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Virginia Tech Debacle Shocks Nation



BLACKSBURG, VA - A Virginia Tech senior from South Korea was behind the massacre of at least 33 people locked inside a campus building in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, the university said Tuesday (Apr. 17), and various wire services reported. Ballistics tests also showed that the guns inside that building was used in another shooting two hours earlier, at a dorm, Virginia State Police said.

Police identified the shooter as Cho Seung-Hui, 23, a senior from South Korea who was in the English department at Virginia Tech. Seung-Hui was a senior and an English major at the school, police said. Cho maintained a residence in Centreville, but also lived in a campus dormitory. Cho was a permanent legal resident of the United States. "It's certainly reasonable to assume that Cho was the shooter in both cases," but authorities haven't made the link for sure, said Col. Steve Flaherty, superintendent of the Virginia State Police. South Korea's Foreign Ministry also expressed its condolences, saying there was no known motive for the shootings and that South Korea hoped that the tragedy would not "stir up racial prejudice or confrontation." "We are in shock beyond description," said Cho Byung-se, a ministry official handling North American affairs. "We convey deep condolences to victims, families and the American people."

Paperwork found in the gunman's backpack allowed authorities to trace one of the two handguns used in the shootings, though the serial numbers for both weapons were wiped clean. Cho carried a 9mm handgun and a 22mm handgun during the shootings, police said. Ballistics tests show one of the guns found after a deadly shooting at Virginia Tech was used in both shootings, at the dormitory and at the classroom building, police said. The massacre Monday (Apr. 17) took place almost eight years to the day after the Columbine High bloodbath near Littleton, Colo. On Apr. 20, 1999, two teenagers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher before taking their own lives. Previously, the deadliest cam-

pus shooting in U.S. history was a rampage that took place in 1966 at the University of Texas at Austin, where Charles Whitman climbed the clock tower and opened fire with a rifle from the 28th-floor observation deck. He killed 16 people before he was shot to death by police. A memorial service was planned for the victims Tuesday afternoon (Apr. 17) at the university.

Founded in 1872, Virginia Tech is nestled in southwestern Virginia, about 160 miles west of Richmond. With more than 25,000 full-time students, it has the state's largest full-time student population. The school is best known for its engineering school and its powerhouse Hokies football team. Police said there had been bomb threats on campus over the past two weeks but that they had not determined whether they were linked to the shootings. It was second time in less than a year that the campus was closed because of gunfire. Last Aug. 2006, the opening day of classes was canceled when an escaped jail inmate allegedly killed a hospital guard off campus and fled to the Tech area. A sheriff's deputy was killed just off campus. The accused gunman, William Morva, faces capital murder charges.

Developing . . .

Record Crowds Attend Phoenix Pride



PHOENIX - Last Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, Phoenix LGBTs celebrated their 26th Pride Festival at Steele Indian School Park. Although figures are not available at presstime, reports are that record crowds attended in perfect weather for a change. The actual festival began with the 11th annual Phoenix Pride Parade marching into the park. See many more photos on page 12 of this issue of Observer.

Same-Sex Ads Swim Into Mainstream

LOS ANGELES - Two middle-aged men shop for a new table, speaking to one another in tones that suggest they may be a couple. The commercial prompted protests and bomb threats targeting U.S. retailers, reported variety.com. Times have certainly changed since then, with marketers and advertising agencies recognizing the sheer buying power of the Gay and Lesbian community. GLAAD has even established two advertising awards — one for print, another for digital. Yet the market remains as elusive as it is lucrative.

For one thing, Gays and Lesbians are proving increasingly difficult to pigeonhole. The Gay community was once seen as marginal, targeted by only a few advertisers (most often liquor companies) in a few Gay-themed publications. Today, with GLAAD's advertising nominees ranging from designer Marc Jacobs and Paris Las Vegas to travel agency Orbitz and the United Church of Christ, the market has opened up considerably. Damon Wolf, founder of the Crew Creative agency, who has coordinated print campaigns for "The Bourne Supremacy," "Entourage" and "The Sopranos," puts it bluntly: "We don't consider the Gay and Lesbian market a niche market anymore. We can't. It's made it to the mainstream."

Financially speaking, the market has surpassed the mainstream. According to a study released in January, the buying power of Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. will reach \$660 billion by the end of this year. By 2011, the study projects, that number will climb to \$835 billion. And demographically, Gays are more likely to spend more on luxuries and travel, because so many fall into that sought-after group marketers call "dinks" — dual income, no kids.

Identifying the market is one thing, but targeting it effectively is quite

another. For Wolf, media-buying is key. "You can take any movie and target your audience through online media-buying," he says. "I can take the '40-Year-Old Virgin' poster and run it in a Gay and Lesbian magazine. But as far as conceptualizing art and content to target them — no, that doesn't work. They're too mainstream."

One concern for American companies is the threat of an IKEA-style backlash from conservative consumer groups. Ian Johnson, whose Out Now Consulting provides Gay-targeted marketing services for a range of companies in Australia and Europe, concedes that the risk is there. "Some of the work we do for our clients in Europe and the U.K. would not be able to be done in the U.S.," he says. Yet he cautions that trying to avoid a backlash can do more harm than good. "Brands generally have more to fear from alienating Gay customers and their supporters if they try to react to the harassment by antiGay lobbying groups," Johnson says. "As more Lesbian and Gay people come out, and more people become supportive of Gay and Lesbian equality, the importance of those who support Gay people is of far greater value than that of those who are rabidly homophobic."

For illustration, Johnson points to the uproar that followed Ford's decision to pull Jaguar ads from Gay publications after the American Family Assn. threatened a boycott. Though Ford denied that the AFA's boycott influenced the decision, Gay rights groups worldwide threatened a boycott of their own in response, and Ford quickly reinstated — and expanded — its ad campaign. More recently, Snickers came under fire for a Super Bowl commercial that many complained was homophobic. Apologetic press releases were issued, and the spot has not aired since. Wolf adds, however, that overzealously patronizing the Gay market is just as dangerous: "As a Gay man, I don't want to be treated differently; I want to be entertained." Johnson admits that Gay consumers "have seen some very poor efforts by certain brands seeking to get their wallets open," but he still believes there is a place for targeted marketing. "Most members of the market share a common bond by virtue of their 'otherness,' which creates significant marketing opportunities," he says. "The challenge is to create good Gay marketing that works by recognition of both the commonality that exists between Gay consumers, while at the same time acknowledging the vast diversity that also exists amongst the group." Recognizing that this is easier said than done, he adds: "It's not always straightforward, but good fun nonetheless."

PHOTO: Hunter

UPDATE

'Beyond The Border' April 27 - 29

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Reveille, Tucson's premier Gay men's chorus will be taking to the stage once again to perform their Spring 2007 production, "Beyond the Border," a tribute to musical traditions from around the world, Apr. 27 and 28 at 8:00 p.m., and Apr. 29 at 3:00 p.m., at the Temple of Music & Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

"Beyond the Border" will include songs from Africa, Ireland, England, Peru, Cuba, Jamaica, Spain, and of course, Mexico. Their special guests will be Tucson's own Mariachi Serenata. Reveille will be performing several songs with the spectacular mariachi group as they prepare for their musical tour of Mexico in June.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Advance concert ticketing can be done online, reveillegmc.com, calling (520) 304-1758, at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., or from any chorus member.

AHRF So. AZ Membership Drive April 23

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Arizona Human Rights Fund will be holding their annual, Southern Arizona Garden Party, Monday, Apr. 23, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon.

This party is the local membership drive for the statewide LGBT rights organization. In addition, people will have a chance to mingle in one of the best gardens of the Old Pueblo and find out the latest in the political movement.

For more information call (602) 650-0900, and to register, go online to: eqfed.org/ahrf/events/gardenparty/details.tcl.

Coming Out Under Fire, April 21-22

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices (desertvoices.org), Tucson's LGBTs Mixed Chorus (under the direction of Chris Tackett) presents its last show of the 2006-2007 season, "Coming Out Under Fire," Apr. 21-22. This is their eighteenth season of bringing Tucson and Southern Arizona the finest in choral singing and theatrical presentations. This year the chorus is looking at the World War II years of 1939-1945 in a season they're calling "Changing History."

This final show of the season takes a more poignant look at the trials

that Gay and Lesbian people faced around the world, on the front lines and on the home front here in Tucson during the darkest days of World War II through the Allied victory in 1945.

Join the chorus as it sees how people managed to keep a Gay outlook even in the darkest of times. They'll be singing even more fabulous vocal big band music (It's Been a Long, Long Time, Any Bonds Today?, Sentimental Journey) as well as some of the most beautiful choral music created in response to the hardships of the era.

The show is presented at the Proscenium Theater on the Pima Community College West campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road, on Saturday, Apr. 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Apr. 22 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available through any chorus member, through the Box Office, (520) 791-9662 and at Antigone Books on Fourth Avenue. Advance sales are \$18 (\$12 for senior citizens and students); \$20 at the door.

Treasures For TIHAN April 28

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The tenth annual "Treasures for TIHAN" benefit auction will take place, Saturday, Apr. 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at The Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa.

"Treasures for TIHAN" benefit auction is one of the year's largest events in the LGBT and HIV communities, which proceeds will go to sustain TIHAN's programs and services. TIHAN is an organization that receives no government funding, and is supported solely through generous donations from individuals, foundations and fundraising events.

TIHAN is a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to AIDS. TIHAN is a volunteer-based program that offers vital support services for those who are infected with HIV, providing very personalized support, focusing its AIDS education efforts in the faith communities, TIHAN addresses the stigma of AIDS, targeting groups with huge potential for compassion.

More than 300 people from the LGBT and allied communities will be at La Paloma for this special event. "Treasures" promises to be a fun and exciting evening of great music, fantastic food, and wonderful auction items to raise funds to support TIHAN's programs and services. Attire for the evening is urban chic. If you can't attend the event, please consider making a donation in support and/or purchase tickets for some

IN MEMORIAM



John G. Dubs

John passed away peacefully at his home on April 10. He was 52 years old. Many will remember him as a bartender - he worked at the Venture-N for over ten years. There will be a Memorial Gathering May 12th at 3:00 p.m. at the Venture-N.

clients who can't afford to purchase a ticket. Tickets for the event (\$65, of which \$32 is tax-deductible), can also be purchased by calling (520) 299-6647, or go online by clicking on TIHAN's secure auction website, tihan.org/treasures.

LGBT And Allied Arts Fest To Benefit Wingspan April 21

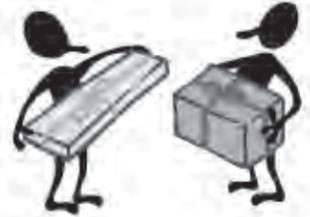
UCSON (Observer Update) - The inaugural Arts Fest will take place Saturday, Apr. 21, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Wingspan back parking lot, 425 E. 7th St.

Mingle with local artists and experience some of the incredible creative talent our community has to offer. The event will include a crafts corner for kids of all ages to have a creative moment and play with some fun art materials, as well as live music and free refreshments. The talented artists participating in this event include: Sean-Michael Gettys, Nina Ayin Reimer, Lauri Barr, Sheri Clarke, Stephanie Engs, Mary Kreuziger, Gary LaCroix, Laurie Larwood and Sherry Shamroth, Quail Lane Studios, Elle Lierbrowen, Randy Mastin, Chase Reuben, Jen Ryder, Mary Ann Shellman, Lila Sideras, Imani Williams. Musical entertainment includes Puerto Rican singer and songwriter Jose "Pepo" Saavedra. Greyhound Rescue will also be there. Arizona Greyhound Rescue is an all volunteer, non-profit group that rescues retired racing greyhounds and places them in permanent, loving homes.

