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Mass. Lawmakers Uphold Vote On G/L Marriage Ban

BOSTON, Massachusetts - An attempt to overturn a vote (taken Tuesday, Jan. 2) approving a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage ended in failure later that afternoon, 365Gay.com reported. Lawmakers earlier in the day approved the measure with 61 votes in favor and 132 opposed. It needed only 50 votes to pass.

Supporters of same-sex marriage then moved to hold a vote to reconsider the approval and the joint session of the House and Senate, called a Constitutional Convention, ten adjourned to allow members to lobby support for the second vote. But opponents of G/L marriage picked up an additional vote. The second round was 62 in favor. The proposed amendment needs to be approved again in the new session of the legislature in order to go on the 2008 ballot. Supporters of same-sex marriage say they will concentrate their efforts on the next round.

"Today, two-thirds of the Massachusetts Legislature voted against a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, but it wasn't enough," said MassEquality campaign director Marc Solomon. "A minority of legislators, emboldened by our opponents' endless attacks, have voted to push this discriminatory amendment closer to a public vote." The convention came amidst a huge lobbying effort by people on both sides of the issue.

Democratic Gov. Deval Patrick called for the chamber to adjourn without voting. In a meeting with House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi (D) Patrick called same-sex marriage a matter of civil rights and the vote a "question of conscience." "Using the initiative process to give a minority fewer freedoms than the majority, and to inject the state into fundamentally private affairs, is a dangerous precedent, and an unworthy one for this Commonwealth," Patrick said in a statement distributed to lawmakers. "For practical reasons as well, its time to move on," the statement said. "Whatever ones views of marriage equality, all can agree that we have far more pressing issues before the Legislature and the Commonwealth. It serves no public interest to focus more time and attention on this issue when there are under-served and under-performing schools, an infrastructure showing signs of sustained neglect, gun and gang violence on the rise, jobs and people leaving the state, a growing homeless population, soaring health care costs, a looming deficit and a score of other serious challenges crying out for the attention and the creativity of the government and the people. We cannot in good conscience ask these unmet needs to wait while a few individuals try to insert discrimination into our Constitution. I favor ending this petition initiative promptly. If adjournment can accomplish that, so be it. If the Constitutional Convention chooses to vote on the merits, I want to be utterly clear that I believe a vote to advance this question to the 2008 ballot is irresponsible and wrong."

Outside the State House several thousand people on both sides of the same-sex marriage issue held rallies.

The proposed amendment needed only the support of only 50 lawmakers - 25 percent of the House and Senate. It requires the same number of votes in a second constitutional convention in the new session for it to be put to voters in 2008. The proposed amendment was the result of a signature gathering campaign mounted by conservative groups. More than the required number of names were collected, sending the issue to the Constitutional Convention. Twice before lawmakers adjourned without voting.

Last week (ending Dec. 30) the state's highest court told Gov. Mitt Romney (R) and other supporters of the amendment that it lacked the power to force lawmakers to vote on the issue but also said that the legislature had an obligation to bring the amendment to a vote. Following the Supreme Judicial court's ruling Romney upped the pressure on the Legislature threatening to withhold pay raises for lawmakers if they fail to vote. The threat has little substance however since Romney left office on Wednesday, Jan. 3. VoteOnMarriage, the umbrella group behind the amend-

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Officials Warned They Risk Prosecution For Refusing Civil Unions

TRENTON, New Jersey - Mayors and judges across New Jersey are being warned by both the state and a professional organization that they could be prosecuted if they refuse conduct civil union ceremonies for same-sex couples, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. In a legal opinion by N.J. Attorney General Stuart Rabner issued to municipal officials Rabner said that if they conduct ceremonies for opposite-sex couples they must also perform civil unions.

In a separate communication to local officials John M. Carbone, an attorney representing county clerks and surrogates in all 21 New Jersey counties, advises "Either do marriages and civil unions, or do nothing." Under New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination any official who performs ceremonies for opposite-sex couples but refuses to conduct civil unions could be removed from office and subjected to fines beginning at \$10,000 for the first offense Rabner said.

The Bridgeton News polled

mayors throughout the state and found only one willing to conduct civil unions - Fairfield Township Mayor Craig Thomas. In addition a handful of county clerks and surrogates said they would conduct ceremonies. Gov. Jon Corzine signed the civil union law (Dec. 21), it goes into effect on Feb 19.

The legislation came about as a result of an October ruling by the New Jersey Supreme Court that same-sex couples should have access to the same rights and benefits as married couples. Whether to call those rights marriages, civil unions or something else was left up to lawmakers. The legislature opted for civil unions. It offers couples who register most state benefits and protections currently available to opposite-sex couples, including the right to health insurance through a partner's employer. But it does not provide any of the benefits of marriage under federal law, and it still could cost same-sex couples more than marriage couples for health insurance.

In The Near Future: A Swan Song For The Closet

NEW YORK CITY - Having confined and defined much of modern Gay existence, "the closet" showed once again in 2006 that it is still a mighty force, reported Ryan Lee of Gay City News in their Dec. 29, 2006 edition. In fact, some believe the closet is steadily inching toward irrelevance, as successive generations of Gay and Lesbian youth settle into their sexual orientation without first surrounding it with four walls of angst, denial, duplicity and shame.

The 2006 version of the closet helped fuel best-selling memoirs and a breathtaking power shift in Congress. The closet opened its doors on the set of America's most popular television series and inside one of the nation's most influential megachurches. And whereas coming out of the closet was long considered social and professional suicide, in 2006 it proved anything but.

"Lance Bass coming out—it reminded us of the fact that he existed," said David Ehrenstein, a Gay writer and critic who was shocked that a member of a '90s boy band announcing he is Gay pulled front-page coverage in People Magazine in 2006. "Outside of Republicans, [the closet] is going to recede as more and more people are going to be out from Day One so it won't be an issue," said Ehrenstein, author of "Open Secret: Gay Hollywood 1928-1998."

Celebrities such as Neil Patrick Harris, aka "Doogie Howser, MD," offered one of the feel-good coming out stories of the year, but the American public was also once again exposed to the darker side of the closet.

"People who weren't living honest lives hurt a lot of people," said Patrick Sammon, president of the Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay partisan

group. Sammon's party was sent into a tailspin one month before the midterm elections when U.S. Rep. Mark Foley (R-Fla.) abruptly resigned from Congress amidst allegations that he made sexual overtures to teenage male Capitol pages.

Weeks later, conservatives were rocked by another Gay sex scandal, after the Rev. Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, was accused by a Gay escort of having sex while high on crystal methamphetamine.

"Sadly, this just happens year, after year, after year—the closet, unfortunately, is an enduring reality," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. "2006 once again underscored the dangers of the closet ... how it can warp and destroy people's lives and careers."

Foley's sexually charged instant messages to young Capitol pages became one of the most shameful acts to emerge from the closet in 2006, but the congressman's public fall also offered promising signs about how the American public deals with Gay people coming out.

"The most negative thing about this year's closet scandals was the association of Foley to the sexual exploitation of young people," Foreman said. "The right wing went on an orchestrated campaign to repeat blood libel that Gay men are prone to pedophilia."

But that effort by conservatives to harp on Foley's sexual orientation was unsuccessful because many voters believed "the way the Republican leadership mishandled it was really the issue here," Sammon said.

Mark Shields, director of the Human Rights Campaign's Coming Out Project, noted that polls taken in the wake of Foley's resignation showed that "people really understood it wasn't a Gay issue that made Foley a scandal."

Foley's coming out also revealed other characteristics of the modern closet: its appeal as an "escape hatch" to political figures in crisis (like former New Jersey Gov. Jim McGreevey, who released his best-selling tell-all in 2006), and the various gradations of being in the closet that currently exist. Foley's lawyer announced that "Mark Foley wants you to know he is a Gay man," within days of the congressional page scandal breaking, though Foley was widely considered an "openly closeted" politician.

But few people seemed to have known about Ted Haggard's double life before it was exposed by a Gay male escort. The contrast displays the "different levels of outness" that exist today, Shields said. "The sadness of the Ted Haggard story was that he was a liar and played on people's fears, and couldn't be true to who he was," Shields said. "I think what people saw there was a hypocrisy to the attacks that go on against Gay and Lesbian couples, and Gay and Lesbian families."

That sense of hypocrisy among conservatives and Republicans helped amplify the discontent many voters were feeling with the country's political leadership, Foreman said. "I think there were much larger issues than Mark Foley that influenced the elections, but with that said, I think both the Foley and Haggard scandals reinforced the perception of the right wing forces of

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Prop. 107 Forum January 6

TUCSON - A debriefing and next steps discussion about Proposition 107 will take place, Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 East 1st Street (one block south of Speedway Blvd and one block east of Country Club Road (behind the Rumrunner/Dish parking lot) in the former TPD Midtown substation building.

Bring yourselves, your energy, ideas and any leftover holiday snacks you want to unload.

To RSVP or for more information, E-mail: ischwartz3211@cox.net.

Start The New Year Right

TUCSON (ON) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) provides assistance to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and offers HIV prevention programs. According to SAAF, for 2005, nearly 1,200 people accessed its range of support services, including food programs, medication assistance, emergency utility assistance, transportation and housing. For more than 100 people living with HIV/AIDS who would otherwise be homeless without the help and more than 20,000 people received HIV prevention information through SAAF's outreach programs and services

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) works to craft a compassionate interfaith response to the HIV/AIDS crisis that is free of prejudice or proselytism with programs and services. TIHAN, through education and support, works to build bridges, reduce stigma and sustain hope.

Gift certificates from discount stores, grocery-store gift cards and towel sets can be donated to SAAF at their offices, 375 S. Euclid Ave. For more information, go online at saaf.org or contact SAAF Director of Development Rick Wilson, (520) 628-7223.

