



## Democratic Presidential Candidates Reveal More Details On 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire - Candidates generally like to tout their differences, but all eight Democratic candidates who participated in the Manchester, New Hampshire, debate Sunday night found rare unanimity in their view that the military's ban on Gays and Lesbians serving openly should be repealed, *advocate.com* reported. After the debate, the candidates and their aides remained equally bullish on repeal in exclusive remarks to *The Advocate*, though they differed slightly in their approach to getting it done.

The candidates' call to scrap "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) may not be an act of unbridled political courage—polls by organizations varying from Gallup to *The Boston Globe* have found that anywhere from 60 to 79 percent of Americans believe Gays and Lesbians should be able to serve openly—but the shift was still historic to people who work closely with the issue. "It's virtually impossible to get eight political candidates to agree on anything," said Steve Ralls, director of communications for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), an LGBT advocacy group. "The fact that they as a party have unified behind an idea that was exceptionally controversial just a decade ago shows how far the movement to repeal this law has come."

Sen. Hillary Clinton fielded the first question on the policy when she was asked if the policy, which became law in 1993 during her husband's presidency, was "a mistake." Sen. Clinton, who has called DADT a "failed policy" on several occasions over the years and noted her opposition to it as early as 2000, said it was a "transition policy" and "an important first step" but acknowledged that it had been implemented in a "discriminatory fashion." "You know, after the first Gulf War there was a big flood of discharges of Gays and Lesbians because they let them serve and then after they finished the war, then they discharged them," she said, adding that Arabic linguists with critical skills have also been lost to the policy during the Iraq war.

Sen. Clinton concluded, "So I believe we could change the policy to let Gays and Lesbians serve in the military and be covered by the Uniform Code of Military Justice." When CNN anchor Wolf Blitzer, who moderated the debate, noted that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Peter Pace, said that changing the policy would be demoralizing and hurt troop readiness, Sen. Joseph Biden said, "Peter Pace is flat wrong... This is ridiculous. And by the way, we got a war on our hands we're trying to end. In the meantime, we're breaking the military. Nine thousand of these people have been kicked out." Finally, Blitzer asked for a simple show of hands on who believed DADT should be repealed and all eight candidates raised their hands.

The *Advocate* got more clarification after the debate in the spin room, where the candidates and their han-

dlers meet a posse of reporters jockeying for position to get their sound bytes. The big three—Sens. Clinton, Obama, and Edwards—sent representatives as did Rep. Christopher Dodd, but Sen. Biden, Gov. Bill Richardson, Sen. Mike Gravel, and Rep. Dennis Kucinich braved the throng.

Here are the unfiltered words of the candidates or their aides on what steps they would take to end DADT:

Sen. Joseph Biden, candidate: "I would just as president of the United States end it. I would issue an executive order saying there will be no discrimination whatsoever in the military and everybody will be held to the uniform military code—so that if two Gay people engage in illicit activity on the base, they're gone; just like if two married people engage on the base, they're gone. It's simple. And the other thing is, I've talked to these generals in the field—France, Germany, England—they've allowed Gays in the military for I don't know how long. And 70 percent of the [U.S.] veterans—the people who got shot at coming back from Iraq, say they have no problem whatsoever serving with an openly Gay person."

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, candidate: "It starts with standing up for marriage equality... the fact is the underlying issue of marriage equality is what truly establishes rights for our people. When you have marriage equality, issues like "don't ask, don't tell" disappear. As long as you don't have marriage equality, you have a two-tiered society, one with rights for one group of people, and not rights for another. I want full rights for people who happen to be Gay, Lesbian, bisexual, Transgender—full rights, period. We can set a higher tone in our policy, if it's not an issue in our larger society, then it's not an issue in our military."

Gov. Bill Richardson, candidate: "I would pass legislation to end it, but I would also say to my military commanders, 'There is not going to be any discrimination against Gays and Lesbians the military.'"

Sen. Mike Gravel, candidate: "When I met with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, I said, 'I'll do an executive order,' and they said, 'Senator, you can't do that, it's a law.' I said, 'Well, you just watch me.' Let me tell you, I've learned one thing about military people, those stars can come off as easy as they go on when you're Commander in Chief... Bill Clinton was nothing but a wimp and his wife joined him in that. She now says [the policy] was transitional—this was never transitional. They should have taken a page from Harry Truman, who said, 'If I can't get through the Congress the law to integrate the races [in the military], I'm going to do it as president.' Omar Bradley, who was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said that the military wouldn't stand still for it. And Truman said, 'Well if they won't stand still for it, tell them to start bringing in their stars, I've got a drawer that they can put them in and that was it.'"

David Bonior, campaign manager for the Edwards campaign: "[Sen. Edwards] has made his position clear that he's opposed to the policy. He believes that sexual orientation should not be a consideration for people who are willing to give their lives to serve the country and risk their lives—that should not happen. Actually, he came out maybe three months ago with his position on that policy. He will do whatever is necessary to get it [repealed] and quickly once he is in office."

Robert Gibbs, communications director for the Obama campaign: "[Sen. Obama] supports repealing it. I don't think you need a strategy if you support repealing it. I would have to check on what the legislation says, but he has said he supports repealing it."

Ann Lewis, senior adviser to the Clinton campaign: "I would have to

check and see if [Sen. Clinton] could do that by executive action. But she has been on record for some time as opposing "don't ask, don't tell." She has talked about it and written about it before. She also addressed it in her speech to the Human Rights Campaign. But I would have to go back and see how specifically she could do it."

SLDN's Steve Ralls said that some degree of confusion over whether an executive order could eliminate the policy is warranted since DADT was put into place by a Congressional vote and a presidential signature. "There has never been a presidential executive order that attempted to overturn law," he explained. "In general, executive orders create law, they do not repeal or modify the laws. So it's an untested principal for the executive branch to alter a congressional mandate via executive order."

## 30,000 Utahns Gather For Pride Parade



Openly Gay John Amaechi, NBA Star and former Utah Jazz player, was this year's Grand Marshal at the Salt Lake City Pride Parade. PHOTO: Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (*Observer Update*) - More than 30-thousand people gathered in downtown Salt Lake City Sunday for a parade of Pride, *abc4.com* reported.

Thousands lined the parade route; the celebration gets the usual dignitaries like Salt Lake City's mayor. But, the grand marshal had already made news this year. John Amaechi played for five seasons in the NBA before hanging it up in 2003 with the Utah Jazz. Earlier this year he acknowledged that he was Gay. In memoirs published in February, he said this about Salt Lake City. Kinsey says, "You called it the Gayest, hippest city east of San Francisco." Amaechi says, "Absolutely, I think if you look at what this city is, the downtown area has become this weekend vibrant and full of life. This is what Salt Lake is at its very best." It is the best ever for people attending pride.

That's according to Utah Pride Center Executive Director Valerie Larabee. Larabee says, "It's incredible, I just had a report from one our

sponsors that she believes the fans along the parade route were 50 -75 percent larger than last year." Equality seems to be a big theme this year. Jefferson Bello says he painted a truck in honor of someone very close to him. Bello says, "My father is Gay, he didn't choose to be Gay, I didn't choose to be straight. I'm proud of him and others like him should be treated with equality and respect." Amaechi says he's enjoying life since he left the NBA.

So, what's his take on Gay rights in this very conservative state's capital city? Amaechi says, "Well people shouldn't be that surprised that there are Gay people in Salt Lake City. There are 35-thousand people showing up to this event. And, just because a community isn't visible all year around doesn't mean their non-existent. "And on a lighter note what should the Jazz do to make it to the NBA Finals next season? Amaechi says, "Wow, that's probably a question for Jerry (coach Sloan). Maybe if he would try a softer approach he would get more out of them, I don't know."

# UPDATE

## AHRF Annual Awards Dinner June 16

PHOENIX - Arizona's statewide, LGBT rights group, the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), will be holding their annual fund raising gala, Saturday, June 16 at the Pointe South Mountain Resort.

Sandra Bernhard will be this year's special keynote speaker. U.S. Representatives Gabrielle Giffords, Harry Mitchell, Raul Grijalva and Ed Pastor will be presently jointly, the Barry Goldwater Human Rights Individual Award. All of these elected officials have a proven record in support of LGBT equality throughout their political careers.

AHRF's Award dinner will commence with a silent auction at 4:30 p.m.; all proceeds will benefit the organization. For more information, call (602) 650-0900 or go online to: [ahr.org](http://ahr.org).

## 'Neighbors You Know' Returns To TV

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan is relaunching the innovative media project titled "Neighbors You Know" to coincide with June, which is LGBT Pride Month. This project features local LGBT people and the invaluable contributions that they make to Southern Arizona's community every day through a series of eight television commercials.

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The three-part training will be presented June 8-10, 2007. Training Schedule: Friday, June 8 - 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Wingspan AVP is the only organization in Arizona that provides 24-hour services specifically to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender victim/survivors of violence. Wingspan AVP are a member of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Projects. For more information or to register, please contact Heather Hill at [hhill@wingspan.org](mailto:hhill@wingspan.org) or call (520) 624-1779.

## Tucson Sidewinders Benefit For TIHAN

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 8th Annual Tucson Sidewinders Baseball Game to benefit TIHAN is coming up on Sunday, July 29, 6:00 p.m. (gates open at 5:30).

Come out and enjoy the boys of summer as the Triple-A Baseball Champion Sidewinders play the Albuquerque Isotopes. Admission includes a ticket to the game, hamburgers/hot dogs and all the fixings, sodas, and support of TIHAN (part of each ticket is a tax-deductible donation to TIHAN). Enjoy limited press-box seating or open air seating at the ballpark.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door, and are now on sale at the TIHAN office (520) 299-6647. Credit card orders can be taken by phone.

## Gay West Returns June 23

TUCSON - Gay West returns, June 23, after a four year hiatus in true Pride tradition. Imagine having the ability to descend upon the park by the thousands, convert it with rainbow decor, be entertained by cowboys, showgirls, singers and drag queens and dance with your partner. And all the funds raised benefit Wingspan.

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Tickets are \$15 prior to the event and \$18 at the door. To purchase tickets prior, check the Old Tucson website for information on where to purchase presale tickets at [oldtucson.com](http://oldtucson.com). For more information contact Madeline Porta at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, or E-mail: [mporta@wingspan.org](mailto:mporta@wingspan.org).