As a benefit for Wingspan, 20% of all art sales will be donated to the LGBT community center. Contact Anna Deligio at adriana.deligio@gmail.com with any questions you may have about the event.

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Gay By Design, Or A Lifestyle Choice?

LOS ANGELES - Ron Geren, an actor, commutes to auditions and jobs throughout Southern California in a sleek black Mazda MX-5 Miata convertible. But for a recent date with a woman, he rented a Cadillac Escalade because he was so used to friends saying his Miata is "Gay," the New York Times reported (Apr. 12). "Guys say, 'Hey, that's cute,'" Mr. Geren, 40, said, adding that the comments come from Gay as well as straight men. "You have to fend off that perception."

A few years ago, Meghan Daum, an op-ed contributor to The Los Angeles Times, wrote about a promising first date with a man that never led to a second one because, she later learned, the guy saw that she drove a Subaru Outback station wagon and concluded she must be a Lesbian.

And when Joe LaMuraglia, the founder of Gaywheels.com, an informational site modeled on the likes of Autoweb.com, told his partner he wanted to buy a Mini Cooper convertible, the boyfriend joked that he would not be seen in it because the couple "would look like such a Gay cliché," Mr. LaMuraglia said.

Cars are no more straight or Gay than cellphones, office chairs or weed whackers. But in recent years that truism has not stopped a perception among some motorists that certain cars can, in the right context, be statements about a driver's sexual orientation.

At a time when car makers are marketing aggressively to Gay consumers and mainstream culture has become more literate about stereotypically Gay tastes through television shows like "Will & Grace" and "The L Word" (on which one of the main characters, Alice, drove a Mini Cooper), it may not be surprising that some people make such assumptions

about motorists based on their cars.

Indeed, the extravagant displays of muscle car machismo and sensuous, high-design femininity on display at the New York International Auto Show at the Javits Center would seem to cry out for deconstruction along gender- and sexual-identity lines. But to some people, such stereotyping is homophobia, pure and simple. A poll seeking to determine the most Gay automobiles, conducted by a South African Web site, was a topic of heated interest last December on Gizmodo, the New York-based technology blog, where one reader wrote: "Since when are cars Gay or straight? We're really polling people's prejudices here."

Others, though, including Gay theorists, say many Gay motorists happily embrace certain cars as reflections of identity. "People presume you want to throw off a stereotype," said Judith Halberstam, a Lesbian who is a professor of gender studies at the University of Southern California. She drives a black Mazda 3 hatchback that she considers "butch." But, she said, "If you are a masculine woman, you might not feel bad about it, so you might become excited about knowing how to fix your pickup, or driving a '68 Mustang." "Not all Gays want to present an image that is normative," she said.

Ramone Johnson is a Gay journalist and former Saturn engineer who compiles an annual "Top 10 Gay Cars" list for About.com, which is owned by The New York Times Company. Mr. Johnson said that "traditionally we are used to being defined by others." Driving a stylish car can be a way of "taking control back" and saying "this is who I am,"

he said. Mr. Johnson maintains that "soft lines" and a "vibrant personality" – say like those on a Volkswagen New Beetle – are typical attributes of a Gay man's car, and fashion-forward red gauges and other styling cues, for example, make the Pontiac G6 more of a Gay car than its sibling, the Grand Am, because the features express a taste for freedom and fun.

Neither automobile manufacturers nor dealers compile statistics on the sexual orientation of buyers. Frank Markus, who is Gay and the technical director for Motor Trend magazine, said auto companies tend to associate Gay consumers with higher disposable incomes since fewer have children (one reason many are free to opt for less practical cars, like two-seaters or convertibles, as well). Tellingly, when the American Family Association, a conservative Christian group, pressured the Ford Motor Company to pull advertising from Gay publications like The Advocate in 2005, the ads were for Land Rover and Jaguar, two high-end brands owned by Ford.

Subaru has been the most prominent company to embrace the Gay market. As long ago as 2000, the automaker created advertising campaigns around Martina Navratilova, the Gay tennis star, and also used a sales slogan that was a subtle Gay-rights message: "It's not a choice. It's the way we're built." Little wonder that many Lesbians refer to their Outbacks as "Lesbarus."

Even General Motors recently began to include questions about sexual orientation on some internal market surveys, although data are not yet compiled, said Adam Bernard, who tracks the

product strategies of G.M.'s competitors and who also coordinates an advocacy group for Gay employees at the company called GM Plus. Since 2003, he said, the group has consulted with marketing executives at the company about increasing sales to Gay consumers. Lacking a precise portrait of its Gay car buyers, the company still has taken increasing strides to break into this market, Mr. Bernard said, advertising its Cadillac, Saturn and Saab divisions in Gay publications and Web sites like PlanetOut.com. Company executives, he said, do not seem to feel skittish about losing market share among straight consumers if Gay buyers suddenly seize on a particular model. "I don't think internally we ever asked the question, 'If we put Cadillac in The Advocate, are we going to lose straight Cadillac buyers?'" "Frankly," he added, "the money's all the same color."

Mr. Markus of Motor Trend said clichés about Gay drivers tend to collapse on close inspection, like the Gay man who is a "gym bunny" and gravitates toward Jeeps and convertibles "to show off his hot body." But, he added, "If you could actually push a button and see what every Gay person drives, it's probably not too different from what the average person drives, but it might skew higher in price."

On Gaywheels.com, one indicator of actual Gay buying trends is the list of vehicles most frequently researched. As of last October, the Toyota Yaris, a \$12,000 economy car, led that list, followed by the Toyota Camry, which was the No. 3-selling car in America last year. It would be hard to find a more conventional automobile.





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UPDATE

UA Prepares For Threats In Lieu Of 2002 Shootings

TUCSON - The University of Arizona (UA) has an emergency response team that meets monthly to make sure the campus is ready to deal with a tragic event like Monday's (Apr. 16) deadly shooting at Virginia Tech, the Arizona Daily Star reported (Apr 17).

The team was refocused and strengthened after a gunman shot and killed three professors in the UA's College of Nursing before turning the gun on himself in October 2002, said university Police Chief Anthony Daykin. "Overall, this campus is a safe place for people to engage in the educational process," Daykin said. "But they can't be ignorant that there are threats out there." Before the 2002 incident, the UA Police Department trained its officers on how to deal with an active shooter, Daykin said. But other changes have been made.

ing emergency drills and exercises, said Melissa M. Vito, vice provost for student affairs and chairwoman of the Campus Emergency Response Team. In 2006, the response team held a drill that simulated the deliberate release of hazardous gas. A building was evacuated, and its occupants were moved to a safe location, Vito said. Local emergency agencies were involved in the training. Vito said an exact prediction of what would happen in the event of a mass shooting is difficult to make, but she said the response team, made up mainly of administrators and campus law enforcement personnel, would converge "within minutes." A command center would be set up with local law enforcement involvement, she said. The university has to remain open to encourage learning, but security measures must be in place to keep students, the faculty and staffers safe, Daykin said.

The university began conduct-

Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza May 6

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 20th Anniversary of the Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling and Live Auction Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m., at Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle to raise funds for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The Extravaganza will begin entertainment from afternoon hostesses Bunny Fu Fu and Ajia Simone, fun games for great prizes, a silent auction and terrific food. Teams of wrestlers will wrestle in a pit of Jell-O, often with extraordinary costumes and characters. Between wrestling matches, the hostesses will run a live auction of a variety of unique items selected.

The event also includes a raffle with a marvelous prize of \$1,000 in cash. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each and are now on sale at SAAF and the participating bars and restaurants: Woody's - 3710 N. Oracle, The Biz - 2900 E. Broadway, IBT's - 616 N. 4th Ave., Colors -5305 E. Speedway and Howl at the Moon - 915 W. Prince.

Tickets for this year's Extravaganza are \$20, which includes the afternoon party, a gift from one of our Champion Sponsors, and a meal ticket for a burger, veggie burger or hot dog, chips, a beverage and sweet, or \$10 for entrance only. Please visit the Jell-O website at jello-wrestling.org to get more information, or contact Mae at (520) 628-7223 or by E-mail at events@saaf.org.

Pair Sentenced In Kidnapping and Brutal Beating Of Santa Fe Gay Teen

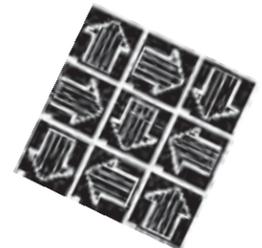
SANTA FE, New Mexico (Observer Update) - Two of four people charged in the July 2006 kidnapping and beating of an 18 year old Gay man were sentenced, reported 365Gay.com.

Uriah Smith, 18, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit kidnapping in the attack on the 18-year old victim and a female friend. The names of the two victims cannot be published for their own security. They had gone to a party at a local home but when they tried to leave the four became verbally abusive. When they managed to get outside the group jumped them. They were held and the Gay man was beaten by the suspects who said that they were going to beat him straight. The beatings continued throughout the night and into the next morning. The victim suffered bleeding on the brain and a concussion as well as facial lacerations and bruising. The female who accompanied the 18 year old to the party also was held by the four assailants. She was kicked in the face and suffered a broken nose.

called the results of the examination frightening. "He knows right from wrong and does wrong anyway," she said. Smith, 18, who was described as the ringleader, was handed a four year sentence after saying he wanted to be sentenced as an adult. Cecily Gonzalez, 17, pleaded guilty to aggravated battery and false imprisonment. She was sentenced to a year in custody at a youth facility. Trial for two adults, William York, 21, and Leroy Segura, 21, is pending.

At the hearing the male victim's mother broke down on the witness stand as she described visiting her son shortly after he was taken to hospital. "I couldn't even recognize his face," she told the court. "I sat in the hospital room and listened to him cry in pain for what those people did to him." She said that although his physical injuries have since healed, the emotional scars are likely to be with him the rest of his life. "I still feel all this pain ... It's been a living nightmare," she said.

At the sentencing hearing a juvenile probation officer told the court that a diagnostic exam found Smith has psychotic tendencies, possible personality disorders and wasn't amenable to treatment in the juvenile system. Prosecutor Donna Dagnall



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Two Months After Civil Union Law, Problems Finding True Equality

TRENTON, New Jersey (Observer Update) - Nickie Brazier called U.P.S., where she is a driver, to add Heather Aurand to her health insurance the day after their Feb. 22 civil union in New Jersey, knowing it would save them \$340 a month, reported the New York Times, Friday (Apr. 13). But U.P.S. said no. "They said it was because we're not married," Ms. Brazier recalled.

Dr. Kevin Slavin was able to sign his partner up for the health plan at the hospital where he specializes in pediatric infectious diseases but soon learned that both men's benefits would be treated as taxable income - not the case for his married coworkers - and that his partner could not collect his pension if Dr. Slavin died.

Merissa Muench of Mount Olive, N.J., said her employer of seven years, a medical sterilization office where she is a technician, told her the company did not cover civil union partners. "It just irks me that a guy they just hired, his wife - bing! - has health insurance," said Ms. Muench, 30, who declined to name her employer for fear of being fired. "What else does the Gay American community have to do to prove that we're worth it just as much as you guys?"

Nearly two months after New Jersey became the third state to approve civil unions for same-sex couples, many are finding that all partnerships are not created equal, raising questions about whether the new arrangement adequately fulfills the promise of the State Supreme Court ruling that led to it. In Oct. 2006, the court declared that the state's Constitution "guarantees that every statutory right and benefit conferred to heterosexual couples through civil marriage must be made available to committed same-sex couples," leaving it to the Legislature to decide how to do it. Lawmakers rejected the option of same-sex marriage, but pledged that "civil union couples shall have all of the same benefits, protections and responsibilities under law" that married couples have.

