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Hate Crimes, Ends Bills In Limbo

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A Gay- and Transgender-inclusive hate crimes bill will remain stalled in the Senate until at least September and could remain in limbo until October or later, Capitol Hill sources familiar with the legislation said, reported the Washington, D.C. Blade.

In a related development, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) indicated this week she expects to bring another key Gay rights bill, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, to the House floor for a vote in September. "We expect ENDA on the floor in September," said Sydney Jones, a Pelosi spokesperson.

ENDA would ban employment discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation and gender identity.

Gay rights leaders had hoped the Senate would vote to approve the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act earlier this month as an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act.

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) pulled the defense bill from the Senate floor July 18 after it became entangled in a heated debate over the Iraq war, raising questions about its use as a "vehicle" for the hate crimes bill.

The Shepard hate crimes bill would give the federal government authority to prosecute hate crimes based on a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, gender or disability.

The Human Rights Campaign and the National Center for Transgender Equality said this week that the strategy of seeking to attach the bill to the defense authorization measure appears to be the best option for passing the bill in the Senate, despite the road block created by Reid putting the defense bill on hold.

Earlier this year, Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.), the two lead sponsors of the Senate hate crimes bill, decided to offer the bill as an amendment to the defense measure as a safeguard against a possible veto by President Bush.

The White House announced in May that the president was strongly considering vetoing the hate crimes bill on grounds that state and local law enforcement agencies should prosecute hate crimes and the federal government should not become involved in such prosecutions. The announcement came one day before the House voted 237-180 on May 3 to approve a version of the hate crimes bill identical to the one before the Senate.

Reid removed the defense bill from the Senate floor after Republican senators staged a filibuster to kill a separate amendment to the bill backed by Democrats that called for withdrawing U.S. combat troops from Iraq by May 1. He said his decision to "temporarily" pull the bill was aimed at prodding Republican senators to end their filibuster of the troop withdrawal amendment. A Reid spokesperson said Reid has not said when he would bring the defense bill back to the floor for a vote. The spokesperson, Rodell Mollineau, said Reid supports the hate crimes bill and is committed to arranging for a vote on the bill this year. He said Reid would talk to Kennedy about a possible alternate vehicle for the bill if the defense bill remains stalled over Iraq war amendments.

Capitol Hill observers have said Bush would be much less likely to veto an important defense authorization bill solely because it contained a hate crimes bill as an amendment.

However, Bush vowed to veto the defense bill if it includes an amendment calling for troop withdrawals in Iraq. Thus if Reid and Senate Democrats succeed in breaking the Republican filibuster of their anti-war amendment – a development many experts consider unlikely – it would ensure a Bush veto of a defense bill expected to include a hate crimes amendment.

Democrats have acknowledged they don't have the two-thirds vote needed to override a Bush veto.

Other groups participating in the coalition of civil rights organizations lobbying Congress for passage of the hate crimes bill did not respond to calls this week from the Blade to determine their views on the strategy of submitting the bill as an amendment to the defense authorization measure. Among the groups contacted were Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Anti-Defamation League and National Council of Jewish Women.

The existing defense authorization act expires in October. A spokesperson for Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Congress has not failed to pass a defense authorization bill each year for the past 50 years. That history has led some Gay and Transgender leaders to feel secure that the defense bill remains a safe vehicle for the hate crimes measure.

"I think Senator Kennedy did the right thing," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the Washington-based National Center for Transgender Equality. "Senator Kennedy is committed to civil rights and equality for LGBT people and is highly knowledgeable on how to get legislation through the Senate," Keisling said.

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UPS Agrees To Abide By NJ Civil Union Law

TRENTON, New Jersey (Observer Update) After three weeks of cajoling by New Jersey politicians and LGBT civil rights activists United Parcel Service has agreed to recognize the civil unions of its Gay employees and provide them the same benefits as the spouses of married workers, 365Gay.com reported.

UPS was already providing spousal benefits to same-sex couples in Massachusetts where Gay marriage is legal. But the company said a civil union isn't marriage and under its union contracts benefits are available only to legally married couples who are in the bargaining units. Non unionized workers in New Jersey civil unions were offered the benefits.

