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Measures Defining 'Marriage' Repealing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Introduced In Arizona Legislature

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - In the midst of the numerous bills, mandates, resolutions and concurrent memorials proposed so far during the first regular session of Arizona's 48th Legislature that commenced Monday, Jan. 8, two measures of note to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community have been introduced for consideration.

HCR (House Concurrent Resolution) 2023 would place on the Nov. 2008 general election ballot, a proposed amendment to the state Constitution defining a valid "marriage" as between a man and a woman.

Entitled "marriage," HCR 2023 reads: Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

1. Article XXX, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be added as follows if approved by the voters and on proclamation of the Governor:

ARTICLE XXX. MARRIAGE

1. Marriage

Section 1. Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state.

2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI, Constitution of Arizona.

Two Senators and four state Representatives, all Republicans, have sponsored HCR 2023: Representatives Russell Pearce, Trish Groe, Sam Crump, Rick Murphy, and Senators Linda Gray and Chuck Gray, no relation.

Arizona already has legislation limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples (Arizona Revised Statutes 25-101 and 25-112), but Representatives Russell Pearce, Trish Groe and Rick Murphy said they feared the law could be overturned in court. In 2004, the Arizona Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of these statutes in the case of Standhardt v. Superior Court.

In Nov. 2006, Arizona became the first state to vote down a proposed state constitutional amendment (Proposition 107) banning same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Reaction to the introduction of HCR 2023 was swift.

"The misguided members of the State Legislature are trying again to promote an agenda of fear in their attempt to legislate morality upon the rest of the citizens of this state," said openly Lesbian state Senator Paula Aboud of Tucson. "Arizonans spoke up against this disgruntled minority by defeating Proposition 107 during the last election."

"It is appalling that members of the Arizona House are trying to re-introduce a constitutional amendment that the voters already voted against in Nov. 2006. The voters of Arizona sent a plain and crystal clear message when they rejected Proposition 107: Arizonans do not want to amend our constitution in ways that will hurt and take benefits away from people," Kent Burbank, Executive Director of Wingspan commented. "It is disheartening that a small handful of elected officials are acting against the will of the people and trying to again use hatred and prejudice to divide our state and distract attention away from more pressing political issues."

Openly Gay state Senator Ken Cheuvront of Phoenix, when reached for comment, said with the new, more moderate composition of the state Legislature, he thinks HCR 2023 will be defeated.

HCM (House Concurrent Memorial) 2003 would put Arizona on record supporting the repeal of the federal "don't ask, don't tell" policy that discriminates against openly Gay and Lesbian individuals from serving in the country's armed forces.

HCM 2003, with the title, "policy recision; Gays in military" reads: To the Congress and President of the United States of America:

Your memorialist respectfully represents:

Whereas, since the 1994 codification into law by the United States Congress, and by the signature of the President, the policy now known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" (National Defense Authorization Act of 1994; Public Law 103-160) has led to the discharge of a great number of Lesbian and Gay service members, thus ending their careers and burdening them with a lifelong stigma; and

Whereas, the capacity of the armed forces of the United States to carry out its missions, like the global war on terror, is hindered when competent and qualified individuals are involuntarily discharged from those forces; and

Whereas, the armed forces of the United States have been forced to retain reserve and national guard service members on active duty past standard deployment lengths in order to carry out its missions during the global war on terror; and

Whereas, the ability of the armed forces to recruit and retain the best and brightest Americans is hindered by excluding a section of the population solely because of sexual orientation; and

Whereas, Lesbian and Gay service members have served honorably throughout United States history and continue to serve with distinction on active duty in the global war on terror, including in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

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MLK Observances Included LGBT-Positive Coretta Scott King For First Time

ATLANTA, Georgia - Observances of Martin Luther King Day across the country included for the first time memorials for King's widow, Coretta Scott King, who died last Jan. 31, 2006, reported 365Gay.com.

"Her commitment and her accomplishments were equal to his," said William Jelani Cobb a history professor at Spelman College. "To view her as an equal in helping to establish racial democracy in America would be fitting."

Until she was disabled by a stroke last Aug. 2006, King frequently spoke out, often to the anger of some Black pastors, in favor of LGBT civil rights.

King called her critics "misinformed" and said that Martin Luther King's message to the world was one of equality and inclusion.

In 2003, she invited the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to take part in observances of the 40th anniversary of the March on Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

It was the first time that an LGBT rights group had been invited to a major event of the African American community and drew the ire of some of the other speakers.

King said her husband supported the quest for equality by Gays and reminded her critics that the 1963 March on Washington was organized by Bayard Rustin, an openly Gay man.

When she died last year NGLTF executive director Matt Foreman, who spoke at the 2003 anniversary, called her a model for equality.

"Our community has lost a dear and courageous friend, someone who was there for us when virtually no one else was," Foreman said last January.

"From the beginning Mrs. King understood that homophobia is hate and that hate has no place in the Beloved Community that she and Dr. King envisioned for our nation and our world."

In Mar. 2004, she told a university audience that same-sex marriage is a civil rights issue and denounced a proposed amendment to the Constitution ban it.

"Gay and Lesbian people have families, and their families should have legal protection, whether by marriage or civil union," she said in a speech at The Richard Stockton College in Pomona, New Jersey.

"A constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages is a form of Gay bashing and it would do nothing at all to protect traditional marriages."

In her speech King also criticized a group of black pastors in her home state of Georgia for backing a bill to amend that state's constitution to block Gay and Lesbian couples from marrying.

Coretta Scott met Martin Luther King Jr. while she was studying at Boston's New England Conservatory of Music.

They were married in June of 1953 and a year later moved to Montgomery, Alabama, to take on the leadership of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

When Dr. King was assassinated she was a young widow with four young children to raise.

The killing instantly thrust her to the forefront of the civil rights movement. She took up her husband's mantle of social justice crusader speaking in forums across this country and around the world.

UPDATE

LGBT&S Alliance Fund Awards $27,000 In Grants

TUCSON - The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight (LGBT&S) Alliance Fund presented its 2006-07 funding awards to nine recipients in festivities held at the home of Dianne Van Tasell and Steve Eggimann. Ms. Van Tasell and Doug Noffsinger, co-chairs of the Grant Review Panel for the Alliance Fund, moderated the award ceremony.

The LGBT&S Alliance Fund is a special project of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. It generates resources and provides funding opportunities that benefit organizations serving the LGBT community in Tucson and Southern Arizona. In the past 6 years, the Fund has made 58 grants totaling $320,000, with $27,000 being provided this year.

Featured comments by Steve Alley, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, and Randy Soderstrom, Chair of the LGBT&S Alliance Fund, centered on the importance of the Foundation and Fund's efforts to help solve the problem of chronic underfunding of LGBT issues and organizations in the country.

Award winners for 2006-07 included: Arizona Theatre Company for its presentation "I Am My Own Wife"; Kore Press for its "Literature in Unexpected Places" campaign; the Pima Community Access Program; Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona's Teen Advisory Group; Reveille Gay Men's Chorus; the Tucson Center for Women and Children for the Transgender Domestic Violence Center; Wingspan's Proud Futures and Rainbow Families Programs; and the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance at Wingspan. Officials of the winning groups accepted awards from prominent members of the LGBT community and its straight allies.

Information about the Alliance Fund is available at alliancefund.org or from Martin Rivera, Program Manager, mrivera@cfsoaz.org or at (520) 770-0800, extension 110.

Desert Coyotes League Standings

TUCSON (ON) - The standings for Tucson's LGBT and straight supportive bowling league:

Totally off the Wall 32-10, RaPaDa 30-12, Puffy Bones 28-14, Boobs with Balls 26-16, UGOTABKIDN 25-17, Monster Balls 21-21, Lois Lanes 21-21, Hi Balls 19-23, Pin Ups 19-23, BarBitchUettes 19-23, Headpin Hussies 19-16, Scratch Patch 16-26, FKD 15-27.

The Desert Coyotes bowl every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 S. 16th Ave.

Wingspan Reel Pride Presents, Eating Out 2; Sloppy Seconds, Jan. 26

TUCSON - Come out and welcome Tucson's fave Indie Producer, Michael J. Shoel of Ariztical Entertainment and writer/director Phillip J. Bartell for the Tucson premiere of Eating Out 2: SLOPPY SECONDS, Friday, Jan. 26 at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. The film will be followed by a question and answer session and light refreshments. Come on out for the funny, sexy date movie of the year. (Contains adult material)

How far would you go to get the person of your dreams? In the original EATING OUT, Kyle (former American Idol-finalist Jim Verraros) convinced his straight roommate to pretend to be Gay to get the girl. Now, with the help of Gwen (Emily Brooke Hands) and Tiffani (Rebekah Kochan), Kyle pretends to be heterosexual to land Troy (Marco Dapper), the new guy – and nude model – in town, only to find himself joining the campus ex-Gay support group and nabbing a girlfriend! Kyle's ex boyfriend, Marc (Brett Chukerman), is horrified at the plan and decides to pursue the confused Troy with his own tactic – being his out Gay self. Who will win him first? In the boy eat boy, boy eat girl world of EATING OUT 2: SLOPPY SECONDS (the first American Gay sequel ever), stakes get raised, sexual boundaries are obliterated, and the answer is never what you might expect! Also featuring John Waters-vet Mink Stole as a very Gay-friendly mother.

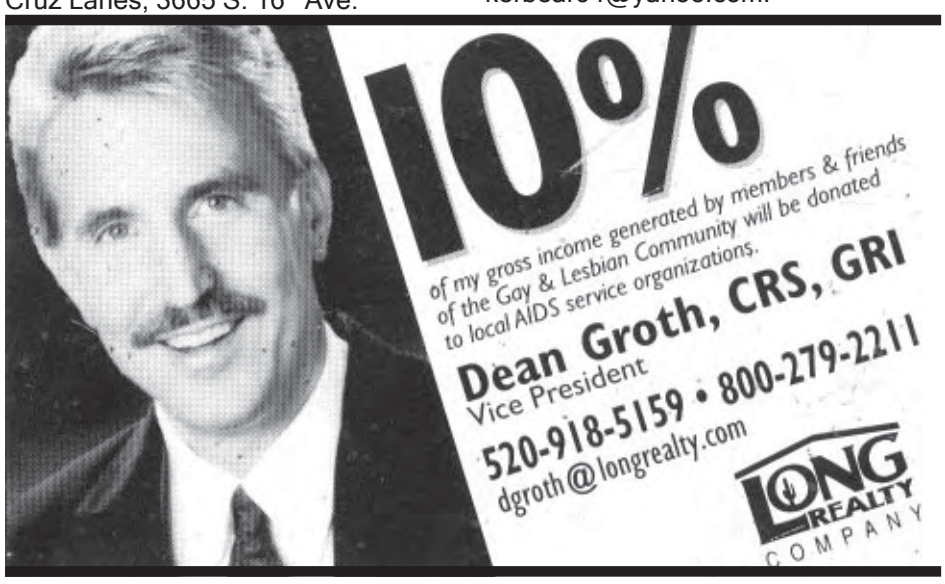
Tickets are $10 general admission, $7 for students and seniors. For more information, contact Caz Springer at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, E-mail: cspringer@wingspan.org.