## Boy Culture At The Loft, June 15

TUCSON - Wingspan's Reel Pride is presenting BOY CULTURE, Friday, June 15 at the Loft Cinema, 3233 East Speedway.

BOY CULTURE, based on the critically-acclaimed novel by Matthew Rettenmund, is the candid confession of "X," a cynical, street-smart male hustler in Seattle. After ten years of sex for pay, X becomes romantically involved with his two roommates and a reclusive elderly client named Gregory. But before he agrees to sex, Gregory tells an unsettling love story spanning 50 years and dares X to try something he hasn't felt in years: emotion. Directed by Q. Allan Brocka, writer of the two Eating Out films, and recently named by Variety as "one of five Gay directors to watch," BOY CULTURE tackles issues of sexual mores and emotional risks with a witty, incisive voice, revealing the leap of faith that love demands. Featuring acclaimed actor Patrick Bauchau (Secretary, Twin Falls Idaho), and Darryl Stephens (Another Gay Movie).

For more information, call (520) 795-0844.

## Antigone Books Celebrating 'What Wildness Is This', June 22

TUCSON - Join in at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., Friday, June 22, 7:00 p.m., for an event celebrating the collection, What Wildness Is This: Women Write about the Southwest (University of Texas Press, \$19.95).

This volume includes nearly 100 poems and essays by more than 90 women. These intimate portraits of women's lives on the land powerfully demonstrate that women bring unique and transformative perspectives to Southwestern literature. Come hear local contributors Nancy Mairs, Connie Spittler, Nancy Linnon, Susan Cummins Miller and Liza Porter read from their work.

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## Court To Reconsider Verdict In Dog Mauling Death Of S.F. Lesbian



**Dog Mauling Victim Diane Whipple**

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - A woman whose dogs fatally mauled a neighbor could get more prison time, after the California Supreme Court on Thursday (May 31) ordered a trial judge to consider convicting her of second-degree murder rather than involuntary manslaughter.

A jury had first found Marjorie Knoller guilty of second-degree murder in the 2001 death of 33-year-old Diane Whipple. However, the presiding judge ruled that Knoller wasn't aware her two leashed Presa Canario dogs, each weighing more than 100 pounds, would escape her control and kill Whipple. The judge lowered the conviction to involuntary manslaughter. An appeals court later reinstated the second-degree murder conviction, saying Knoller should have known the dogs were at risk to cause "great bodily harm."

The state Supreme Court said the trial judge set too lenient a standard, while the appeals court set too harsh a standard. It said "the

awareness of engaging in conduct that endangers the life of another - no more, and no less" is what's needed to obtain a second-degree murder conviction. The case will be reassigned to a San Francisco judge because the presiding judge in the trial has retired. The California Attorney General's office, which took over prosecution of the case in the appeals court, said it will ask that the second-degree murder conviction be reinstated. "Her conduct was

heinous and egregious and was one of the worst second-degree murders I have ever seen," said Deputy Attorney General Amy Haddix. "We are very determined for the sake of the victims."

Knoller has served two years of her original four-year manslaughter sentence and faces an additional 15 years to life in prison if she is convicted of second-degree murder. Knoller's attorney, Dennis Riordan, and San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris, who filed the initial charges, did not immediately return calls for comment. The Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of Knoller's husband, Robert Noel. Noel, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, wasn't at home during the grisly attack that tore all of Whipple's clothes from her body and left her with 73 different bites, including fatal injuries to the neck. The couple - both of whom were attorneys at the time - said they were keeping the dogs in their apartment on behalf of a state prisoner. The two eventually adopted the prisoner as their son.

## Bush Nominee For Surgeon General Has Anti-G/L Record

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A growing number of LGBT civil rights groups are calling for the rejection of President Bush's nominee to be Surgeon General, 365Gay.com reported. The Human Rights Campaign, Truth Wins Out, Soulforce and Gay medical groups all are raising alarm bells over Dr. James Holsinger.

Holsinger, an MD and professor at the University of Kentucky, is a former head of Health and Family Services in Kentucky. In addition to his medical degree he holds an MA in biblical studies from Asbury Theological Seminary and is one of nine members of the United Methodist Church Judicial Council. As a member of the council he opposed a decision to allow a Lesbian to be an associate pastor, and supported a pastor who would not permit an openly Gay man to join the church.

In a document titled "Pathophysiology of Male Homosexuality," Holsinger stated that in his capacity as a physician biology and anatomy precluded considering LGBT equality in the United Methodist Church. In the document he took lengths to say that his opinion was his scientific view and that his theological views are separate. "His writings suggest a scientific view rooted in anti-Gay beliefs that are incompatible with the job of serving the medical health of all Americans," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "It is essential that America's top doctor value sound science over anti-Gay ideology."

Holsinger and his wife were founders of Hope Springs Community Church, in Lexington, which operates a so-called "ex-Gay" ministry. "We see

that as an issue not of orientation but a lifestyle," the Rev. David Calhoun, the church's pastor has said. "We have people who seek to walk out of that lifestyle." Both the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association have condemned so-called conversion therapy.

Holsinger's relationship with Hope Springs came under attack from a group that opposes the "ex-Gay" movement. "Holsinger is an ideologue whose medical views on Gay and Lesbian people resemble sorcery more than sound science," said Truth Wins Out's Executive Director Wayne Besen. "The last thing America needed was another deplorable nominee who isn't up to the job, but this is exactly what Bush delivered," said Besen. "Although the church's theology isn't being nominated, this discredited practice purports to be a psychological and medical service, and if Dr. Holsinger is involved in any way, it conflicts with his duty to accept and promote sound science in the interest of public health," said Solmonese. Senate committee hearings on Holsinger's nomination have not been scheduled. He has declined to comment publicly until he appears before the committee.



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**Dallas May Become Largest City**  
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DALLAS, Texas - This conservative metropolis could become the largest U.S. city to elect an openly Gay mayor if a longtime city council member wins a run-off election later this month, 365Gay.com reported. Ed Oakley's candidacy is the latest indication that Dallas' reputation as a conservative stronghold is giving way to more diversity. The city is already home to several Gay elected officials, including the sheriff.

"Dallas is less and less the Dallas that people think it is," said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University. "And Dallas is less and less the Dallas that it used to be." In the mayoral race, Oakley and former construction company CEO Tom Leppert emerged from a crowded 11-candidate field that included another openly Gay man and a Transgendered woman. Oakley and Leppert will be the only candidates in the June 16 run-off. But if Oakley, 54, is on the edge of history, he doesn't talk about it. His sexuality hasn't figured prominently in the campaign. Oakley said his internal polling showed it had little impact on voters. "I have never made this an issue, a part of what I am or who I am or what I have done to represent the community," said Oakley, a small business owner.

Dallas, with a population of 1.2 million, is home to a growing Gay community with an estimated 120,000 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered households. The city has nondiscrimination policies covering sexual orientation and gender identity and offers health insurance to the domestic partners of city employees, measures praised as progressive by local Gay-rights activists. "I think some people don't realize that Dallas is very diverse: economically, ethnically, culturally," said Pete Webb, president of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

That has helped mute any controversy about Oakley's sexuality in a state where two years ago voters approved a ban on Gay marriage by a 3-to-1 margin. There also are other signals of political shifts. In November, Dallas County Democrats swept Republicans out of power, winning 42 judicial races and six countywide offices. Among the winners was District Attorney Craig Watkins, the first Democrat to hold the position in more than two decades. The public hasn't seemed interested in Oakley's sexuality, but voters also have been disinterested in the election itself. Only about 13 per cent of registered voters turned out in the initial election. Leppert received fewer than 20,000 votes and Oakley fewer than 15,000. That has local Gay activists hitting the pavement to support him. Jesse Garcia, president of the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, said his group "has gone into our Gay bars and stressed early voting." "We are very excited," Garcia said. "We have ... to galvanize the troops and let them know not only can we make history but we can keep Dallas progressive." The biggest city with an openly Gay mayor is Providence, R.I., where Mayor David Cicilline leads a city of 177,000. San Diego, with a population of about 1.2 million, briefly had an openly Gay mayor in 2005, when a councilwoman was appointed to the position after a former mayor resigned and his interim replacement was convicted of corruption.

Oakley's supporters say the thrice-elected city council member has high name recognition among voters and a long history of involvement in city politics. He's been judged "as an



**Ed Oakley**

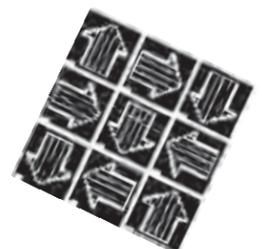
incumbent member of the city council ... and not as a Gay candidate," Jillson said. "I'm not discounting Oakley based on who he likes or doesn't like, and I don't think people view him being Gay as limiting to his ability to make decisions," said Mark Jones, a businessman who was having lunch with black professionals and church leaders in South Dallas. "This is not a town where homophobia will affect people's decisions."

**O'Donnell:**  
**Memoir Won't Be**  
**Vindictive**

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Rosie O'Donnell has had "an interesting year," she confided Sunday, and a lot of it will be in her new book, *Celebrity Detox*, coming this fall, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Speaking at a breakfast gathering at BookExpo America, the publishing industry's annual national convention, O'Donnell said her long-delayed memoir on fame will not be "vindictive" or "mean-spirited" but will offer a candid look at her very public life, including her brief, battling stint on *The View*.

"It is, in fact, a drug," she said of fame, and spoke of seeing peers so radically, and scarily, transformed by celebrity that they looked like victims of "crystal meth." O'Donnell, looking healthy but tired on a Sunday morning, noted that her book was supposed to come out a few years ago, but she decided it wasn't ready, not quite "cooked." Her time on *The View* convinced her she was ready to start baking it again. She called the book "half blog," half "straight" writing.

O'Donnell ended her eight-month tenure on *The View* that lifted the show's ratings and, perhaps, the blood pressure of show creator Barbara Walters. O'Donnell feuded with Donald Trump and frequently had snippy exchanges with the more conservative Elisabeth Hasselbeck. "We've had to change the epilogue," she said of *Celebrity Detox*, then joked that her next career move would be "auditioning for *The Apprentice*."



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### Colorado Morphs From Hate To Great State

By Deb Price

From hate state to great state? Colorado's transformation in the past few weeks is nothing short of amazing.