The company policy came as a shock to UPS employee Gabriael Brazier who works for the company in Toms River, New Jersey and is a member of the union. She had applied for health benefits for partner Heather Aurand and was turned down. Another New Jersey UPS worker, Tom Walton of East Brunswick who had a civil union with his partner Mermon Davis, also was turned down for benefits. Walton has been a driver for UPS for 14 years.

New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine had accused United Parcel Service of disrespecting the Garden State in the company's refusal to provide the same benefits its gives married partners. The company reversed its stand. "Based on an initial legal review when New Jersey's law was enacted, it did not appear that a 'civil union' and 'marriage' were equivalent," Allen Hill, UPS's senior vice president for human resources in a statement. "Over the past week, however, we have received clear guidance that at least in New Jersey, the state truly views civil union partners as married. We've heard that loud and clear from state officials and we're happy to make this change."

Last October the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled same-sex couples must have all the rights of marriage. The Court gave the New Jersey State Legislature 180 days to act on the decision to grant same-sex couples the rights and benefits enjoyed by different-sex married couples but left it up to the legislators to decide whether to call it marriage or civil unions. The legislature opted for civil unions and the law went into effect Feb. 19. Since then more than 1,000 same-sex couples have applied for civil union licenses. Last month a commission to examine the effectiveness of the civil union law, created when the legislature passed the bill, was told the law is a failure. Garden State Equality, New Jersey's largest LGBT civil rights organization, says it has received over 211 complaints of companies not abiding by the law. Among those are two of UPS's competitors: Fed Ex and DHL.

Nearly one in eight couples who have had civil unions have been turned down for company benefits said Steven Goldstein the head of Garden State Equality. When completed the commission will deliver its report to the Legislature. It is generally expected the report will call for the legalization of same-sex marriage in New Jersey. "Equal protection under the law is not supposed to wind through a tunnel of hell, where Gay couples have to threaten companies with lawsuits and where Governors have to write letters to shame the companies into doing the right thing," said Garden State Equality chair Steven Goldstein. "But that's what Gay couples have been reduced to under New Jersey's civil unions law. This law is one of the biggest civil-rights failures of this or any other generation.

UPDATE

Meet Wingspan's New Executive Director August 16

TUCSON - Wingspan is inviting everyone for a Community Reception to welcome Joseph Bodenmiller to Wingspan, Thursday, August 16, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Bodenmiller is Wingspan's new Executive Director, succeeding Kent Burbank. Bodenmiller has more than 20 years experience managing programmatic development, fiscal oversight, strategic development and day to day operations for nonprofit agencies with annual budgets of up to $5 million. For the past 5 years, he has been the Program Director for Covenant House New Orleans which provides shelter and services to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth ages 16 - 21. He was formerly Executive Director of Palmetto AIDS in Tennessee. Bodenmiller is skilled in developing comprehensive fund development strategies and marketing plans and implementing community collaborations.

The 11-member Search Committee, chaired by Olguin was composed of Wingspan board and staff members, volunteers and community leaders. In making its recommendation, the committee screened more than 60 applicants for the position and conducted an extensive interview process that provided opportunities for input from the entire community. The choice was unanimous.

Desert Voices Open House Rehearsals, Aug. 13 & 20

TUCSON - Join Desert Voices for their upcoming 19th season of singing and fun! Come find out how Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and straight people work together, play together, and nurture our spirituality together. The shows will be performed again at the incredible Proscenium Theatre located at Pima Community College West. There will be three shows for the season. The Fall show will be performed Saturday November 17, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday November 18, 2 p.m. The Spring show will be performed Saturday April 19 and Sunday April 20, 2008. The date and venue for the February show are yet to be determined.

On August 13 and August 20, there will be Open House rehearsals where we will be accepting new singers. There is no audition, just a private voice check to figure out where to put you, and you don't need to be able to read music.

Desert Voices rehearses at the Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Tucson, AZ (just north of Fort Lowell) Monday evenings, 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (520) 791-9662 or go online to desertvoices.org.