Progressive Lobby Day, Feb. 6

PHOENIX - The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) is proud to come together with dozens of like-minded, progressive organziations to hold the 2007 Progressive Lobby Day, Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Arizona State Capitol, 1700 West Washington St.

Join as your schedule allows - either 10:00 a.m. or noon, with the program ending by 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP either to Megan at political@ahrf.org. or by using the easy on-line registration form to the right. Even if you're just considering coming, please let us know - we have to order enough food and rather too much than too little!

AHRF needs volunteers to help with set-up, registration and general tasks! If you're interested in donating a few hours of your time, contact Kerry at kerbear94@yahoo.com.



Around The Old Pueblo

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 Toreenee 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. ...

TUCSON - In the fall of 2006, a group of consultants, led by UA's Dr. Stephen Russell, worked with Wingspan staff and Board to develop a community needs assessment to guide future strategic planning. They sought information about how Wingspan is viewed by the community as well as its strengths, weaknesses, areas for improvement, and future role in the community. Many of you participated in the process via the online survey or through focus groups and key information interviews. In a short period of time (less than two months), there was a large response to the requests for participation in the Wingspan community needs assessment: 385 individuals completed the online survey, 122 participated in focus group interviews, and 13 key informants were interviewed. Please join Dr Stephen T. Russell, Associate Professor of Family Studies & Human Development at the University of Arizona, to hear the results of the Needs Assessment on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Parking is available in the rear of the building. For more information, E-mail Kent Burbank at Wingspan: kent@wingspan.org. ...

TUCSON - The Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Chamber of Commerce (TGLBTCC) is one of the Tucson metropolitan area's fastest growing chambers - and the only chamber dedicated to the GLBT business community and its allies. The TGLBTCC is also the seconnd largest chamber of it's kind in Arizona with approximately 140 member companies represented by nearly 160 people. Membership within the chamber provides powerful networking possibilities, one of the most loyal and dedicated consumer niches, various marketing and advertising opportunities, and empowerment found through interaction within Tucson's GLBT and straight allied community. The mission of the TGLBTCC is to provide a forum to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender business community and its allies for the purpose of networking, creating increased visibility and strengthening relationships among business community members. For more information, go online to: tucsonglbtchamber.org.

Coconino County Cuts HIV Outreach Program After Losing Grant

FLAGSTAFF - Programs designed to prevent new HIV infections in Coconino County have been cut after the county Health Department lost its grant funding, the Associated Press reported on tucsoncitizen.com. The department ran the programs aimed at preventing new infections in the gay and bisexual community for more than a decade using state grants.

But the money went instead this year to two outreach programs in Tucson and two in Phoenix, Health

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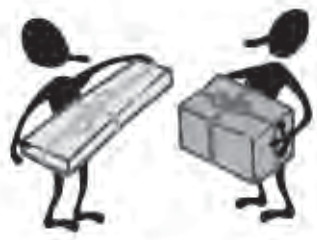

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HRC Hailed For Election Role

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), one of the nation's leading LGBT political organizations, played a quiet but pivotal role electing Democrats at the federal and local level in November, a startling turnaround for a group whose demands for Gay marriage helped defeat Democratic candidates in 2004, according to party leaders and lawmakers, reported the Boston Globe.

Playing down its support for Gay marriage, the HRC mobilized its 650,000 members to staff phone banks, raise money, and participate in get-out-the-vote campaigns to elect candidates sympathetic to Gay issues, even if they didn't support Gay marriage. The group was the single biggest donor to Democratic state Senate races in New Hampshire, helping the party take control of both chambers of the Legislature for the first time since 1874.

The group also helped congressional candidates from Arizona to Florida and Ohio, and party activists believe the organization can play an even larger role in the 2008 elections. The idea, leaders say, is to become a steady source of funds and grass-roots support for Democrats – more akin to a labor union than a single-issue activist group.

"They took it to the grass roots and had people in individual states helping, either by volunteering or sending personal contributions," said Tina Stoll, a Democratic fund-raiser. Instead of throwing its money at defeating ballot initiatives banning Gay marriage, the HRC focused on electing Democratic majorities – even if it meant helping candidates who weren't fully in support of their agenda, she said. "They didn't let the perfect be the enemy of the good," Stoll said.

Gay-rights advocates acknowledge that their issues still divide the country and can make trouble for some pro-Gay marriage candidates in conservative states. So they often opted to back the most sympathetic candidate, even if he or she did not embrace the group's entire agenda.

"What makes you politically powerful is money and membership. We have both, and we have the power to deliver both. We need to do it in a way that makes people stand up and take notice," said Joe Solmonese, HRC president.

In Florida, the HRC worked hard to elect Democrat Ron Klein , despite the fact that Klein does not back Gay marriage. Klein is otherwise supportive of Gay rights and backs civil unions, but his greatest appeal to the HRC was that his narrow victory over GOP incumbent Representative Clay Shaw helped give the Democrats the numbers they needed to take control of the US House.

"They had numerous people manning the phones. They were very engaged in getting the vote out," said Klein, adding that the HRC also raised at least $20,000 for him.

Solmonese said the group decided after the losses of 2004 that they could be more effective by focusing on candidates instead of ballot initiatives.

The Human Rights Campaign spent more than $5 million on election-related activities, including contributions, staff, and direct mail, the group's officers said. Eighty-four staff members were sent to help 30 targeted races in 18 states. More than 90 percent of the 232 candidates the HRC endorsed – mostly Democrats, but some pro-Gay rights Republicans – won their elections in November.

In Ohio – a battlefield state former Democratic presidential nominee Senator John F. Kerry lost narrowly in 2004, in part because of the Gay marriage issue – the HRC played a strong role in Democratic campaigns, said Senator Sherrod Brown , a Democrat whose win in Ohio was essential to his party's takeover of the Senate last year. "They are about a progressive message ," Brown said, calling the HRC's performance in his campaign "terrific."

Mark Weaver , an Ohio-based GOP consultant, said he noticed the HRC's role in Brown's campaign, but "it was definitely under the radar." "The average Ohioan opposes Gay marriage," but the HRC was still effective in the 2006 campaigns, Weaver said.

"Even controversial groups can make a significant impact in elections if they're willing to open their pocketbooks," he added. Representative Harry Mitchell, Democrat of Arizona, said the HRC sent him a full-time staff member to work in his office and added another later in the campaign. Mitchell also does not support Gay marriage, although he opposed a state referendum against same-sex marriage because it went "too far" in its language. Still, Mitchell said, "I've always been supportive of Gay rights," and the HRC was "terrific" in helping him unseat Republican J.D. Hayworth , a top target of the Democrats.

The organization was most active in New Hampshire, donating a total of $135,000 to Democratic state Senate candidates. A staff member for the Gay rights group served as the get-out-the-vote director for the Senate Democratic caucus and worked with party officials for a statewide plan to get voters to the polls.

At the HRC's urging, state Democratic party officials – who had been planning just a volunteer phone bank and poll-watching campaign – paid workers to call voters, knock on doors, and get them to the voting station, according to HRC and party officials. The Gay rights group's staff managed more than 35 paid Senate campaign staff and 1,500 volunteers, developing customized plans for eight races, they said.

"We never would have been able to do this without the large level of support we received from the HRC," said Ray Buckley , vice chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. New Hampshire Democrats won six of the eight targeted state Senate races, flipping the chamber from a 16-to-8 GOP majority to a 14-to-10 Democratic advantage. "The Human Rights Campaign was there with that extra push," Buckley added.

Lesbian Couple Seeks Police Protection

CHHATTISGARH, India - Two women in the Indian region of Chhattisgarh have sought police protection to marry each other against family and social protests, reported IANS. Meena, 21, and Bundkunwar, 22, wrote a letter to the Prem Nagar police, saying their parents were pressurising them to marry boys. The girls, who claim to be involved in a relationship for the last three years, also vowed to commit suicide if not allowed to live with each other.

The police are clueless over the legal rights of homosexuals. "It's a quite ticklish situation for the police. We are reluctant to arrange their marriage as our society does not permit Lesbians to marry," R.S. Nayak, the superintendent of police in Surajpur district, told IANS. "We told the girls to furnish all details in writing and give us some time to decide. They immediately provided all details but vowed to kill themselves if someone tried to separate them," he added.

"Since they are adults and willfully decided to either marry each other or end their life, we have sought some time from the girls. We are now seeking legal suggestions on how to get out of the situation," Nayak said.

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Switch To Democrat Suits Gay Phoenix Councilman

Tom Simplot

PHOENIX - Councilman Tom Simplot stunned many of his friends, and his family, last month when he switched political allegiances and became a member of the Democratic Party, reported the Arizona Republic. After all, he had been one of the GOP faithful for more than a quarter-century, serving as a senior staff member for former Gov. Fife Symington and chief of staff for former Maricopa County Supervisor Betsey Bayless, both Republicans.

But as he sipped coffee in one of his favorite neighborhood haunts recently, Simplot made it clear that his was not an impulsive decision. "I've been thinking about this for a while," he said. "It wasn't a question of if. It was always a question of when." Simplot, a Gay man who represents much of central Phoenix at City Hall, said he now believes that the Democrats better represent his values and his socially moderate beliefs. His decision has caused a lot of chatter in political circles, even though Phoenix council members run for office on nonpartisan platforms.

"We're very happy he switched," Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, said last week. "There's plenty of room in the Democratic Party for Tom Simplot. There's plenty of room for everyone. Come on over."

A one-time developer who has strong ties to the business community, Simplot was first elected to the Phoenix City Council in 2003 in a squeaker of a race, beating out his challenger, a Democrat, by just 57 votes. He quickly gained a reputation at City Hall as an independent thinker who challenged his fellow council members on fiscal issues and fought hard for constituents on key neighborhood concerns such as crime and blight. In 2005, he handily won re-election, garnering more than 60 percent of the vote. Partisan politics seeped into that race, and many members of Simplot's new party were lined up against him then. In June 2005, the Arizona Democratic Party circulated an e-mail blasting Simplot for a donation he made the previous year to Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who was then the majority leader of the U.S. House. DeLay had recently pushed for a House vote on a proposed constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage. Many of the state's Democrats went on to support Simplot's opponent, Chad Campbell, in his unsuccessful bid to win the council seat.

But Simplot points out that he also made a donation to the Democratic Party of Arizona around the time he gave money to DeLay. "I wrote a campaign check to DeLay at the request of a client," Simplot said. "And not only did I regret it . . . I asked for my money back. In hindsight, I made a mistake, and I regret making that contribution to Tom DeLay." He said that he could trace his decision to switching parties to that time. "That really made me question, 'Who am I supporting, and why?' " he said. "That led me down the path to the Democratic Party."