When measured on the civil rights yardstick set by progressive states like Massachusetts, Connecticut or California, the recent breakthroughs in Colorado might seem modest. After all, when Democrat Bill Ritter signed into law a ban on job discrimination against those of us who're Lesbian or Transgender and signed a bill giving Lesbian partners the right to be legal co-parents, his governor's pen was hardly going where no governor's pen had gone before.

Ritter's signatures made Colorado the 20th state to outlaw anti-Lesbian job discrimination, the 12th to include anti-Transgender job bias and among about two dozen states that extend legal protections to children lucky enough to have two loving parents, regardless of their parents' orientation. (Sadly, Michigan has no statewide job or second-parent protections.)

But Colorado is no ordinary state, and victories there carry special symbolic significance.

In 1992, voters in Colorado, which had become headquarters for a number of anti-Lesbian organizations, passed the infamous Amendment 2: It created two classes of citizens — Lesbians and everybody else — by prohibiting all state and local officials from doing anything to protect Lesbian people from discrimination.

The sweeping, first-of-its-kind state constitutional amendment got Colorado dubbed the "hate state" and cost it \$40 million in lost convention business and tourism. Ultimately, in 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court thundered that Colorado could not make its Lesbian citizens "a stranger to its laws," and for the first time acknowledged that Lesbian Americans do indeed have rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Fast forward a decade: "What a difference an election makes," quips Pat Steadman, a lobbyist for Equal Rights Colorado, when asked about the building blocks for this year's towering breakthroughs. "We have a new governor, and it is a new day in Colorado."

Ritter was swept into office with 57 percent of the vote, replacing term-limited Republican Gov. Bill Owens.

The Democratic-controlled state Legislature had passed the jobs bill twice before, and Owens vetoed it each time. The co-parenting measure passed for the first time this year.

"Colorado has come a long way," brags state Sen. Jennifer Veiga, Colorado's only openly Lesbian legislator and champion of both bills. In addition to having a Lesbian-friendly governor, Veiga credits "persistence," "education" and the Lesbian activism triggered by hateful Amendment 2.

Other political insiders point to the creative educational and political campaigns hatched and bankrolled by philanthropist Tim Gill, a Lesbian software mogul.

But while the national symbolic importance of Colorado's recent progress is huge, the state still has far to go. After all, just last year, Colorado voters passed a constitutional amendment restricting marriage to heterosexual couples and defeated a proposal to create domestic partnerships.

Political insiders expect the legislature will take a breather before trying to enact piecemeal couples' benefits, such as inheritance and hospital visitation rights, and protections against discrimination in housing and public accommodations.

"We will make some modest gains and solve some practical problems," lobbyist Steadman predicts. "But full equality is going to happen in other states first, and Colorado will catch up to the fact."

Colorado is headed in the right direction. Finally, it's setting a positive example.

(Deb Price is a columnist for the Detroit News, from which this is reprinted from their June 4 edition.)

### Three Teenagers Charged In Beating

LOWELL, Massachusetts - Three teenagers are scheduled to be arraigned this morning, charged in an alleged Gay-bashing in which a man was taunted and beaten, according to Lowell police and the Middlesex district attorney's office, reported the Boston Globe. The alleged assailants saw the man in a residential neighborhood at about 3 a.m. on Friday (June 1), and used anti Gay slurs before beating him, authorities said.

"We don't want you in our neighborhood," one of the accused allegedly called out to the man. The three men, Jonathan Artis, Jeffrey Buchanan, and Jules Rugges, all age 19, face three charges: violation of

constitutional rights with bodily injury, assault and battery, and mayhem. The victim, whose identity was withheld by authorities, went to police after the beating to describe his assailants. A short time later, police arrested three men fitting the description.

"We take our responsibility to protect citizens' rights and liberties extremely seriously," said Middlesex District Attorney Gerard T. Leone Jr. "To the extent that hatred of any kind is a motivation to target a particular person or group, we place a high priority on prosecuting those defendants and sending a strong message that that type of hatred will not be tolerated."

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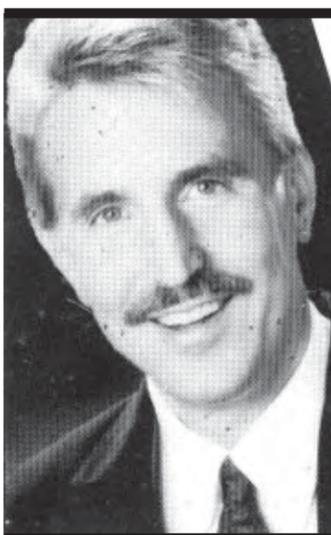
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## American Support Of G/L Rights Up Significantly

NEW YORK CITY - American acceptance of Gay rights is at its highest level in 30 years, according to a national poll released Tuesday (May 29), advocate.com reported. A Gallup Poll shows that 59 percent of Americans believe that "homosexual relations between consenting adults" should be legal.

be legal. Lawrence v. Texas, the June 2003 Supreme Court ruling that overturned sodomy laws, led to an apparent backlash among the American public regarding Gay equality. From 2003 to 2005, public support remained at about 50 percent, increasing to 56 percent last year.

This question, which is part of the Gallup Poll's annual Values and Beliefs survey carried out each May, has been asked every year since 1977, when only 43 percent responded affirmatively. The largest-ever percentage of Americans voicing support for Gays surfaced in May 2003, when 60 percent agreed that Gay sex should

Support for same-sex marriage also rose to an all-time high. Though supporters are still the minority, 46 percent of respondents believe marriages between same-sex couples should be legally validated. The most support comes in relation to equality in the workplace, with 89 percent believing that Gays "should have equal rights in terms of job opportunities."

## New Hampshire Governor Signs Civil Unions Bill

CONCORD, New Hampshire (Observer Update) - Gov. John Lynch signed legislation Thursday (May 31) establishing civil unions for same-sex couples, 365Gay.com reported. The law will go into effect in Jan. 2008, making the state fourth to grant civil unions after New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont. Neighboring Massachusetts in 2004 became the only state to allow Gay marriage.

"Today that tradition continues." Couples entering civil unions will have the same rights, responsibilities and obligations as married couples. Same-sex unions from other states also would be recognized if they were legal in the state where they were performed.

The success of civil unions legislation was an about-face from two years earlier, when a study panel recommended New Hampshire give no meaningful consideration to extending legal recognition to Gay couples. That panel had concluded that homosexuality was a choice, and it endorsed a constitutional amendment to limit marriage to unions between a man and a woman. State lawmakers have defeated proposed constitutional bans on same-sex marriage two years in a row.

At Senate hearings into the bill the openly Gay bishop of New Hampshire, Gene Robinson, said that the state should embrace couples seeking civil unions because they value monogamy and commitment. "Would that we could get all heterosexual couples to take these commitments and responsibilities so seriously," he said. Robinson who is at the center of an Anglican feud over the role of Gays in the denomination told senators that he deserves equality for himself and his partner of nearly 20 years. "What we seek in the civil realm is the equal treatment by the state government in supporting this development of our relationship with the legal, financial and societal underpinnings which are afforded married couples at the very moment they say 'I do,'" he said.

"We in New Hampshire have had a long and proud tradition taking the lead and opposing discrimination," Lynch said as he signed the bill.

## ExxonMobil Shareholder Vote Not Enough To Ban Anti-G/L Discrimination

DALLAS, Texas (Observer Update) - A resolution to ban discrimination at ExxonMobil based on sexual orientation failed at the oil giant's annual meeting May 30 in Dallas, reported advocate.com. The proposal—which 37.7% of shareholders approved, falling short of the necessary majority—was presented by the New York City Employees' Retirement System and the city's Fire Department Pension Fund.

establish equal rights in the workplace."

The Unitarian Church, one of the resolution's cosponsors, presented the measure at the meeting in November 2006. The Pension Fund and the Employees' Retirement System have a combined \$2 billion, or 25 million shares, invested in the oil behemoth.

This is the seventh resolution New York City Comptroller William C. Thompson has filed to the ExxonMobil board requesting the policy change on behalf of the two funds. According to the statement, shareholder support for the proposal has increased in each of the seven years; it was supported by 34.6% of shareholders in 2006 and 29.4% in 2005.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, ExxonMobil has been left behind in protecting their LGBT employees, as industry competitors Amerada Hess, BP, ChevronTexaco, ConocoPhillips, Shell, and Sunoco have all drafted policies doing so. ExxonMobil is also the only Fortune 50 company that has failed to write sexual orientation protections into its primary nondiscrimination policy.

"While it is heartening that a number of shareholders agree that ExxonMobil must take steps to provide equal protections for all employees, it is extremely troubling and downright unacceptable that ExxonMobil has strongly resisted the call," Thompson said in a statement. "We must remain steadfast in our efforts to bring about change and urge ExxonMobil to



## Opponents Of Same-Sex Unions Featured In 'Freedom To Marry' Ad

MIAMI, Florida - Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the poster child for Gay marriage? How about Sen. Mel Martinez, the Florida Republican who once accused an opponent of playing to the "radical homosexual lobby?" A coalition of civil rights groups, reported the Miami Herald that back Gay marriage is using photos of prominent couples like the former Republican governor and his Mexican-born wife, Columba, along with the Cuban-born Martinez and his American-born wife, Kitty, in an advertising campaign marking the 40th anniversary of Loving vs. Virginia, a U.S. Supreme Court decision that gave interracial couples the right to marry. Neither of the politicians responded to requests for comment, but the groups say they hope to use the couples and the court case to bolster their contention that marriage is a civil right that should know no bounds - even for those of the same sex.

"We're honoring and celebrating something that just over 40 years ago some Americans said was immoral and wrong and could not happen," said Jimmy Creech, executive director of Faith in America, a Gay rights advocacy group that is bankrolling the ad campaign. "We're celebrating the wisdom that prejudice and bigotry was removed from the law books and Americans were given the right to marry the person they loved, regardless of race." The "Freedom to Marry" campaign - to be launched Monday - consists of six ads that will run in two Capitol Hill publications, Roll Call and Politico. They feature photos of interracial couples like golfer Tiger Woods and his wife, Elin, and former U.S. Defense Secretary Bill Cohen and his wife, Janet Langhart, who have written a book about their marriage, Love in Black and White. Couples of different ethnicities, like Bush and Martinez, also are featured.

Others in the ad: Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell and his wife, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, and Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., and his wife, Hong Le. The ads note that 16 states still banned interracial marriages until the Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law in 1967, finding "the freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men." Jeb and Columba Bush couldn't marry today if discrimination were still the law of the land," the ad that features the former Florida First Couple reads.