Gift cards in denominations of \$20 or less to grocery stores, department stores or discount retailers, toiletry items for care packages, such as soap, shampoo, detergent, toothpaste, toilet tissue and other items, new blankets and sheets can be donated to TIHAN, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays - Fridays, 1011 N. Craycroft Road, Suite 301. For more information, go online to tihan.org or call Executive Director Scott Blades, (520) 299-6647.

AHRF Seeks Development Director

PHOENIX - The Arizona Human Rights Fund is seeking a passionate, outgoing, experienced Development Director to plan and direct the fundraising activities of the organi-

zation. The successful candidate will have a strong fundraising track record and proven leadership skills to ensure that funding is available to support AHRF's efforts to secure equality for LGBT individuals and families in Arizona. Key responsibilities include researching, organizing, implementing, and evaluating all fundraising activities of the organization.

Qualifications: Five years of experience in development and foundation major gift fundraising, including a strong background in personal solicitation and use of volunteers in fundraising efforts. Demonstrated persuasion skills and good personal gift solicitation record. Strong written and verbal communications skills, including grant writing experience. Ability to deal pleasantly and effectively with donors, volunteers, staff and diverse community groups and key publics is a must. Knowledge of local, state, and national philanthropic community. Experience with marketing and media relations. Ability to work cooperatively with diverse staff and volunteers. Be able to work flexible work as hours as required. Computer knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite — is a must (preference for eTapestry and Get Active software experience as well).

For more details, see the Development Director Position Announcement and the Development Director Job Description on AHRF's website, ahrf.org. To apply, e-mail a resume and cover letter to: barbara@ahrf.org; or mail to: Barbara McCullough-Jones, Executive Director, Arizona Human Rights Fund and Foundation, PO Box 25044, Phoenix, AZ 85002. For more information, email or call Barbara McCullough-Jones, (620) 650-0900.

SAGA Advisory Committee Meeting January 10

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) will be holding their Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

This collaborative planning meeting is open to all members/allies so get involved and learn more about SAGA programs and projects.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779, go online to sagatucson.org or E-mail: mwoodward@wingspan.org.

GLBT Commission Meeting Jan 16

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues will be holding their monthly meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m. at the EOO Conference Room, 100 N. Stone, first floor.

Meetings are open to the public. There will be a call to the audience at each meeting. Meeting agendas are posted each month at both the City Hall and at the Wingspan

Community Center a day or more before the monthly meeting of the commission.

For more information, go online to tucsonglbtcommission.org,

AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo Jan. 12-14

PHOENIX - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will be hosting the annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo, Jan. 12 - 14 at Rawhide Western Town.

One of the most popular rodeos on the International Gay Rodeo Association circuit of events, the Road Runner Regional raises funds for LGBT non-profit groups and organizations.

Fund raising is not the sole purpose of the event, having fun, meeting new people and the comradery of fellow enthusiasts are major factors as well.

In addition to the rodeo, a rodeo school, pool party and other events and activities are scheduled over the weekend. Rodeo tickets are \$15 each day (Saturday and Sunday) and for a Weekend Pass: \$25 for both days. Children under 12 years of age admitted free. These tickets will get you into the rodeo solely, for ticket prices for the other events and happenings, visit the website at agra-phx.com.

It is a very simple short drive from Central Phoenix to Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass on the Gila River Indian Community.

From Phoenix: Take I-10 East to Wild Horse Pass Boulevard (Exit 162), turn right on Wild Horse Pass Boulevard and go about .6 mile to 48th Street (first traffic light), turn left on 48th Street and go about .3 mile to the first stop sign and at the stop sign, follow the signs for General Parking or Contestant/Staff/VIP Vendor Parking.

From Tucson: Take I-10 West to Wild Horse Pass Boulevard (Exit 162), exit and then turn left; go over I-10 continuing on Wild Horse Pass Boulevard, go about .6 mile to 48th Street (first traffic light), turn left on 48th Street and go about .3 mile to the first stop sign and at the stop sign, follow the signs for General Parking or Contestant/Staff/VIP/Vendor Parking. Parking is free. Entrance to the rodeo venue is through the Rawhide Western Town.

This Ain't Your Grandmother's Gospel

TUCSON - Stark Naked Productions and ArtFare, Tucson's community arts center, are hosting an evening of jazz, blues and general debauchery to benefit their collaborative production of Stephen Adly Guirgis' play, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, Friday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., at ArtFare, 55 N. 6th Ave. (across from the Ronstadt Center) in the third floor performance loft.

The evening's entertainment includes performances by blues musician Mitzi Cowell and jazz artist Toreene Wolf, as well as a silent auction of contemporary iconic artwork inspired by the play. Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$15. For more information or to reserve tickets call (520) 529-8868 or E-mail: stark_naked_productions@yahoo.com.

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ment went to federal court accusing the lawmakers of violating their constitutional duty. The suit names all 109 lawmakers who voted in favor of recessing and seeks \$5 million in damages. Last Friday (Dec. 29), 14 of the lawmakers shot back sending a countersuit to VoteOnMarriage if the organization does not withdraw its court action. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in November 2003 that the state could not bar same-sex couples from marrying. Since then, more than 8,000 Gay and Lesbian couples in the state have wed.

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LGBT, HIV/AIDS Bills To Be Considered By New Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Democratic-controlled 110th Congress is expected to take up legislation aimed at protecting Gays and Transgender people from job discrimination and hate crimes, but the prospects for bills dealing with other sexual orientation-related issues are less certain, according to activists and Capitol Hill observers, reported the Washington (D.C.) Blade.

Supportive members of Congress have introduced at least 10 Gay- or AIDS-related bills during the past several years, including a measure to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Other bills call for allowing foreign nationals who are domestic partners of U.S. citizens to enjoy the same immigration rights as married spouses and call for domestic partnership benefits for federal employees.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who will become Speaker of the House, is considered one of the strongest Gay rights supporters in Congress and has signed on as a co-sponsor to all 10 Gay- and AIDS-related bills dropped in the hopper in recent years.

"She has said ENDA and the hate crimes bills have received widespread, bipartisan support," said Pelosi spokesperson Drew Campbell. "She said they would be expected to come up quickly." Campbell was referring to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, which is expected to call for banning job discrimination in the private sector workplace based on sexual orientation and gender identity. He also referred to the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, which calls for giving the federal government authority to prosecute hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender identity and disability.

The hate crimes measure has passed in the House and Senate in

separate years only to be defeated in House-Senate conference committees at the urging of conservative Republican leaders.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay political group, has said it will join forces with other groups to make ENDA and the hate crimes measure its top priority.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), one of two Gay members of Congress, said ENDA and the hate crimes bill would likely receive the highest priority among supportive members of Congress because they affect the largest number of people subject to discrimination.

In the House, the two bills will come before the House Judiciary Committee, whose chair, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), is a strong supporter of both. In the GOP-controlled Congress that just ended, Republican leaders blocked the bills from moving out of committee, ensuring that they would not be considered for a vote.

Frank said the Democratic-controlled Congress also could be expected to block Gay-related bills, but only those that seek to take away rights. He said the Federal Marriage Amendment, which calls for amending the U.S. Constitution to ban Gay marriage, will not come up for a vote in the new Congress.

Activists say this will free Gay rights supporters to work on as many of the 10 Gay- and AIDS-related bills as possible.

"None of these are a slam dunk," Frank said. "There is still opposition. The important thing is for people to start lobbying."

HRC legislative director Allison Herwitz said that HRC will give

priority to ENDA and the hate crimes bill, but others won't be far behind.

"While we focus on these two immediate priorities, simultaneously we're going to continue to highlight the failure of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and look for legislative opportunities to advance critical benefits and protections for GLBT families," she said.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a national group that advocates on behalf of Gays in the military, has called on Congress to pass the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which would repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. But SLDN spokesperson Steve Ralls acknowledges that this remains a hot-bottom issue that could trigger strong opposition.

Rep. Martin Meehan (D-Mass.) introduced the bill into the House the last Congress but was unable to line up anyone to introduce the measure in the Senate. Ralls said a Senate version of the bill is expected in the new Congress. "I don't think we would see a vote on this any time soon," Ralls said. "What we would like to see is hearings on this in the new Congress."

The Uniting American Families Act, which calls for giving immigration rights to domestic partners of U.S. citizens who are foreign nationals, also faces uncertain prospects. "We could not get any immigration bill passed," said Frank, who added that adding Gay immigrants to the mix is likely to stir up more opposition.

Congressional Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) said the Democratic leadership in the House and Senate are aware of the support that Gay voters have historically given to the Democratic

Party. She said she is certain that ENDA and the hate crimes bills will move forward in the upcoming months. "We have to produce for this community because this community has produced for us," Norton said.

Gay-supportive members of Congress have introduced these bills at the request of Gay rights or AIDS advocacy groups in recent years. All of them have died in committee after Republican leaders in the House and Senate refused to bring them up for a vote. The new Democratic-controlled Congress is expected to be more sympathetic toward the 10 bills, but Democratic leaders chose not to place any of them on their agenda for their first 100 days in office.

Employment Non-Discrimination Act: Calls for banning private sector employment discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act: Calls for giving the federal government authority to prosecute hate crimes based on a victim's sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

Military Readiness Enhancement Act: Calls for repealing the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy so that Gay male, Lesbian and Bisexual troops would be allowed to serve openly.

Uniting American Families Act: Calls for amending the U.S. Immigration & Nationality Act to allow foreign nationals who are same-sex domestic partners of U.S. citizens to apply for the same immigration rights offered to foreign nationals who legally marry U.S. citizens. Similar to the existing law's application to heterosexuals, the bill calls for prosecution of same-sex couples who fraudulently form a partnership to enable a foreigner to obtain immigration rights.