Simplot said he does not believe his ideals have changed. He grew up in a conservative household and has long considered himself a "Reagan Republican." Today, he said he still is a steadfast believer in many of things former President Reagan espoused, including small government, lower taxes, and free enterprise. But he said he switched because he believes that today's GOP is ruled not by people like him, but by "big-government conservatives" who have turned their backs on those ideals. "It's really about the atmosphere from activists and party officials," Simplot said. "They seem to have forgotten about the middle, which is where most people are."

Tom Liddy, a popular conservative talk-show host and former chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Party, said that's not true. "We've been a big-tent party ever since Ronald Reagan solidified us," Liddy said. "I think it's a little shortsighted (to say) that the Republican Party is dominated by conservatives, although I would say there are more conservatives than moderates."

Simplot disagreed. That's one of the reasons, he said, that he endorsed Democrats in every major race in the past election cycle. His picks included Gov. Janet Napolitano; newly elected Rep. Harry Mitchell, who beat out Republican stalwart J.D. Hayworth in the 5th Congressional District; and Senate hopeful Jim Pederson, who lost to the

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Whereas, these men and women have achieved military honors, decoration and promotions to the highest ranks of their respective services for their valor and service to the people of the United States; and

Whereas, America's allies in the war on terror, like the United Kingdom, Australia and Israel, all allow Lesbian and Gay service members to serve openly; and

Whereas, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency and other federal departments handling national security allow their Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender personnel to serve openly; and

Whereas, a February 2005 Government Accountability Office report shows that more than 9,488 service members have been discharged under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, including at least 757 service members in "critical occupations," such as counterintelligence experts, at a cost to taxpayers of more than $190 million; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense reported that 209 language specialists have been discharged from the military under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, including 54 Arabic and 9 Farsi translators who are vitally important to intelligence gathering and are in critical shortage; and

Whereas, evidence from a study conducted by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military suggests that the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy increases Gay troops' stress levels, lowers their morale, impairs their ability to form trusting bonds with their peers, restricts their access to medical care, psychological services and religious consultations, and limits their ability to advance professionally and their willingness to join and remain in the services; and

Whereas, every Department of Defense authorized study has shown that there is no correlation between sexual orientation and unit cohesion in the armed forces; and

Whereas, a majority of American citizens support keeping trained and skilled openly Gay and Lesbian service members in the military; and

Whereas, the United States military's readiness to protect and defend our nation is severely compromised because of the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that is arbitrarily enforced by commanders whose personal beliefs may influence their disciplinary action; and

Whereas, discharges under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" are historically fewer when troop strength is low, as in times of war, which denotes the tacit recognition by the military that Lesbian and Gay service members are fit and capable of military service, thereby further illustrating the arbitrary enforcement of this policy; and

Whereas, military readiness is enhanced when all qualified, capable Americans, regardless of sexual orientation, are welcomed into our armed forces and their talents are used in the best interest of our national security.

Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the Congress and President of the United States adopt the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2005 (H.R. 1059) to end the discriminatory federal policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

Eleven Democratic state Representatives have sponsored or cosponsored HCM 2003: Kyrsten Sinema, Linda Lopez, Ed Ableser, Mark DeSimone, Steve Farley, Steve Gallardo, Democratic Leader Phil Lopes, David Lujan, Robert Meza, Tom Prezelski and Theresa Ulmer.

As of press time, neither bill had yet been first read and assigned to a respective committee for consideration. Capitol sources have stated both measures will get started into the legislative process.

When that happens, openly Lesbian Tucson City Councilmember Karin Uhlich said, "Clearly discrimination threatens our families and our nation's security. I hope state legislators vote in favor of equality when considering both of these measures, and protect the core value of nondiscrimination upon which our nation has been built."

Tom Simplot

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Republican incumbent, Sen. Jon Kyl. "I thought about being an independent, but to me that seems like I can't make up my mind. At heart, I am a fiscally conservative, socially moderate Democrat."

Sinema said she believes a lot of people feel the way Simplot does. "I think Tom and others like him see the Republican Party doing things that are just flat-out mean," she said. "The (GOP) has shrunk to a very narrow ideology."

Simplot said he has no regrets about his decision but admitted that it was difficult news to share, particularly with those in his immediate family. "It was much tougher to go home and come out as a Democrat than it was to come out as a Gay man," he said.

Coconino County Cuts HIV Outreach

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Department Director Barbara Worgess said. Worgess said she is consulting with the Arizona Department of Health Services in hopes of restoring funding in the future.

The county program used volunteers telling stories of risky sex or continuous condom use based on real life events. It ran on about $96,000 in state grant money last year. Health Department employees Cheryl Has No Horse and David Fiss held events attended by 150 to 300 people about every month. The goal was to encourage people to be more aware of safer sex practices to avoid infection with the virus that causes AIDS.

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Cheney Admits Spying On Americans

Vice-President Dick Cheney

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Vice-President Dick Cheney has admitted that the U.S. military and CIA have been spying on the financial dealings of Americans – intelligence gathering normally authorized only by civilian policing agencies, reported Agence France Presse.

The New York Times broke the story Sunday (Jan. 14), reporting that the Department of Defense and Central Intelligence Agency had been using "national security letters" to obtain the banking and credit records of Americans and foreigners suspected of terrorist activities in the United States.

The U.S. military and the CIA have long been restricted in their spying activities inside the United States and are barred from conducting traditional domestic law enforcement work in the country.

But Cheney confirmed the main outlines of the report and defended the Pentagon and CIA activities as legal and necessary to protect military installations inside the United States.

"This is a dramatic story, but I think it's important for people to understand here this is a legitimate security effort that's been underway for a long time and it does not represent a new departure from the standpoint of our efforts to protect ourselves against terrorist attack," he said on Fox News Sunday (Jan. 14).

"The defense department gets involved because we've got hundreds of bases inside the United States that are potential terrorist targets," he said.

He called the spying "a perfectly legitimate activity" that the military and CIA had authority to carry out going back "three or four decades" and more recently confirmed in the Patriot Act adopted following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

"It doesn't violate people's civil rights, and it's an institution that receives one of these national security letters disagrees with it, they're free to go to court to try to stop its execution," he said.

Citing unnamed intelligence officials, The New York Times said the Pentagon and CIA actions were part of an aggressive expansion by the military into domestic intelligence gathering which is traditionally the realm of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The newly revealed activities involve using national security letters – a form of subpoena – to gain access to financial records from American companies, the Times said.

Banks, credit card companies and other financial institutions receiving the letters usually have turned over documents voluntarily, allowing investigators to examine the financial assets and transactions of American military personnel and civilians, the paper wrote.

The letters "provide tremendous leads to follow and often with which to corroborate other evidence in the context of counterespionage and counterterrorism," the paper quotes Major Patrick Ryder, a Pentagon spokesman, as saying.

While they would not offer details about specific cases, officials told the Times the military had issued the letters to obtain financial records on a government contractor with unexplained wealth as well as a chaplain at the U.S. detention camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The chaplain was mistakenly suspected of aiding prisoners at the facility.

COMMENTARY. . . .

Mitt Is Full Of It

by Wayne Besen

In my mind, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney is the most unacceptable presidential candidate in the 2008 race. He is a fair-weather phony that will say or do anything to get elected. In short, he is a poster-boy for everything wrong with politics and represents the reason many people stay home instead of heading to the polls on Election Day.

On the surface, Romney appears to be a strong candidate. He is articulate, looks presidential and was elected governor of a liberal state. He turned state deficits into surpluses and helped pass an innovative healthcare plan in Massachusetts.

Even with his impressive resume and stature, Romney has an uphill battle for the Oval Office because he is a Mormon. Polls show that nearly 4 out of 10 Americans would not vote for a person of this religious persuasion. In order to offset this baggage, Romney's strategy is to sandbag Gay people.

The legalization of equal marriage rights in Massachusetts has offered Romney a perfect platform to pretend he is a right wing ideologue. Last year, he courted noted fundamentalist leaders and reportedly met with Franklin Graham, Jerry Falwell and Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Romney also embarked on a self-serving, stomach-turning tour of southern states, where the sitting governor showed remarkable disloyalty by unabashedly bashing Massachusetts. To warm up conservative audiences, Mitt used one-liners such as, "Being a conservative Republican in Massachusetts," he told a GOP audience in South Carolina, "is a bit like being a cattle rancher at a vegetarian convention."

But Romney's gesture made him look like a jester whose comedic talents as the Bay State buffoon were only surpassed months later by Sen. John Kerry's crack about our troops in Iraq on the dawn of a midterm election.

Of course, if the Mormon issue does not sink Romney, the moron issue likely will. The undeniable fact is that Mitt is full of it. Like the quintessential snake oil salesman, he changes his sales pitch depending on what audience he is addressing. He seems tragically unaware that satellites and the Internet have been invented and what he says in Red States can be viewed instantaneously in Blue States.

For example, while speaking to the rabidly conservative crowd in South Carolina, Romney flat-out lied about his own stance on Gay marriage - erroneously claiming that he has opposed civil unions "from day one". According to an article in the Boston Herald, Mitt had for months backed a constitutional amendment, which would ban same-sex marriage while allowing Vermont-like civil unions.

Such duplicity on Gay rights has become a hallmark of Romney's. In Bay Windows, New England's largest Gay publication, Susan Ryan-Vollmar highlighted Mitt's metamorphosis. The protean pol pandered for Gay votes until he thought it was more advantageous to pound Gay voters in his bid for the presidency.

In 1994, when he was running against Ted Kennedy in his bid for U.S. Senate, Romney wrote a flowery letter to the Massachusetts Log Cabin Club saying "we seek to establish full equality for American Gay and Lesbian citizens, I will provide more effective leadership than my opponent."

In his successful governors race in 2002, Romney and his running mate, Kerry Healey, distributed pink fliers at a Gay Pride parade, proclaiming, "Mitt and Kerry wish you a great Pride weekend."