Nevertheless, residents who work for companies headquartered in other states, and those whose insurers are based outside New Jersey, have found it difficult if not impossible to sign their partners up for health insurance. Unions and employers whose self-insured plans are federally regulated have also denied coverage in some cases. Staff members in doctors' offices and emergency rooms have questioned partners' role in decision-making. Confusion abounds over the interplay of state and federal laws governing taxes, inheritance and property. Then there are cases like that

of the Lesbian who was told that she was likely to be denied coverage for a mammogram after she added her partner to her insurance. The insurance company changed the employee's designation to male since there was no spot on its forms for "civil union spouse."

Some 229 couples obtained civil unions in New Jersey in the first month they were available. Gay-rights advocates say they have collected two dozen discrimination complaints, laying the groundwork for a legal challenge to the civil union law that would essentially re-petition the Supreme Court for same-sex marriage. The highest courts in Connecticut, which established civil unions in 2005, and California, where domestic partnerships offer benefits and protections like those provided by civil unions, are already considering similar cases.

"How can you call it equal protection when you have to go through hell maybe to get your civil union recognized?" asked Steven Goldstein, chairman of Garden State Equality, a Gay-rights group. "Why should Gay couples have to take those steps? That's not equal protection under the law. That's why we're fighting for marriage equality."

As Thomas H. Prol, co-chairman of the New Jersey Bar Association's committee on Gay issues, put it, "The word's starting to spread that civil unions aren't working in the real world."

State officials attribute many of the problems to unfamiliarity with the civil union law's provisions and its interaction with dozens of state statutes governing matters like adoption, workers' compensation and hospitalization. They said it was far too early to judge the law a failure, and said they would work with couples and companies to resolve problems. "This is uncharted territory, and we're talking about an area of undeveloped law," said J. Frank Vespa-Papaleo, director of the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights. Told about some of the couples' experiences, he suggested that employers whose health insurance plans were governed by federal laws, for example, should provide civil union couples with the option of signing up with a comparable plan for the same fees.

Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo, a Democrat from Essex County who was a lead sponsor of the civil union law, said he was "frustrated because the intent of the bill is not being met." "We've got a real problem, and the problem is the feds do govern some areas," Mr. Caraballo said. "The truth is there's nothing any of us can do

about the federal law. To the extent we can make the law stronger on the state level, I assure you we're trying it."

Nathaniel Persily, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania who has published a study of same-sex marriage and public opinion, said "these kinds of difficulties were inevitable" when New Jersey created a parallel institution, noting, "Whenever there's a sort of spotty civil innovation, it takes civil society some time to catch up." "The state has not sent the clearest signal," Professor Persily added. "The fact that they are given different status under law brings up the possibility that private companies will also treat them differently."

In some cases, though, companies have adjusted quickly after receiving complaints from couples or inquiries from their lawyers, or from reporters.

Timothy Zimmer, a computer programmer who works in Newark for a Massachusetts company he declined to name, said his insurance company, United Healthcare, had told him that his partner would not be covered even if they got a civil union. "First, the NJ civil union is not deemed to be a marriage under NJ law," the insurer wrote in an e-mail message to him. "Therefore there is no 'spouse' as defined in the MA plan. The MA law recognizes marriages between members of the same sex only for marriages performed in MA between MA residents. Since the NJ members are not 'married' under either NJ or MA law, there is no 'spouse' eligible for coverage as a dependent." Mr. Zimmer, 52, said in an interview, "Apparently the civil union law gave us all the rights of marriage, except the ones we really need."

After being contacted by The New York Times, a spokesman for United Healthcare said that the company had reviewed a bulletin on civil unions from the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, consulted the employer, and decided that civil union partners in New Jersey were the legal equivalent of spouses.

"It's kind of nice if they do say yes," Mr. Zimmer said Tuesday. "I'm used to the no." He was still awaiting word.

Similarly, Cookie Van Pelt of Jackson, N.J., who works for Sam's Club, said she was told that her partner, Jean Farr, could not be covered because "their medical benefits fall under federal law, and they won't change for us." But John Simley, a spokesman for Wal-Mart, which operates Sam's Club, said the company allowed employees to choose

between a self-insured health plan, which is federally regulated, and a health-maintenance organization that covers civil union partners.

Such self-insured plans, which are financed by employers rather than purchased from a state-regulated insurer, have caused problems for couples. Since they are governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, a federal law, insurers and employers often presume that the plans are also subject to the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman.

Sharon Mayhak said she was denied coverage by her partner's employer, which has a self-insured plan, so she remains without insurance despite bad arthritis. (She refused to name the company.) "The thing is my partner really likes her job, we are in our 50s, and this is not a good time to look for work," Ms. Mayhak said a few weeks after she and her partner of 37 years were joined in a civil union. "We were told this is supposed to be equal in every way, and this is not equal."

Ms. Brazier, the U.P.S. driver - who gave birth to twins five weeks ago and also has a 2-year-old son - remains in limbo amid mixed messages from her employer and her union. Norman Black, a spokesman for United Parcel Service, said that the company had offered benefits to domestic partners of its nonunion workers since 2004, but that hourly workers like Ms. Brazier were covered by the Teamsters under a self-insured plan. A spokesman for Ms. Brazier's union local said its lawyers were looking into whether it could do anything to push U.P.S. to provide partner benefits for its members.

"It's been a strain," said Ms. Aurand, Ms. Brazier's partner. "We didn't know all the loopholes - we were sure they'd let us go on." But Gay-rights advocates said federal law did not prohibit self-insured companies from providing benefits to same-sex couples. A 2006 report by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation found that more than half the Fortune 500 companies, most of which have self-insured plans, offered benefits to domestic partners.

"It's the employer's own choice to decide who's a beneficiary, and the federal government doesn't prevent employers from doing the right thing," said Michele Granda, a staff lawyer with the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. "Those employers are purposefully choosing to discriminate against their employees."

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Seven Retired Military Officers 'Come Out' In Response To General Peter Pace

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A group of seven high-ranking military veterans publicly acknowledged their sexual orientation in the Apr. 24 issue of The Advocate. The seven are the largest number of senior officers to "come out" publicly as Lesbian or Gay at one time.

They "came out" in response to General Peter Pace's remarks in a March 12th Chicago Tribune interview where General Pace, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared that Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service members are 'immoral' and stated his support for the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law banning Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual military personnel. The seven officers demanded that General Pace apologize and called on Congress to repeal the law.

The seven officers are COL Stewart Bornhoft, USA (Ret.); CAPT Joan E. Darrah, USN (Ret.); CAPT Robert D. Dockendorff, USNR (Ret.); Chaplain (COL) Paul W. Dodd, USA (Ret.); CAPT Sandra Geiselman,

USNR (Ret.); COL E. A. Leonard, USA (Ret.); and CAPT Robert Michael Rankin, USN (Ret.).

"Servicemembers Legal Defense Network salutes the service, courage and patriotism of each of these seven officers," said C. Dixon Osburn, the group's executive director. "They are proof that Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service members not only serve their country, but serve their country well, regardless of sexual orientation. It is time to thank all our men and women in uniform for their service to our nation. It is time to lift the ban."

Each of the highly-decorated officers has served at least 20 years; several have served 30 years or more. They have earned numerous awards, honors and commendations during their careers. Four served in the Vietnam War. They have served as company commanders, helicopter pilots, medical officers, commanding officers, psychologists, chaplains, combat engineers, platoon leaders, infantry officers, supply corps officers and intelligence officers.

Wingspan Presents REEL Pride At the Loft Cinema April 22

TUCSON - On Sunday, Apr. 22, 1:00 p.m., acclaimed San Francisco-based filmmaker (and former Tucsonan) Brooke Sebold visits The Loft Cinema to present her new documentary, RED WITHOUT BLUE (Brooke Sebold, Benita Sills and Todd Sills, 2007, 77 min., rated NR), "an artistic and groundbreaking portrayal of gender, identity and the unswerving bond of twinship despite transformation."

will join co-director Sebold for a live Q&A following the film.

This unique cinematic event is presented by Wingspan Reel Pride. Tickets to the film, Q&A and a post-film reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and beverages are \$10 for the general public, and \$7 for students and Loft Cinema members.

Wingspan Reel Pride will also present a "Reel Pride Double Feature," which includes RED WITHOUT BLUE at 1:00 p.m., the Q&A, the post-film reception, and the 3:30 p.m. screening of the new Lesbian-themed romantic comedy, PUCCINI FOR BEGINNERS. Reel Pride Double Feature tickets are \$15 for the general public, and \$12 for students and Loft Cinema members.

The film follows the remarkable story of identical twins Mark and Alex, whose relationship evolves as Alex transitions from male to female, and "Mark and Alex" become "Mark and Claire." At this special screening, the film's subjects, Mark and Claire,

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While health insurance has caused the bulk of the problems so far in New Jersey, civil union couples are also beginning to grapple with the complex interactions of state and federal laws regarding other matters. Civil union partners filing taxes jointly in New Jersey have to file federal tax returns as if they were single, then calculate what they would owe on a joint federal return to figure their state credits and deductions, said Stephen J. Hyland, a lawyer and writer of "New Jersey Domestic Partners: A Legal Guide." "Civil union couples will most likely be treated as if they are single for purposes of qualifying for Medicaid, which can jeopardize the couple's home if one partner needs nursing home care," Mr. Hyland said.

Bankruptcy is governed by federal law, although state law determines how married and civil union couples hold title to their property. Couples who drew up the equivalent of prenuptial agreements before registering as domestic partners may need to update the agreements before getting a civil union, which offers more legal protections, said Felice Londa, a lawyer in Elizabeth, N.J. Then there are more immediate, if mundane, matters, like Ms. Londa's frustration while shopping for dresses with her partner of eight years for their May 6 ceremony. "We said we're going to

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Edwards Touts Prominent L/G Supporters



Presidential Candidate John Edwards

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina - Democrat John Edwards is touting prominent Gay and Lesbian supporters who have signed on to his presidential campaign, including a former adviser to President Clinton, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Blogger David Mixner is one of 25 people listed on a news release that the Edwards campaign distributed along with a statement from the candidate, which said he is honored to have the backing of so many respected Gay and Lesbian leaders.

"They work hard every day to make our country a better place, and I am proud to join with them to fight for equal rights for all Americans," Edwards said. Edwards is making a push for Gay support in the competitive Democratic presidential primary. In Feb. he declared his support of legislation that would end the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which prevents people who are openly Gay from serving in the military. But Edwards has competition for the Gay community's support: Barack Obama's campaign has also said he is opposed to "don't ask, don't tell," as has Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign. She also told the Human Rights Campaign last month that she wants a partnership with Gays if elected president.

Clinton's husband, Bill, was president when the Pentagon instituted the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which says Gays may serve in the military only if they keep their sexual orientation private. The policy was a compromise that Clinton was forced to accept. "Don't ask, don't tell" created a rift between President Clinton and Mixner, who raised millions for him among Gay and Lesbian voters but was later arrested in front of the White House in a protest of the policy. The two later said they patched up their differences and agreed to disagree on the Administration's policy.

Mixner said he's supporting Edwards because he agrees with his position against the Iraq war and believes he would bring the troops home quickly. Mixner said the Demo-

cratic candidates are roughly equal on Gay rights issues, and he also likes Edwards's focus on poverty and his detailed policy positions. "I have supported the Clintons in every race they have run in the last 33 years since Bill Clinton ran for Congress up to Hillary's two Senate campaigns," said Mixner, who lives in upstate New York. "But I am baffled and concerned and frustrated with her position on the

war." Mixner said he hadn't told Hillary Clinton that he was changing allegiances, but his position has been clear on his blog. "One of the problems of that campaign is that it's very hard to gain access if you don't have a lot of money or aren't in the inner circle, or I would have talked to her directly," he said. The Clinton campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

Administration Blamed For Rise Of Drug-Resistant Gonorrhea

NEW YORK CITY - A national HIV/AIDS activist organization says that the Bush administration is to blame for a major increase in the number of drug-resistant cases of gonorrhea, reported 365Gay.com. "The Bush administration's response to STDs in the US has ranged from apathetic to actively harmful," Sean Barry, Director of Prevention Policy for the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project said in a statement.