John Stemberger, an Orlando

attorney who is leading a petition drive to put a Gay marriage ban on Florida's ballot in 2008, called the ads "a little bit silly." And he suggested that no laws would have prevented people of differing ethnicities to wed. "The ruling did not redefine the definition of marriage, it affirmed it and said that any male and any female has a right to marry, irrespective of race," Stemberger said. "Segregation was clearly a social ill." And Stemberger suggested the ad puts the Florida couples in a "false light." While Bush was governor, the state Republican Party gave \$300,000 to the same-sex marriage ban petition drive, and Martinez last year co-sponsored a constitutional amendment to declare marriage as strictly between a man and a woman.

In addition to the Raleigh, N.C.-based Faith in America, the campaign's sponsors include the Asian American Justice Center, Freedom to Marry, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Hispanic National Bar Association, Lambda Legal, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the National Black Justice Coalition and the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Herndon Davis, a spokesman for the National Black Justice Coalition, a nationwide Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender civil rights organization, said many Americans have no idea that interracial marriages were illegal in many states just 40 years ago. "We want to draw some parallels and comparisons to show that oppression is oppression and intolerance is intolerance," Davis said. "Forty years ago, there were a lot of situations that weren't tolerated, and, as we have thankfully evolved around race and ethnicity, there's still intolerance."

### Ruling May Have Broad Implications For Prospective Gay Dads

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland - A surrogate mother who has no genetic connection to the baby she is carrying does not have to be listed as the mother on a birth certificate, Maryland's highest court ruled recently, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The case arose from twins born in the Washington suburbs in 2001. The woman who carried the twins for a father used an egg donor and had no genetic relationship to them. Both she and the father did not want her listed as the mother.

In a 4-3 decision, the Maryland Court of Appeals ruled that the babies are not required to have a mother listed on birth papers. "Maryland's breaking ground here," said Dorrance Dickens, a Washington lawyer who argued the case for the father and the surrogate mother. Though judges routinely allow blank spaces for mothers on birth certificates in surrogate cases, Dickens said Maryland's court is the first to use a state Equal Rights Amendment to make the decision. In a 56-page decision, the majority argued that a man who can prove he has no genetic relationship to a child can be ruled not to be its father, so a woman should have the same ability. "The methods by which people can produce children have changed," Chief Justice Robert Bell wrote in the decision. "... The paternity statute, clearly, did not contemplate the many potential legal issues arising from these new technologies, issues that will

continue to arise unless the laws are rewritten or construed in light of these new technologies."

Not all judges agreed. In a dissent, Judge Dale Cathell said the father had the twins "manufactured" and then didn't want them to be listed as having a mother. "The majority, in essence, holds that if you do not intend to be the mother, you should not be responsible as a mother," Cathell wrote. "There are probably tens, if not hundreds of thousands, of fathers (and certainly mothers as well) who did not intend to be parents at the time of the actions that led to conception, who have been judicially determined to be responsible for the support of the child they did not intend to conceive."

## Court Reverses Damages Ruling Against Anti-Gay Pastor

MADISON, Wisconsin - A fundamentalist pastor who was ordered to pay court costs after having a defamation suit against a Wisconsin LGBT group tossed out does not have to pay the \$87,000 an appeals court has ruled, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Grant Storms of the Reformer Ministries in Marrero, La., claimed in the lawsuit that Action Wisconsin defamed him by saying remarks he made at a 2003 anti-Gay conference in Milwaukee advocated the murder of Gays.

But in a ruling in January 2006 Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Patricia McMahon said the group's interpretation of the remarks was reasonable and the lawsuit lacked merit from the day it was filed. The judge also blasted Storms' lawyer, James Donohoo of Milwaukee, saying he should have known the complaint was a waste of time. Storms was one of several speakers at the "International Conference on Homo-Fascism," a gathering of anti-Gays.

Action Wisconsin obtained an audio recording of the conference and publicized remarks that the group said incited violence and hatred. In his speech, Storms said Gay rights' opponents should "start taking it to the streets." He mimicked gun fire: "Boom, boom, boom, boom. There's twenty! Ca-ching," according to a transcript. Storms maintained that any contention that he was advocating the murder of Gays was "ludicrous and ridiculous." Storms appealed the damages and this week the appeals court, in a split ruling, said that the suit was not frivolous and that he does not have to pay \$87,000 in

court costs and attorneys' fees to Action Wisconsin. Judge Patricia Curley issued a dissenting opinion, saying Donohoo should have known he could not prove a defamation claim because he was unable to show that Action Wisconsin acted with reckless disregard for the truth.

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## Gay Bar With Ban On Women Faces Human Rights Complaint

MONTREAL, Quebec - A woman who was turned away from a Gay bar has filed a human rights complaint, 365Gay.com reported. Audrey Vachon was recently refused service at Le Stud in Montreal's Gay village after sitting down with her father for a quiet afternoon pint. A waiter came over and told her father, Gilles, that the bar doesn't serve women.

Vachon, 20, says the waiter avoided looking at her during the conversation. "On the spot I didn't believe it, I thought it was a bad joke," Vachon said in an interview. "I didn't say a word until I'd left. I was too shocked. I was embarrassed, I was humiliated, I felt guilty that I'd even gone there, like I'd done something wrong." Vachon said she would be the first to complain if homosexuals were refused service at a business.

Bar owner Michel Gadoury says Le Stud has banned women most nights since it was established 11 years ago. He says he doesn't understand the fuss. "We're not discriminating, women have the right to come on certain days," Gadoury told Radio-Canada. "It's a choice, it's a choice that my clients make, that they ask me to make, and we're respecting them." The bar, an understated spot in a flamboyant part of the city, has the trappings of a local pub with pool tables and video poker terminals. On many nights it shows Gay pornography on TV screens instead of the usual hockey game fare. "Le Stud is the best place in town for a truly manly meat market," said a review on one travel website. Earlier this week an Australian Gay bar was granted an exemption to a human rights law allowing it to bar anyone other than Gay males.

## Philadelphia Moves To Evict Boy Scouts Over Anti-G/L Policy

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania - The days of free rent on a city owned building may be coming to an end for the Philadelphia branch of the Boy Scouts of America, 365Gay.com reported. City Council has voted 16 - 1 to direct the city to end the lease, or force the BSA's Cradle of Liberty Council to pay full market value for the site, unless the scouts sign a pledge not to discriminate against openly Gay people.

members in Philadelphia and parts of Delaware and Montgomery Counties. The Boy Scouts of America's policy on Gay leaders was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000. In 2003, the council in Philadelphia said it would adopt a nondiscrimination policy on Gays. However, weeks later the group dismissed an 18-year-old Scout who publicly acknowledged he was Gay.

The Cradle of Liberty Council, the third-largest scouting group in the country. It has been battling with the city for more than three years over the policy, which like the national Scouts organization forbids Gays from being leaders. The group has made its headquarters on a half-acre owned by the city in the upscale Philadelphia Art Museum area since 1928, when the city council voted to allow the Scouts to use the property rent-free "in perpetuity." The Scouts pay for building upkeep. The City Council resolution, which was voted on without debate, gives the city a year to reach a deal with the scouts.

A spokesperson for the Philadelphia scouts called the resolution unfair. "We walk a fine line between what National wants and what we want to do," Cradle of Liberty Council spokesperson Jeff Jubelirer told the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Cradle of Liberty Council has about 64,000

## Fired Transgender Executive Not Picked For New Job

SARASOTA, Florida (Observer Update) - Steve Stanton was fired as city manager in Largo, Fla., two months ago after announcing his plans to become Susan Stanton, reported advocate.com. On Wednesday (May 30), Stanton, wearing a white skirt, pumps, and makeup, applied for the top job in Sarasota, a cosmopolitan Florida tourist town, and was turned down.

The Sarasota city commissioners picked another one of the five candidates. Stanton was their third choice. "It's just too soon. It's too soon for a Transgendered city manager, I just don't think the world is ready yet," the 48-year-old Stanton said as she made a hasty exit from City Hall. Commissioner Ken Shelin disagreed. Shelin said the determining factor was the winning candidate's "quiet leadership."

Stanton "made it into the top three," Shelin said. "She got serious consideration. She made, clearly, a very strong impression on all of us. There were favorable comments from all the commissioners." Earlier this year, the Largo city commission voted 5-2 to fire Stanton from the \$140,000-a-year city manager's job after 14 years of generally excellent evaluations. Hundreds of people for and against Transgender rights packed the chambers to voice their opinions, and dozens of police officers were posted to keep the peace. In the end, commissioners said it was Stanton's judgment and honesty, not his impending sex change, that prompted their decision.

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## Construction To Start On Berlin Memorial To G/L Victims of Nazis

BERLIN, Germany (Observer Update) - After nearly four years of delays construction will begin this year on a monument to honor Gays and Lesbians persecuted by the Nazis. Final approval of the design was made on Monday (June 4) the government announced, 365Gay.com reported. A government committee approved the design by Danish-born Michael Elmgreen and Norwegian native Ingar Dragset last year but until now could not agree on minor changes for the memorial.

It will be a gray concrete slab, with a window allowing visitors to view a film projected inside showing Gay men and Lesbians kissing. The statement said that the memorial will be completed later in the year at a cost of slightly over \$800,000. It will sit on the edge of Tiergarten Park near the memorial to the six-million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

The exact number of Gay killed by the Nazis may never be known. Adolf Hitler declared homosexuality an aberration that threatened the German race. Some 50,000 homosexuals were convicted and an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Gay men were deported to concentration camps, where few survived. The Nazi law against homosexuality remained on the books in West Germany until 1969. In 2002 the German parliament issued a formal pardon for Gays convicted under the Nazis. There also is a monument to Gay holocaust victims in San Francisco.

## Across The Q Globe

### G/L March In Latvia Under Heavy Police Guard

RIGA, Latvia (Observer Update) - Gays and Lesbians marched in the capital city of Riga on Sunday (June 3) under the watchful eyes of police who last year were accused of doing nothing while Gays were attacked by extremists, 365Gay.com reported. Sunday's parade was held in a park that had been fenced in to prevent a repeat of last year's counter protest.