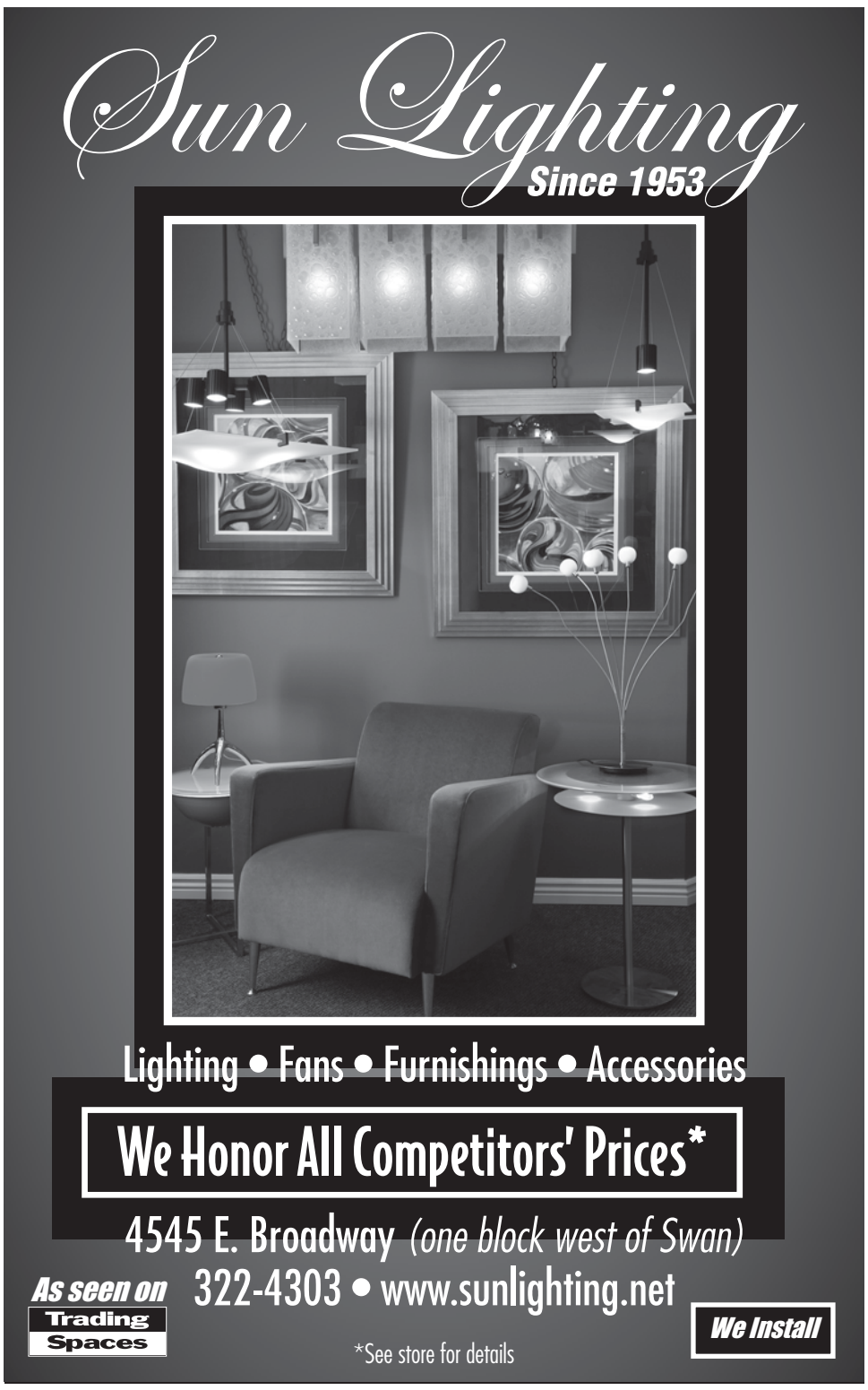
You have to hand it to Romney for Chutzpah. He thinks he can sound like Harvey Milk for a decade and then pivot in an election year and milk votes from the Falwell crowd. Sadly, his political calculations may be correct. This is why it is up to the GLBT community to derail Romney's campaign. However, we have to be smart about it. Paradoxically, the more the Gay community denounces Romney, the more viable he looks to voters in South Carolina.

I have a solution. An enterprising activist should start a web campaign, www.RomneyLovesGays.com. The site should list his campaign appearances across the nation so local activists can mobilize and show up at his events. However, instead of calling him a hypocrite, we should call him a hero.

I can't think of anything that would sabotage his campaign more than Gay activists thanking him at campaign rallies for his efforts to outflank Ted Kennedy on Gay rights. The signs held by activists at these events should read "Gays Love Mitt" or "Thanks for your Support" and contain large rainbows or pink triangles.

The more love we show for Romney, the more the right will love to hate him. Ironically, Romney can bring Falwell and Gay people together with both sides saying "Amen" to the concept that character matters for a would-be president.

(Wayne Besen is an author, activist, columnist and public speaker. He is a former spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian advocacy group. Besen is the author of a book nominated this year for two Lambda Literary Awards, "Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth." This op-ed is reprinted from 365Gay.com)



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Dead Pledge Defaced With Anti-Gay Slogans

AUSTIN, Texas - The body of an 18-year-old fraternity pledge who died of alcohol poisoning was defaced with numerous anti-Gay epithets and obscene drawings, according to a medical examiner's report, the Associated Press reported on the PlanetOut Network. Phanta "Jack" Phoummarath, a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin, died after ingesting large amounts of alcohol at a pledge party at Lambda Phi Epsilon house in December 2005, authorities said. Phoumarrath's body was found the day after.

A grand jury indicted three members of the fraternity last month on hazing charges following a yearlong investigation into Phoummarath's death. The Travis County medical examiner's office reported that partygoers used green and black markers to write "FAG," "I'm Gay" and "I AM FAT" on Phoummarath's head, face, torso, legs and feet. Someone also added drawings depicting naked men and women and blackened his toenails.

"It was disgusting and despicable behavior," Houston attorney Randy Sorrels, who is representing Phoummarath's family, said Tuesday (Jan. 9). "This would be the juvenile behavior you might see in junior high or high school, but not college." Sorrels said Phoummarath was not Gay. He said the drawings and epithets were a juvenile prank, and that it had not yet been determined how long before Phoumarrath's death the actions took place. His family alleges in a lawsuit against the fraternity that pledges were pressured to drink at the party and that someone wrote vulgar graffiti on Phoummarath's body after he passed out. The medical examiner ruled that Phoummarath died of acute alcohol poisoning.

Stonewall Deocrats Concerned Over New DLC Chair

Harold Ford Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A national LGBT group is showing concern over a move that would instate former congressman Harold Ford Jr. as chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council. The current chairman, former Iowa governor Tom Vilsack, announced he was stepping down and would be replaced by Ford, reported advocate.com.

National Stonewall Democrats executive director Joanne Wyrick said Ford lacks leadership and judgment on issues needed to push the DLC forward. "His willingness to lightly amend the U.S. Constitution and to exploit Gay families for political gain should alarm Democrats across the country," she said in a press release. "The Democratic Leadership Council is in need of leadership that supports and affirms all American families."

According to the NSD release, Ford has backed the proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage, civil unions, and domestic partnerships. On Ford's 2006 campaign Web site, the Senate hopeful stated that he would "continue to be pro-family, including supporting a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman, without taking away the civil rights of Gays and Lesbians." Writing for the DLC's magazine, Blueprint, the former congressman stated that the Democrats' win in Congress was because the election was won on ideas and not ideology. In the article, he calls same-sex marriage a "traditional wedge" issue like abortion and gun control that has "plagued our party in recent elections." Ford was a representative in Tennessee, where he was elected to four consecutive terms. He sought Tennessee's U.S. Senate seat but lost to Bob Corker in a close race.

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POLITICS 2007

by Mark R. Kerr

Technical Corrections

Meanwhile, in the nation's capital, the Democratic-controlled 110th Congress is moving swiftly ahead, passing legislation to benefit citizens lives and not to "line the pockets" of corporations and the rich during the first 100 legislative hours of the session.

From raising the minimum wage, allowing governmental negotiations for lower prescription drug costs, approving the 9/11 Commission recommendations and stem cell research, more has been accomplished in the first few hours of the 110th Congress than the previous or for that matter, five prior Congresses.

A welcome sight for all but on the other hand, in Arizona's capital, political "storm clouds" have gathered at 1700 West Washington, as the first regular meeting of Arizona's 48th Legislature has commenced.

Prior to Janet Napolitano, Arizona's Democratic Governor delivering of the State of the State address and presentation of her proposed budget that had received praise from the state's three leading newspaper editorial boards, Republican leaders in both chambers, promised that they would finish "the people's work" in less than 100 days but nobody believed their hollow words since last year's (2006) second regular session of the 47th Legislature lasted 164 days, accomplishing very little.

If the first week of Arizona's 48th Legislature, controlled by the Republicans will be any indication, very little of note and importance again will be accomplished since 784 proposed bills, legislative mandates, concurrent resolutions (ballot measures) and memorials were introduced, covering issues, ranging from (as of press time):

Defining marriage in the state constitution;

Limiting citizens right to free speech;

Public drug testing of legislative and statewide political candidates;

Illegal immigrants (As if the numerous ballot propositions approved in Nov. 2006, didn't cover this subject already!);

Restricting Arizonans right to petition for initiatives for consideration on the ballot;

More appropriations to continue the state's character education program;

Commercial sexual exploitation;

The appointment of individuals to serve in the judicial branch of state government to

"Technical corrections."

So what exactly are "technical corrections?" Correcting the too-numerous legislative errors of the past, protecting state government secrets or something more ominous perhaps?

"Technical corrections" are a legislative parliamentary procedure - measures dressed in "sheep's clothing," proposals to make small corrections in state statutes but are used by state legislators as strike-everything bills which strip the original contents and replace everything below the title with a new subject or topic that died along the way or supposedly just surfaced as an issue.

According to the Arizona Legislative website (azleg.state.az.us), the most bills introduced by state legislators at this point of the new session deal with "technical corrections."

When it comes to the Arizona Legislature, nothing is over until the following is uttered in 1700 West Washington, "sine die," so be afraid, be very afraid.

In Their Own Words

Lawrence of Arabia

"The people of England have been led in Mesopotamia [Iraq] into a trap from which it will be hard to escape with dignity and honour. They have been tricked into it by a steady withholding of information.....We are today not far from disaster." - wrote Colonel T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) in the London Sunday Times, Aug. 1920.

Indeed, reviewing the historical record of British attempts to rule first Mesopotamia and then Iraq you get the feeling you're watching an old Hollywood black and white classic that has been reshot for an American audience with digitalized sound, computer animation, and the "United States" substituted for "England." (Source: Surging to Baghdad-The Blockbuster Remake, by Barry Lando, alternet.org, posted online - Jan. 14, 2007.)