The organization blames the administration, and the formerly GOP-controlled Congress of under funding HIV education and the promotion of Abstinence Only programs in schools. It said that sex education is a concern for activists who fear that advances that have been made in reducing the rates of some STDs "are being reversed due to the Bush administration's focus on so-called abstinence-only programs." A 2004 report by Congressman Henry Waxman's staff found that federally-funded abstinence-only-until-marriage curricula contained "major errors and distortion of public health information," including inaccurate information about STDs.

"Congress has the opportunity for a new and science-based direction when it comes to sex education in our public schools, which they can do by eliminating funding for abstinence-only

programs and creating the first federal funding stream for comprehensive sex education by passing the Responsible Education About Life (REAL) Act," said Lei Chou, CHAMP's Director of Mobilization. The group called for an additional \$110 million in funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention STD prevention budget, bringing total funding to \$267 million, which would expand programs that monitor, prevent, and treat gonorrhea and other STDs.

On Thursday (Apr. 12), the CDC said that gonorrhea is now among the "superbugs" resistant to common antibiotics. The CDC said it is recommending wider use of a different class of drugs to avert a public health crisis. Gonorrhea, which is believed to infect more than 700,000 people in the United States each year, can leave both men and women infertile and puts people at higher risk of getting the AIDS virus. Since the early 1990s, a class of drugs known as fluoroquinolones has provided a relatively easy cure. These antibiotics, taken as tablets, include the drug Cipro. But a growing number of gonorrhea cases is resistant to those drugs, and officials at the CDC for the first time are urging doctors to stop using fluoroquinolones and switch to cephalosporins, a different class of antibiotics, to treat everyone.

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Our Prejudices, Ourselves

By Harvey Fierstein

America is watching Don Imus's self-immolation in a state of shock and awe. And I'm watching America with wry amusement.



Harvey Fierstein

Since

I'm a second-class citizen — a Gay man — my seats for the ballgame of American discourse are way back in the bleachers. I don't have to wait long for a shock jock or stand-up comedian to slip up with hateful epithets aimed at me and mine. Hate speak against homosexuals is as commonplace as spam. It's daily traffic for those who profess themselves to be regular Joes, men of God, public servants who live off my tax dollars, as well as any number of celebrities.

In fact, I get a good chuckle whenever someone refers to "the media" as an agent of "the Gay agenda." There are entire channels, like Spike TV, that couldn't fill an hour of programming if required to remove their sexist and homophobic content. We've got a president and a large part of Congress willing to change the Constitution so they can deprive of us our rights because they feel we are not "normal."

So I'm used to catching foul balls up here in the cheap seats. What I am really enjoying is watching the rest of you act as if you had no idea that prejudice was alive and well in your hearts and minds.

For the past two decades political correctness has been derided as a surrender to thin-skinned, humorless, uptight oversensitive sissies. Well, you anti-politically correct people have won the battle, and we're all now feasting on the spoils of your victory. During the last few months alone we've had a few comedians spout racism, a basketball coach put forth anti-Semitism and several high-profile spoutings of anti-Gay epithets.

What surprises me, I guess, is how choosy the anti-P.C. crowd is about which hate speech it will not tolerate. Sure, there were voices of protest when the TV actor Isaiah Washington called a Gay colleague a "faggot." But corporate America didn't pull its advertising from "Grey's Anatomy," as it did with Mr. Imus, did it? And when Ann Coulter likewise tagged a presidential candidate last month, she paid no real price.

In fact, when Bill Maher discussed Ms. Coulter's remarks on his HBO show, he repeated the slur no fewer than four times himself; each mention, I must note, solicited a laugh from his audience. No one called for any sort of apology from him. (Well, actually, I did, so the following week he only used it once.)

Face it, if a Pentagon general, his salary paid with my tax dollars, can label homosexual acts as "immoral" without a call for his dismissal, who are the moral high and mighty kidding?

Our nation, historically bursting with generosity toward strangers, remains remarkably unkind toward its own. Just under our gleaming patina of inclusiveness, we harbor corroding guts. America, I tell you that it doesn't matter how many times you brush your teeth. If your insides are rotting your breath will stink. So, how do you people choose which hate to embrace, which to forgive with a wink and a week in rehab, and which to protest? Where's my copy of that rule book?

Let me cite a non-volatile example of how prejudice can cohabit unchecked with good intentions. I am a huge fan of David Letterman's. I watch the opening of his show a couple of times a week and have done so for decades. Without fail, in his opening monologue or skit Mr. Letterman makes a joke about someone being fat. I kid you not. Will that destroy our nation? Should he be fired or lose his sponsors? Obviously not.

But I think that there is something deeper going on at the Letterman studio than coincidence. And, as I've said, I cite this example simply to illustrate that all kinds of prejudice exist in the human heart. Some are harmless. Some not so harmless. But we need to understand who we are if we wish to change. (In the interest of full disclosure, I should confess to not only being a Gay American, but also a fat one. Yes, I'm a double winner.)

I urge you to look around, or better yet, listen around and become aware of the prejudice in everyday life. We are so surrounded by expressions of intolerance that I am in shock and awe that anyone noticed all these recent high-profile instances. Still, I'm gladdened because our no

longer being deaf to them may signal their eventual eradication.

The real point is that you cannot harbor malice toward others and then cry foul when someone displays intolerance against you. Prejudice tolerated is intolerance encouraged. Rise up in righteousness when you witness the words and deeds of hate,

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but only if you are willing to rise up against them all, including your own. Otherwise suffer the slings and arrows of disrespect silently.

(Harvey Fierstein is an actor and playwright. This op-ed was reprinted from the Apr. 13 edition of the New York Times.)

Green-Tea Study Offers Hope Of AIDS Drug

HOUSTON - The scientists from the University of Sheffield and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston found that as little as two cups of green tea could provide enough of the chemical epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) to inhibit HIV cell binding by 40%, Gay.com U.K. reported. However, they do not recommend that people start drinking gallons of green tea as an HIV preventative. Rather, they are conducting research to find out if EGCG or a chemical like it would make a good HIV drug.

Epigallocatechin gallate is a catechin, one of a large family of chemicals called bioflavonoids that are found in tea, red wine, and many fruits and vegetables. Most are colored red or purple and/or taste bitter; many have antioxidant properties and have been investigated for some time as possible anticancer and cardiovascular drugs. Baylor's Dr. Christina Nance and her team found that EGCG exerts a more direct effect on HIV infection. The molecule likes to bind to CD4, the cell-surface molecule which HIV first binds to as well. This was discovered by Japanese scientists in 2003, but by using computers to image the exact shape of the proteins and working out the electronic processes involved, Nance's team worked out that EGCG sticks to exactly the same amino acid (component) of the CD4 molecule as does gp120—the "docking module" of HIV. "When it binds there, the gp120 envelope protein—and thus HIV—can't [bind]," Nance said. Her team's findings are published in a recent issue of The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

The history of HIV medicine is full of promising-looking compounds from plants that had some effect on the HIV virus in the test tube but, when tested in animals and humans, either produced no effect or only did so at toxic doses. The previous Japanese research had indicated that the same would be true of EGCG — huge doses would be needed. But Nance said that "physiological levels" of EGCG — that is, 0.2 micromoles per liter, or the amount in just a cup or two of green tea — inhibited HIV binding by 40%.

The team is now using computer-imaging tools to examine more closely the way that EGCG binds to CD4 in the hope of developing improved

molecules that will bind to it more closely. It is also investigating the possibility of a small trial of EGCG in humans to see if it blocks HIV infection in real life. If EGCG or something like it does lead to an HIV treatment, it won't be a first. The story of the integrase inhibitors, which has now finally resulted in the launch of a new drug, raltegravir, started when researchers looked at substances derived from green coffee beans. And another drug now undergoing trials, bevirimat, was derived from chemicals found in birch-tree bark.

Will a mug of English Breakfast have the same effect? No. Black tea leaves contain EGCG, but in much lower quantities. That's because black tea leaves are fermented, a process in which many of the catechins are oxidized to darker-colored molecules called theaflavin and thearubigen.

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POLITICS 2007
by Mark R. Kerr

S.1105

Legislation expanding the definition of hate crimes and the government's authority to investigate and prosecute them was introduced in the U.S. Senate Thursday (Apr. 12) by Senator Ted Kennedy, D-MA.

S. 1105, in addition to Senator Kennedy, has forty-one cosponsors and is named "the Matthew Shepard Act," in honor of hate crime victim Matthew Shepard who died more than eight years ago in Laramie, Wyoming, and highlighted the problem of anti-Gay hate crimes.

A hate crime or bias motivated crime occurs when the perpetrator of the crime intentionally selects the victim because of who the victim is. These crimes affect not only the victim and their family but an entire community or category of people and their families.

Sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and disability would be added to existing federal hate crimes law conferring authority on the federal government to investigate and prosecute violent crimes if the "Matthew Shepard Act" is approved.

Senator Kennedy's bill ensures a federal backstop to assist local law enforcement in those cases in which they request assistance or fail to adequately investigate or prosecute these serious crimes and also provides assistance to local law enforcement for investigating and prosecuting bias-motivated violent crimes.

Kennedy said in a statement that "these crimes are acts of domestic terrorism that have an impact far greater than on the individual victim. Hate crimes target whole communities. They're crimes against the fundamental ideals on which America was founded. For far too long, law enforcement has been forced to investigate these crimes with one hand tied behind its back. That's wrong and Congress must set it right."

S. 1105, like its House companion, H.R. 1592, is not a penalty-enhancement statute since Congress already addressed the sentence enhancement issue by passing the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, which allows judges to impose harsher penalties for hate crimes, including hate crimes based on gender, disability and sexual orientation that occur in national parks and on other federal property.

Under current federal statutes, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) statistics, based on voluntary reporting, show that 7,163 hate crimes were reported in 2005, the most recent year for which statistics are available. Violent crimes based on sexual orientation made up 14.2 percent of all hate crimes in 2005, with 1,017 reported.

S. 1105 has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee and is chaired by Senator Patrick Leahy, D-VT. More than 200 law-enforcement, civil rights, civic and religious organizations have expressed support.

H.R. 1592, is scheduled to be heard by the House Judiciary Committee's, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, chaired by Representative Robert Scott, D-VA.



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Roseanne: 'I'm Just A Big Idiot With A Big Mouth'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Comedian Roseanne opened up her radio show Tuesday night (Apr. 10) for Gay fans to "let me have it" after saying the day before that Gays were too self absorbed, reported 365Gay.com. Monday (Apr. 9), on KCAA radio in San Bernardino, where she is a regular guest host Roseanne went on a tirade about Gay voters and LGBT politicians.



"Never once in my 54 years have I ever once heard a Gay or Lesbian person who's politically active say one thing about anything that was not about them," Roseanne said. "They don't care about minimum wage, they don't care about any other group other than their own self because you know, some people say being Gay and Lesbian is a totally narcissistic thing and sometimes I wonder."

After the remarks were met by a rebuke from LGBT rights groups, Roseanne posted an apology on her personal blog. "I deeply regret that I have offended Gay people," she wrote. "I said things that I do not really mean, before I had thought them through... I was wrong and I seriously apologize!" She went on to write that she really meant to say that "everybody needs to unite right now, and step outside of their own neighborhoods, groups, races and classes to stop Bush's war on our country and our people. I love Gays and I hate division. I am just a big idiot with a big mouth sometimes. I will learn to be more careful! Please forgive me, I am so sorry!"