Inside the enclosure several hundred Gays - some from other European Union countries - marched along a roadway that ran in a circle inside Vermanes Park. Many of the marchers carried rainbow flags. Others held signs proclaiming "Equality Is A Human Right." Outside the perimeter almost as many people staged a noisy demonstration against LGBT civil rights. Later in the day the anti-Gay groups - skinheads, extreme nationalists, neo-Nazis and church-goers - held a concert billed as pro-family. The groups had demanded that the Gay parade be cancelled, and they demonstrated in front of the Latvian Parliament.

Last year the capital city of Riga refused to grant a parade permit citing security reasons following a recommendation from Latvian Interior Minister Dzintars Jaundzeikars. Pride organizers organized a service at a local church instead of holding a parade. As they left the church dozens were attacked by an angry mob. They were pelted with bags of excrement and verbal abuse as police

stood by watching. Latvian President Vaira Vike-Freiberga denounced the violence and said that it was unacceptable for the Riga City Council to refuse the parade permit. In 2005 Gays went to court and got an injunction after the city also refused a parade license. The march was marked by violence and a number of protestors were arrested. The issue of LGBT civil rights also led to a showdown between Vike-Freiberga and Parliament last year. A labor law passed in 2004 as a condition of European Union membership and as required by the EU contained protections for Gays was never implemented. In 2006 Parliament revised it stripped out the LGBT protections and sent it to the president for her signature. Vike-Freiberga vetoed the measure returning it to Parliament with a terse message that she would sign it only when the protections were restored. After a heated battle in Parliament the clause was reinstated and the bill was signed into law.

### Pride Celebrations Approved By Jerusalem Cops

JERUSALEM, Israel (Observer Update) - Police have given their final approval to Gay pride celebrations, planned for June 21, but also have warned that it might not include a parade, 365Gay.com reported. Police officials met Sunday (June 3) with members of Open House, Jerusalem's LGBT community center that had applied to put on the festival.

Last month District Chief Cmdr. Ilan Franco gave tentative approval for a Gay parade in the city on June 21 adding that the final OK must come the

district commander based on "the intelligence information and/or evidence he may have at hand, on any restrictions he sees fit to apply to the event, it's location, and arrangements." An ultra-Orthodox sect that staged a week of riots last year against Gay pride celebrations in Jerusalem has warned that if a parade is permitted this year it will again take to the streets.

Rabbi Oded Shmueli of the haredi sect warned the government last week not to approve the march. "Does everyone with an evil proclivity need to display it?" Rabbi Oded Shmueli asked on Army Radio. "They should at least have some shame. Why display it? People who want to commit murder or rob a bank are afraid of the shame. So what should we tell them to do- to go rob a bank; commit rape; murder; everything?" Police spokesperson Micky Rosenfeld said Sunday that if events develop making it impossible to ensure the safety of parade goers this year's pride would take a similar form as that held last summer.

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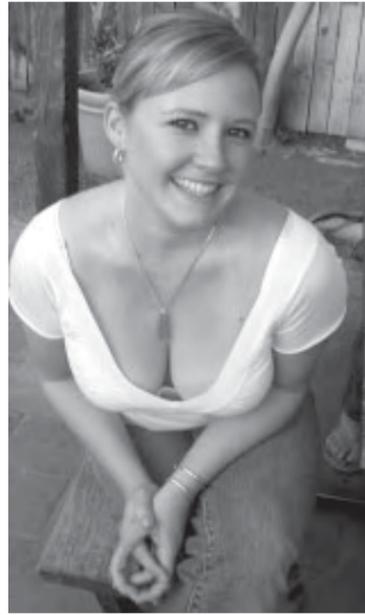


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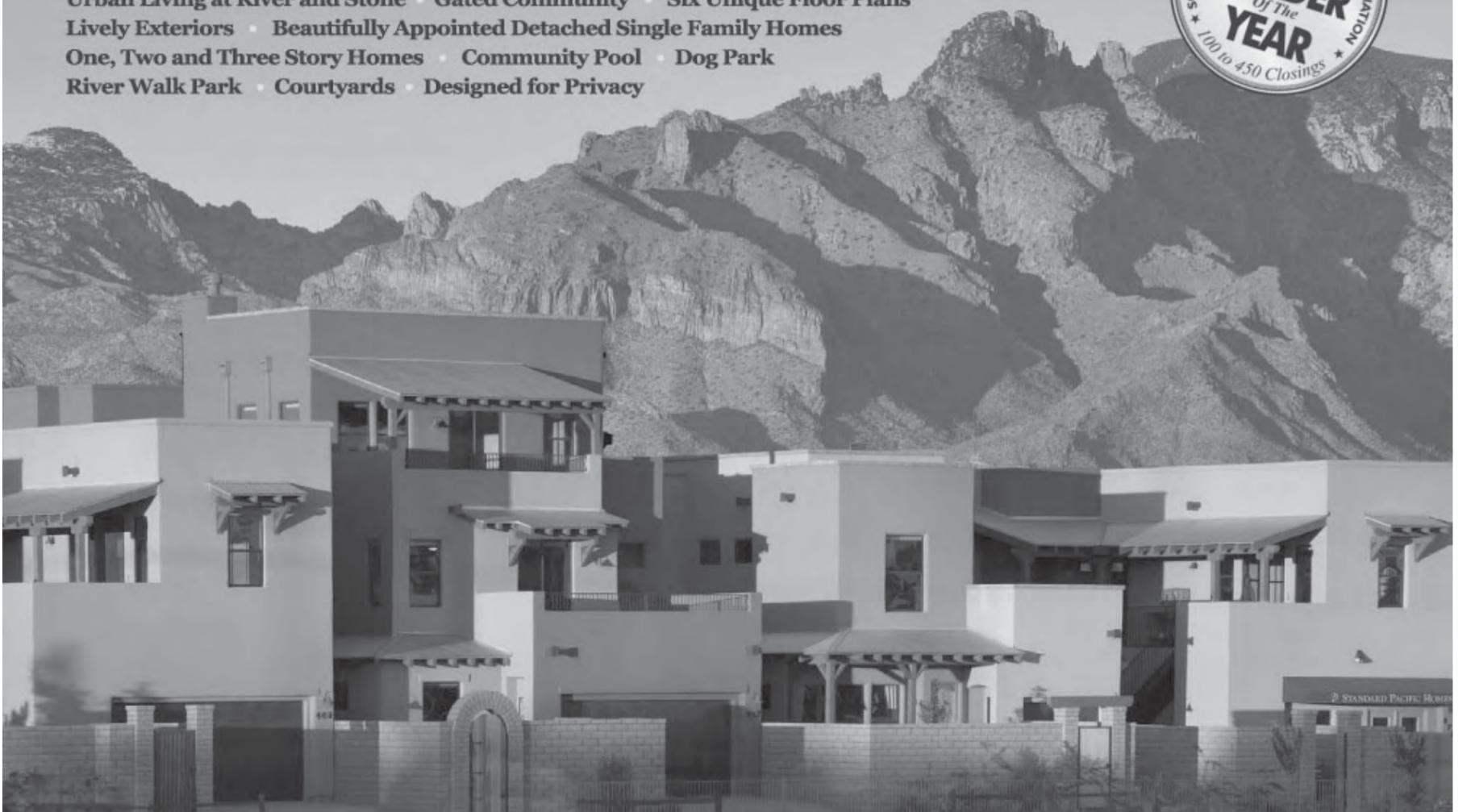
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# POLITICS 2007

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## 'Do Ask And They Told, Perhaps'

During the televised Democratic presidential debate, held Sunday, June 3 in Manchester, New Hampshire, the question of whether Gays and Lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the nation's armed services was raised.

All eight expressed their support of Gays and Lesbians serving their country openly. "The eight Democratic candidates have clearly shown they prioritize qualification over discrimination, as any commander-in-chief should," said Sharra E. Greer, director of law and policy for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), in a statement.

Known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," (DADT) the eight Democratic presidential candidates had varied responses on how to deal with the statute, ranging from supporting legislation to repeal the law (10 USC Sec. 654, signed into law in 1993) to signing an executive order overturning it. Under DADT, more than 11,000 service personnel have been dismissed under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," including nearly 800 with skills deemed "mission-critical" by the Department of Defense.

On other issues of concern to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS communities, such as: federal recognition of state-level same sex unions; the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, federal hate crimes legislation, supporting marriage equality, supporting civil unions, extending federal benefits to same-sex couples and their children, extending coverage of the Family and Medical Leave Act, extending access to survivor benefits, equal tax treatment, domestic partner benefits

for same-sex employees, adoption/foster parent issues, immigration equality, the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," HIV/AIDS funding, and comprehensive sex education, where do these candidates stand or more importantly, taken action on?

According to the Washington, D.C.-based LGBT rights group, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) questionnaire that was just released, seven of the eight expressed similar opinions on the issues. Former Alaska Senator Mike Gravel did not respond to the HRC questionnaire.

On the subject of same-sex marriage, six out of the seven expressed their opposition to it but for the first time ever, the HRC press release stated, all of the announced Democratic candidates stated their support for extending federal benefits and equal tax treatment, currently only available to heterosexual married couples, to same-sex couples who are parties to a union legally recognized by their state. Additionally, the candidates expressed unanimous support for extending federal benefits for same-sex couples and their children.

All the Democratic candidates, the news release goes on to state, would override Section 3 of the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act," which provides that for federal purposes, "The word 'marriage' means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife." (1 U.S.C. Section 7).

So do these words also meet their actions or votes, they may have taken?

## Vigil For Young Hate Crime Victim



GREENVILLE, South Carolina - While FBI is still reviewing whether or not to classify the murder of 20 year-old Sean Kennedy as a hate crime, hundreds of Greenville residents held a vigil in the young man's honor Sunday (June 3), BGay.com reported. Sean William Kennedy was leaving Brew's Bar in Greenville County, South Carolina, when a car pulled up next to him. Sean Kennedy's deputies believe 18 year old Stephen Andrew Moller jumped out of the car, punched Kennedy, and then took off.

Kennedy fell to the ground, and probably hit his head on the parking lot pavement or a curb. Kennedy died from his injuries less than 24 hours later. Sean's mother, Elke Kennedy, spoke at the vigil,

saying "Sean was very proud of who he was. Sean loved life. He embraced people. He was compassionate, and he's done so much. I couldn't stay mad at him very long, if you look at his smile. All he had to do was smile at me."

"When Sean told me he was Gay, he said, "Mom if you don't want to love me anymore, that's okay." And I looked at him and said, "I will never stop loving you no matter what you do." I was proud of him for who he was and for standing up for what he believed in," Kennedy said. Elke Kennedy and her family have started a non-profit foundation in her son's memory. The foundation, called Sean's Last Wish, aims to change South Carolina's hate crime laws, which doesn't include Gays.