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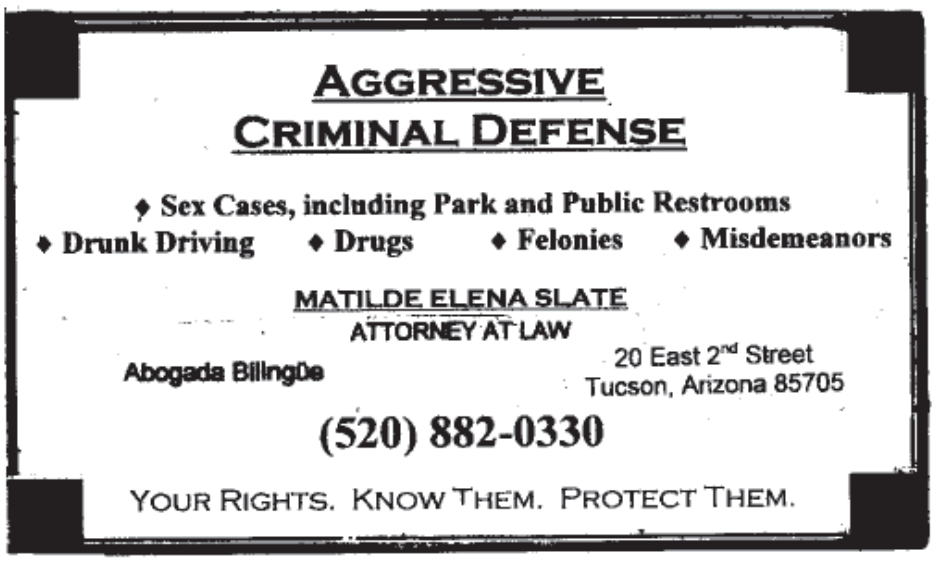
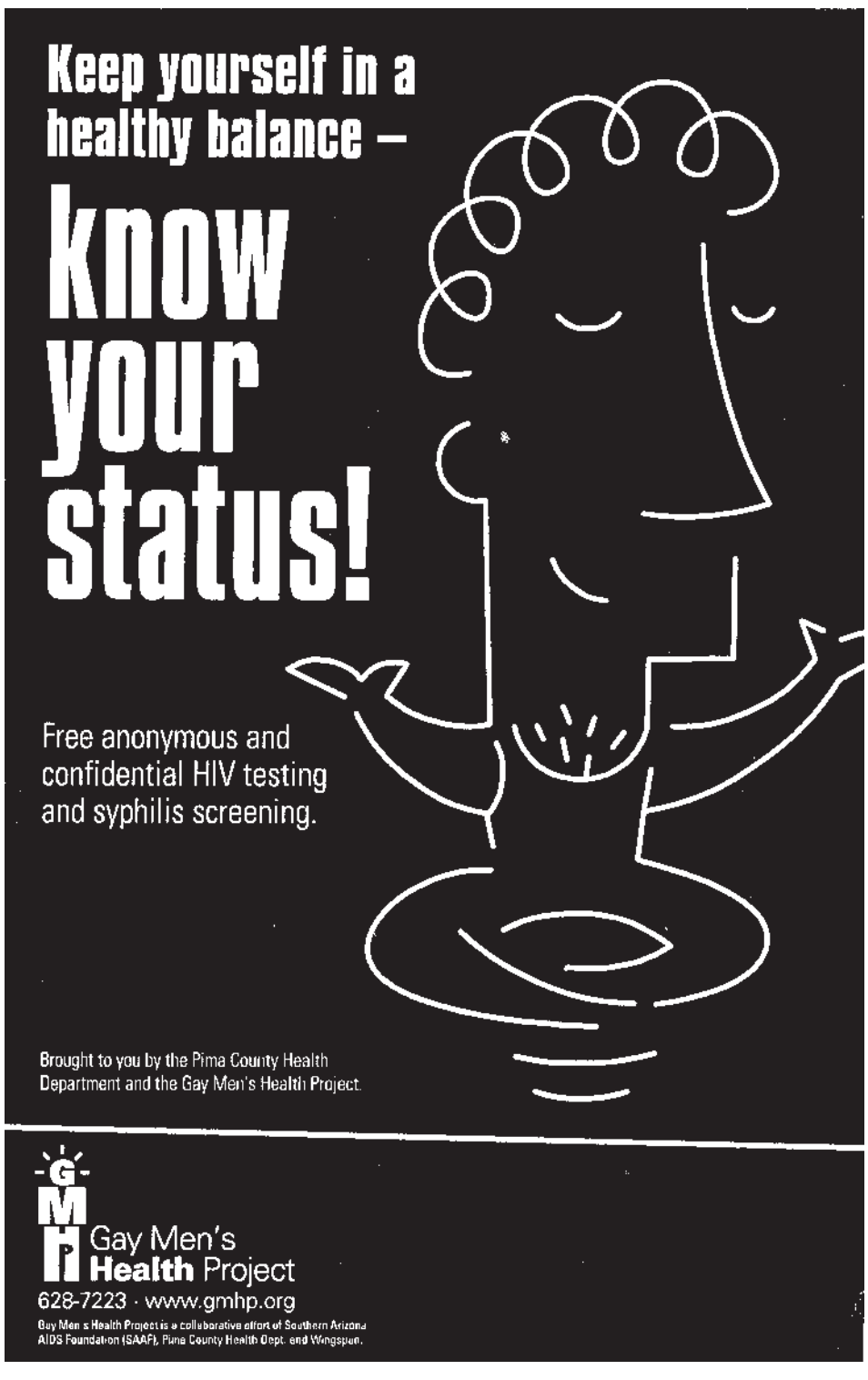




COMMENTARY. . . .

Protecting LGBT Children First

By Deb Price

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The photograph of new House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was political gold: Surrounded by a sea of lawmakers' shiny-faced girls and boys, a few of them her own grandkids, the first woman to lead "the people's House" waved the gavel, signaling a new era, particularly for America's youngest citizens.

Odds are that at least one of the 19 children will start becoming aware of being Gay by age 10.

If Pelosi's picture-perfect snapshot is to mean something beyond being a politically useful prop, she should direct the new Congress to take its first serious look at what it's like to grow up Gay in America.

That picture isn't so pretty. And those of us who're Gay adults have the psychic scars to prove it.

Painfully aware that much of the world considers them worthless, many Gay kids struggle with a cycle of self hatred that they carry into adulthood, if they are lucky enough to survive that long.

Why should Pelosi put "Protect our Gay kids" atop the House's to-do list? Heart-breaking research provides plenty of reasons:

Compared with classmates, Gay kids are more likely to use alcohol and drugs, engage in risky sex, have more sex partners, skip school for fear of being attacked, think of suicide or even attempt suicide, according to a 2001 article in the American Journal of Public Health. Gay kids whose schools provided Gay-sensitive instruction about HIV reported fewer problems.

Nearly half of Gay kids told the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network in 2005 they attend schools that teach a federally funded "abstinence-only" until heterosexual marriage courses.

That sort of sex ed makes Gay kids feel invisible – or worse. Gay students at such schools reported higher levels of skipping school because they don't feel safe, being bullied and feeling unable to talk with teachers, counselors or other adults paid to help them through rocky growing-up years. And these kids were less likely to know any openly Gay school official.

Seventy-five percent of Gay youth report hearing anti-Gay name-calling like "faggot" or "dyke" often at school. And more than one-third (38 percent) said they'd experienced anti-Gay physical harassment at school, the network's National School Climate survey found.

Young males, ages 15 to 22, who have sex with other men are at high risk for HIV – that's particularly true among African-Americans and Hispanics – but 55 percent keep their orientation secret, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Those secretive boys and young men, the CDC says, are less likely than open Gays or Bisexuals to get tested for HIV, so they are less likely to know if they are infected. They're also likely to have female sex partners, whom they put at risk for HIV.

The most vulnerable Gay kids – throwaways, runaways and lockaways – report appalling levels of anti-Gay abuse in foster care, homeless shelters and juvenile detention centers, the Child Welfare League of America finds.

Pelosi ought to use her forceful "mother of five" voice to speak out against these outrages and insist that our nation live up to its obligation to Gay kids. Now, that would be a pretty picture.

(Deb Price is a columnist for the Detroit News, from which this column is reprinted from the Jan. 15, 2007.)

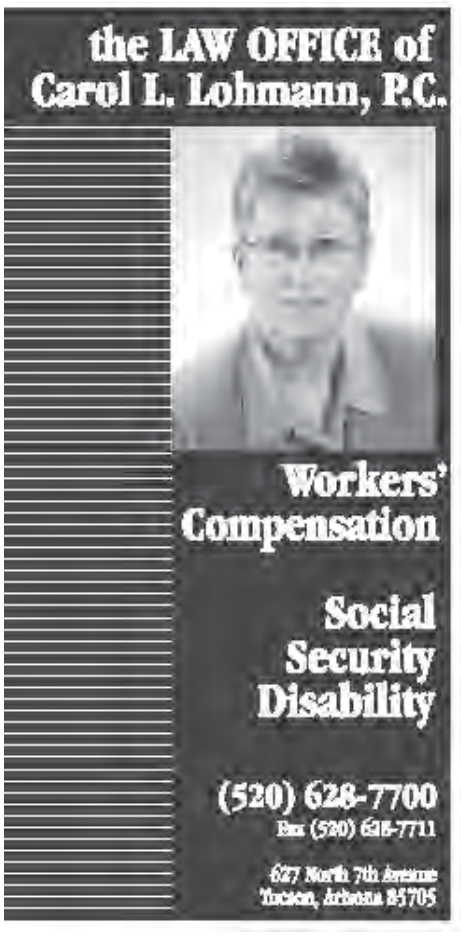
Marine Ordered To Stand Trial In Gay Murder

SAN DIEGO, California - A judge has ruled there is enough evidence against a U.S. Marine for him to stand trial for murder with a hate crime enhancement in the slaying of a Gay man in 2006. James Hardy, 19, was ordered to remain in jail in lieu of a million dollar bond until the trial.

The body of Raymund Catolico, 39, was found in his San Diego apartment on Feb. 9, 2006. A pathologist testified at the preliminary hearing that Catolico had been dead two days. Hardy was absent without leave from the Marine Corps at the time of the killing. Deputy District Attorney Dan Link called the murder a hate crime, that Catolico's sexuality was "a substantial motivation" in the killng. He told the court that Catolico and Hardy met at a downtown bus station and later spent an evening drinking at Catolico's apartment.

Following his arrest, Hardy told San Diego police homicide detectives that he passed out at Catolico's apartment and later awoke later to find Catolico trying to sexually assault him. According to Hardy he felt violated and that "one thing led to another and I ended up choking him." Hardy's attorney told the court that the murder was not a hate crime - but rather self defense - and that Link had not established that Catolico's sexuality had anything to do with the killing. But, Link countered that Hardy knew full well that Catolico was Gay and had agreed to share his bed.

"He had time to think about it, and he formed a plan in his mind for the victim to lay on his stomach, and that's when he decided to choke him out," Link said. Link also told the court that following the murder Hardy went out for fast food, and then brought it back to the apartment and ate it while playing video games on Catolico's computer.



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Woman Ordered To Pay Support

RUTLAND, Vermont - A Virginia woman may not consider her former partner living in Vermont a parent to her child, but that didn't stop a court from ordering the Vermont woman to pay her child support, reported the Rutland Herald. The child support order filed last month in Rutland Family Court calls for Janet Miller-Jenkins of Fair Haven to pay $240 a month to her former partner, Lisa Miller-Jenkins, the biological parent to the 4-year-old child, Isabella, she conceived by artificial insemination while the couple were joined in a Vermont civil union.

The national headline-making case stems from the civil union breakup with between former partner and centers on their parental rights with regard to the child, who now lives in Virginia with Lisa Miller-Jenkins. The child support order is the most recent ruling in the case, which at times has had featured conflicting decisions in Virginia and Vermont. In addition to the $240 monthly child support payment, the order splits the child's medical and other health expenses that are unreimbursable by insurance. The order calls for Lisa Miller-Jenkins to pay 73 percent of the expenses and Janet Miller-Jenkins to pay the remaining 27 percent. Attorneys with Liberty Counsel in Virginia, which is representing Lisa Miller-Jenkins, declined to comment on the ruling other than to say they are aware it had been issued.