Most callers seemed to accept the apology. Roseanne has a long history of being supportive of LGBT issues. But the comic is urging Gays to unite with other minority groups for a common front. "The leaders of Gay groups need to align with the leaders of Acorn, and other groups of poor and desperate Americans and fight against those who oppress all of us! I have met too many Gays who are Republicans, and I cannot understand how they could choose that! Let's all leave our own bedrooms, kitchens, neighborhoods and groups and meet each other to form a diverse army that stands for Democracy and Economic Justice."

LGBT Characters Increase In Complexity, If Not Frequency

HOLLYWOOD, California (Observer Update) - When "Will & Grace" ended its eight-year run last year, Gay-media advocates bemoaned the loss of the only network primetime TV series showcasing the lives of homosexuals, reported the Hollywood Reporter (Apr. 13). And though Gay characters haven't since dominated any single network show, industry observers say that progress in depicting Gays on network television is nonetheless being made in a perhaps unexpected way: the emergence of a lead character whose sexual orientation is only part of the story.

Kevin Walker, one of the lead characters on ABC's drama "Brothers & Sisters" (created and executive produced by Jon Robin Baitz), is frequently singled out as the most substantial depiction of a Gay man on network primetime television to date. Part of what makes the character - played by Welsh actor Matthew Rhys - so rich, advocates say, is that his sexual orientation isn't his entire *raison d'être* but simply part of a complex fabric of personality.

"The Gay-character story line is no longer the novelty," says Brian Graden, entertainment president of MTV Networks Music Group and president of Logo. "The character on 'Brothers & Sisters' is as complicated and human as everyone else."

The Walker character enters the conversation in a year when Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals remain only a tiny proportion of regular characters on network series - less than 2% - according to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which is set to host its 18th annual GLAAD Media Awards on Saturday at Hollywood's Kodak Theatre. Yet, the quality of some characters' lives continues to improve, showing them to be people who are successfully

integrated into their family and work environments, much like a large proportion of Gay Americans.

Another hit show with a breakthrough character that is garnering attention is ABC's "Ugly Betty," which features a young boy who is smitten with fashion magazines and musicals and who also is fully embraced by his Hispanic family. Betty's nephew Justin Suarez (Mark Indelicato) is joined by broadly drawn, out-there Gay men at the fashion magazine where she works, most notably the editor's bitchy assistant Marc St. James, played by Michael Urie. The show also features Rebecca Romijn as a woman born as a man. "Betty" writer and executive producer Silvio Horta says the show has benefited from the success of "Will & Grace." "Whatever fears that network execs may have had a few years ago don't really exist," he says. "If you ask the question, 'Are we going too far?' - we've never been told, 'Don't do that.'"

ABC also is breaking ground in daytime soaps, an area traditionally ahead of primetime in introducing challenging social issues of the day. Its stalwart "All My Children" now features a Transgender character who seeks out medical information from her doctor and support from a group of people going through the gender transition - people cast with real-life transsexuals. To do the honors, the show brought back Freddie "Zarf," an androgynous musician played by Jeffrey Carlson; on New Year's Eve, the rock star formerly known as Zarf was unveiled as "Zoe." The character was created by former head writer Megan McTavish and was inspired in part by 2005's "Transamerica." "Because you have the luxury in daytime of telling a story in real time as opposed to a movie of the week or episodic TV, you can bring an audience along on a real social journey," executive producer Julie Hanan Carruthers says. But she

cautions that charting unexplored territory on television still requires dexterity. "You stand the chance of alienating your audience," she says. "The goal is to keep the show fresh by bringing things to the forefront before they're all over the place, and surprise the audience in a good way. You're taking them on a journey they didn't expect, so you tap into the human element. We focus on what's alike by using narrow-minded characters to point out the differences so you have the opportunity to highlight the things we have in common."

While daytime dramas have historically mined news-making social issues for story fodder, audiences are receptive because the culture is becoming more adventurous as well, insiders say. "In the late '70s, when 'All My Children' tried to explore a Lesbian relationship and the ratings tanked, it was written out," said Brian Frons, president, daytime, Disney-ABC Television Group. "Compare that to the coming out of Bianca (Eden Riegel, who plays the daughter of Susan Lucci's character, Erica) growing into a popular character whose love story was embraced. It's a change in society and a change in the network because we're willing to give them time to let that happen."

Indeed, one of the biggest changes in the entertainment landscape is the willingness of audiences to go along for the ride. "I think society is simply evolving, and it's going in the right direction," says Paul Colichman, co-founder of here! Networks, which caters to an LGBT audience. Society's acceptance of the images that television presents inevitably raises the eternal chicken-and-egg question: If shows about people outside the mainstream are getting good ratings, how much does television's ability to bring them into America's living rooms make them seem less strange and therefore more palatable?

Bravo senior vice president of programming and production Andy Cohen recalls the impact of seeing the late AIDS activist Pedro Zamora on MTV's "The Real World: San Francisco" in the early '90s, at about the time Cohen graduated from college. "That was a real Gay person, and it was so huge," Cohen says. "Somehow, Gay people became mainstays on reality television. You always had to have a Gay guy."

Bravo's hit reality show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" was key to that trend. The network's current generation of reality shows, such as "Top Design" and "Top Chef," is rife with Gay people, but unlike "Queer Eye," they're not there because they're Gay, Cohen notes. The evolution of Gay people on reality shows is running along a parallel track to that of characters on scripted shows: Their sexual orientation is incidental to their reason for being there. "When we're casting these shows, we're looking for the best people, the most talented chefs and designers," Cohen says. "We look to showcase pop culture and the culture around us, and I think there are a lot of Gay people involved in the fabric of pop culture and the fields we look at."

Cable television has long been ahead of the networks in featuring the lives of Gays on reality and scripted series, including in such shows as "Six Feet Under" and Showtime's "The L Word." Cable continues to outshine broadcast in terms of the sheer number of regular Gay characters, with 35 - including Liz Cruz (Roma Maffia) on FX's "Nip/Tuck" and Shakima Greggs (Sonja Sohn) and Omar Little (Michael K. Williams) on HBO's "The Wire" - to the networks' 15, by GLAAD's count. Still, cable's embrace of alternate lifestyles has helped open the door for Gay characters on broadcast.

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"There have been wonderful, realistic portrayals on cable, and they sit right next to network channels," says "Brothers & Sisters" executive producer Greg Berlanti. "They're one click away, and you have to compete with how real your stories are (on broadcast). If their stories are outlandish, you have to be effective to compete and stand out. They're playing by a different set of rules, but I think one elevates the other." Berlanti also credits a younger generation of executives who grew up seeing Gay characters on television and who are now attaining positions of power. "I think that people 30 and younger, for the most part, are much more open. The same is true of execs. As the new generation comes in, they want to see stories that are truthful and realistic."

As Ellen DeGeneres marks the 10th anniversary of her coming-out party on her sitcom – a reveal that threatened to topple her career – she can look back from the aerie of one of the most prestigious gigs for a comedian on network television: Oscar emcee. While that role certainly indicates a significant shift, many caution that there are still miles to go before Gay advocates sleep.

"We're still sorely underrepresented," says Ilene Chaiken, creator, writer and executive

producer of "L Word." "If 'The L Word' went off the air, it would be a desert for representation of Lesbians. My hope is that when the time comes, we'll have passed the torch, and I don't think it has happened yet."

Jason LaPadura, a casting director whose credits include NBC's "Heroes" and "Crossing Jordan" and the seminal 1990 AIDS film "Longtime Companion," says Gays won't be adequately represented in front of the camera until there are more behind the camera. "When I'm in a network session for casting, there aren't a whole lot of Gay people in the room," he says. "There are lots of Gay people in casting, and there are Gay writers, but there aren't a whole lot of Gay people at the studios and networks in positions of power."

Still, GLAAD president Neil Giuliano thinks the landscape for Gay characters on television will continue to improve. "I'm optimistic because the visibility of Lesbian and Gay people in society is increasing all the time. More people are living openly. That gives a greater comfort level to people who produce television and film to say, 'It's not like we're telling a story that's secret anymore. They're entertaining stories, and they're stories that should be told.'"

Vigil For Murdered Gay Man Calls For Passage Of Federal Hate Crimes Bill

MIAMI, Florida - More than 1,000 people across Florida attended vigils on the weekend for Ryan Skipper, a Gay man who was stabbed more than 20 times and whose body was dumped in a ditch. Two men are facing the death penalty if convicted for the slaying of the 25-year old Bartow man, reported 365Gay.com.

Vigils were held Saturday (Apr. 14) in 14 cities across Florida and organizers used it to call on federal lawmakers to pass the Matthew Shepard Act. The bill, named for the Gay college student who was killed in a homophobic attack in Wyoming in 1998, was introduced in the Senate last week. A similar bill was reintroduced in the House last month. The bill would allow the Department of Justice to assist local authorities in investigating and prosecuting cases in which violence occurs and add Gays and Lesbians to the categories protected under the legislation.

How Skipper met his killers is unclear. Police have said they hooked up when Skipper went out in his car cruising for sex. Friends and relatives of the dead man say he never engaged in street cruising and was careful of who he took home. What is not disputed is that somewhere Skipper met Joseph Eli Bearden, 21 and the two went to Skipper's home, smoked marijuana and used Skipper's lap top computer. Later they left the house and met up with William David Brown Jr., 20. Skipper was attacked in his own car. After dumping the body Brown and Bearden allegedly drove to another home where they attempted to clean the car. When the vehicle was found by police there still was a considerable amount of blood in it. Police say they accused had driven the car around to the homes of several friends showing off the bloody interior. Bearden and Brown are charged first-degree murder and robbery with a deadly weapon.

"Ryan's murder was not an isolated incident, but rather the latest in an epidemic of hate violence targeted at Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual

and Transgender people in Florida and across the nation," said Brian Winfield, communications director for Equality Florida, which organized the vigils. "Hate crimes have as their target more than just the victim. They are intended to send a message to an entire community of people and to strike fear into that community. That is why the silence of our state leaders must be challenged." Winfield said that even though Florida includes sexuality in its hate crime law neither the governor nor the attorney general has commented on the Skipper murder.

In 2003, Gov. Crist, who at the time was Attorney General, described anti-Gay hate crimes as increasing "relentlessly over the past 5 years." The following year saw an additional 21% increase in the number of physical attacks against LGBT people. During 2005, the most recently reported year, 62% of hate crimes against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people were in the most violent categories. No other group came close. "Two days ago, that Federal Hate Crimes Bill was re-named the Matthew Shepard Act and was introduced in the Senate," said Winfield. "I encourage you to contact your Congressman and Senators and demand that they support the bill. If they ask why, tell them, 'we have our own Matthew Shepard here in Florida, his name was Ryan.'" Winfield people at one of the rallies.