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TUCSON - Arizona Onstage Productions, for its first production for 2007 will be presenting "Talk of the Town," through Jan.14, at the Zuzi Theater, 738 N. 5th Avenue.

This highly acclaimed one-man tour-de-force written by Paul Bonin-Rodriguez tells the story of Johnny Hobson, a 15-year-old boy growing up in a small Texas town in the early 1990s.

Obsessed with Princess Diana, the Judds and working at the local Dairy Queen, Johnny discovers conflict with the community and family because he "runs like a girl." Between cookin' up Belt Busters and Christian Steak Finger Baskets and dealing with the pressures from the community, his discovery of sexual identity and orientation is explored in this funny, touching and timely show.

There's never a dull moment in Cedar Springs, Texas, as Johnny experiences encounters with Ladybird Johnson and her C.I.A. agents, zealous preachers who try to "make him right," school kids who taunt him for being a "sissy" and a set of ceramic head-bobbing poodles that help him find meaning to life as it is and the possibilities of change in the future

Tickets for the "Talk" are \$15 general admission, \$12 student/teacher/senior and for the special matinee performance, Friday, Jan. 12, \$6 for students and \$8 for adults. Sponsored in part by The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance through The Community Foundation of Southern Arizona.

Running Time: 85 minutes with no intermission. Rating PG - 13. For tickets, call (520) 882-6574 or go online to arizonaonstage.org.

Saddam Hussein Execution Unlikely To End Violence Against G/L Iraqis



LONDON - Human rights group say that the execution of Saddam Hussein will not end the kidnappings and murders of Gays in Iraq, mainly in the capital of Baghdad, reported 365Gay.com. As roaming militias of Sunni and Shiites jockey for power dozens of Gay men and Lesbians have been seized and taken away, never to be heard from again. As the country continues its downward path toward civil war the struggle for power has moved beyond Hussein loyalists.

Iraq's small LGBT community is mostly closeted. Homosexuality was a crime under Saddam's regime and there has been no improvement since the US led invasion. In Mar. 2006, prominent Shiite cleric Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani called for death to Gays. The actual violence against Gays first became known in April when IRIN, United Nations sponsored media group, reported it had learned from Rainbow For Life, an Iraqi LGBT group that 12 of its members in Baghdad had been killed by militia kidnappers when their ransom demands could not be met. Another 70 have been threatened with kidnapping the group said. "We know for certain that those killed were targeted because of their sexual preferences," Mustafa Salim, a spokesperson for Rainbow for Life, told IRIN.

ment, Iraqi LGBT which Outrage had been helping get Gays out of the capital.

Ali Hili, a Gay Iraqi Muslim who is head of Iraqi LGBT and Middle East spokesperson for Outrage said that at the time of the police raid, the five men were holding a secret meeting in a safe house in the al-Shaab district of Baghdad and were on the phone with him. "Suddenly there was a lot of noise, then the connection ended," Hili said.

Just days after these five activists were abducted, Haydar Kamel, the owner of a well known men's clothing store in the al-Karada district of Baghdad, was kidnapped near his home in Sadr city. The kidnappers are alleged to have been members of the Mahdi army, an Islamist militia loyal to fundamentalist leader Muqtada al-Sadr. "Haydar had previously received death threats because of rumors about his alleged homosexuality. For many months, he had financially supported several men who were in hiding after they had been threatened by death squads because of claims that they were Gay," said Hili. Dozens of similar raids by men wearing army and police uniforms have been carried out in the capital.

In Nov. 2006, five more Gay activists were abducted at gun-point by Iraqi police in Baghdad according to the British LGBT rights group Outrage. Their fate remains unknown. The men, ranging in age from 19 to 27 were identified only by their first names - Amjad, Rafid, Hassan, Ayman and Ali. All were members of Iraq's clandestine Gay rights move-




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Equity Act/Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act: Introduced respectively in the Senate and House, the identical bills call for amending the Internal Revenue Code to end taxation of health insurance benefits for domestic partners. Under the current IRS Code, legally married employees do not pay taxes on their employers' contribution to their health insurance benefits that cover their spouses and dependent children. But Gay and Lesbian employees must pay taxes on similar benefits as if they were ordinary income.

Domestic Partners Benefits & Obligations Act: Calls for providing health insurance and other benefits to same-sex and opposite-sex domestic partners of federal government employees. Under current law, these benefits are only available to legally married spouses of federal employees. The bill sets various requirements to define a domestic partnership, including an affidavit that the partners live together, are not relatives, are over 18 and are not married.

Clarification of Federal Employment Protections Act: Declares that, "federal employees are protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation" and "[repudiates] any assertion to the contrary." Gay-supportive members of the House of Representatives introduced the bill to overrule a controversial decision by U.S. Special Counsel Scott Bloch not to enforce a longstanding federal employment policy banning sexual orientation discrimination against federal workers.

Family Medical Leave Inclusion Act: Calls for amending the Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993 to allow government and private sector employees to take leave to care for a domestic partner who has a serious health condition. The bill also would allow medical leave for the care of a same-sex married partner or the parent-in-law, adult child, sibling or

grandparent of a same-sex partner who has a serious health condition.

Responsible Education About Life Act: Calls for creating a \$206 million federal grant program to award funds to states for comprehensive sexuality education that is not linked to advocacy of abstinence-only-until-marriage. Supporters say the bill is needed because existing sexuality education programs funded by the federal government are linked to abstinence-only policies.

Early Treatment for HIV Act: Calls for allowing low-income, childless adults with HIV to become eligible for Medicaid coverage before they develop full-blown AIDS. Under current law, people who meet the income requirements for Medicaid are ineligible for the federal health program if they have HIV but are not "disabled" by having AIDS.



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A Swan Song For The Closet

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the Republican Party as being cynical hypocrites," Foreman said. "To that extent, I think they helped influence the elections."

HRC's Shields said many people collectively "rolled their eyes" upon seeing Lance Bass' grinning face on People Magazine with the headline, "I'm Gay." But some young Gay people "viewed it as a profound moment" that someone from their childhood came out as Gay, Shields said.

But not everyone is convinced celebrity outings have much impact on the way society views Gay people. "Coming out doesn't help Matthew Sheppard, or the kids who come out and could still get disinherited," said David Van Leer, who teaches about Gay Hollywood at the University of California, Davis. Still, Ehrenstein believes there were encouraging trends surrounding celebrities who came out in 2006, like actor T.R. Knight, who announced he was Gay after being called a faggot by a co-star on "Gray's Anatomy."

"Twenty years ago, a Gay actor who someone called 'that faggot' on the set—he would have shut up," Ehrenstein said.

Instead, Knight responded to the on-set incident by issuing a statement to People Magazine: "While I prefer to keep my personal life private, I hope the fact that I'm Gay isn't the most interesting part of me." The candor of this statement was similar to the one issued to—who else, People Magazine—by Neil Patrick Harri

The statements are also similar since they were issued by stars who are peaking in their careers, as Harris is experiencing a renaissance playing an obnoxious metrosexual on "How I Met Your Mother."

"There is a growing case to be made that being out and being open does not mean the end of your career," Shields said.

Ellen DeGeneres coming out of the closet in 1997 prompted global media coverage, but Shields noted that this year's news about celebrity outings was "barely mentioned on the crawler on CNN" (save for the cover of People Magazine).

But there remains a lavender ceiling in Hollywood, Van Leer said. "The only reservation I have about [celebrities who came out in 2006] is they're middle stars," said Van Leer, noting widespread speculation about celebrities such as Jodie Foster and Anderson Cooper. "You wish we could up it one level."

The generally nonchalant acceptance of Gay and Lesbian entertainers, juxtaposed against the turmoil and scandal of closeted politicians and opinion-makers, shows "the political world is at least 15, if not 20, years behind" how the rest of society views Gay men and Lesbians, Foreman said.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Wayne Besen

My last request in 2006 is that sleazy right wing preachers, especially in Colorado, will put aside their "Do Me," list so I can finish my "To Do" list. How many times will I have to blow off my busy work and write a press release about some homophobic holy man getting busy in search of a release? When will these men learn that their hypocritical happy endings with hookers will never end happily?

Mainstream Americans hopefully figured out in 2006 that the closet affects everyone. Evangelicals, in particular, must now come to grips with the fact they have no grip on reality. If the Village People ever reunited, they would add one more campy character to the line-up - a right wing preacher.

Much of the credit for discrediting the right wing goes to Mike Rogers, who has done more outings than a summer camp counselor. The enterprising activist has been a one-man wrecking crew and single handedly brought the GOP to its knees. Well, many of its members were already in this position, but Mike has brightly shone a spotlight on such hypocrisy and for this we should be grateful.

What I like best about Mike is his creativity and chutzpa. For example, this week he released a video where he and another advocate walked into the Republican National Committee to confront Ken Mehlman, the RNC chief, about his alleged homosexuality. Not surprisingly, they had a door slammed in their faces and were escorted from the building.

Nonetheless, this has to keep creeps, like Mehlman, up at night and lets them know that they get no free pass for their self-loathing homophobia. The price for being a modern day Roy Cohn is confrontation and exposure.

Another hero of 2006 is Lane Hudson, the former Human Rights Campaign staffer who posted the first set of Mark Foley emails on his blog. As a result, he lost his job, which is unfortunate, because our movement needs more bold and brave people, such as Hudson. While he may have lost his career, he did gain the admiration of countless people. More important, his contribution played a key role in returning Congress to the Democrats.

