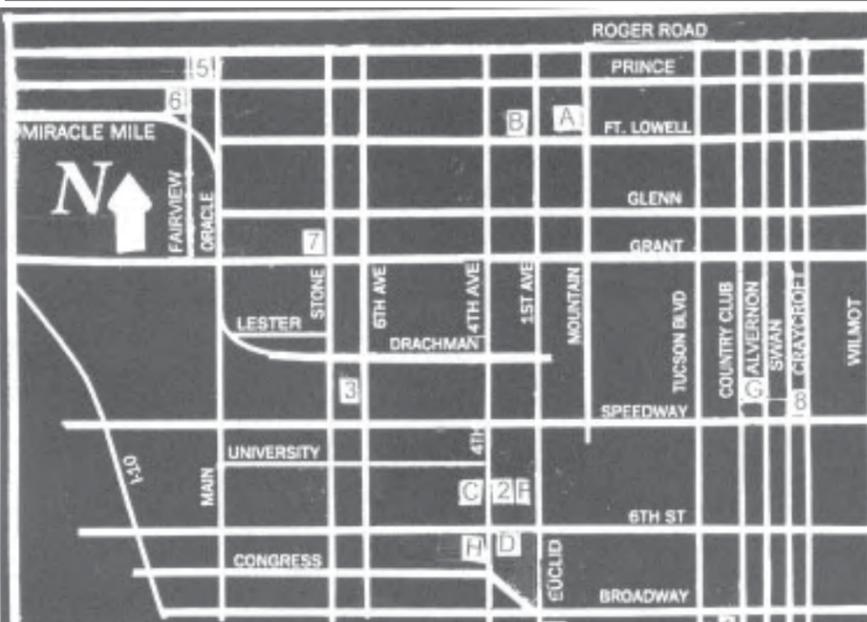
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Non Bar Calendar

Wednesday, October 11

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta! Hosted by Jack at 887-3736. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, October 12

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Sunrise Scientists And Music! Great American Music! Broadway Musicals-Plus! Lecture 1: The Essence of the Musical Lecture 2: The Minstrel Era (1828 to c. 1900) Contact Tom at 744-9036 Special Added Attractions. You asked for it! Come and get it!

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier Central Tucson GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating caffeine enhanced beverages, delicious food, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

#3 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

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

Friday, October 13

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Saturday, October 14

GMAC Mortgage in partnership with Chicanos Por La Causa is presenting a free home buyer orientation seminar in Tucson for those interested in beginning the home buying process. It will be hosted by experienced, bilingual loan officers who will be onsite to teach the basics on understanding the mortgage loan application and understanding your credit. Loan officers will also be available for one-on-one counseling regarding different home financing programs and to guide participants through the pre approval process. Attendees seeking additional resources such as down payment assistance and credit counseling, will also have an opportunity to meet with bilingual housing counselors from Chicanos Por La Causa's housing department. 9:00 a.m. until Noon at Chicanos Por La Causa, 200 N. Stone

Ave. (corner of Stone Ave. and Alameda St.) You must pre-register by calling 1-800-572-0924. The seminar is free and open to the public.

Tucson Pride In The Desert (Formerly known as OUToberFest) at Reid Park, Country Club and 22nd Street.. 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.. Admission \$10 at the door. Entertainers include Ultra Naté, Kevin Aviance and Georgie Porgie. Title Sponsor is Bud Light and is presented by Tucson Pride, Inc.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Call your host Marvin at 745-0304. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay Hollywood movie serial killer instincts!

Sunday, October 15

"Tucson Pride on Parade" presented by Tucson Pride Inc. Parade begins at 5:00 p.m. on 4th Avenue between 9th Street and University. Hosted by Bunny FuFu. This year's parade is partially funded through the sale of raffle tickets. Your ticket is your chance to win \$1,000. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10 and are available through your Pride On Parade Representatives. Lori Heakin, sister of Richard Heakin, who was murdered outside of the Stonewall bar in 1976, will be Grand Marshal and ride in the parade in a convertible. At the end of the parade, in memory of her brother, a representative of the City Council will present Lori with a 'Copper Letter' of recognition. Richard's birthday would have been October 13th. So there will be some birthday cake available after the parade. For more info go to www.prideonparade.com.

4th Annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at El Pueblo Neighborhood Center, Bldg. 1. (Corner of South 6th Ave. & Irvington Road). Free HIV testing will be available the day of the event.