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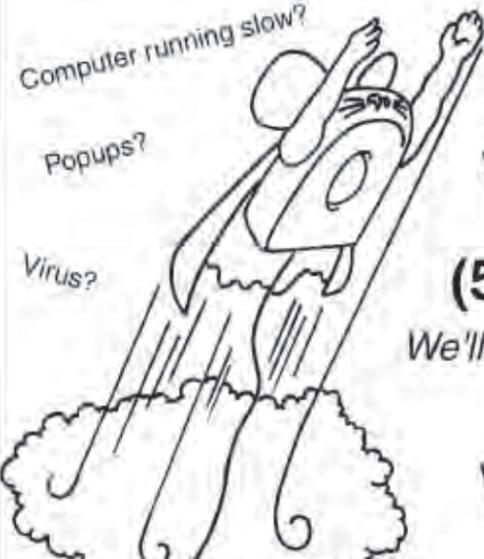
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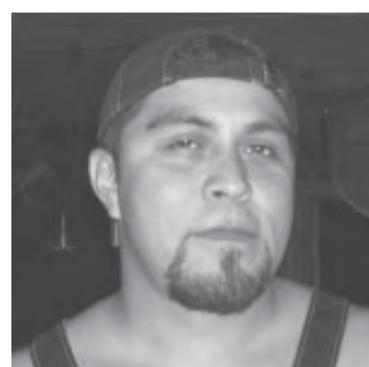
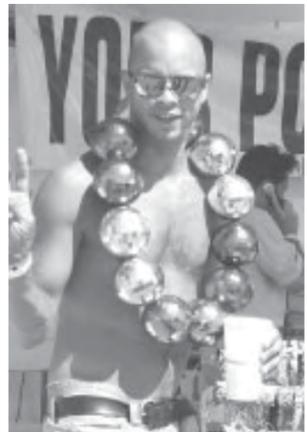
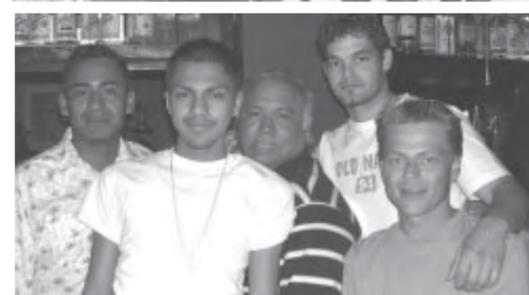
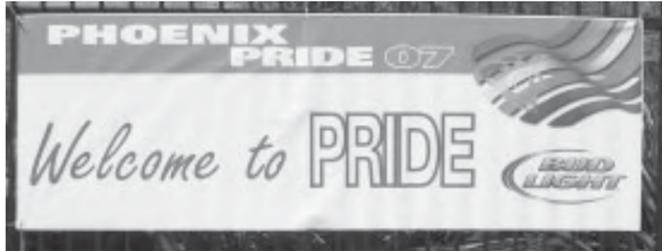
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Decades Later Epidemic Still Rages

By Kevin Cathcart

When Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) opened its doors 25 years ago, Gay men were dying at alarming rates from what in a few months would be known worldwide as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS. It was a devastating time for our community, and we were fortunate to have an organization respond so quickly with information, support and advocacy for all of us who were being increasingly affected by the disease.

As someone who lived through those terrifying early years, I remember the leading role GMHC took in our communities on behalf of people with HIV. I was proud to collaborate with the organization when I came on board as executive director of Lambda Legal 15 years ago and am now proud to honor GMHC for its quarter century of service to our communities next month at Lambda Legal's 2007 Liberty Awards ceremony in New York City.

Lambda Legal's work on behalf of people living with HIV predates my tenure with the organization. We won the first HIV discrimination lawsuit in the nation, and early on we helped force hospitals to treat people with HIV. We also played a key role in major U.S. Supreme Court cases interpreting the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protects people with HIV from discrimination.

Thanks to HIV testing, antiretroviral drugs, better HIV prevention and education services and stronger laws, life today can be better for people living with and affected by HIV. But I fear these advances may have made us a bit complacent — and prematurely at that. In its third decade, HIV continues to have devastating effects nationwide, not to mention the numerous other places around the world that have been ravaged by the epidemic.

Among people living with HIV in the United States, more than 45 percent are men who have sex with men, and the disease is having a particularly serious impact on black Gay men and young communities of color. Despite the availability of treatments, an estimated 500,000 people with HIV in this country are not in regular care, primarily because they lack health insurance. And while there are some confidentiality protections and antidiscrimination laws, LGBT people and others affected by HIV continue to face discrimination in the workplace, denial of health care and other services, barriers to parenting and reproductive health and violation of privacy rights, among other things.

At Lambda Legal we continue to address these difficulties through litigation — our current case challenging the U.S. State Department's ban on Foreign Service applicants with HIV, for example. We also do a great deal of policy advocacy, closely aligned as always with service organizations like GMHC. Right now, for instance, we are working with a number of national and local HIV and health organizations to make sure the new testing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't violate people's confidentiality or curtail access to important counseling services.

Over the years we've seen how homophobia remains a serious barrier to HIV prevention and treatment, sound public policy and antidis-

crimination efforts. We've also learned that discrimination against people with HIV undermines the rights of all LGBT people. In other words, we are all living with and affected by HIV, and we need to come together once more to combat the crushing effects of this disease.

Which brings me to another important anniversary this spring: the 20th anniversary of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power). While most of the organization has been quiet for more than a decade, founder Larry Kramer revived it a couple of weeks ago with protests in New York and San Francisco. On Wall Street — the site of ACT UP's first demonstration in 1987 — people shouted "Health care for all!" They demanded lower drug costs and expansion of services for people with HIV. There was even a "die-in," where people lay down amid body bags and some were arrested.

It's great to see the fighting spirit and anger of the eighties coming alive again. What's tragic is that the fight itself feels all too familiar.

(Kevin Cathcart is the Executive Director of Lambda Legal and a columnist for 365Gay.com, from which this is reprinted.)

Australia PM: No HIV+ Immigrants

MELBOURNE, Australia - Prime Minister John Howard said that people with HIV should not be allowed to migrate to Australia, and that the government was investigating whether it could tighten existing restrictions, reported 365Gay.com. The comments triggered anger among HIV-AIDS workers, who accused Howard of xenophobia and of blaming sufferers for their illness.

Asked in a radio interview whether people with the virus that causes AIDS should be allowed into Australia as migrants or refugees, Howard said he would like to take "more counsel" on the issue, but added, "My initial reaction is no." He said that there may be "humanitarian considerations" in certain cases. "I think we should have the most stringent possible conditions in relation to that nationwide, and I know the health minister is concerned about that and is examining ways of tightening things up," Howard said. The Prime Minister was asked about the issue during a visit to Melbourne, the capital of Victoria state, where the state health minister said that 70 of the 334 new HIV infection cases reported in Victoria in 2006 were among immigrants who had arrived in the country with the virus.

Don Baxter of the nongovernment group the Australian Federation of AIDS Organizations said HIV tests were already among health checks prospective immigrants were given, and most HIV-positive applicants were rejected on the grounds that they could pose an unfair burden on the public health system. "It's very tight already," Baxter told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. Chris Lemoh, an infectious disease specialist who is researching HIV-AIDS among African immigrants in Victoria, said excluding people with HIV should be condemned. "It's a hysterical overreaction, it mixes racism with a phobia about infectious disease," he said. "To not allow people to come on the basis of any health condition is immoral, it's unethical and it's impractical to enforce."

Many countries, including the United States, impose restrictions on immigration and visa approvals for people with HIV, though there are often exceptions in special cases.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Something Happened

by Lee Thorn

Just after I read that the Tucson City Council voted unanimously to spend \$130 million on a new arena and \$60 million to expand and renovate the existing Tucson Convention Center, I saw somebody's drawing of the proposed arena and laughed out loud. The drawing looked like a giant quonset hut.

I don't know beans about arenas. Maybe they're supposed to look like quonset huts. Maybe they have to look like quonset huts to do whatever it is that they're supposed to do. But the drawing got me to wondering whose job it is to approve the design of the arena. As a taxpayer, if it doesn't have to look like a quonset hut, I'd just as soon have an arena that wasn't as starkly ugly as a quonset hut.

Who makes the call? I remember a few years ago when Pima Community College put up its downtown campus, the one that looks like a 1930s warehouse district. I was so blown away by that unprovoked visual assault that I found out whose job it had been to approve the design and wrote them all letters asking how they thought their project looked. The strongest statement of support for the architectural catastrophe that I received from the people who approved it was, "It will look better when the landscaping matures."

At about the same time that the money for the arena was approved, a private think tank came out with a vision for Tucson's future and a guest editorial was published arguing, just as I argued two or three years ago in this column, that the day-to-day management of Rio Nuevo ought to be put in competent non-governmental hands. The private report says that Tucson could use more high tech, high paying jobs and more education. That's their vision for the future. It's also every other community's vision. I bet if you went to any crossroads in Appalachia and asked somebody what his crossroads needed he'd say, "High tech, high paying jobs and more education." You'd get the same thing at any crossroads in the Himalayas.

If the think tank's vision for Tucson's future is the same as everybody's vision, it doesn't really distinguish Tucson from anyplace else. It's like saying, "We plan to keep on breathing." Big deal.

If we were ever to get serious about a vision for Tucson's future, we'd come up with something that

would be unique to Tucson. Not a big fish tank like they have in Albuquerque, or a big half of a McDonald's logo like they have in St Louis, or a big iron tower like they have in Paris. Of course we do still have the world's longest non-mechanized rodeo parade, and now I'm told that we also have the largest student-run carnival in what the University of Arizona calls "Spring Fling."

It was a little shocking seeing the argument I made so long ago about giving Rio Nuevo some adult supervision appear in the establishment press. Can it be that we're on the verge of noticing how inept our city government has been? My vision for Tucson's future would definitely include term limits on the office of mayor. Somebody told me that the current incumbent was going to run again.

The something that actually finally happened – the approval of the arena money – was a necessary but not a sufficient step. Now the Council needs to figure out procedures and processes to spend the money intelligently, and find someone responsible to administer the spending of the money, and make sure that they vigilantly oversee what their administrator is doing every step of the way. If they can do that with the arena, it might give them a model for Rio Nuevo in general. Better late than never.

But wait! I think I've got an idea for the vision thing. What if we built an arena that didn't look like a quonset hut? We could be known as the town with the interesting arena. Put that together with our magnificent old downtown courthouse, our magnificent downtown main library building, and the magnificent city building that houses a cop shop at Alvernon and 22nd and we could become the city of great municipal architecture. I have no idea how the flamboyant, voluptuous architectural exuberance on Alvernon got past the dullards of city government, but if it could somehow come to fruition the sky's the limit. If the city could use an inexpensive warehouse, Farmer John's, one of our most historically and artistically important buildings, is still for sale. It wouldn't take much to get us on a roll to a real vision for the future.

(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.)

View From The Rock

"Come near to God and he will come near to you." (James 4:8) The Lord wants people to be close to him and can this be done through praise, worship, love and obey, spend time in prayer, and to read his word. Many have a God-given desire to be close to him but are afraid to try because of the fear of rejection. How can LGBT people be close to God since everyone seems to be preaching against and rejected by many churches, it is perceived that God will reject them. On the contrary, John 6:37 promises us that, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive them away."

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Church Erects Pro-Gay Religious Billboards

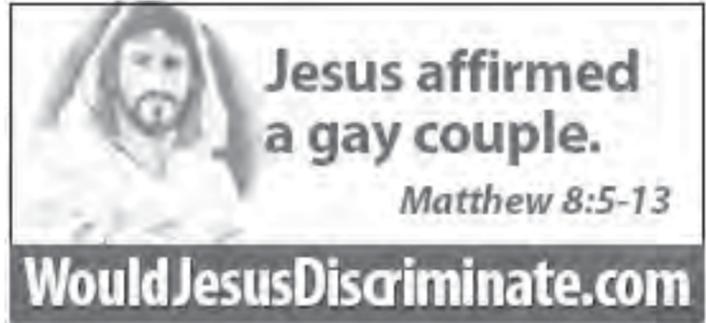
INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana - Billboards have begun appearing throughout Indianapolis challenging Christians to re-examine their assumptions about what the Bible says about homosexuality, 365Gay.com reported. The campaign is being coordinated by Jesus Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Indianapolis, with support from Faith In America and Metropolitan Community Churches worldwide. Faith In America is a national organization devoted to ending the injustice of religion-based bigotry against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender people.

Jesus MCC bills itself as "a church that is passionate about Jesus and the Bible, but not afraid of diversity or independent thought." It is part of a denomination - Metropolitan Community Churches - with a long history of outreach to the Gay and Transgender community. Jesus MCC is the largest church of its type anywhere in the Midwest.