John Aravosis, the founder of Americablog, deserves recognition as well. This year, he solidified himself as one of this nation's most prominent bloggers. He has now joined Andrew Sullivan as an elite Gay newsmaker who has crossed over to yield considerable influence in the debate over today's leading issues. Likewise, John Byrne, founder of Raw Story, deserves our respect for his ascension into this pantheon of pundits.

The web has also led to the explosion of online entrepreneurs who have demonstrably strengthened the GLBT movement. Strong voices have emerged from blogs such as Pam's House Blend, founded by Pam Spaulding, and Jeremy Hooper's humorous site, Good As You.

In 2006, the web also fostered the rise of what I refer to as the Truth Movement, where fundamentalist propaganda is vociferously challenged. The right wing "God Squad" is finally being held accountable for their lies by gadflies who no longer let them dehumanize GLBT people without suffering the consequences. Truth Wins Out's recent video of a scientist refuting James Dobson's misuse of her research is just one example.

The Truth Movement includes Mike Airhart, founder of the site Ex-Gay Watch, as well as Internet sleuths, such as Joe Brummer and Jim Burroway. While many people might not be familiar with these advocates, they are the movement's fact checkers who play this game as if it were chess.

In terms of establishment advocacy, the GLBT community has much to be proud of. Under the leadership of Joe Solmonese, the Human Rights Campaign performed admirably in this year's elections. Matt Foreman, of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has established himself as a voice of passion and emerged as a formidable leader. His words reverberate, which is a refreshing change from the poll-tested pabulum we are too often spoon-fed from our political organizations.

Another advance in 2006 was the growth of Gay spiritual groups that are working to wrest back control of the Bible from extremists. Furniture mogul Mitchell Gold is leading the way with his tremendous new organization Faith in America. SoulForce's Jeff Lutes also deserves credit for his highly successful Equality Ride.

Finally, philanthropists such as Tim Gill, the Gill Foundation, and Jon Stryker, the Arcus Foundation, are the engines behind much of the GLBT movement's recent progress. Through their incredible generosity many Gay organizations are finally on equal footing with our opponents.

Well, 2007 is nearly here and it has to be better than 2006, if only, because we know that former Sens. Rick Santorum and George Allen are on Monster.com looking for new jobs. And, we are one year closer to the end of the Bush error, I mean era. Hold that pleasant thought and have a very happy new year!

(Wayne Besen is an author, activist, columnist and public speaker. This op-ed is reprinted from 365Gay.com.)

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Pres. Gerald Ford Death Rekindles Memories Of Gay Man Who Thwarted Assassination Attempt



Oliver Sipple, a Gay man, at the left above, shown grabbing the arm of Sara Jane Moore, an activist who fired a shot at then President Gerald Ford in San Francisco in 1975. Fortunately the bullet missed him. See story below.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Former President Gerald Ford died Tuesday night (Dec. 26) in Rancho Mirage, California. He was 93, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Ford was the country's 38th president succeeding Richard Nixon who left the White House in disgrace in 1974 after the Watergate scandal. He served until 1977 when he was defeated by Jimmy Carter.

In office only 895 days Ford survived two assassination attempts. The first came in September 1975 when Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a 26-year-old follower of Charles Manson, aimed a semiautomatic pistol at Ford in Sacramento, Calif. A Secret Service

agent grabbed her and Ford was unhurt.

Seventeen days later in San Francisco Sara Jane Moore, a 45-year-old political activist, was arrested after she fired a gun at the president. The shot missed, and before she could get off a second shot Oliver Sipple who had been in the crowd beside Moore grabbed her arm. Ford again was unhurt but the event and the media flurry that followed changed Sipple's life forever.

Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1941 Sipple had served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam

War, where was wounded twice. Following his discharge in 1970 he moved to San Francisco, living on a veteran's disability pension. With the media clamoring for information on the man who saved the president's life openly Gay San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk told a reporter that Sipple was Gay and had worked on the campaign that made Milk the first Gay local politician in the U.S.

But while Milk and Sipple's friends in San Francisco knew he was Gay his family did not. Following the press report his mother disowned him. Sipple, shocked by the outing issued a statement: "My sexual orientation has nothing at all to do with saving the President's life, just as the color of my eyes or my race has nothing to do with what happened in front of the St. Francis Hotel."

He then sued the San Francisco Chronicle and six other papers for damages, and the mental stress he suffered as a result of his mother's action. The lawsuit dragged on until it finally was dismissed in court five years later. The distress that Sipple was going through led him to drink. He was found dead on Feb. 2, 1989 in his apartment. Police at the time said they believed he had been dead for two weeks. On the wall, not far from where his body lay slumped in a chair, hung a framed letter of gratitude from President Ford. "I want you to know how much I appreciated your selfless actions last Monday. The events were a shock to us all, but you acted quickly and without fear for your own safety. By doing so, you helped to avert danger to me and to others in the crowd. You have my heartfelt appreciation," it read. Only 30 people attended Sipple's funeral.

Six Shot At Gay Party In Chicago

CHICAGO - Police are investigating the shooting of six men at a party in a house on Chicago's South Side in what may have been a homophobic hate crime, reported the Chicago Sun-Times on 365Gay.com. Police say two masked men burst into an apartment in the house early Sunday morning (Dec. 31, 2006), spraying semi-automatic gunfire throughout the living room hitting six men.

Residents in the area say the apartment was rented by two Gay men and was the scene of frequent loud parties. One neighbor told the Chicago Sun-Times that the building was known as the "Gay House." "We always be seeing them, and they always be looking at people," Kevin Carter told the paper. "They give you that Gay look, like you're a female or something. That ain't cute. People be ready to fight. ... I knew something was going to happen to that house."

One partygoer who declined to give his name to the Sun-Times said that the gunmen "just bust(ed) through the door, and everything went haywire." A man who said his brother lives in the apartment told the paper that his brother had complained for several months about being harassed by people in the neighborhood for being Gay.

Two of the victims are reportedly in serious condition with non life threatening injuries. Several others were treated and released from hospital. Police have interviewed most of the victims and witnesses but because the gunmen were masked they have been unable to provide detailed descriptions of the men. A police spokesperson said that the gunmen did not use homophobic slurs and if they are caught it could be difficult to prove hate was a motive. The spokesperson said that the police civil rights unit is assisting investigators.

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Few LGBT Teens Tell Doctors Their Sexuality Study Finds

LOS ANGELES - A survey of LGBT teenagers has found that 70 percent said most people they knew were aware of their sexual orientation, but only 35 percent reported that their doctor knew, reported 365Gay.com. The survey by the RAND Corporation and UCLA was based on a survey of 131 participants at the Models of Pride Youth Conference in 2003.

physician had discussed sex with them at all," Meckler said. "Very few physicians were regularly discussing sexuality, even though sex is one of the major developmental challenges and health risks at that age." Physician bias also may play a role, Meckler said. Doctors are human beings, too, and "even though we have become a more open society in general, I think there's a lot of stigma around non-heterosexual orientations."

Dr. Garth D. Meckler, lead author of the study and an assistant professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics with the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon said the study is not necessarily representative of all LGBT youth, because of the nature of the conference - a forum on empowerment for Gay youth. Still, he said that the survey results surprised researchers because of the low number of respondents who were out to their medical practitioners. "We knew that the sample that we chose was going to be a very 'out' sample," Meckler said. "We figured they would have a higher disclosure rate than most youth, and yet, despite being out to almost everyone in their lives, only 35 percent had told their doctor about their sexual orientation."

Other reasons the teenagers gave for not disclosing their sexual orientation included: the fact that their parents were in the exam room with them; fear that the doctor would tell their parents their orientation; embarrassment; and fear that their doctor would disapprove.

Schuster said doctors are supposed to let teens and their parents know up front that part of the examination will include time when the teen can talk to the doctor without a parent being in the room. "We want them to have a private time when they can open up, and discuss sex, drugs, violence, problems with their parents, anything," said Schuster, a pediatrician. Sixty-four percent of the teens said physicians should "just ask me" about their sexual orientation, but Meckler and Schuster said this might not be the best tactic for teens who are not open about their sexual orientation.

"Doctors can create a safe environment by not assuming the teen is heterosexual," Schuster said. "Rather than ask a boy if he's dating any girls, we should be open to all possibilities. That will send a message to a Gay teen that this is a doctor who understands sexual orientation. It will also send a message to all teens that this is a doctor who will likely be comfortable talking about whatever the teen wants to discuss."

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association and the Society for Adolescent Medicine all recommend that physicians discuss sexuality with all adolescents and provide nonjudgmental communication about sexual orientation. This is important because if a physician is aware of an adolescent patient's sexual orientation, the doctor can offer appropriate health education and counseling, identify individual risk, and perform targeted screening tests and treatment, Meckler said.

Dr. Mark A. Schuster, senior author of the study and director of health promotion and disease prevention at RAND Health, said the study "is a reminder to physicians who take care of teens to try to create a comfortable, safe environment for young people to be open about their orientation, as well as other aspects of their sexuality." Schuster is also a professor of pediatrics and public health at UCLA.

Ninety percent of the teens had been to see a doctor in the past two years, and nearly two-thirds had gone within the past 12 months. But despite the fact that 66 percent thought it was very or somewhat important that their doctor know their sexual orientation in order to provide the best health care possible, only 35 percent said their physician knew their sexual orientation. Of those teens whose physician knew their sexual orientation, only 21 percent said their doctor had raised the topic.

"One of the strongest predictors of whether or not the teens disclosed their sexual orientation was whether the

Putting Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual literature in the waiting rooms and posting a sign indicating that the office does not discriminate and is a safe place to discuss any and all health concerns confidentially are other things doctors can do. Schuster said. Teens also reported that they would be more likely to disclose their sexual orientation if they were assured the doctor would not put it on their charts or tell their parents.