The original Men's Massage Group is a great way to meet men and have clean, safe erotic fun. 4-6 p.m. Give and receive and non-professional massage for fun and relaxation. Call Marc in advance at 881-4582 for information and to sign up in advance. This group has been attended by men all over Arizona for 15 years. Small fee.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com by the Event Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

Wednesday, October 18

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta! Hosted by Jack at 887-3736. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

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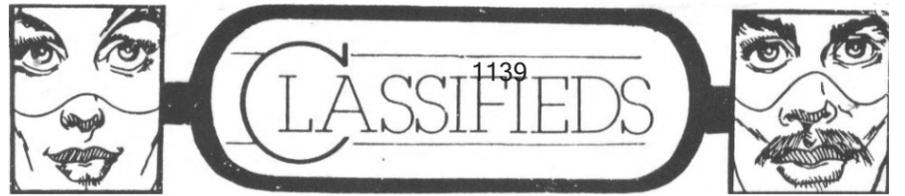
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HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10am. \$2.50 Smirnoff Vodkas all day. We've got the NFL Sunday Ticket. Watch your favorite NFL team here. \$1 Jumbo Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00, and 7:00 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved.

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 November 12

Live Theatre Workshop "Caught In The Net" - Two teens discover both their fathers are taxi drivers, they want to meet in person. Little do they know they both have the same father. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays; 3:00 p.m. Sundays. 5317 E. Speedway Blvd. Tickets \$14 - \$17. 327-4242.

Now Playing thru December 17

Live Theatre Workshop - All Together Theatre's production of Christopher Johnson and Michael Matinez's "The Pirate Queen Of The Caribbean" continues every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. through December 17. \$5.00- \$8.00. Call 327-0160 for reservations.

Now Playing thru November 4

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.

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

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touring schedule. From arias to ABBA, their unique style is an unparalleled fusion of artistry, musicianship and comedy. Tucson Music Hall, 260 S. Church.

Sunday, October 22

Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the first concert in their Piano and Friends Sunday Matinee Series' Twelfth Season. Cellist Zuill Bailey with pianist David Wiley will perform at 3:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General admission tickets are \$25. Student tickets are \$10. At 34, Zuill is already recognized as a brilliant cellist. He graduated from Peabody and Juilliard Conservatories and is known for his "incredible technique coupled with an outstanding musicality that is nothing short of breathtaking," enhanced by his superb 1692 Goiffriller cello.

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 passion, poetry and unforgettable characters, August Wilson's plays are important reflections of our American history. ATC Box Office 520-622-2823.

Saturday, November 4

Jay Leno live at Desert Diamond Casino. Two shows 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com Or 321-1000. I 19&Pima Mine Road. (Exit 80, 7 minutes South of Tucson. desertdiamondcasino.com

January 2 - 7

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "All Shook Up". 1-866-821-2929 or online broadwayintucson.com

January 23 - 28

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Altar Boyz". 1-866-821-2929 or online broadwayintucson.com

March 20 - 25

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Rent"

BAR CALENDAR

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

WOODY'S - Design your own underwear Party!!!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

IBT'S - Pride Weekend begins here at 9:00 p.m. "I'm A Sexy Bitch" Night with DJ Mike Lopez on the Patio and DJ Dave "Qub" Santora spinning inside on the dance floor.

WOODY'S - Monthly Party for October birthdays at 10:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

HOWL AT THE MOON - After Pride in the Desert, the Moon is featuring the live music from the band TMI "Too Much Information beginning at 9:00 p.m. Specials are \$2.50 Malibu or Capt. Morgan.

IBT'S - After Pride in the Desert come to IBT's "Fire and Ice" Pride Party featuring DJ Q spinning inside on the dance floor and DJ Mike Lopez spinning on the patio.

WOODY'S - After Pride in the Desert come here to party and dance to the sounds of DJ Jeff at the newly remodeled "Back Pocket" Bar.

YARD DOG SALOON - Before Pride in the Desert stop by the Dog for Gay Pride Breakfast. Starts at 10:00 a.m. Then after the Park Pride the Yard Dog will present "Homoneurotic" a comedy revue on the patio at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 for a great stage show.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

IBT'S - 4:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Karaoke. Following the Parade on 4th Avenue is the Pride Block Party. 9:00 p.m. to closing the hottest 18+ night in Tucson! "The Chicken Coop" featuring DJ Mike Lopez spinning on the dance floor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

VENTURE-N - "Nightmare In Black" Halloween Party! More later.