The twenty two billboards will be spread across the city and will feature five different designs. All the ads feature the website URL, a short message and a biblical citation. The church will also be selling t-shirts and bumper stickers. One billboard pro-

claims "David loved Jonathan More than women. II Samuel 1:26" another says "Jesus affirmed a Gay couple. Matthew 8:5-13." Yet another says "Ruth loved Naomi as Adam loved Eve. Genesis 2:24; Ruth 1:14." "I can already hear tires screeching across Indianapolis as folks see the billboards. Most people have no idea that the Bible contains passages that powerfully affirm Gay people," said Rev. Jeff Miner, Senior Pastor of Jesus MCC. The billboard campaign will be for 30 days.

In 2006, Jesus MCC, Faith In America, and MCC conducted a pilot project in Indianapolis, using billboards and yard signs to ask a simple question: "Would Jesus Discriminate?" Organizers say this year's project will be bigger and bolder, moving beyond a gentle question to propose a bold answer that some may find unsettling. "In the past, many Christians misused the Bible to support slavery, oppose equal rights for women, and oppose interracial marriage," said Rev. Jimmy Creech, Executive Director of Faith In America. "They went so far as to accuse people on the other side of being unbiblical. The same thing is happening again with respect to same-gender relationships. It has to stop."



Court Upholds Removal Of Son From Lesbian Mom's Custody

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - The Arkansas Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday (Apr. 11) that a child should be switched from his Lesbian mother's custody to his father's—but the majority opinion asserted the change had nothing to do with the mom's sexuality, the Associated Press (AP) reported on advocate.com. The judges upheld a lower court ruling removing Lisa Holmes' eight-year-old son from her custody but said the decision was because of Holmes' instability as a parent.

"The record is replete with evidence of appellant's lack of financial, residential, and employment stability," Judge Wendell Griffen wrote in the opinion, referring to Holmes. "Appellant has had multiple residences...This evidences little effort by appellant to maintain a stable life for her son."

Holmes divorced her son's father, Joseph Holmes, in 2001 and subsequently became involved with several women, including her current

romantic partner, Kimberly Duncan. A court order issued at the time of the divorce prevented Holmes and her ex-husband from living with a partner outside of marriage while they raised their son, and a circuit court ruled in 2005 that she was in violation of that agreement. At a court hearing then, Joseph Holmes said he was entitled to raise his son in a "heterosexual environment," while his ex-wife conceded that she did not know her monthly income and that she worked irregularly

as a substitute teacher, according to the AP. The court ruled in favor of the father, saying that courts "have never condoned a parent's promiscuous conduct or lifestyle when such lifestyle has been in the presence of a child."

Although the opinion never referenced her sexual orientation directly, in her appeal Holmes said her sexuality should have no bearing on the custody dispute whatsoever.

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Take a flight of fancy when Venus angles into flirty Gemini and tickles Neptune. Your heart knows no bounds. Unless, of course, that is your "thing."

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Not only do you like to hear yourself speak, so does a bevy of your ardent admirers. You are popularity plus and can milk it for everything it is worth. Spread your influence in new social sets and join a few new groups where you are guaranteed to meet fresh acquaintances. Proud Rams hold court and do so with style and panache.... at least that is what you think.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

If you have been working your contacts and greasing the corporate big wheels (as well as a few cogs), Venus trine Neptune can bring professional success and accolades. Queer Bulls can use this time to maximize their gains and defer their losses. But be true to yourself and don't be a total sell out. There might be a line that you dare not cross. Then again.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Romance is waiting for you in some lost corner of the world. It appears that way to you when Venus trines Neptune. But rather than travel, maybe all you need is a bit of local mystery. So try "traveling" to a new locale or moving in a different groove. Even legal issues have a funky way of turning out just fine. Just don't hand the judge your (barely) legal briefs.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

There is more to a certain stranger than meets the eye. At least that is what you think this week. Pink Crabs may be more susceptible to any lurid suggestion from an unreliable source. Before you swallow any big fish story, hook, line and sinker, try to be more skeptical. Otherwise you may find yourself grilled and eaten. I suppose things could be worse.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Compadres are ready to poke their nose into your personal business when Venus trines Neptune. Is this a good thing? It depends. Proud Lions often crave to be the center of attention and love to be adored. But hanging out your personal laundry is not your preferred performance material. Keep things under the covers this week. Better still, make it a blanket.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Career prospects have never looked so good for you. Venus trines Neptune and raises your corporate stock to new highs. Not only can you impress the powers-that-be, you also glean new opportunities for future exploitation. Is this what you want? Queer Virgins have all the answers at work. Check to see that you also have the right questions.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Faraway destinations have their allure when Venus trines Neptune. This is the time to pack your bags and seek fun and frolic out of your usual sphere. Proud Libras are not only itching to try new things, they are also especially creative in how they do it. If money or time are tight, loosen up closer to home but in new neighborhoods. Make a scene and be seen.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Sizzly Gay Scorps are even more so while Venus trines Neptune. You look especially alluring and can turn all of that extra charm and charisma into personally fulfilling gains. Check out your surroundings now. It's time to spring clean. Turn your drab home into a love nest and invite a certain bird over. Will your efforts lay an egg? Only if you sit on it too long.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Usually, there is something to be said for leaving things unsaid. But you don't have to do that this week. Gay Archers now seem to possess the gift of gab that can turn any enemy into an advocate. In fact, you can turn around almost any difficult relationship with a few well placed words now. Is honesty always the best policy? Let's leave that for next week.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Pink Caps can avoid hard work this week by being especially chatty and friendly. You seem to be able to slack off without consequence. It's that simple. And you can even capitalize on Venus trine Neptune by asking for that long deserved raise. Of course a combination of continued hard work in addition to a raise request might turn out even better.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

You are too good to be true while Venus trines Neptune. Aqueerians light up a room by entering it and can charge up any dull affair. Meet and greet as many new folks as you can to spread your charisma. It is possible to launch ideas and get your face on the front cover. You are both the medium and the message for your brand campaign. Hmm or is it the massage?

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

If someone offers you the moon, ask for the stars as well when Venus trines Neptune. Guppies need not satisfy themselves with smaller portions. You can exponentially multiply your love, luck, passions and opportunities. The best part is that you can see all these things coming on the horizon. Prepare! Don't sit in front of the tube and impress your couch cushions.

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Wednesday, April 18
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta hosted by Jack at 887-3736. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, April 19
#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.

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#3Please call Lloyd BEFORE NOON today to reserve for tomorrow's Pizza Night at 792-8537.

Friday, April 20
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Pizza Night! Call Lloyd for directions at 792-8537! 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.

Tucson Prime Timers, Cocktails - 5:30 PM, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, April 21
LGBT & Allied Arts Fest to Benefit Wingspan 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. a Wingspan back parking lot, 425 E. 7th St.

Desert Voices presents it's last show of the 2006-2007 season: "Coming Out Under Fire". Performance at PCC West campus, 2202 W. Anklam Rd. 7:30 p.m. Tickets available thru any chorus member, through the box office 591-9662 and Antigone Books - in advance \$18 (\$12 seniors and students) \$20 at the door.

#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 MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Contact Steve at 664-2076.

Sunday, April 22
Desert Voices presents it's last show of the 2006-2007 season: "Coming Out Under Fire". Performance at PCC West campus, 2202 W. Anklam Rd. 2:00 p.m. Tickets available thru any chorus member, through the box office 591-9662 and Antigone Books - in advance \$18 (\$12 seniors and students) \$20 at the door.

#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Thom and/or Ken host Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-

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

Monday, April 23
Arizona Human Rights Fund will hold their annual Southern Arizona Garden Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m at Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N. Alvernon. This party is the local membership for the statewide LGBT Rights organization. Call (602)650-0900 for more info.

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 "Happy Endings". Munchies and soft drinks provided. Contact Arlan: 323-7414.

Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch - 12:30 P.M., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, April 24
#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. An evening of Bridge with Perry. Please call 321-4387.

Wednesday, April 25
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Canasta 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, April 26
#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.

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Friday, April 27
Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Spring production "Beyond The Border" 8:00 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call (520)304-1758 for more info.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call 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!

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NGLTF Calls For End Of Federal Support Of 'Ideologically Driven Harmful And Wasteful' Programs Such As 'Abstinence Only'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A report released Apr. 13 and commissioned by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services confirms that federally funded "abstinence-only" sex education programs simply do not work. In fact, out of the 2,000 youth who took part in this longitudinal study, those who participated in abstinence-only programs were no more likely to abstain from sex than their peers who did not participate. This study is the latest in a series of research confirming that abstinence-only programs not only don't work, but also present youth with dangerous misinformation that could put them at increased risk for sexually transmitted diseases.

Over the past five years, similar studies of abstinence-only programs in Arizona, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas have all come to the same conclusion. Furthermore, a December 2004 congressional report commissioned by U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman found that "over 80 percent of the abstinence-only curricula, used by over two-thirds of [abstinence-only program] grantees in 2003, contain false, misleading, or distorted information about reproductive health." In spite of this, and in the absence of any research validating these programs' effectiveness, Congress has allocated \$1.1 billion to these programs through various funding streams since 1996.

"Hundreds of millions of

taxpayer dollars have been utterly wasted on 'abstinence-only until marriage' programs. Why? To appease a rabidly vocal minority that cares more about getting our government to promote their religious ideology than they do about the health of young people. 'Abstinence-only until marriage' propaganda has been particularly insulting to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people because the most vocal opponents of marriage equality have been abstinence-only's most vocal proponents. Given this latest study, which confirms multiple other government and privately funded reports, it would be unconscionable for Congress to appropriate one more penny to these thoroughly debunked, ideologically driven, harmful and wasteful programs," said Matt Foreman, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in a statement. "We join with the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. in calling upon Congress to not renew funding for these programs and instead encourage schools to teach comprehensive programs that provide young people with the information they need to take care of themselves."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is one of 287 organizations working with the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. that is urging Congress to let funding for abstinence-only programs expire and instead encourage schools to teach comprehensive programs that provide young people with the information they need to take care of themselves.

Catholic Church Closes Parish With High Gay Membership

BOSTON - A Catholic church in Boston's heavily Gay South end will close in July, ending an outreach to the LGBT community that has gone on for more than a decade, the Boston Globe reported on 365Gay.com. The Jesuit Urban Center has been home to countless Catholic Gays and their families, but the superior of the New Jesuit Order, the Rev. Thomas Regan, says the decision had nothing to do with the sexuality of the preponderance of the church's members.

Regan tells the Boston Globe that members of the Jesuit Order in New England are aging and as they retire there are not enough new priests to conduct services at all the churches it runs. Regan said there was no no pressure from either the Boston Archdiocese or the Vatican to single out the Urban Center. He told the paper that it costs about \$350,000 a year to support the Center, but only 150 to 200 people regularly attend mass. Parishioners learned of the impending closure at mass on Sunday (Apr. 15). "This comes after a few years of rough times for Gay Catholics, with Vatican and local Episcopal declarations that have not been so friendly," Dr. Juan Jaime de Zengotita told the Globe. "I don't know what will be the future of Gay ministry."

Regan said that Jesuits will continue to welcome Gays and Lesbians to worship at St. Ignatius of Loyola, near the Jesuit run Boston College. He also said that two other downtown congregations reach out to Gay Catholics - the Paulist Center and St. Anthony Shrine. Despite opposition to same-sex marriage by the diocese many of the Gays who attend the Center are married and a

number of children who have been baptized in the church. Massachusetts Catholic bishops have been a leader in a push for a constitutional amendment in Massachusetts that would ban same-sex marriage. The legislature approved the measure in the first of a two part process in January. The measure is to come up again this session. If it is again approved the question would be put to voters. Last year the Catholic diocese of Boston announced that it will close its adoption agency rather than conform to Massachusetts law that prohibits discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.