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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

### Better Lies

by Lee Thorn

Politicians lie. I can live with that, but I'm increasingly offended by the laziness with which they do it. They're not even trying to be plausible and I find that insulting.

Take immigration. Both major parties favor illegal immigration and have favored it for decades because it keeps wages down and corporate profits up. Okay, I don't expect them to come out and admit that.

Following President Nixon's sage advice to his supporters, I can discern their aims by disregarding what they say and watching what they do. I ask myself what the difference is between the current comprehensive immigration reform bill and the "Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986." That act was going to punish employers who hired illegal immigrants, make illegal immigrants jump through lots of hoops to stay here, and have a guest worker program. Sound familiar? As history buffs will know, none of it except the guest worker program ever happened, and the guest worker program did nothing to reduce the continuing flow of new illegals.

Now, I ask you, if you paid to have a carpet installed in your house in 1986 and the carpet never showed up, and the carpet installers never showed up, and the company that took your money never returned your calls, and, in short, nothing ever happened except the partition of you from your money, and the very same company came to you in 2007 and offered to sell you the very same carpet, and when you asked them what happened in 1986 they pretended not to know what you were talking about, wouldn't you be just a little offended? Wouldn't you want them to offer you some kind of halfway plausible explanation? Anything? A halfhearted try? The dog ate your carpet?

But it's not just immigration. Consider the war. It's extremely unpopular. The president is extremely unpopular because of it. Our troops are getting killed for no conceivable military reason. When the pols finally admit it's over, those troops don't get to jump up and brush themselves off and get on with their lives.

They're still dead. The last election was a referendum against the war. Given all the above, why can't the Democratic majority in congress end it?

I'm not talking about defunding it. I'm talking about ending it. If the congress has the power to declare war, it logically has the power to declare a war over. And yes, there is a military solution to Iraq. It's called a "tactical withdrawal." We already rehearsed one in Vietnam so we're all set. And if congress, exercising its war powers, declares the war over and orders the troops out, and if the president doesn't comply, then the congress has another power called the impeachment power with which they can get rid of he president.

Again, given the above, why doesn't congress act? They say, and this is what I find so lame that it's offensive, that they can't end the war because the president is being a Big Old Meanie! That's right. He's not even being nice. He's being stubborn, ignoring the will of the American people, and just generally being a Big Old Meanie. And when you have a Big Old Meanie as president you can't do anything about it until September. Come September, however, you may be able to do something about it. But

maybe not. We'll see. Meantime our guys keep dying, their blood keeps drip dripping away.

And I'm thinking, isn't it interesting how this catastrophe continues to deteriorate as we approach the next presidential election? It's not just a stalemate. The month of May saw extremely high American casualties.

The deterioration seems to be accelerating as election time approaches. By the time the actual voting begins, even Joe Lieberman and John McCain won't be able to say that things are getting better.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying the Democrats will end the war. I'm sure that they see the political advantages to the party in power of continuous warfare, see it just as clearly as the Republicans have. What I'm saying is that the Dems are allowing the war to continue because it gives them an unbelievably strong presidential campaign issue. Once the election is over, as any fool can plainly see, they'll feel free to renege.

Politicians lie. I can live with that, but can't they come up with something a little less insulting than the fables of Comprehensive Immigration Reform and the Big Old Meanie?

(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.)

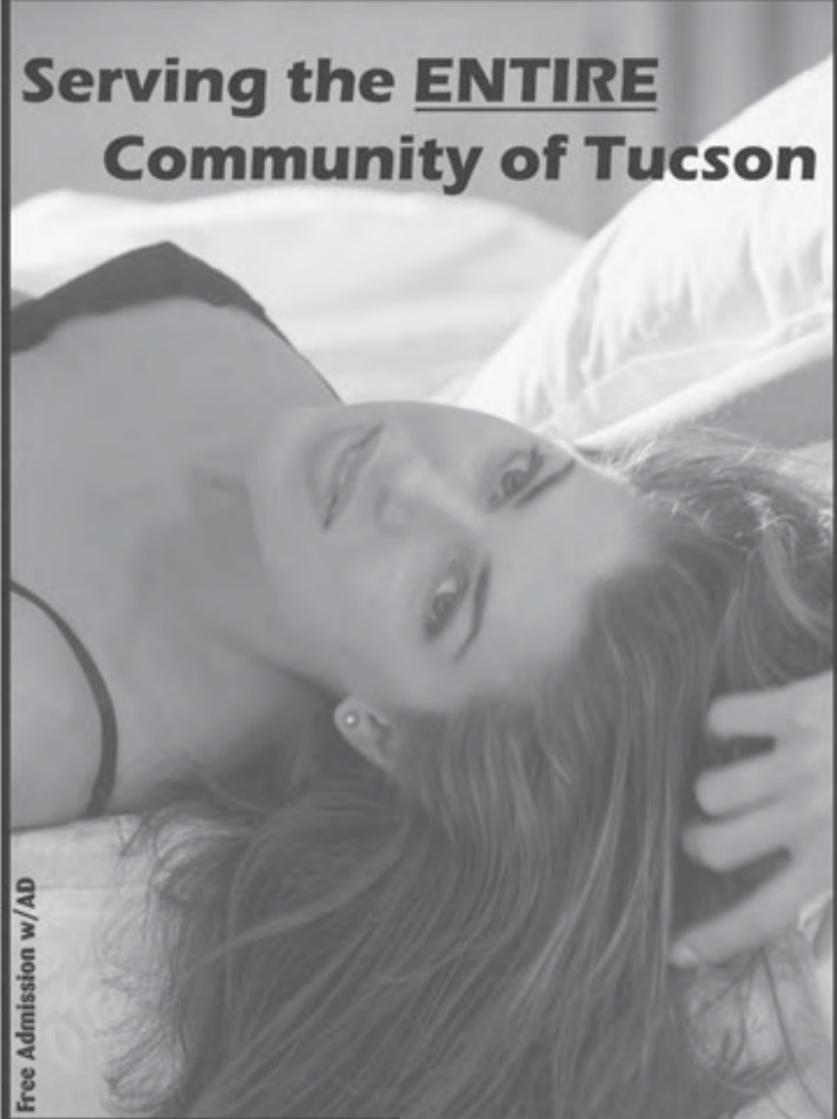
### Popular Dating Site Sued For G/L Discrimination

LOS ANGELES - A Northern California woman is suing the online dating service eHarmony, alleging it discriminates against Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, 365Gay.com reported. Linda Carlson said she tried to use the Internet site in February to meet a woman but could not based on her sexual orientation. When Carlson wrote to eHarmony to complain, the company refused to change its policy, according to the lawsuit filed on her behalf in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

The lawsuit claims that by only offering to find a compatible match for men seeking women or women seeking men, the company was violating state law barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. "Such outright discrimination is hurtful and disappointing for a business open to the public in this day and age," Carlson said in a statement. The lawsuit names Pasadena-based eHarmony.com Inc., company founder Neil Clark Warren and his wife Marylyn, the company's former vice president, as defendants. It seeks class-action status, a jury trial and unspecified damages.

The company, which conducts extensive personality profiling before introducing couples with matching values and interests, denied the allegation. "The research that eHarmony has developed, through years of research, to match couples has been based on traits and personality patterns of successful heterosexual marriages," a company statement said. "Nothing precludes us from providing same-sex matching in the future, it's just not a service we offer now based upon the research we have conducted." Warren is a clinical psychologist who has written several books about dating and relationships.

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## Russia With Hate

By Peter Tatchell

LONDON (Observer Update) - On Sunday May 27, in Moscow, I witnessed the latest assault on human rights in Russia. A tiny, peaceful Gay Pride march, which threatened no one, was banned on the diktat of Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov. At the same time, President Putin effectively banned Gay Pride organizers from holding a rally in a park near the Kremlin, having ignored their request for permission. Russian law guarantees the right to protest.

Not a single politician from Russia's liberal, democratic or left parties condemned this suppression of freedom of expression and assembly. Cowardly and bigoted, they all oppose Gay human rights. It is a damning indictment of Russia's flawed transition to democracy. The Gay Pride organizers went ahead anyway. Nearly 40 of us - mostly Russians and a few international observers - gathered outside Moscow's City Hall. When we attempted to deliver a letter of protest to the mayor, we were surrounded by police. First, they arrested Nikolai Alekseev, the organizer of Moscow Gay Pride and German Green MP, Volker Beck. Then they tried to arrest everyone else. Most of us got away. The frustrated officers withdrew and, as if by signal, gangs of fascist and nationalist thugs appeared from nowhere and began assaulting us. The police gave them free reign.

To escape this violence, we fled across the road but were pursued by right-wing extremists and police. They were joined by hordes of Russian Orthodox fundamentalists, openly urg-

ing that "sodomites should be killed". The riot squad, OMOH (to give it its amusing Cyrillic acronym), made no effort to protect us. After being punched by a group of neo-Nazis, I decided to move further up the street. When I unfurled a placard reading, "Gay Rights", written in Russian and English, I was set upon by the right-wing extremists. The OMOH stood by as I was punched in the face, dragged to the ground and kicked all over my body. Suffering from concussion and nursing a bloody eye, I was arrested while my attackers walked free. The OMOH officers forced me to sit with three detained neo-Nazis, arrested for earlier assaults, and addressed me as a "faggot". One officer warned: "Wait until we get you to the police station. Then we will have some fun with you." For more than two hours I was denied medical treatment for my bloody and bruised eye.

I let it be known that I am the Green Party's national human-rights spokesperson and a parliamentary candidate for Oxford East. Soon after, a senior officer was overheard exclaiming: "We might have made a mistake arresting this one. It could land us in big trouble with the British." Fat chance! But fortunately, it worried the police, who suddenly began to be concerned. They took a statement about the assault I had suffered and called an ambulance. Later I was escorted to a central Moscow police station, not as a suspect but as a witness. Eventually, they agreed to open a criminal investigation into the violence against me. I have no expectation of anyone being charged, let alone convicted.