Other Voices Women's Reading Series At Antigone Books Aug. 10

TUCSON - Penelope Starr and Kaitlin Meadows will be featured at the Other Voices Women's Reading Series, Friday, August 10, at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave.

For more than three years, Penelope Starr's Odyssey Storytelling has proudly presented a rash of creative folks sharing their personal stories with strangers. When she's not organizing events she restores Navajo rugs, makes art, and coordinates the senior program at Wingspan.

Kaitlin Meadows is a mixed media artist, poet, paper maker, tinker, wordsmith, and storyteller. She is currently creating a series of sacred vessels made from handmade paper and botanical ephemera and writing a book of essays called "Over The Wall."

Open microphone follows featured performers

Arizona A.G. Investigates After Transwomen Barred From Club

SCOTTSDALE - The Arizona Attorney General's Office has begun a human rights investigation after Transgendered women complained they were barred from Anderson's Fifth Estate nightclub in Scottsdale, 365Gay.com reported.

An official complaint was filed with the AG by the chair Scottsdale's Human Relations Commission, herself a Transsexual and who was one of the women barred by the club.

Michele deLaFreniere says she was told by club owner Tom Anderson "I don't want your business or your kind here."

Anderson does not dispute that he barred transsexual women from using the women's washroom. He claims that female patrons were "freaking out" and threatening to take their business elsewhere.

He also said he could not allow transsexuals to use the men's room because the Transwomen were "at risk of getting beat up".

He said that "it looked like a man trying to get the ladies drink special."

In his response to the Attorney General's Office, Anderson's attorney, Chuck Kelhoffer said the complaint is an attempt by deLaFreniere to gain publicity for herself and her cause.

Man Gets Up To 15 Years For Killing Wife's Lesbian Lover

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - A man was sentenced Friday (July 27) to up to 15 years in prison for the 2005 murder of his estranged wife's Lesbian lover, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. Trey Holloway Brown chased then stabbed Norma Hernandez Espinoza six times before jumping up and down on her chest and kicking her in the head outside a West Valley City apartment on June 10, 2005. The attack followed an argument between Brown and his wife, Miriam Olvera, in which Espinoza interfered.

"This homicide is very high on the level of brutality that I've seen," said 3rd District Judge Judith Atherton. She also noted Brown's apparent lack of remorse. Brown was charged with first-degree felony murder but in May pleaded guilty to a lesser count of second-degree felony manslaughter.

Prosecutor Patricia Parkinson told the judge the plea bargain was based on an expert's opinion that Brown possibly would be unable to calm down or refocus his emotions during extreme emotional stress. Parkinson told The Tribune that Brown's stress on the day of the slaying was caused, in part, by his wife's relationship with Espinoza.

According to preliminary hearing testimony in July 2005, Brown was initially upset because Olvera had left their children - then ages 3, 5 and 10 - home alone. He attacked Espinoza after she told him to leave Olvera alone.

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Fun Times, Serious Fashions At Gay Prom In Chandler

CHANDLER, AZ - A group of women in jeans and Ts, ponytails and sandals stood outside the Wild Card bar late Saturday night (July 28), reported the Arizona Republic. They debated whether or not to go in. "There are people in there. I mean it looks crowded." "But look how they're dressed." "I know. They look weird."

The "they" in question were about 200 of the Valley's Gays and Lesbians, dressed in a gender-bending smattering of '80s fashions at the Gay prom hosted by the Wild Card. Through the windows, the women saw a lime and pink-decorated room filled with streamers and balloons. Boy George was there in a full-length graffiti-decorated coat with a Mad Hatter-style feathered top hat, with a tall, flame-haired Annie Lennox, a black-lace clad Madonna, countless women in glitter-sprayed satin dresses, and men in pastel sports coats with rolled sleeves. The third annual event raised money for Locks of Love and served as a big night out for members of the Gay community sometimes left out of the more robust Gay scene in central Phoenix because of the long drives many of them would have to make.