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Actor Farley Granger Comes Out As Bi At Age 81



Farley Granger

LOS ANGELES - In Farley Granger's newly published memoir "Include Me Out," the former screen idol makes a revelation that is unusual among Hollywood tell-all books: He was Bisexual, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Granger describes a Honolulu night that epitomized his life. A 21-year-old virgin and wartime Navy recruit, he was determined to change his status. He did so with a young and lovely prostitute. He was about to leave the premises when he encountered a handsome Navy officer. Granger was soon in bed again. "I lost my virginity twice in one night," he writes.

The 81-year-old Granger, who starred in the Alfred Hitchcock thrillers "Rope" and "Strangers on a Train,"

and other movies, recently talked about his relationships in an interview from his apartment in New York. "My lifelong romance with Shelley (Winters) was very much a love affair. It evolved into a very complex relationship, and we were close until the day she died," he said. A briefer affair with Ava Gardner began when both quarreled with their dates at a Hollywood Christmas party. "We met at the bar and left together," he recalled. "It was a short but pretty intense and enormously fun affair."

Granger also writes about his same-sex celebrity affairs. For a time, he lived with Arthur Laurents, writer of the stage and movie versions of "West Side Story" and "Gypsy." In New York, Granger says he had a two-night fling with Leonard Bernstein. Since the 1960s, Granger's companion has been Robert Calhoun, who shares the writing credit on "Include Me Out." The title comes from a legend about Granger's first boss in Hollywood, Samuel Goldwyn. When leaders at other studios joined in promoting an industry matter, Sam reportedly uttered his most famous Goldwynism, "Include me out."

Until now, Granger has not discussed his Bisexuality publicly. "I had never hidden anything, and nobody asked me any questions," he said. "My only outing came eight or 10 years ago when I was an old man. Arthur Laurents gave an interview in which he outed me publicly."

Gay Political Icon To Get Big Screen Treatment - Twice

HOLLYWOOD, California - Two directors are to make biopics of one of America's first out Gay politicians, reported pinknews.com. Harvey Milk's story of Gay liberation and electoral success, followed by a tragic death at the hands of a jealous gunman, is likely to make a compelling movie, but Gus Van Sant and Bryan Singer are set to make very different versions of his life.

Van Sant directed My Own Private Idaho, Drugstore Cowboy and Only Cowgirls Get The Blues, while Singer is the talent behind X-Men 1 to 3 and Superman Returns. The Usual Suspects writer Christopher McQuarrie has collaborated once again with Singer on The Mayor of Castro Street. Gay director Van Sant is working on an as-yet untitled screenplay about Milk.

Harvey Milk was probably the first out Gay male politician in American history. Known during his lifetime as "The Mayor of Castro

Street," he is regarded as a political icon amongst Gay activists for his ability to build the LGBT community into a grassroots political force. Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. In his 11 months in office he sponsored a Gay rights bill and helped to defeat a proposition that would have seen openly Gay and Lesbian teachers sacked. He was gunned down at City Hall by Dan White, a disgruntled former Supervisor, on Nov. 27, 1978. White also killed the city's mayor in his gun rampage.

Milk was recently honoured with a bust on permanent display in San Francisco City Hall, a rare accolade for someone who never held the position of Mayor. It will be a permanent reminder of the unique place the city of San Francisco had in forming a new, politically active Gay identity in the 1970s. Milk had foreseen his own untimely death, and made several audio tapes to be played if he was assassinated. One had recorded upon it his most famous statement, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door." When White only received seven years in jail for Milk's murder, San Francisco's Gay community rioted. More than 160 people were injured.

Since his death, Harvey Milk has come to be seen as a Gay martyr. His calls for equal rights for Gay people and his popularity with voters, along with his tragic assassination, have led some to compare him to President John F Kennedy. Many Gay and Lesbian community institutions are named in his honour, among them the Harvey Milk Plaza in San Francisco, the Harvey Milk Institute, the Harvey Milk Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Democratic Club, and the Harvey Milk High School in New York City.

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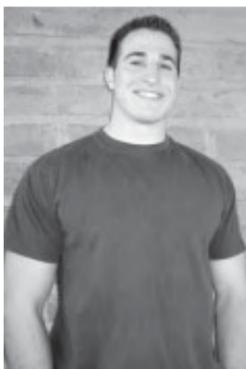
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Activists Seek To Reopen Anthos Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, hoping to prod Detroit police into reopening the case, posted a \$25,000 reward Tuesday (Apr. 10) for information into the controversial death of Gay senior citizen Andrew Anthos, reported advocate.com. Michigan's Triangle Foundation, meanwhile, planned to send volunteers and staff to canvass people living near where Anthos was found, hoping to find witnesses to the event.

police sketch, go to www.tri.org/violence/anthos_killer_sketch_lg.jpg.

"We're very distressed that the investigation was dropped," said the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Roberta Sklar. The task force paid for Anthos' funeral and originally posted a \$10,000 reward in the case.

Study Finds More Gay Men Are Using Meth

LOS ANGELES - According to data collected by the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, the number of Gay men surveyed who are using crystal meth has jumped from 18% in 2005 to 25% in 2006, reports latimes.com on advocate.com. The center tested 6,360 Gay men last year for HIV and other STDs, and one out of four men reported having used the drug at least once. In 2005 the center tested 5,300 Gay men. Gays who use crystal meth are five times more likely to test positive for HIV.

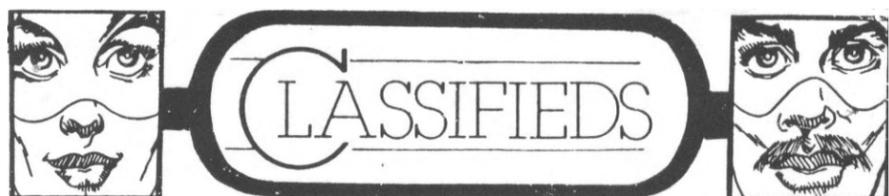
The center's manager for crystal meth recovery, Mike Rizzo, told the Times that meth is linked to HIV transmission because it lowers inhibitions, which may result in unsafe sex. Some people also use meth to cope with being infected with HIV. Rizzo said 43% of newly infected patients report some meth use.

The L.A. County Department of Public Health cited a 2005 study that said about one out of every 10 men who have sex with men reported using meth during a six-month period. This number is 20 times higher than among the general population, reports L.A. County public health director Jonathan Fielding.

Wayne County's medical examiner said last month that Anthos' Feb. 23 death was from injuries probably suffered in a fall that exacerbated his spinal degeneration, and that the evidence did not necessarily support reports that he had been attacked. Detroit police then closed the case.

Relatives, relying on independent accounts from a witness and from Anthos himself, say he was beaten by a young man who called him a Gay slur, followed him off a city bus and hit him in the back of the head with what Anthos thought was a pipe. "If you want to say he wasn't murdered, OK. But you can't say he wasn't attacked, that it wasn't a hate crime," Anthos' cousin Athena Fedenis said in an interview. Fedenis, who talked to Anthos in the hospital, said he was trying to help a friend whose wheelchair was stuck in a snow bank when he was attacked. The wheelchair user apparently did not see the attack, but provided a description of a man at the scene that police used to develop a sketch of a suspect, Detroit police spokesman Leon Rahmaan told reporters.

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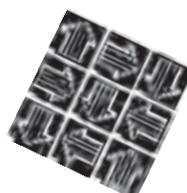
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Friday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.

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. Dickie Steed on piano during brunch. Brunch served until 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well. Reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

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. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00, and 7:00 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved.

IBT's - Troy's Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events); Brunch 11:30am-2:30pm; Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm til 2am. Beer Bust 2-7pm; Bar-B-Que 5-9pm; Karaoke with Michael D. 9p.m.; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9pm; Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm Watch for special events.

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. Movie Night 8-11pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour all day & night with \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen closed. \$3 taco & tostada bar 4-8 pm. GLBT Movie Nite with shows at 6 & 8 pm. Free pool all day.

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 Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events) Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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 \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:30 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Tequila Nite with \$2.50 well tequila & margaritas, 75¢ off call tequilas.

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 Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events) 80s Nite with Alex 8-close

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Dart Tourney at 9am. 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, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

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

WEDNESDAY CALENDAR CONTINUED

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Chili Dog Buffet 5-9pm; Underwear/Fetish/Leather Party with Alex and Blake 9-close - \$1 off all drinks for those who participate (50¢ off draught/schnapps) Back Pocket Patio Bar open 9pm-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Vodka until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm. Dart Tourney 8pm.

THURSDAY

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

COLORS - Open 11:30am-11pm. Lunch served until 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Karaoke Night presented by Rebecca of Y-Not from 8pm until 1am.

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. \$2.50 Mexican Beers all night, \$1.00 Jello shots.

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 Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Free Pool all day. Nacho Chip Buffet 5-9pm; \$1 PBRs Longnecks and \$2 Tecate Longnecks; Back Pocket Bar open 8-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 11:30am-1am. Lunch served until 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis and Craig Faltn 6:30-9:30pm. "Guys & Dolls" comedy drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm.

HOLLYWOOD - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Happy Hour #2 10pm until midnight.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. \$4.50 Fried Chicken dinner with fries and slaw. Free Two-Step lessons with Amanda every other Friday. Call 293-7339 for schedule. DJ Pat plays the best of contemporary and classic country 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 Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events); Martini Happy Hour 5-8pm-\$1 off all call Martinis; Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8-close. DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close; Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens

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 11:30am-11pm, Lunch served until 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Tucson's hot new duo "Pacific Breeze" performs 7-10pm.

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 11:00am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm, \$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. Learn to plau Texas Hold-Em Poker Lessons at noon with a friendly game to follow - no money involved. DJ playing dance mix or check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9pm to midnight serving late night munchies menu.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 10am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Steak/Fish Dinner in the Back Pocket 5-9pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza in the Back Pocket 6-9pm; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close. Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

THE BIZ - Thursday Thunder - Drag Show hosed by Boy Sean with DJ Hill.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

WOODY'S - Bio Hazard / Earth Day Party.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

THE BIZ - Toga Party. Check it out!

HOWL AT THE MOON - Join Kimi San Dumi and guests for a big show at 9:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Annual Pool Party today. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

WOODY'S - April Drag Show with Ajia Simone and friends 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 25

WOODY'S - Suck and Blow Party with special Hosts.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

IBT'S - A night of dreams! Join the crowd for a chance to win "Dreamgirls" DVDs, CDs and more! Party features Go-Go Boys, Bartenders in their underwear and Drink Specials. 10:00 p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

THE BIZ - Stop Light Party - Check It Out!

HOWL AT THE MOON - Boys R Us show at 10:00 p.m. Tickets available soon.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

WOODY'S - Drag Show. Come out and see who replaces Stella Virgin!

TUESDAY, MAY 1

HOWL AT THE MOON - Special show with Ayida Cox and her guests. Starts at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

HOWL AT THE MOON - It's Cinco de Mayo! Rosa's Travesti Drag Show at 8:30 p.m. followed by DJ Michelle playing cumbias, corridos and reggaeton. Drink specials all night. \$5.00 Cover.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

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SATURDAY, MAY 12

HOWL AT THE MOON - Tori Steele is your host for an evening with great female illusionists. 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 cover.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

HOWL AT THE MOON - Miss Desert States Pageant at 7:00 p.m. Come and see who wins the crown!

SATURDAY, MAY 26

HOWL AT THE MOON - Viva! Latino Drag Show starting at 10:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

HOWL AT THE MOON - Too Much Information is here playing classic rock and blues. 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 Cover.

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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.

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@yahoo.com. See you on the trails.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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

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

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