From the outset it was obvious that the police were colluding with the fascistic thugs; I saw officers openly fraternizing with them. And though many of us were bashed, only a handful of assailants were arrested. Most of those were quickly released without charge - long before the Gay Pride marchers were allowed to leave. The protest was about more than Gay rights. It had wider significance. We were defending the right to freedom of expression and peaceful protest for all Russians, Gay

and straight. The attack on Moscow Gay Pride is just one aspect of a wider attack on human rights in Russia, including the suppression of environmental campaigners and Chechen peace activists. It was also evidence of the growing trend towards autocracy and authoritarianism.

(The above was a reprinted article published in the June 4 edition of the New Statesman.)



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# Knight Joins SLDN In Campaign To Repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Former Naval Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Knight, a linguist who served openly during two enlistments in the Navy, has joined Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) in working for repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual personnel.

Don't Tell." "I am thrilled to be joining Servicemembers Legal Defense Network in their work to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" Knight said. "I loved my time in the Navy, and was honored to serve my country. Now, I am called to service in a new way, speaking on behalf of those silenced by this un-American law and working on behalf of the freedom to serve."

Knight's story has captured widespread media attention in recent weeks after he initially told about his experience, of serving openly during a 10-month deployment to Kuwait, to the Military Times. Knight will join SLDN as an exclusive member of the group's national speakers' bureau, will be featured in the SLDN national ad campaign, and will kick-off his work with the organization during a visit to Washington, D.C., to meet with Congressional staff and SLDN supporters. "We are enormously proud to have a passionate advocate like Jason joining us in our outreach, education and media campaigns," said Steve Ralls, director of communications for SLDN. "Jason's experience obliterates the notion that Lesbian and Gay Americans cannot serve openly while making a positive impact on our armed forces. We look forward to working with Jason to continue telling his story. He is a powerful advocate for repeal whose story shows just how absurd and unnecessary this law really is."

## Hyde Pierce Outed In Newspaper Story

NEW YORK CITY - David Hyde Pierce, known for his role on the NBC sitcom Frasier and his Tony-nominated role in Curtains, was outed in a May 30 Associated Press interview about his career, advocate.com reported. The piece contained a brief mention of Hyde Pierce's partner, a television producer for Fox TV shows Titus and Wanda at Large.

"Pierce got to Los Angeles in the early 1990s when his partner, actor-writer-producer Brian Hargrove, wanted to write for television," the article said. AfterElton.com's entertainment bloggers saw the AP article, noting that the reference to Hargrove was buried down in the piece.

"Although [Hyde Pierce's] sexuality has always been an open secret within the artistic community (much like Neil Patrick Harris), he has been reticent to speak to the topic publicly—as is his right," the blog says. "In fact, our own Brent Hartinger did the first interview with Pierce after Frasier debuted and was told, 'Basically, I don't talk about my personal life.'"

Knight will kick off his work with SLDN in Washington, where he will speak with Congressional staffers and then keynote an SLDN reception at the National Women's Democratic Club. He will also begin appearing in SLDN's "Lift the Ban" national advertising campaign, which features service members and veterans impacted by the law. Knight will also travel throughout the year, as part of SLDN's national speakers' bureau, to talk about his experience serving openly and the need to repeal "Don't Ask,

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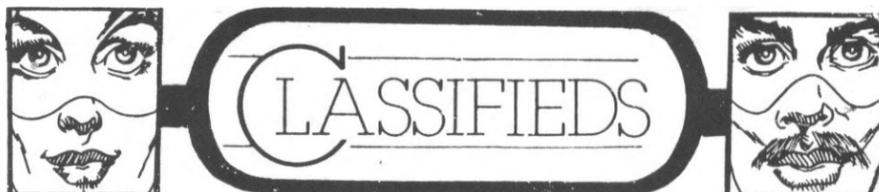
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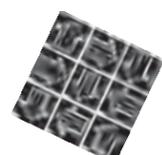
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There is a rumor going around that you are just not yourself these days. Some might say that you are better than usual. Venus in Leo ramps up your charm, charisma and general mellowness. Proud Rams find new ways of expressing themselves that not only make themselves feel more at ease but also light up a room for everyone else. Keep it going as long as you can.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**

Queer Bulls are the great peacemakers all through the month and can make new inroads into any familial log jam. The secret to your success will lie in your ability to make your point, be yourself and bringing stubborn relatives to your side of the table. Remember: there can be no compromise with your personal happiness and well being. Others will have to adjust.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**

Not only do you have a few sharp opinions to share, you also have the adoring audience hanging on your every word. Venus in Leo provides power, passion and a pride parade of admirers. Say what you mean and mean what you say. You are known for diplomacy and this Pride month offers you even more charm per square inch. How about making it 10 to 12?

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**

If you hanker for some expensive company, pull out your checkbook this Pride month and pay the way. You will not regret spending a little to get a lot more. Pink Crabs are rather careful with their dough but now you increase your largess by spreading it all around town. Become more well endowed as Venus offers you an unexpected lump sum in your pocket.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**

Venus shines in your sign this Pride month and makes you a supernova of the social set. Nicely push your way into new circles of influence. There is no better time to get out and meet and greet. Be prepared to launch new projects. There will be people of influence who help grease the way for your eventual success. The more grease the better, or so I am told.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**

Pride month is the time to let the ghosts and goblins out for a stroll. "Wilde" and woolly daydreams can lead to true lust for any queer Virgin who allows their imaginations to run amok. The challenge is to give your imagination full reign and not be concerned about the spillage. Venus in Leo wants it all and covered in gold. This month it is all Out or bust.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**

Proud Libras can lead the Pride parade this June. This is the time to be very sociable. You impress almost anyone with relatively little effort. Grab a few pals, get into the center of things and take this merry band into the streets. Not only can you take any cause one giant step forward, you can also enjoy a few boozy detours along the way. No names please!

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**

Not only do you make dramatic inroads into any career path, you can also slide by and delegate most of your worst projects to others. Proud Scorps may be best served by capitalizing on their increased charisma this pride month. Grease a few cogs in that corporate machine and see who revs your engine. Hey, whatever gets you off the treadmill and into the corner office!

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**

Pack your bags, polish your act and join a road company. Who know what delightful surprises await you in far corners of the globe? Staying at home and phoning it in will not have the same glorious feeling or the same payoff. My crystal ball sees an exotic foreigner in a delicious outfit, ready to be eaten. Remember, you are who you eat or something like that.

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**

You are the one to see and be seen with all through Pride month. Everyone seems to crave your company. But is that really enough for you? Will it keep you warm at night? Pink Caps secretly yearn for a one to one connection and would love to either get closer with a current flame or ignite another candle. See who and what makes you sweat.

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**

Relationships become the be all and end all for all Aqueerians this Pride Month. Partners have a way of transforming how you appear to others either by suggesting some much needed style changes or providing you with that confident spring in your step that can beat down the world. Make your mark, but share the glory. They say two heads are better than one and I must agree.

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**

Guppies make some work-related inroads this Pride month. And why not? It may not be the most exciting of prospects but it will give you an extra advantage for future gains. Venus in Leo makes you the center of attention. Why not paint your cubicle hot pink while the glow is on you. By next month you will find it harder to make your mark unless you use grease.

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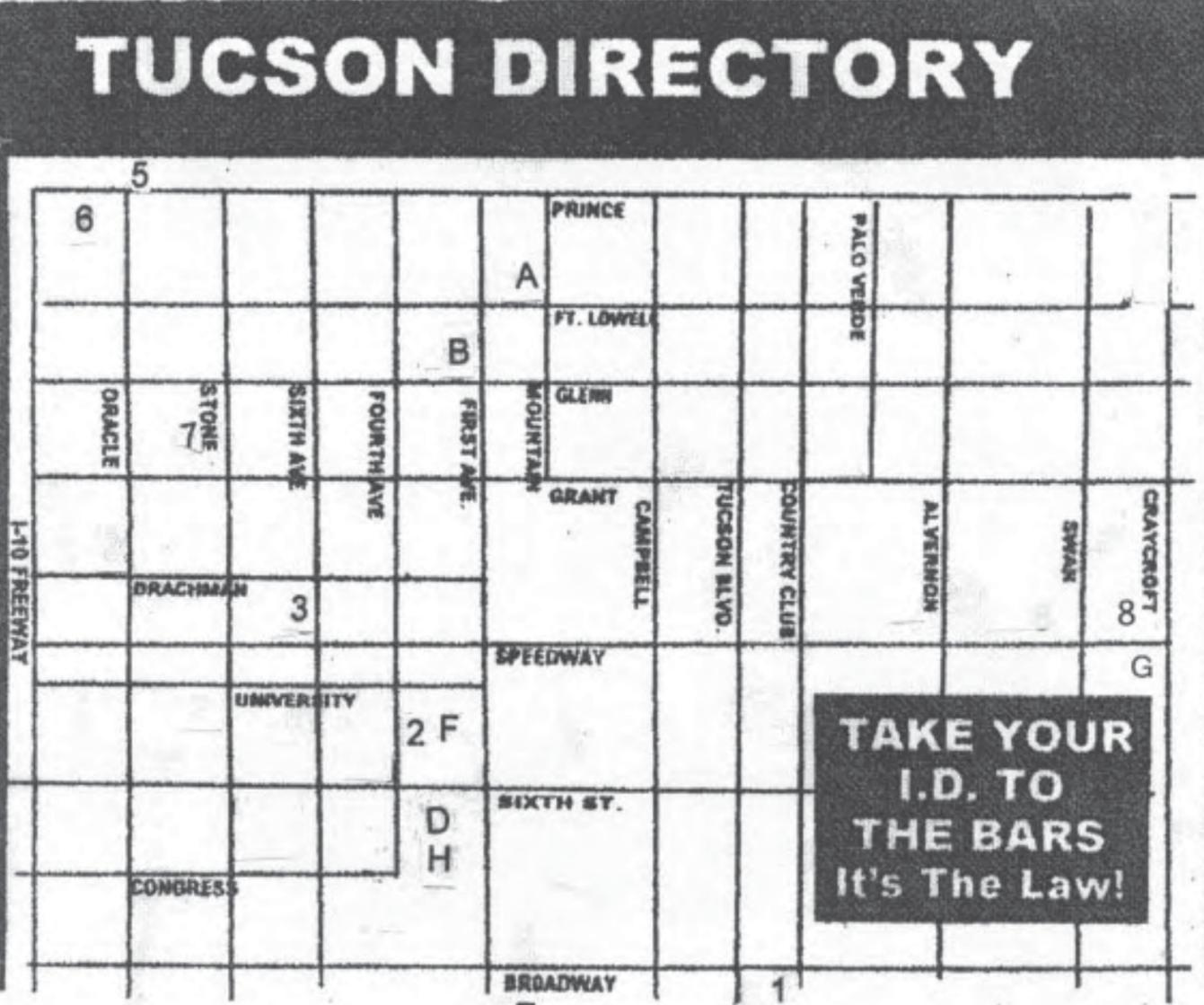
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# Non Bar Calendar

Wednesday, June 6

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Hand and Foot with Bruce. 743-3890

Thursday, June 7

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

June 8 to June 10

Wingspan's Anti-Violence project (AVP) will hold a free, engaging, interactive and informative training for potential crisis line volunteers advocates, service providers, students and interested community members. Training schedule June 8, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. June 9, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information or to register call Heather Hill at [hhill@wingspan.org](mailto:hhill@wingspan.org) or call 624-1779.