Michael Mello, a professor at Vermont Law School who authored a book on the legal debate over same-sex marriage, said he was not too surprised with the child support order. "It makes sense. If you took the civil union and the same sex couple out of the equation, I don't think it would be unusual," he said. "The very routineness of it is what makes it remarkable." Mello said he wasn't sure if Lisa Miller-Jenkins accepted the monthly payment that she would be agreeing that Janet Miller-Jenkins is a parent to the child. "That's where it gets tricky. So much of this is uncharted," he said. "It wouldn't look good atmospherically for the woman from the Virginia, the biological mom, to accept the money because it is an implicit acknowledgement that this relationship existed."

Although a Vermont family court granted Janet Miller-Jenkins visitation rights in 2004, later that year a Virginia court issued a contradictory ruling, leading to a battle over which state had jurisdiction in the matter. Lisa and Janet Miller-Jenkins had been living in Virginia when they agreed five years ago to enter into a civil union in Vermont. The couple then returned to Virginia and decided Lisa would conceive a child through artificial insemination. Isabella was born in Virginia in April 2002, and the two women moved to Vermont where they broke up, filing to dissolve their civil union in Rutland Family Court. Lisa Miller-Jenkins, who describes herself as a former Lesbian, had moved with the child back to Virginia, where civil unions are not recognized. In Virginia, she sought a declaration of herself as Isabella's sole parent. A Virginia judge granted her request and contended that the Virginia Marriage Affirmation Act barred recognition of civil unions.

Janet Miller-Jenkins fought the Virginia action, arguing that a court in Vermont already had taken jurisdiction in the case and it should be heard in Rutland Family Court, where it was first filed. In a ruling issued late last year a Virginia appeals court agreed that Vermont courts have jurisdiction, but Lisa Miller-Jenkins's attorneys have said they intend to appeal that ruling to Virginia's highest court, the Virginia Supreme Court. Rutland Family Court Judge William Cohen last year also found Lisa Miller-Jenkins in contempt for failing to abide by a temporary visitation order he issued earlier in the case. Attorneys for Lisa Miller-Jenkins have said that contempt order can't be enforced until all appeals are exhausted in Virginia in their bid to have that state take jurisdiction in the matter.

GSA Fights To Meet At Florida High School

OKEECHOBEE, Florida - The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida filed a motion in federal court Friday (Jan. 9) to allow the Gay-Straight Alliance to meet on school grounds during legal proceedings against Okeechobee High School, reported advocate.com.The school district has prohibited the OHS Gay-Straight Alliance from meeting since the club was formed in September 2006.

"These brave students in Okeechobee are trying to promote tolerance and acceptance while fostering a safe and open environment for everyone to learn," said Rob Rosenwald, attorney for the ACLU of Florida's LGBT Advocacy Project, in an ACLU press release. "Clearly it is not just the students that need to be taught tolerance but the administrators and faculty who are relegating gay and lesbian students to a second-class status and sending a message of prejudice."

The school has an abstinence-only policy for its sex education curriculum, which officials say would be violated if the alliance were allowed to meet. The ACLU says that argument is faulty–the alliance aims

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View From The Rock

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17) Last week, we looked at this Scripture in terms of welcoming the New Year and setting new goals for ourselves. However, this passage can mean so much more. I recently read about a woman who wanted to take her son to Sunday school. She was reluctant to enter the church because of the life she had led in the past. She didn't think that she would be accepted, and she felt great shame. She was able to muster the courage to go into the church and to speak to the pastor. There she was accepted and reminded of God's mercy and love.

Let's look at a passage from the Message Bible in Matthew 9 where Jesus had been accused of associating with disreputable characters. Jesus answered his critics by saying, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: "I'm after mercy, not religion.' I'm here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders." (Matthew 9:12-13)

Christ welcomes all of us, regardless of our past lives. It has nothing to do with our worthiness. This is a gift from Him. Here at Cornerstone, we pray that you can find a church family who will not judge you but who will love you with the love of Christ.

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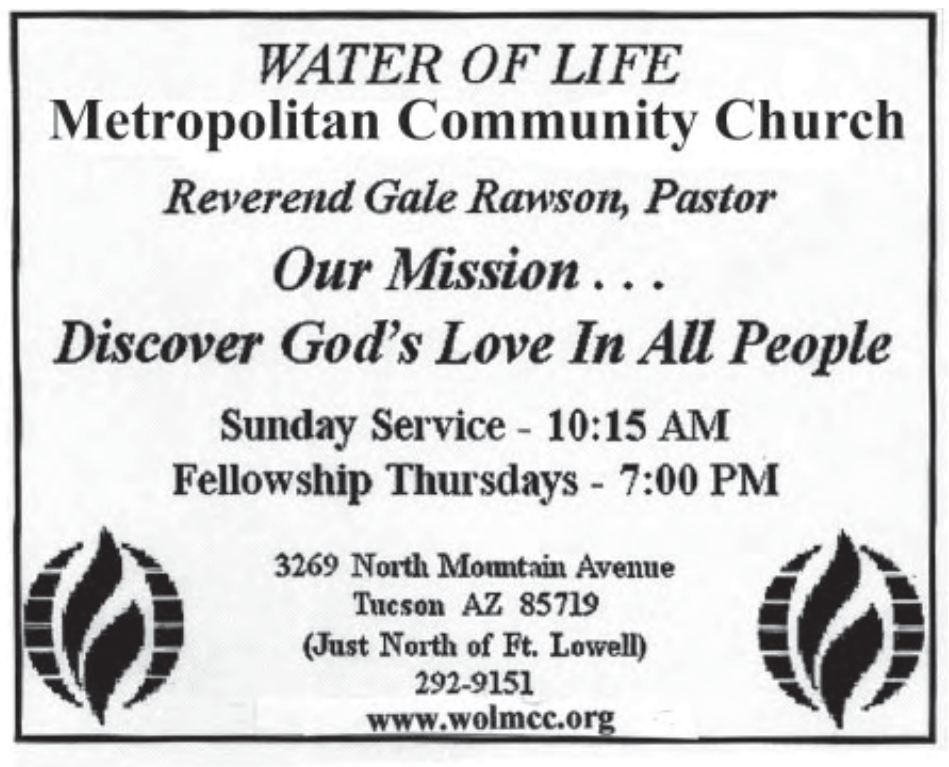

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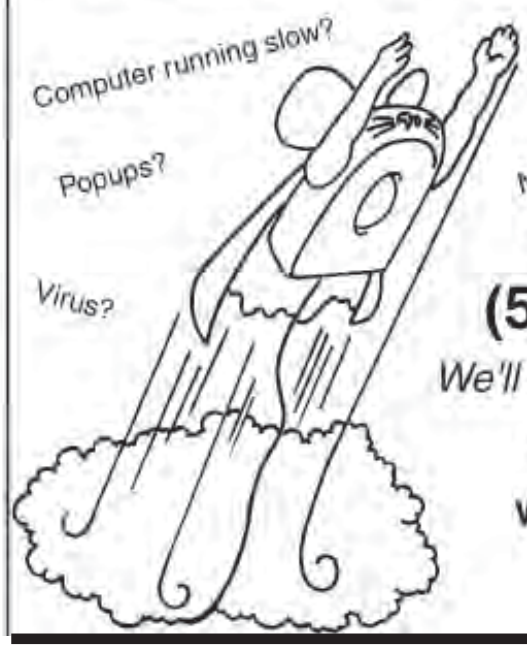

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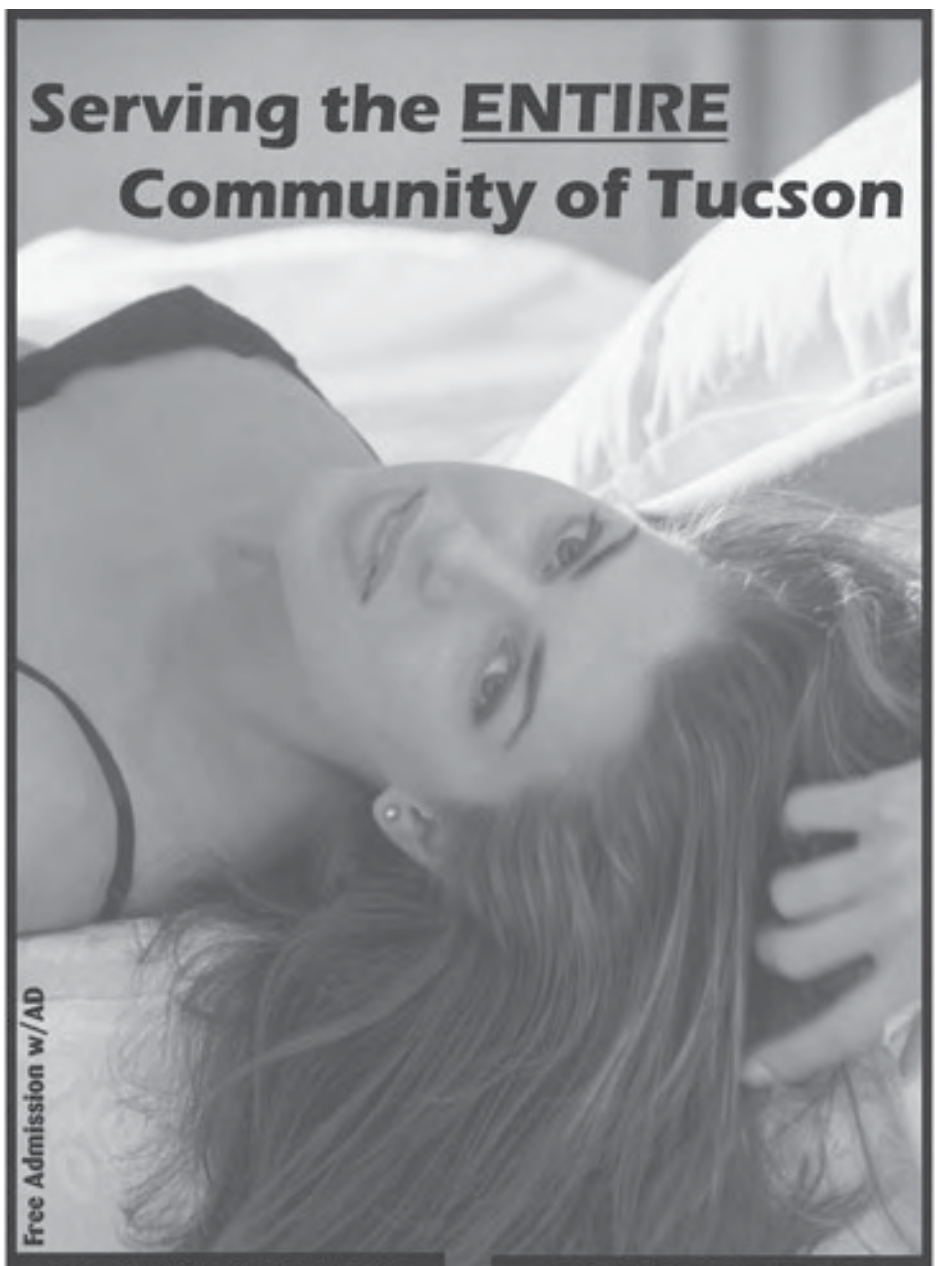

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Habilitation

by Lee Thorn

This a Tucson story because it happened very recently here in Tucson, but I suspect that it represents the national condition of the rehabilitation business.