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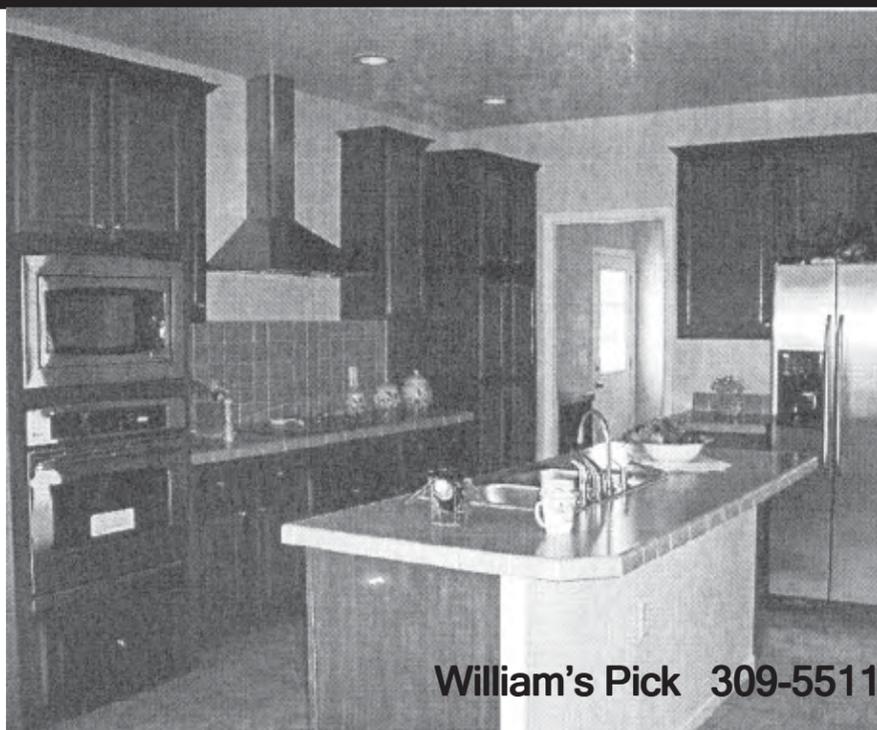
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by Mark R. Kerr

'Down Different Paths

U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe of Tucson (Congressional District 8 (CD-8) is now retired as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. In a statement, dated Nov. 23, 2005, announcing his retirement, Kolbe said "I have concluded that it is time for the people of Southern Arizona and me to walk down different paths."



Rep. Jim Kolbe (Ret.)

Since his initial election though in 1984, defeating then Democratic incumbent Jim McNulty, through the end of his tenure in 2006, Kolbe and his Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) constituents have walked "down different paths." In the beginning of his Congressional career, according to annual reports compiled by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Kolbe's voting record was mediocre at best, ranging from 33% to 60% positive on LGBT proposals. It wasn't till 1996 when it began to change and not by the Congressman's doing.

During that Presidential election year, Congressional Republicans, led by then Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, drafted and passed the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), recognizing that marriage was between a man and woman, and that only a "married couple" could qualify for the federal benefits (according to a 2004 report by the Government Accountability Office, totaling 1,138) and rights offered, such as filing of income taxes, Social Security pensions, Veteran's provisions, or death benefits, citing four of many that can't be done as a "civil union" or "domestic partnership."

DOMA was drafted, as a GOP response to a Hawaii State Supreme Court decision on the case of Baehr v. Anderson, allowing same-sex couples the right to marry which could result in the invocation of the "equal protection clause" of the U.S. Constitution, where marriages or actions performed in one state must be recognized in all 50 states and territories. DOMA was also crafted to smear then President Clinton on the issue of LGBT rights, due to his missteps in 1993 to Gay and Lesbian members of the military to serve openly, resulting in the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy, a measure Kolbe voted for in 1994.

When DOMA was voted on in the House in 1996, only one Republican cast a "no" vote on the bill and it wasn't Congressman Jim Kolbe, but another Gay Republican, Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. Kolbe, as well as then closeted Florida Republican Congressman Mark Foley, voted to pass DOMA and became the subjects of an article written by The Advocate magazine about the two, their sexual orientation and their voting record on LGBT issues, including DOMA. In the fall of that year, Kolbe acknowledged, albeit reluctantly, his sexuality, coming out, perhaps forcibly, for political reasons or otherwise.

Since 1996, Kolbe's voting record of LGBT issues improved according to the NGLTF reports but there have been glaring exceptions in sponsorship, voting and for "speaking out" which he had done over his career. Kolbe:

Cosponsored the "Solomon Amendment," undermining anti discrimination ordinances for school districts and public education institutions that protected the rights of LGBT students and staff, for which the measure, named for the author, former Congressman Gerald Solomon, R-NY, cut off all federal funding if military recruiters were not

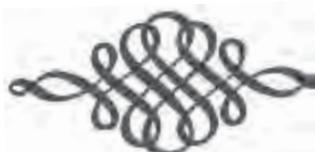
allowed to go onto the campuses and recruit; supported the Workforce Investment Act, letting federally funded, faith-based organizations discriminate against LGBT individuals based on religious beliefs and just two weeks prior, voting to cut Medicaid funding for domestic HIV/AIDS programs; did not speak out on the proposed federal Hate Crimes bills or the Employment Non-Discrimination Act annually drafted and voted for consideration; was silent on the "post-cards" from Arizona's Legislature supporting FMA in 2004 as well as the numerous, anti LGBT and HIV/AIDS measures enacted into law by the state body; and, turned a blind eye in the Florida Congressman Mark Foley "Pagegate" scandal while a member of the House Page Board during the middle of the series of tawdry events.

On the other hand, when it came to speaking out, in 2004, Kolbe did speak against the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) before Congress but had to ask House Democrats for time to speak on the measure. In 2006, the proposed federal Marriage Protection Amendment (MPA) was voted on by the House and Kolbe voted against. The proposed amendment didn't get the two-thirds vote needed for passage (236-187, July 28, 2006).

Hearing your Member of Congress on issues of concern, either federal, state or local, is important to all constituents, including LGBT tax paying citizens but unfortunately it wasn't something LGBT Tucsonans in CD-8 could count on. It is people over the parties and politics or in other words, public service. People have to be able to look to the government on the respective levels and not be ostracized, shunted or ignored which LGBT citizens have been over the years in Arizona.

There are openly Gay Republicans, elected and served in political office in Arizona, state Representative Steve May, former Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano and current Phoenix City Councilmember Tom Simplot who have eloquently spoken out on LGBT issues of concern while serving and forwarding the Republican cause but Kolbe can never be considered in that field with them.

That's all over now and with the election for Democrat Gabrielle Giffords to represent Arizona's Eighth Congressional District in the new, Democratic-controlled 110th Congress that started Thursday, Jan. 4, LGBT residents of the district are going "down a different path" of representation in the U.S. House with a person who will serve without regrets, unlike her predecessor, for which Kolbe said in interviews he now has, especially over his vote on DOMA. Too little and too late.



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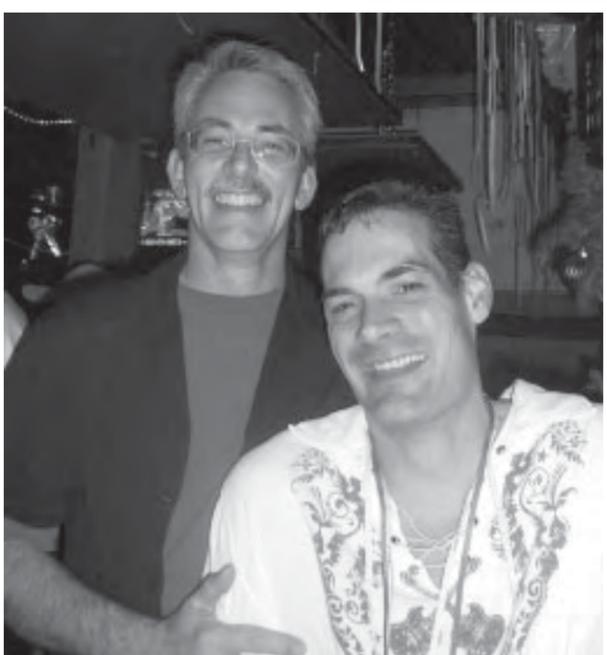
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Gay Man Awarded Half Million Dollars In Police Assault

TORONTO, Ontario - A Gay man beaten by Toronto police in what a jury described as a "Gay bashing" has been awarded more than a half million dollars, reported 365Gay.com. It is considered the largest amount awarded against a police service in Canadian history.

An appeal of the finding against several Toronto officers has been dismissed by the Ontario's highest court, the Court of Appeal. Fifty-three year old Robert Schisler was sitting with a friend in the back of his van parked in Toronto's Gay village in July 1999, when several men in street clothes peered into the window and then began shaking the vehicle. Fearing the men were about to rob him Schisler drove off with the men in pursuit. At no time did the men identify themselves as police officers. He was stopped several blocks away and charged with dangerous driving and assault resisting arrest. The charges were later dropped when a judge ruled police had violated Schisler's constitutional rights. Schisler subsequently filed a civil suit against the officers.

Following a three-week trial a jury found that Schisler had been "intentionally restrained, confined or detained" and awarded him \$600,000 Cdn. The jury was told that Schisler had a net worth of nearly \$1 million before the attack but the stress of the incident left him an anxiety disorder, the breakup of his relationship and led to the loss of all his assets. He told the court that he was fortunate that friends had taken him in and that he has worked very little since the incident because he lacks focus. "He was falsely accused of crimes by the police when, in fact, they were the ones who were guilty of misdeeds which included the beating and abusing of Robert Schisler, and misdeeds by superior officers, one of whom participated in the beating and another superior officer who wrongfully held him at 52 Division, regardless of his

obvious injuries and need for assistance," Schisler's attorney, Hedy Epstein, told the Toronto Star.