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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COMMENTARY . . .

by Joe Solmonese

The Foley Affair: The Unstated Obvious

It occurs to me, in watching the Republican leadership and their allies scramble for an alibi that flies in the scandal surrounding Congressman Mark Foley, that no one is stating one, obvious fact: that for all Americans, Gay or straight, it is simply unacceptable to engage in solicitous behavior with minors.

Why do I feel the need to state the obvious? Because while Foley leaves town, his colleagues are rushing to get back on message with less than five weeks left to the midterm elections. And when all else fails this group, they fall back to a time-tested formula: blame the Gays.

This narrative begins with the Family Research Council, the hatemongering right-wing group which is claiming that Foley wasn't stopped because of a culture that "rejects sexual restraints in the name of diversity." They would be hard-pressed, however, to find any credible organization or person who finds that sexual harassment and solicitation of a teenager fall under the rubric of diversity.

But this didn't stop Newt Gingrich from going on Fox News to say that the GOP leadership didn't act because there were afraid of being accused of Gay bashing. Oh really? The same GOP leaders who are trying to write Gay people out of the Constitution chose not to investigate pedophile

behavior because they were worried that they might be branded as homophobic?

This has nothing to do with homophobia. This is about the sexual solicitation of minors. In fact, The Journal of the American Medical Association found that 90 percent of pedophiles are men, and that 98 percent of those men are heterosexual.

So who is to blame for the Republicans' mishandling of Foley's crimes? Somehow, we are told it is the larger culture. Somehow it is Gay people. And, somehow it is the Democrats even though they knew nothing about Foley's actions, and, in fact, were kept in the dark by the Republicans overseeing the page program.

The public and responsible members of the press cannot and should not accept these preposterous assertions. Speaker Hastert, Congressmen Shimkus and Boehner, and others in the GOP leadership knew for months that Foley was a threat and they did absolutely nothing. The responsibility to protect those pages lies solely with them. They can't even get their story straight about who knew what and when. Even the White House has fallen into this hypocrisy when spokesman Tony Snow chimed in by calling these simply "naughty e-

mails."

No one in America knows a responsible adult who would ever send those e-mails to a teenager. We didn't need to wait for the instant messaging. And no one knows a responsible adult who would cry at the graduation ceremony for pages and then squire one off to a celebratory dinner in his BMW.

As Gay Americans, we are sitting on the sidelines of this scandal like everyone else. But unlike other Americans, we find ourselves targeted once again by a cynical Republican leadership for behavior of one of their own that is not only reprehensible, but possibly criminal.

We will not stand for this smear campaign and we don't believe that the American public, or voters in Republican Congressional Committee Chair Tom Reynolds' district, will either. Reynolds is one of many in the leadership who clearly knew about Foley's behavior but instead of taking action accepted a \$100,000 check from the Florida congressman.

If Republicans are smart they'll do several things immediately: admit their complicity, establish safeguards to better protect these young pages and realize that blaming Gay America for their misdeeds and mishandling won't fly this time.

(Joe Solmonese is President of the Human Rights Campaign.)

City Begins Settling Complaints Against Lesbian Chief

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota - The City of Minneapolis has settled two of three lawsuits filed against Fire Chief Bonnie Bleskachek by firefighters who claimed she had discriminated against them, 365Gay.com reported. Bleskachek, Minneapolis' first female fire chief and the only openly Gay or Lesbian fire chief of a major U.S. city, has been on administrative leave while the claims were investigated.

Bleskachek's former partner, fire Captain Jennifer Cornell, filed a discrimination suit in March accusing the chief of canceling the final exam for battalion chief after Cornell was one of two women firefighters who passed the first part of the test. The suit alleged Bleskachek had acted out of malice because the relationship had soured. On Friday Council (Oct. 6) voted 10-0 to accept a settlement with Cornell that would see her receive a settlement of \$65,000.

The other woman firefighter who passed the first part of the test, Kathleen Mullen, alleged that Bleskachek threw out her test scores in an examination process for battalion chief as part of the chief's retaliation against Cornell. Council agreed to pay Mullen \$29,000 and promote her to battalion chief, backdated to Apr. 1. Cornell will also be promoted within the next 24 months.

A third suit remains outstanding. It involves firefighter Kristina Lemon who claims that Bleskachek pursued a sexual relationship with her, and that when Lemon rebuffed her, Bleskachek denied her training and advancement opportunities. A city investigation found evidence that under Bleskachek the department gave preferential treatment to Lesbians or those who socialize with them. Bleskachek denies all charges against her.

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October is National Adopt A Shelter Dog Month

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