A friend of mine has a son who had and may still have a drug problem. He's 21 years old and lives at home. He doesn't have a job. My friend suspected that he might be having a drug problem when she caught him stealing money from her and from his grandmother. She confirmed that he had a drug problem when she found drugs under his mattress. Confronted with the drugs, he admitted having the problem and that he'd been stealing to support it.

At first he didn't want treatment for his problem, but he agreed to get treatment when my friend threatened to kick him out of her house if he didn't. She started looking around for a residential treatment program that she could afford and she found the prices to be all over the map, everything from out of the question to pretty reasonable. She got him admitted to a pretty reasonable one and kept me posted on his progress.

The program's features included roommates, having to keep your room clean, having to do your laundry, having to help with the cooking, participation in drug counseling, having visits – including visits with family members – severely restricted, and initial confinement to the grounds or, as they say nowadays, the "campus." After a few weeks the patients are allowed to leave the campus for specific limited purposes such as looking for a job. After about a month the program is over and, that's where it gets interesting. My friend's son complied with all the rules of the program, but he failed to get a job. After the program was successfully completed he moved back into his mom's house, a place where he doesn't have roommates, doesn't keep his room clean, doesn't do his own laundry, doesn't help with the cooking or do any other household chores, doesn't participate in drug counseling, isn't restricted in his social life, and still hasn't found a job. My friend tells me that her son is back to staying up all night with his old druggie friends, but she's not sure whether or not he's back on drugs.

Call me a cynic but it doesn't look like the rehabilitation program accomplished anything at all. That may be because the initial problem was misdiagnosed. I'm not at all sure that the young man's primary problem was a dependence on drugs. Maybe his primary problem was, and continues to be, a dependence on mom.

The interesting thing about the apparently pointless rehab program, no matter which way you want to define the presenting problem, was that the subject willingly complied with it from start to finish. Maybe the program just didn't go far enough to establish his independence from drugs and/or mom. The program didsome good things. It got him off drugs, taught him to work with others to keep things clean and get people fed. Why stop there?

What if the program said, "You're not going home to mom after a month. You're staying here until you get a job and save enough money to get yourself a place to live. Drugs are no longer an option and neither is mom's free room and board?" You might think that the cost of such a program would be prohibitive, but would it be that much more expensive for my friend to keep him in the program than it is to keep him at home? And what about a student loan? University students run up enormous debts that it takes them years to pay off. Why not let the rehab patient run up similar debts? University students may be learning important subject matter, but learning to live independently is important subject matter too.

I'd go even further. I'd say it's not enough to get yourself a place to live and a job. You have to maintain an independent lifestyle for a year. If you get evicted from your abode for any reason or if you lose your means of support, you don't get to go back to mom's home cooking. Instead, you get to come back to the rehab center and start all over.

I'd love to see someone set up an experimental program along these lines. I bet it would be a resounding success. Let's face it – there's not that much to learning to live on one's own. Average ordinary people figure it out more often than not. The problem is knowing that you've always got good old mom to fall back on. Take that away and the little chicks will find their wings.

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

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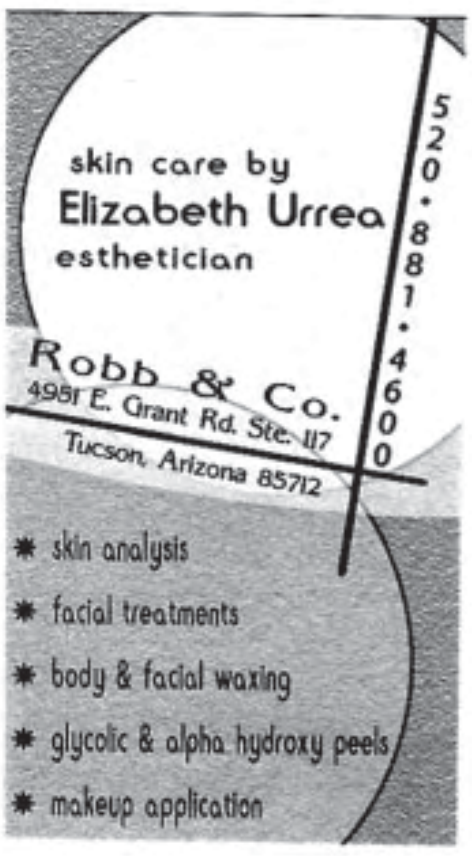

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Mercury changes signs and conspires to re-energize our thoughts and spark our imaginations. There is something special in the air this week, kids. Grab it before it evaporates. Oh and watch those hands.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
How many different ways can you think of to meet and greet new people? You will think of quite a few. The group dynamic gets all your juices flowing. And don't forget your tried and true pals. Gay Rams thrive among compadres and they are supportive of even your most outrageous antics (the more Out-rageous the better). Hurry before you lose your steam.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Queer Bulls never seem to be fully appreciated for their inspired professional efforts. Chalk it up to the fact that the world is still catching up to you. Don't give up the fight or surrender to corporate-think. Now you can translate ideas into the vernacular. Maybe an inspirable powerbroker will understand and give you the accolades you richly deserve. Okay, take the raise instead.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Think more expansively when Mercury enters Aqueerius. It's time to register for that course that you've been talking about for so long. Or learn a thing or two through travel. Exotic climes can lead to almost anything and anyone, if you are lucky. So get lost. Even pink Twins on a budget can manage to raise the temperature. Maybe it's just through a spicy meal though.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Mercury in Aqueerius gets you thinking about all sorts of sexy outlets and assorted playthings. Pink Crabs should not content themselves with mere daydreams however. It is a good time to plan your form of attack. Will you just be another pair of ragged claws scuttling across the floors of silent seas? If so be sure to wear hot pink chaps to help stir the waters.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
Proud Lions often think of themselves - what their dreams and hopes are, what goals they want to attain. Well let's turn the tables. Mercury in Aqueerius focuses your attention to relationships. What do others want? What are you prepared to give? Put it out there and talk about it. Also remember to listen. There are three sides to every issue; yours, theirs and reality.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)
If you have been distracted at work, this is an excellent time to get back on track. So what if it is a grindstone? Mercury in Aqueerius gives queer Virgins a clear and concise way to handle any detailed set of tasks. Your opinion counts as well because you speak truthfully and from experience. Put in your two cents on the job. Heck, put in a buck.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)
Gay Libras can get with the artistic program when Mercury enters Aqueerius. Let your imagination soar and upend some oldie, moldy conventions with a new course of action. You never know what masterpieces you will create out of thin air. It is also a time of fun and excess. Gird your loins and venture forth. Or maybe in your case it's girdle.... ahem.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 24 -NOVEMBER 22)
Plan any home related projects. Your mind is sharp and focused on what-looks-good-where down to the smallest detail. Proud Scorps will not only make their lairs more enticing, they can also plan the perfect get-togethers that will guarantee to get the right folks in the right frame of mind. I guess you also know who-looks-good-where.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)
Your communication is focused in measured, decisive dollops. Get the word Out, dear, queer Archer and don't abbreviate. You have the uncanny ability to mix insights with logic, resulting in an unassailable argument. Will you content yourself with one way conversations or enter into a dialogue? I personally have no problem with dictators as long as they can take dictation.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)
Pink Caps turn their thoughts to the bottom line and why not? Mercury in Aqueerius is good for investing and feathering your nest for future cushiness. Concentrate on financial planning and ask the right monetary questions. Remember, with the right advisor the path to true retirement bliss may not be that far off. Send me a postcard when you arrive.

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21 -FEBRUARY 19)
Mercury gives you great insight into what makes others tick. All ears tune into your frequency for the next three weeks. So make your best moves while the energy is hot, hot, hot. Aqueerians have probably already written out their personal treatise so dust it off and give it a yell. Be kind to strangers. You'll meet a tour busload of them now and they will need directions.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)
Guppies benefit from looking inward. You usually talk up a good game but now it's time to put your money where your mouth is. Maybe it's matter of becoming active in a good gay charitable cause. (is there any other?) Your meticulous planning skills enable you to parlay your innate charm into creating the uber fundraiser baited as a party. Hey, I'll bite!

GSA Fights To Meet

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to promote tolerance, understanding, and acceptance of one another, regardless of sexual orientation, and does not address or discuss sexual activity."We just want to be able to meet on campus like every other student," Yasmin Gonzalez, president of the Gay-Straight Alliance, told the ACLU. "I may be able to move on when I graduate, but we have to stand up against the hatred and bigotry today to ensure that everyone is treated as equals tomorrow." Lawsuits on behalf of gay-straight alliances have been won in five states.

In Their Own Words

Break The Silence

"At this point I should make it clear that while I have tried in these last few minutes to give a voice to the voiceless in Vietnam and to understand the arguments of those who are called 'enemy,' I am as deeply concerned about our own troops there as anything else. For it occurs to me that what we are submitting them to in Vietnam is not simply the brutalizing process that goes on in any war where armies face each other and seek to destroy. We are adding cynicism to the process of death, for they must know after a short period there that none of the things we claim to be fighting for are really involved. Before long they must know that their government has sent them into a struggle among Vietnamese, and the more sophisticated surely realize that we are on the side of the wealthy, and the secure, while we create a hell for the poor.

"Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God and brother to the suffering poor of Vietnam. I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor of America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home, and death and corruption in Vietnam. I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken. I speak as one who loves America, to the leaders of our own nation: The great initiative in this war is ours; the initiative to stop it must be ours." - An excerpt from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech "Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence," delivered in Apr. 1967.

The brief excerpt gives the sense of the eerie and disturbing parallels between then and now. Even if the silence is broken now, there's no guarantee George Bush will hear it (Source: americablog.com, Jan. 15, 2007).