Schisler said the jury award is great but he believes the Toronto Police Service needs to do more. He said there needs to be a public inquiry into the way the force handled the situation. Schisler filed a complaint with the force shortly after his arrest but an internal investigation found the officers involved had done their duty. Schisler says a public inquiry would determine whether there had been a cover-up. He is also calling for sensitivity training for officers on the force.

Governor Vetoes Bill Blocking DP Benefits

JUNEAU, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin vetoed a bill on Thursday (Dec. 28) that sought to block the state from giving health benefits to the same-sex partners of public employees, the Anchorage Daily News reported on advocate.com.

In the first veto of her newly elected administration, Palin said she rejected the bill as unconstitutional despite her disagreement with a state supreme court order earlier this month that directed the state to offer the benefits, the paper said. "Signing this bill would be in direct violation of my oath of office," Palin said in a statement released by her administration Thursday night.

The bill was passed by the Republican-controlled legislature during a special November session.



View From The Rock by Linda Davis

Happy New Year! We at Cornerstone Fellowship hope that you have had a blessed Christmas. By now most of us have opened all of our gifts and are enjoying them. We opened our gifts willingly and were thankful for them. There are probably not any beautifully wrapped gifts gathering dust and cobwebs under the Christmas tree. We are using our new pasta cookers, watching our new TV's, and wearing our new clothes. Most likely, we didn't refuse any of our gifts, saying, "I don't think I'll open that

present this year."

Let's take one more look. Are we ignoring any gifts? All of us are blessed with gifts and talents. Are we using those gifts and talents to the best of our abilities? Do we know where these gifts come from? James 1, verse 17 tells us, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." I would challenge all of us this coming year to develop and use our God given gifts and talents so that we may bless others as we have been blessed. Let's take yet another look. Are we ignoring the gift of Jesus Christ? He is our gift from God the Father: "For to us a child is born, to us a child is given. (Isaiah 9:6) Jesus also refers to himself as the gift of God (see John 4). Jesus is not saying this because he's proud of himself. He's saying this because he knows he's going to give us his life. So take a few moments to look around. Receive all of your gifts, and have a blessed New Year.

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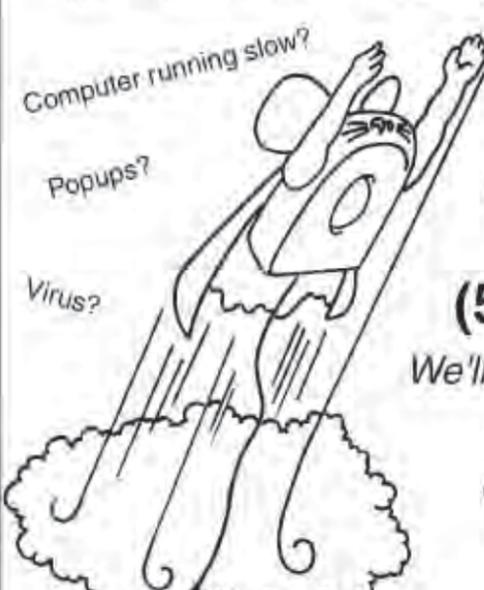


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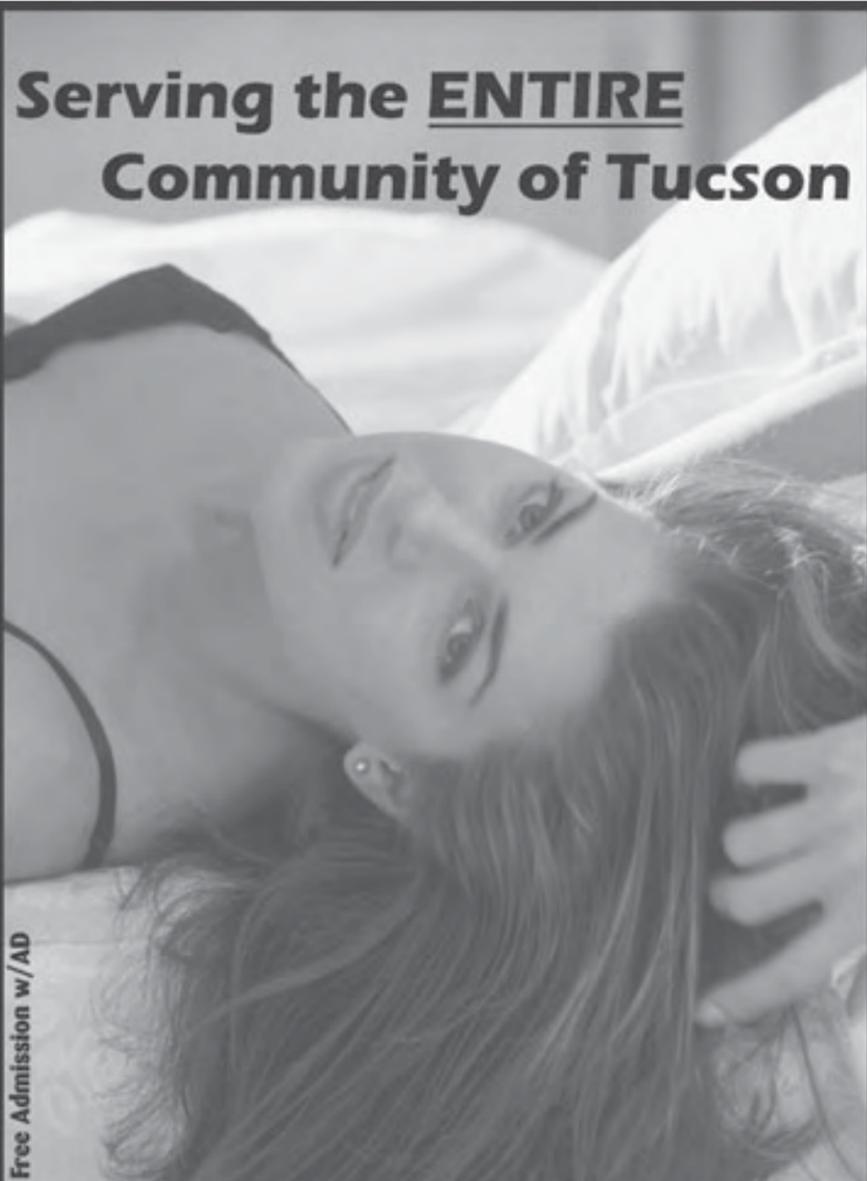
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
Tucson's 2006
by Lee Thorn

Two of the biggest Tucson stories of 2006 have got to be about things that never happened. I'm talking about the trial balloons that local politicians floated to unremitting choruses of ridicule. The first one was the \$350 million downtown bridge to nowhere. Lots of money was spent on design and publicity, buy my constant hero, Joe Sixpack, just scratched his head and asked, "You mean to tell me that Tucson's got \$350 million to spend on a bridge to nowhere?" The local media weren't strongly opposed to the bridge, but I couldn't find a single living Tucsonan in the flesh who didn't think it was sheer lunacy.

After the bridge balloon popped, the local pols floated another that was equally laughable, putting a portion of I-10 that runs through downtown underground. The price tag for this notion was also \$350 million. It makes you wonder whether the city has \$350 million squirreled away somewhere that it's having a hard time getting rid of. Again the media were fairly neutral. Again Joe Sixpack cam to the rescue, scratching his head and asking, "And what exactly does this tunnel do for us?"

For those of you who haven't been paying attention or who are actively trying to forget, the politicians floated the bridge idea again after the tunnel was laughed out of existence. It's an interesting concept, government by trial balloon. I'm all for it if it's going to save us \$350 million on a regular basis. The latest balloon the city is floating is a plan to demolish our oldest underpass, the one at Stone and 6th. The good news is that it's not supposed to cost \$350 million. The bad news is that we'd be destroying our architectural history. But at least the city's thinking is consistent. It's also allowing Farmer Johns famous giant mural, one of Tucson's most recognizable landmarks, to be destroyed with graffiti. Just goes to show you that, given the choice between something real and something phony, the pols will opt for the phony every time.

Continuing with the theme of important stuff that didn't happen, we got some new people on the City Council but so far there's no indication that Tucson won't still be run by the developers.

Another important non-event of 2006 concerns illegal immigration. There were a bunch of laws passed against the interests of illegal immigrants, but nothing that will stop Tucson from continuing to be a mecca for the smugglers of drugs and people. If you look at the various new laws, they seem to be intended to make life difficult for illegal immigrants more than to stop them from coming. This happens at a time when a growing number of American cities are taking far more serious and controversial measures to try to stem the flow that our federal government is broadly winking at.

There were some important things that did happen in 2006. We went from a red hot sellers' market of new homes to a stone cold buyers' market. It seemed to happen almost overnight. This presents a great investment opportunity for anyone thinking of buying a home, especially since Arizona continues to be the fastest or one of the fastest growing states.

Moving considerably down the scale of importance, after years and years of talking about Rio Nuevo, four projects have been approved. The projects don't seem particularly exciting or innovative, but at least they're not just more trial balloons. And what about the University of Arizona's new biomedical complex? Admittedly it's still early days, but this looks like it could be a really big deal for the University and the local economy.