Hostess Mya McKenzie, a shockingly convincing drag queen from Phoenix, said this prom draws revelers from Gilbert and Mesa, of course, but also Gila Bend, Apache Junction and Queen Creek. "It's a chance for all of us to get together and just let our hair down," she said. But that's the thing at a prom like this - no one's hair is really down. In fact, its way, way up. T.C. Taylor of Phoenix, dressed as a skanky rocker chic and sported the most outrageously oversized party hair at the bar. "I made the hair. It's actually two wigs and I just backcombed it for hours," she said with a laugh. "But I have such broad shoulders; I really need the big hair to balance out the look." Other partiers used the theme as a way to pay homage to '80s superstars that have since become Gay and Lesbian icons. Drag performer James Baker dressed as his teen idol Boy George, wearing a bandana, wig, a bespoke jacket and hat and rhinestone earrings that reached his shoulders. "He's very unique," Baker said. "And he doesn't give a damn what people think of him and I admire that."

But it wasn't just the fashions and the couplings at this prom that made it non-traditional. Even for a Gay prom, the Wild Card's event stood out. Traditionally, Gay proms are held in the spring as elegant redos for those who skipped prom in high school because of the emotional hassle, or who went with conventional partners because they weren't out yet, or because they couldn't have taken a same-sex date. And while fun and exciting for many, the evenings can be emotionally loaded, according to several people interviewed. But it seemed that almost everyone at the Wild Card had been to a traditional prom. And four men interviewed had attended five or more proms. "Girls always asked me," said six-time attendee Randy Ehlers of Scottsdale. "But I set ground rules. Hair up, they'd be getting orchids as their corsages and I didn't care what their dresses looked like because I was wearing a white tie and tails. I just had certain standards." And wearing a tailored tux that coordinated with his date, Jason Lockwood of Scottsdale, Ehlers took this prom no less seriously. OK, a little less seriously, in that he spent the evening with two half-naked men dressed as porn-tastic joggers.

They were Jacob White and Leif Marshall both of Gilbert, who wore short shorts, tank tops, sweat bands and socks, all from American Apparel. "I went to three proms," said Marshall. "The first two with girls and the last one with a boy." "Really, you were so ahead of your time," White teased. "You were out at 7, seriously." Just after this exchange, the two broke out into a choreographed callisthenic routine, jumping and carry each other around the bar. For this, they were elected King and King.

Winning on the diameter of her shoulder pads alone, Kristin Priscella was thrilled to be prom queen, especially since, as a straight woman, she never expected the honor.

And at the end of the night, as the royalty claimed their crowns, the group of parking lot debaters were cheering for them, having decided, weird fashions or not, this crowd looked like a good time.

Family Pride Challenges Adoption Web Site

GILBERT, AZ - A national Gay and Lesbian advocacy agency has launched a campaign to persuade one of the country's leading adoption Web sites based in Gilbert to allow people of all sexual orientations looking to adopt to post profiles on the site, the Arizona Republic reported. Family Pride (familypride.org) launched the campaign in late May in response to a settlement reached earlier that same month regarding a lawsuit filed by a Gay male couple from California against Gilbert-based Adoption Profiles, L.L.C.

Jennifer Chrisler, the executive director of Family Pride, which focuses on equal rights for family's headed by Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender parents, said her organization's call to action encouraged same-sex couples to send letters and photos of their families to the Gilbert business. At least 50 families, she said, have responded to date.

Michael and Rich Butler, registered domestic partners since 2000, who live in San Jose, filed the lawsuit that prompted the campaign. The Butler's stated that the adoption Web site discriminated against them by rejecting their application, which was submitted in Oct., 2002, to post an adoption profile of their family for birth parents of adoptable children to review. Attorneys from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and the National Center for Lesbian Rights, who acted as co-counsel for the couple, asserted that the adoption business violated the Butler's rights under California law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of people's gender identity.

The Alliance Defense Fund, a pro-Christian legal organization, which defended the company and its owners, Nathan and Dale Gwilliam, who were named in the suit, held that the Gilbert-based business operating under Arizona law, which does not prohibit discrimination against people on the basis of marital status or sexual orientation, did not violate the Butler's rights.