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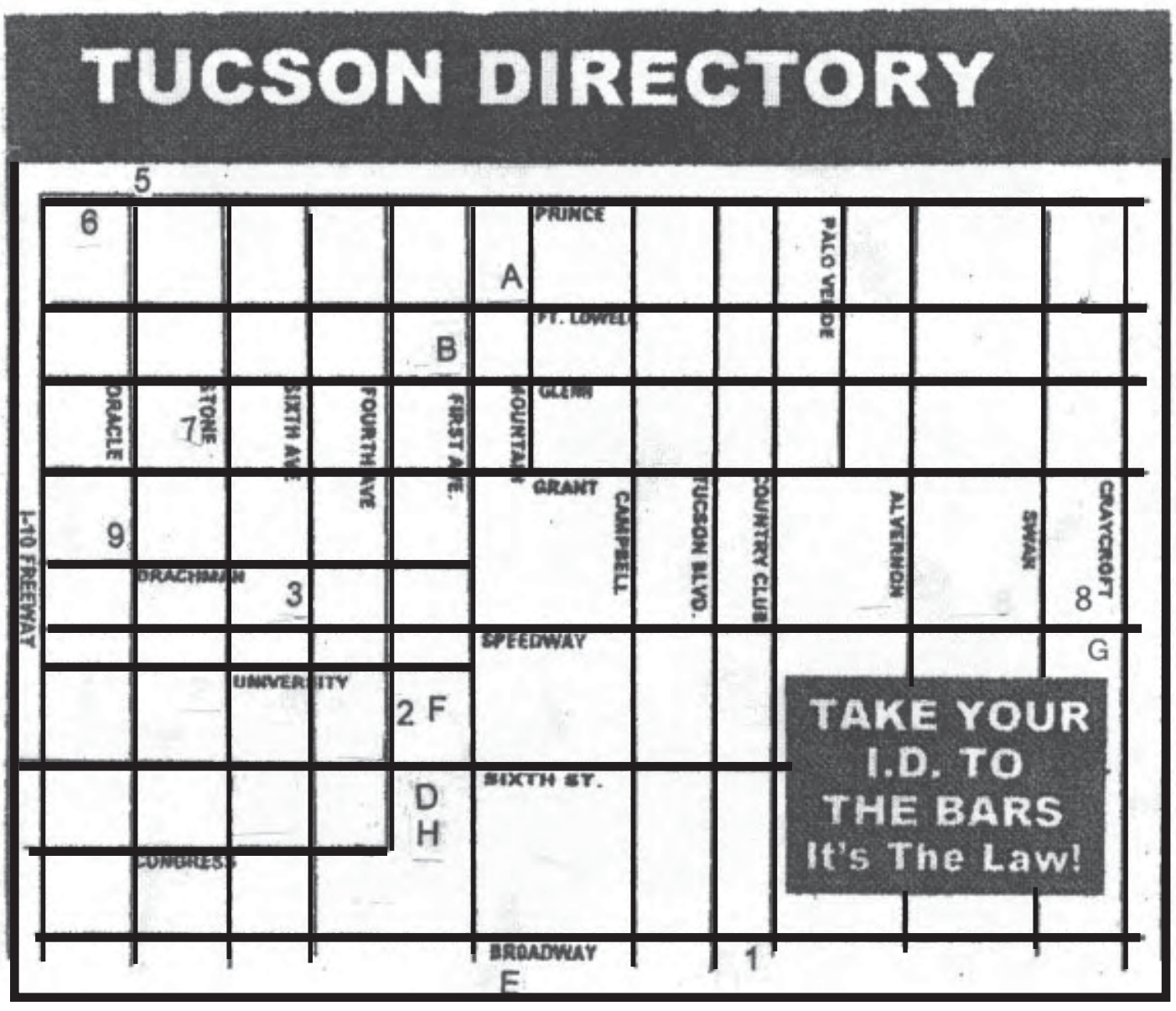

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Non Bar Calendar

Wednesday, January 17
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta hosted by Jack. 887-3736. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, January 18
#1Men'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.

#2Men'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.

#3Deadline is Noon today to reserve your place for pizza night. Call Erich: 745-2689.

Friday, January 19
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Pizza Night! Call Erich for directions at 745-2689! Did you phone in your reservation earlier this month to help plan ordering and preparation? Excellent! Get ready for great company, plus delicious salad, yummy desert, and 4 choices of pizza for only $5.

Saturday, January 20
#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 directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

#2 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 Monthly Pot Luck. Phone host Steve at 644-2076 for location, driving directions, and info.

Sunday, January 21
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 22
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Newsletter Night! Join Arlan and crew to help get the MSN newsletter in the mail, plus find out next month's events. [This month the movie is KINKY BOOTS based on a true story, watch a traditional English Men's Footware Factory in Northhamptonshire turn to the production of kinky boots for transvestites, thus preserving a family business and jobs for the community.] Munchies and soft drinks provided. Contact Arlan: 323-7414.

Tuesday, January 23
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 24
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. hosted by Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, January 25
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Friday, January 26
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Merlin and Lee host a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, they will be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please contact Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Saturday, January 27
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 28
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Monday, January 29
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Karol for Hearts by phoning to reserve your place at this limited seating event. Contact 744-9017.

Wednesday, January 31
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Many Gay Men Seeking To Alter Image

SAN FRANCISCO - Meet the new players in the great American debate about values: Ryan, a 25-year-old newlywed, who is helping other men find husbands; Doug, 50, who is helping Gay men in San Francisco create their ideal community; and Chris, 36, whose pursuit of happiness has switched from chasing hotties to seeking down-home enlightenment, reported the San Francisco Chronicle. They and others across the country are engaging Gay men in conversations about their goals and values and challenging the sense of who Gay men are and what makes their community.

"A bunch of us went around the city for eight or nine months talking to as many people as we could, asking them what issues are important, what they think of life as Gay men, what they think of San Francisco," said Doug Sebesta, who worked in public health and HIV services before he and a few other men started the San Francisco Gay Men's Community Initiative in June 2004. "We kept hearing the same thing over and over again - basically, that San Francisco (is lacking)." Sebesta said that as the community emerges from the AIDS epidemic, some Gay men in San Francisco have found broken pieces of what used to be. But many have told him it is difficult to meet other Gay men outside of sexual encounters or to connect on an emotional or friendship level. "Over and above, people were saying they really have this longing for a sense of community," he said.

The initiative group has gathered men to talk and hosted forums on topics like the segregation of HIV-positive from HIV-negative Gay men. It offers meetings for older men, younger men, men of different ethnic and racial backgrounds, and men who want to work on building community with all kinds of people. As these men discuss modern Gay life, they confront what a New York City writer sees as the dominant message Gay men have received about themselves after coming out.

Author Christopher Lee Nutter said the message was: "You need to be young, you need to be sexually powerful and you need to be fabulous." His book "The Way Out," chronicles his life as he transitions to a spiritually focused thinker from a bartender and player on the New York scene. "Gay men are standing in the middle of a tornado, with the pope and the president on one side telling them one thing and 'Will & Grace' and 'Queer Eye' telling them another thing and the Gay culture telling them another set of issues," Nutter said. "I think that very tornado is what has directed a lot of men to say, 'OK, who ... am I going to believe?'"

Ryan Norbauer, who lives in Massachusetts, said his experience seeking a lover led him to Web sites and personal ads that were more about sex than personality. "That's not what being Gay is about," he said. "Being Gay is about loving men, and love is not the most pervasive thing on those publications or Web sites." Unsatisfied, he created his own dating Web site, Lovetastic.com. Norbauer said Gay men in the 1960s and '70s were responding to their exclusion by heterosexual culture, "rejecting that which we could not have, the heteronormative American family values," he said. "It has made sense that we developed a very sexually focused culture, but I feel like the time for that is over in many ways."

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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 Domestics 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 Domestics 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 prixzs - 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 Domestics 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.

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 - Open3pm-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 Domestics 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 Domestics 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 Domestics 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.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
VENTURE-N - It's anniversary time here tonight. One year for Tom and David and the fifteenth anniversary of the old Venture-N. 9:00 p.m., Hors d'Oeuvres by Chef Howard. And a special performance by Richard Villa, direct from Las Vegas at 9:30 p.m. Drink specials and Prizes!!!!! Congratulations!!!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
WOODY'S - Blue Collar Night - $2.50 Tecate; $1.00 Bud, Bud Light, Miller Draft with Free Pool from 9-12.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
THE BIZ - It's Hip Hop Nite here with DJ Shorty. The Biz is remodeling and the new owners invite you to come inside for the latest events, hot drink specials and a comfortable smoke-free environment!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
HOWL AT THE MOON - A special guest appearance by Diane Van Deurzen and Lisa Otey playing and singing the Best of Jazz, Cabaret and Blues. It all starts at 9:00 p.m. and it's Live! $5.00 cover.

WOODY'S - Black Light Party.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
THE BIZ - The "L" word is shown every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. and followed by DJ Dmenace

YARD DOG SALOON - It's time for the Yard Dog Chili Cook Off again. $5.00 entry. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. See bartender to sign up.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
WOODY'S - Toga Party

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
VENTURE-N It's Super Bowl XLI here beginning at 4:00 p.m. Mark, Michael and Brian and hosting the Super Bowl Party!

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 28
Invisible Theatre, 1400 N. First Ave. presents 'Barbra's Wedding' 7:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursdays; 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. Sunday. $22-$25 call 882-9721.

Now Playing Thru February 3
Arizona Theatre Company presents Stephen Temperly's 'Souvenir' at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Avenue. Call for times, tickets and reservations 622-2823.

Now Playing Thru February 4
Beowulf Alley Theatre presents 'The Woman In Black' adapted by Stephen Mallatratt from the book by Susan Hill - one of the great ghost stories of all time. Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 7:30 p.m.; Sundays 1:30 p.m. Preview performances January 11 & 12. 11 South Sixth Avenue. Tickets $18 with discounts; special on-line pricing at www.beowulfalley.org.

Now Playing Thru 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.

Saturday, January 20
Blues legend BB King performing at Desert Diamond Casno. Tickets start at $32 at the Box Office or tickektmaster (520) 311-1000 - SOLD OUT!

January 23 - 28
A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Altar Boyz" at the Tucson Music Hall. Winner "Best Off-Broadway Musical" and the Outer Critics Circle Award. Laugh-packed musical comedy. (520) 321-1000 www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets also available at the TCC Ticket Office. For more information go to broadwayintucson.com

March 20 - 25
A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Rent".1-866-821-2929 or broadwayintucson.com

April 17 - 22
A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Dirty Rotten Scoundrel". 1-866-821-2929 or online broadwayintucson.com

NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

"CELEBRACION" Out & About The group is planning to go out for Thanksgiving brunch. Our plans are not yet complete, but if you would like some more information about this, please contact us at out-about@comcast.net, or leave a message at 520-615-9237. We will contact you, as soon as possible, Come and join us it will be fun.

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

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 298-6727, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww,org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit www.azgaydance.org

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th Street. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and

Pride Weekend. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

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

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

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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

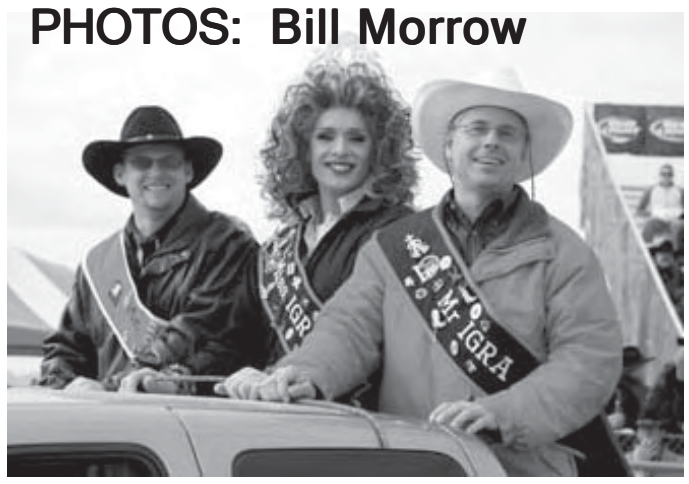
LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for 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 @yahoogroups.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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