I'm still delighted that the city has decided not to put Johns in jail for

soliciting sex from police officers posing as hookers. The new policy may only save the families and careers of a few hundred people a year, and it may only save the city a few hundred thousand bucks (as opposed to the \$350 million we'd like to throw around), but perhaps it signals a departure from trying to inflict the sexual morality of the few on everybody else. The law hasn't changed, but the attitude might be softening into something more humane.

One of the most spectacular events of the year has got to be the County Attorney's losing 750 felony drug cases. Were they lost in a flood? Were they lost in a fire? No. They were just, well, lost someplace. Could there be a government conspiracy to actually promote Tucson as a mecca for people and drug smuggling? Not to worry: that would take planning.

(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)

Spain Prepares To Compensate G/L Victims Of Franco Era



Francisco Franco

MADRID, Spain - The government of Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero is preparing legislation to compensate thousands of Gays and Lesbians who were imprisoned and in many cases tortured during the regime of General Francisco Franco, reported 365Gay.com. Under Franco's Fascist dictatorship homosexuality was a criminal offence. Tens of thousands of Gays and Lesbians were rounded up and imprisoned. The most famous Gay man persecuted by the regime was the poet and playwright Federico Garcia Lorca who was executed by a Nationalist firing squad in Granada in 1936.

Towards the end of the regime the government opted to send Gays to mental hospitals rather than prisons. But in most cases the treatment worsened with many victims being given experimental drugs and electric-shock therapy to "cure them." Even after Franco died, persecution of Gays continued and the law allowing courts to jail Gays remained on the books until 1979. It was not until 2001 that Spain finally began to purge the criminal records of Gays convicted under Franco. For Gays persecuted during the Franco years the scars remain. Many are only shell of human beings - the result of medical experiments on them.

Justice Minister Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar said he expected the compensation package to be introduced in Parliament early in 2007. It would reportedly include a one-time payment of about \$17,000 and a monthly pension of about \$1,000. Last year Spain became the third country in the world to legalize



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Who puts the cream in our coffee? Who puts the salt in our stew? One might say that there are a couple of "outer" planets that stir surprises in our various cosmic concoctions throughout 2007. The next months promise to be everything that we want and so, so much more. Uh oh.

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)

January rolls in and will offer you a myriad of romantic opportunities in exotic locals courtesy of Pluto and Jupiter. Spread your influence any way you can. Proud Rams should plan on more than a few wilde excursions. You will meet a variety of mysterious and shocking folks who keep you on your toes. Will you be tossed head over heels? Hey, whatever turns you on.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

Queer Bulls have a certain animal magnetism thanks to the nuzzlefest of Jupiter and Pluto. Most of your sexual oomph occurs in January so make it last as long as you can. Expand your influence in some new social groups and reconnect with some long lost pals. You may find that there are times when your eyes are too big for your stomach. This is a bad thing??

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

More than ever, pink Twins pine for the opportunity, any opportunity, to connect with someone on a deeply personal level. This ache manifests in various ways - you can improve current relationships or venture Out and form new ones. 2007 tosses a few pertinent possibilities in your professional path. Will you sleep your way to the top from the bottom? How typical.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

The drudgery of the day to day job can become a bit more exciting thanks to Jupiter and Pluto this year. Oh goodie. Gay Crabs who burn the midnight oil should take a reality check. Are you going where you need to go? You may begin to see some real progress or maybe you will recognize the futility of all work and no play. I am betting on the latter.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

What fantastic tricks do you

have up your sleeve? You even surprise and impress yourself, proud Lion. Dormant creative projects come to life. Even your social life heats up and you magically ascend to the "A" list from something quite a bit lower on the alphabet. Who lit your candle? Who cares as long as they sing along as you light it at both ends. What's that sizzly smell?

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

If you are thinking of moving or changing your residence in some way, put your thoughts into action. 2007 brings your domestic agenda out of committee and onto the floor for a vote. Queer Virgins deserve a feathered nest full of all of the latest equipment. Think of what you really want and make it happen now that Pluto and Jupiter are in your zipcode.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

A great idea can move mountains. At least that is what we are led to believe. And so it would behoove you to pile all your great beliefs in a large bag and haul them around all through 2007, Gay Libra. Some of them are brilliant. Some are not. But you will be shocked and surprised at what can resonate and pay your bills. There is certainly no accounting for tastes!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

2007 can be your big payoff year. Or maybe not. You see, proud Scorp, it all depends on how much you really want it, how hard you want to work for it and how much you are willing to compromise your very being for it. Sure, you can give it lip service but if it doesn't come from the heart, what good is it? If you decide to sell your soul be sure to get a top price for it.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

If it weren't enough that transformative Pluto continues to plotz in your sign, now lucky Jupiter joins in the merriment. Gay Archers are too good to be true in January. They rub elbows with the glamoratti and glitterati and can go anywhere they want. Sadly though you may set your sights too low. (as is usually the case) and settle for less than you deserve. Don't!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Do you have a guardian

angel? It seems that way all through 2007 when you get too many coincidental lucky breaks that seem to come out of nowhere. Why ask why pink Cap? Just take advantage of every stepping stone and capitalize on the vagaries of fortune. But don't let it be all take and no give. Practice a bit of safe karma along the way. Give till it hurts. Ouch!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Your popularity soars this January. The Pluto / Jupiter combo not only energizes your social calendar, it also propels you right into the epicenter of the action. Make every encounter count. Aquerians should not content themselves with a few short platonic interludes that spark for the moment and then go nowhere. Okay, sometimes short and sweet has its advantages too.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

Who lit your corporate rocket, Guppie? Suddenly all your hard work and patience pays off. You get the recognition, responsibilities and rewards from the power brokers. (Concentrate on the rewards.) What a nice change of pace! 2007 is the year to make a professional name for yourself. Let's hope that it is better than the names that they are using for you now.



Johnny Depp

Johnny Depp Slated To Play Freddie Mercury In New Biopic

LONDON - Johnny Depp is in talks to star as Freddie Mercury in a film being developed by Robert de Niro's Tribeca Productions, reported The [London] Independent on advocate.com.

Queen guitarist Brian May confirmed on his Web site that "discussions are at an early stage."

The film would cover the life of Mercury, the former Queen front man, who was born Farrokh Bulsara in Zanzibar. Mercury wrote many of the band's hits, including "Bohemian Rhapsody," which was voted Britain's best single of all time, beating out John Lennon's "Imagine." He was known for his distinctive voice and wide vocal range. Mercury died at age 45 in 1991 of AIDS complications, one day after announcing he had the disease.



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Wednesday, January 3
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta hosted by Bruce 743-3890. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, January 4

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. No host Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on fabulous 4th Avenue.

#2 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.

Friday, January 5

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.

Saturday, January 6

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 8:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and

Non Bar Calendar

directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for our monthly Pot Luck Dinner and to get to know the members of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting, meet new men, and greet friends. Reservations are not necessary. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you don't cook, bring restaurant, deli, or grocery pre-cooked food. Call Steve at 745-0304 for location and directions.

Sunday, January 7

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:00p.m. Thom and/or Ken host Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com, or Ken at 294-6606. Please contact Thom or Ken by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under \$10. Check the Yahoo on-line calendar for the scheduled place. The venue is rotated to include all parts of town, and may occasionally be held at a full-service menu restaurant.

Monday, January 8

Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Mexican Train Dominos. Please call Karol at 744-9017 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.

Tuesday, January 9

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Play bridge at Perry's! Call Perry for info at 321-4387.

Wednesday, January 10

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all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta hosted by Marv & Steve. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host. Call Marv at 745-0304.

Thursday, January 11

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Friday, January 12

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, January 13

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. Contact Marvin at 745-0304.

Sunday, January 14

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:00p.m. Thom and/or Ken host Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com, or Ken at 294-6606. Please contact Thom or Ken by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under \$10. Check the Yahoo on-line calendar for the scheduled place. The venue is rotated to include all parts of town, and may occasionally be held at a full-service menu restaurant.

Monday, January 15

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday each month at Gourmet of China, 2544 S. Kolb Road. Contact Stephen at 546-4047.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Karol for poker! Call for info at 744-9017. Karol will start you out with a stake of chips, and then the rest is up to you and Mister Luck!

Tuesday, January 16

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Peter. Call for info and directions: 881-8276. Please call ahead to assist your host in planning the evening.

Wednesday, January 17

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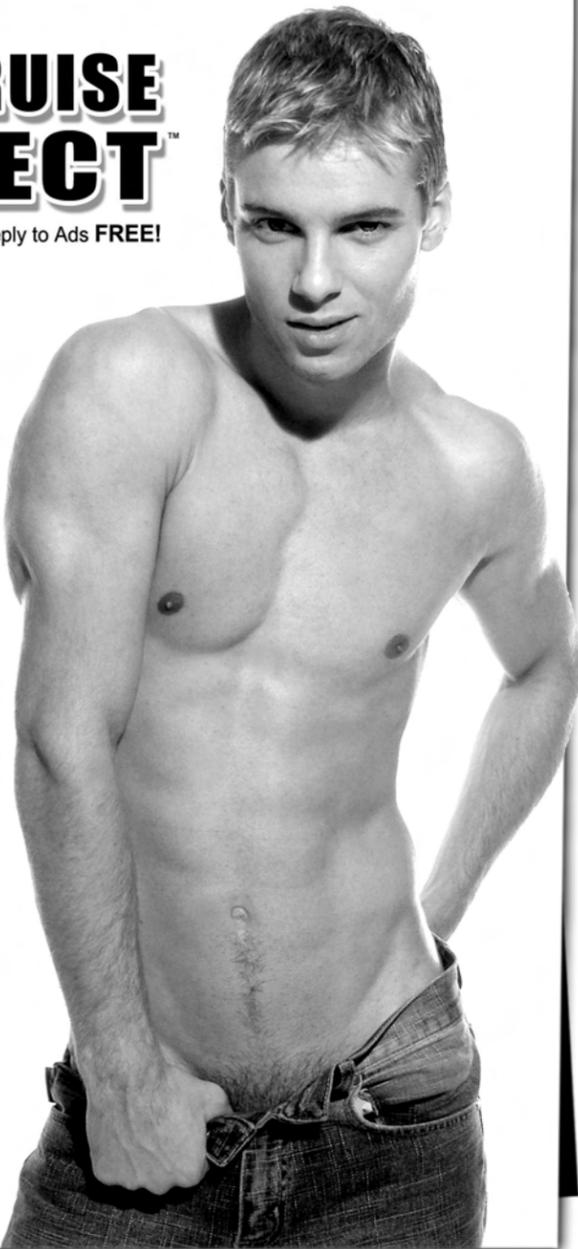
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SAN FRANCISCO - An advertising campaign featuring cartoon characters shaped like male genitalia encouraged more men to get tested for syphilis in San Francisco, according to a new study, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. In the neighborhoods where the Healthy Penis ads ran on billboards and bus shelters, men who saw the comic strips were most likely to have been tested for the sexually transmitted disease, according to researchers from the city's Department of Public Health.