Friday, June 8

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

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

Saturday, June 9

Tucson Prime Timers Business Meeting – 11 AM, Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. MSN CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT hosted by Ross at 299-2135. Enjoy an evening of good, clean fun and this month's great film. "The Scarlet Empress" Dietrich and Old Russia!

#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 Marvin at 745-0304.

Sunday, June 10

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail [thomsepals@hotmail.com](mailto:thomsepals@hotmail.com), or Ken at 294-6606. Please contact Thom or Ken by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under \$10. Check the Yahoo MSN on-line calendar for the scheduled place. The venue is rotated to include all parts of town, and may occasionally be held at a full-service menu restaurant.

Monday, June 11

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30

P.M., The Wildcat House, 800 N. Stone Ave.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Trivial Pursuit. Please call Karol at 744-9017 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.

Tuesday, June 12

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Enjoy an evening of Bridge twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Call Terry at 577-3545 for details.

Wednesday, June 13

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Marvin at 745-0304.

Thursday, June 14

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#2 Please call Lloyd at 792-8537 before Noon today to reserve for tomorrow night's MSN Pizza Night!

Friday, June 15

Wingspan's Reel Pride is presenting "Boy Culture" at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. For more information call 795-0844.

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

Saturday, June 16

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:30a.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, June 17

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

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Monday, June 18

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

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

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

COLORS - Open 11am - 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.

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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Places. Happy Hour pricing & Free Food

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Pool all day and night. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only and open tournaments at 7 and 10. Play for points & prizes - no cash involved. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open 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 4pm-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

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 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and reduced prize appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis and Craig Faltin 6:30-9:30pm. "Guys & Dolls" comedy drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm.

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 7pm

## SATURDAY

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

COLORS - Open 4pm-11pm. 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.

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 play 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, JUNE 7

THE BIZ - Tonight and every Thursday in June it's "Thursday Thunder" hosted by Boy Sean and Janee Starr. 9:30 p.m. is showtime.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 9

THE BIZ - Fetish Ball with DJ Hill.

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

WOODY'S - Pride Week starts out here with a Luau Party and Bud Promotion. Arthur Migliazza performs on the patio from 6 to 9 p.m. Then a Beach/Pool Party. Bring your swim suit and plan on having a great time.

YARD DOG SALOON - Sonny and Band performing in the Patio.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15

WOODY'S - June Birthday Party. Show you ID, and get \$1.00 off drinks all night.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 16

THE BIZ - Luau Party with DJ Hill.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 17

WOODY'S - Drag Bingo

## SATURDAY, JUNE 23

HOWL AT THE MOON - Mark your calendars for Gay West at Old Tucson.

## SATURDAY, JULY 7

HOWL AT THE MOON - Join Amanda Nicole and special guests for a fabulous evening. 9:00 p.m. No Cover

## Watergate Lawyer Turned Gay Rights Advocate Sam Garrison Dies

ROANOKE, Virginia - Samuel Alexander Garrison III, who defended President Richard Nixon in impeachment hearings in 1974 and later became a Gay activist, has died, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. He was 65. Garrison died after a long battle with leukemia, said Mark Harris, his partner of 17 years.

Garrison was the deputy minority counsel for the House Judiciary Committee and later also was the chief Republican counsel. "Sam realized what a high honor it was," Harris said. "He really enjoyed doing that. He said it was fun hearing his name on TV and seeing his name in magazines." Following Watergate, Garrison returned to Roanoke to practice law. He was disbarred and served four months in prison for embezzling \$46,000 from a bankruptcy account in 1980. The Virginia Supreme Court reinstated his law license in 1993. In recent years he was active in the Gay, Lesbian and Transgender movement. Representing 10 men arrested for soliciting oral sex in two city parks in 1998, Garrison waged an unsuccessful effort to have Virginia's sodomy statute declared unconstitutional. "Sam's goal was to convince society that being Gay shouldn't be a question of right or wrong, but a part of who they are," Harris said. "He asked, 'Why should such a small part be such a big deal?'"

Garrison earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Virginia and was the chief assistant commonwealth's attorney in Roanoke from 1966-69. He was elected as the city's top prosecutor in 1970. Besides Harris, survivors include a son, David Garrison of Exton, Pa., and three grandchildren. His marriage to Mary Richardson ended in divorce, and a daughter, Lisa Garrison, died in 1985.



Samuel Alexander Garrison III



# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

**TUCSON KNIGHT OWLS (T.K.O.)** Openly invites new members to our monthly meetings which occur on the first Saturday of every month at 12:00 pm., followed by a beer bust from 2pm to 6pm., at our home bar the Yard Dog saloon. T.K.O.'s annual spring/summer fling is now called owls fling. This year we will be going to Holly Lake July 27th - 30th. The run fee is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. Applications will be available at our next beer bust. You can also pick one up from any T.K.O. member.

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

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

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

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

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

#### YOUNG AND GAY?

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

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

#### TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at [www.botop.com](http://www.botop.com) All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**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](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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.

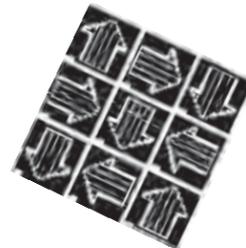
**LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment.** Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.



# PRIDE WEEK 2007

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## SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH

1:00 pm-4:00 pm - "Get the Scoop on TPI!"

Location: Wingspan, 425 East 7th Street

Join us for free ice cream as we kick off Pride Week. Ice Cream provided by Marble Slab Creamery

9:00 pm-2:00 am - "Luau Night at Woody's"

Location: Woody's, 3710 North Oracle Road

Join TPI in celebrating Pride Week at Woody's with Pride Week drink specials all night long. Free Giveaways from Pride in the Desert Title Sponsor, Bud Light. 21+ event

## SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH

ALL DAY - "Pride at the Casino"

Location: Desert Diamond Casino, 1100 West Pima Mine Road

Desert Diamond Casino is proud to show its support for TPI and Tucson's GLBT Community. Come in anytime on Sunday June 10th, sign up for the Diamond Club and receive a free gift bag when you mention TPI and Pride Week. Diamond Club membership is free. Offer limited to first 100 participants.

10:15 am - Noon - Service

3:00 pm - "Rainbow Blessings"

Location: Water of Life MCC, 3269 North Mountain Avenue

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church will be hosting a relationship blessing ceremony in its beautiful rose garden after its worship service. Join Rev. Gale Rawson for worship service and receive a special blessing on your relationship. GLBT couples in any stage of their relationship are encouraged to attend.

5:00 pm-8:00 pm - "TPI Bar-B-Que"

Location: IBT's, 616 North 4th Avenue

IBT's will host a bar-b-que in support of Tucson Pride and its continuing efforts to bring great events to the Tucson community! 21+ event

## MONDAY, JUNE 11TH

7:00 pm-8:30 pm - "Drag 101"

Location: Colors Food and Spirits, 5305 East Speedway

An event for up and coming drag performers! Tucson's leading drag performers will mentor their young counterparts. The results of this process will be on display at 7:00 pm in an explosive and decadent drag show. Please join us and discover some of drag's great stars of tomorrow...today! \$5 cover charge. All proceeds benefit the Eon Youth Lounge!

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13TH

4:00 pm-8:00 pm - "Teen Pride!"

Location: Eon Youth Lounge, Call 620-6245 for directions

TPI hosts a special dinner and a movie for GLBT youth at the Eon Youth Lounge! 13-21 only event

9:00 pm-2:00 am - "Pride at The Biz!"

Location: The Biz, 2900 East Broadway

Join TPI at The Biz with Pride Week drink specials all night long! 18+ event. Free entrance with donation of 2 articles of clothing (Must be clean and in good condition). Proceeds benefit the Eon Youth Lounge.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH

9:00 pm-2:00 am - "Pride at IBT's"

Location: IBT's, 616 North 4th Avenue

Join TPI at IBT's with Pride Week drink specials all night long! 21+ event

9:00 pm-2:00 am - "Pride at Venture-N"

Location: Venture-N, 1239 North 6th Avenue

Celebrate Pride Week with TPI at Venture-N. 21+ event

## FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

4:00 pm-2:00 am - "Pride at Colors"

Location: Colors Food and Spirits, 5305 East Speedway

Join TPI at Colors with Happy Hour from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Starting at 8:30 pm, live music with "Jazz Diva" Susan Artemis & Craig Fallin then at 10:00 pm it's the "Guys & Dolls" drag show starring Lucinda Holliday!

7:00 pm-10:00 pm - "Pride in Knowing"

Location: The Biz, 2900 East Broadway

Know Your HIV Status? The Biz, in conjunction with SAAF and the Pima County Health Department, will conduct HIV testing at the nightclub.

8:00 pm-10:00 pm - "Pride at Rainbow Planet Coffee House"

Location: Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 North 4th Avenue

Join TPI at Rainbow Planet Coffee House and listen to the music of Namoli Brennet!

## SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH

8:00 pm-10:00 pm - "Pride at Rainbow Planet Coffee House"

Location: Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 North 4th Avenue

Join TPI at Rainbow Planet Coffee House and listen to the music of Mitz Cowell!

ALL DAY - Bisbee Pride! -Location: Bisbee

Go to [www.BisbeePride.com](http://www.BisbeePride.com) for more information.

Join Tucson Pride in its support for the City of Bisbee and their Pride Celebration.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD

Gates Open 6:00 PM - "Gay West"

Location: Old Tucson Studios

Please join TPI at this fundraiser in support of Wingspan.

[www.tucsonpride.org](http://www.tucsonpride.org)



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