The health department sponsored the humorously risqué ads between 2002 and 2005 to combat rising syphilis rates among gay and bisexual men. Between 40 and 60 percent of survey respondents who were aware of the ads said they had been tested in the previous six months, department researchers reported in the online journal Public Library of Science Medicine.

Although the campaign was not without controversy – an outdoor advertising company initially refused to post spots – infection rates have since declined, officials said. "We took

a risk, and that risk paid off," said Jacqueline McCright, a sexually transmitted diseases services manager with the health department. The campaign's success has inspired nearby Santa Clara County, Palm Springs, Seattle, Philadelphia and Los Angeles to use similar ads.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; \$2 Pitchers til 10pm and Rotating Shot Specials all night; Latin Music with live DJ at 9:30pm. Get ready!!! L Word Season 4 begins Jan. 7th at 8pm!

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

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5:00pm. Happy Hour 5-7pm \$1.75 well, domestic bottles and draft.

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. Ply 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

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-10pm; Drink what you want with ½ priced Happy Hour. Poke-Her Monday! Free card lessons 5pm. Free Texas Hold-'em Tourney at 6pm; Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places. Happy Hour pricing & Free Food

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.
HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft.

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

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-10pm; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour. Monthly Wine Tasting on 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm. Please RSVP by the first Monday of the Month. Wine bottles will be for sale after the tasting at a special discounted price.

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Nightly dinner specials.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Karaoke 8pm-12am.

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

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink what You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 18 to Party, 21 to Drink! 18 & Over Night w/DJ Shorty at 9:30pm! Rotating Shot Specials all night.

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Movie Night. First show 6pm, Second show 8pm with movie theatre popcorn and hot dogs.

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 day and 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. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

JANUARY 3, 2007

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

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 'Thirsty Thursday' with Tori Steele & Friends! Drag show starts at 9:30pm with Tori Steele, Janee Starr, Diana Flair and weekly special guests. \$2 Pitchers and Rotating Shot Specials. Followed by a new Surprise guest DJ!

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Stnad-up Comedy Night - open mike 8-10p.m. Register 7pm. Prizes for winners.

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 Rosemary 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 opens 7pm.

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; Rotating weeks Latin or Hip Hop Music with DJ Shorty at 9:30pm. Rotating Shot Specials all night!

COLORS - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-10pm. 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.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Two for One 9pm - 12am. With midnight 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 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

THE BIZ - \$1 Draught Beers until 10pm & \$4 Finlandia Vodka Red Bull drinks until 11pm; Dance Party with DJ Shorty at 9:30 mixing it up and playing what you want to hear!

COLORS - Open 4pm-11pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. "Pacific Breeze" performs 7-10pm.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft.

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 Mailbu. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for \$4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Johnny D playing dance mix or ch3eck 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.

WEEKLY OBSERVER

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

THE BIZ - First Monthly Wine Tasting at 5:30 p.m. Featuring wines from the Sterling Vinter's Collection and BV Napa; Presented by Chris Chavez, Sommelier. Please RSVP by Monday, January 1st. Wine bottles will be available for sale after the tasting at a special discounted price.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

YARD DOG SALOON - It's time for the Yard Dog Chili Cook Off again. \$5.00 entry. Prizes for 1st, 32nd and 3rd. See bartender to sign up.

Arts and Entertainment

Now Playing Thru Feb. 4

"I Hate Hamlet" presented by the Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. 7:30 Thursdays-Saturdays; 3:00 p.m. Sundays.

Now Playing Thru January 7

"All Shook Up" - Broadway in Tucson presents a show with Elvis Presley Music and a rock-n-roll story. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 & 4; 8:00 p.m. Jan. 5; 2 & 8 p.m. Jan. 6 and 1 & 8 p.m. And 1 & 6:30 p.m. Jan. 7. \$22 - \$58. 791-4101.

January 2 - 7

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

January 4 - 14

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January 13 - February 25

"Plaza Suite" Top Hat Theatre presents Neil Simon's classic at 3110 E. Ft. Lowell Road. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3:00p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$15-\$17. 326-6800.

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" 1-866-821-2929 or online broadwayintucson.com

April 17 - 22

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Dirty Rotten Scoundrel". 1-866-821-2929 or online broadwayintucson.com

May 15 - 20

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid Of Virginia Wolf, starring Kathleen Turner and Bill Irwin. 1-866-821-2929 or online broadwayintucson.com

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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.

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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; Desert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Desert 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.

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

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM 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.

MEN'S HIKING CLUB - A peer-run MEN's outdoor club for hiking, biking, camping, boating etc, is now up and running in the Tucson area. To join, go to SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoo.com. See you on the trails.

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.

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.

BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

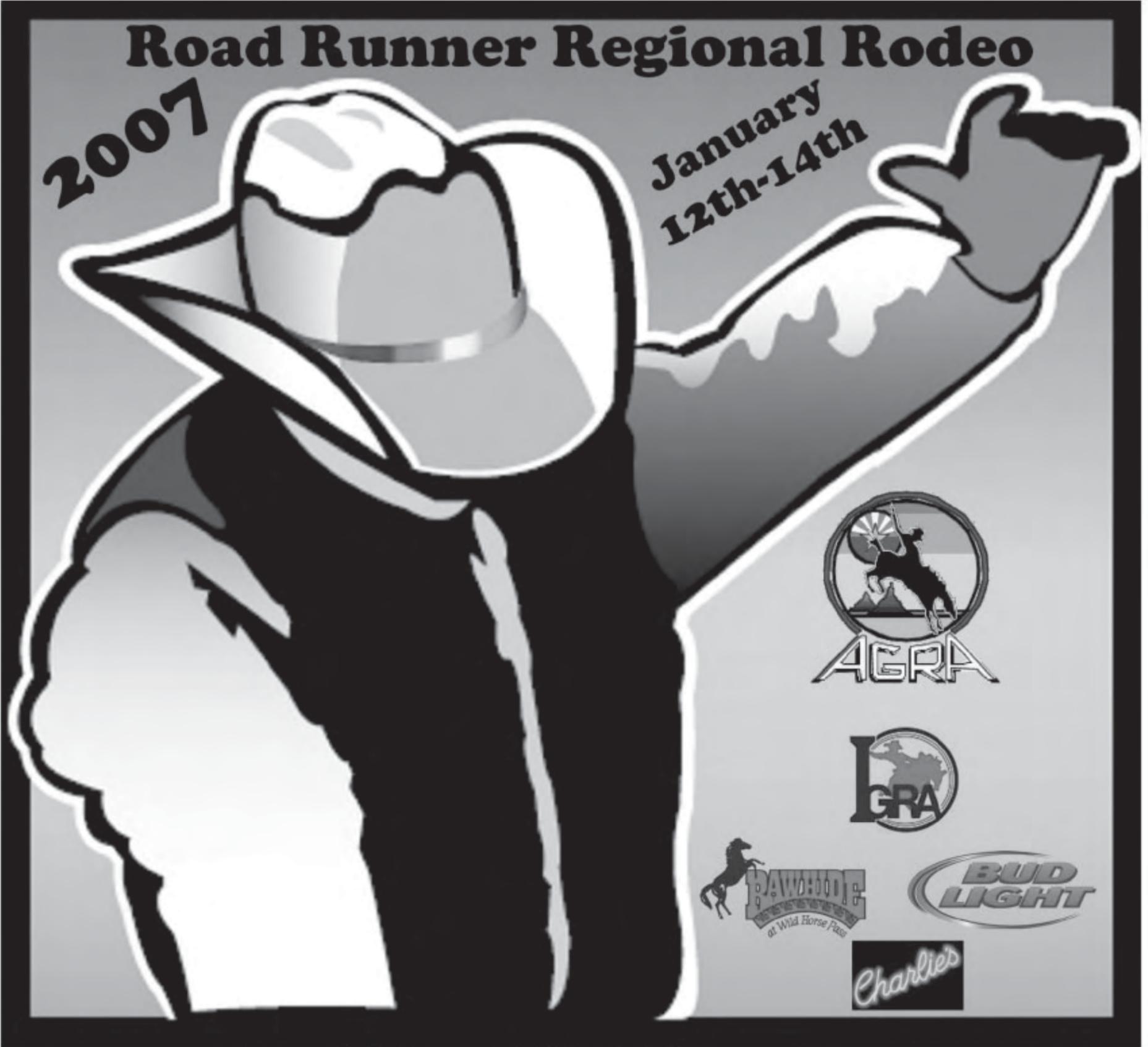
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