The settlement, reached on May 22, prohibits Adoption Profiles, L.L.C., or Adoption.com, to post profiles on its ParentProfiles.com Web site of California residents "unless the service is made equally available to all

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New Mexico G/L Couples Win Right To Marry In Massachusetts

BOSTON, Massachusetts - Gay and Lesbian couples from New Mexico can marry in Massachusetts because their home state has not explicitly banned same-sex marriage, officials said, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

New Mexico joins Rhode Island as the only states whose Gay and Lesbian residents are allowed to marry in Massachusetts, which is the only state that allows same-sex marriage.

Massachusetts' city and town clerks were instructed by the state registrar to give licenses to Gay couple from New Mexico in a July 18 notice.

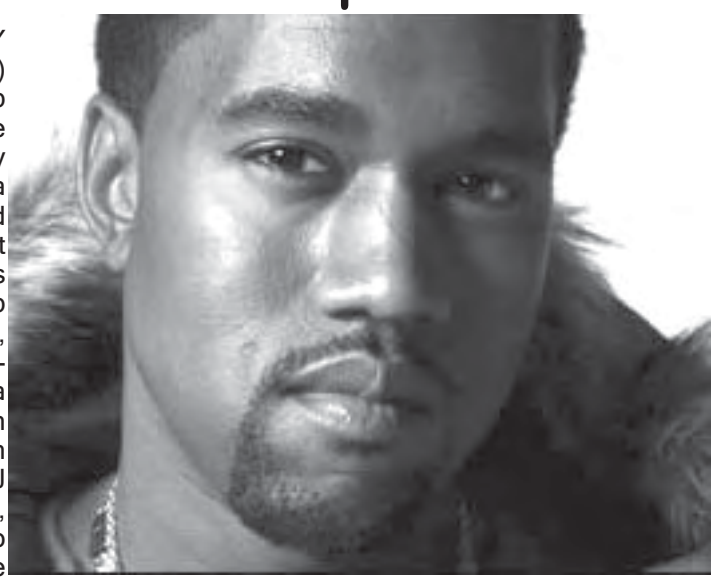
The United States has a patchwork of G/L marriage laws, and New Mexico and Rhode Island are the only two that have not specifically banned or allowed the practice. A handful of states recognize civil unions or domestic partnerships with many of the benefits of marriage. They do not recognize marriages from Massachusetts.

It was not immediately clear if any Gay couples from New Mexico have ever been married in Massachusetts. In February, two measures that would have banned same-sex marriage in New Mexico were killed when a House committee tabled them.

Rhode Island has not yet decided whether to recognize Gay and Lesbian marriages from Massachusetts, though the state's attorney general recommends they should.

The marriages of more than 170 couples from New York were deemed valid because they got married in Massachusetts prior to a New York appeals court ruling in 2006 that banned same-sex marriages. Massachusetts began marrying same-sex couples in 2004. Gov. Mitt Romney then prohibited out-of-state couples from marrying in the state, citing a 1913 law that bars Massachusetts from marrying couples who would be prevented from marrying in their home states. In March 2006, the state's highest court ruled that Gay and Lesbian couples from other states could not marry in Massachusetts if their home state expressly prohibited Gay and Lesbian marriage.

Kanye West Denies Gay Rumors, Bashes Homophobia



NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Although hip-hop superstar Kanye West may shy away from the gangsta persona embraced by his peers, it doesn't mean he is afraid to stand up for himself, advocate.com reported. During a recent interview in New York City with Hot 97 radio DJ Angie Martinez, West responded to implications made by fellow rapper Beanie Sigel that West is Gay, reports the Black Entertainment Television cable network.

In an interview conducted earlier this year for the upcoming DVD Beef IV, Sigel criticized West's fashion sense and advised the rapper to "come out of the closet." West, in turn, denied that he is Gay, adding, "It's so disrespectful." He then expressed his distaste for the homophobia that is prevalent in hip-hop culture.

Upset that Sigel–who is on the same record label as West, Roc-a-Fella–would go to the press rather than confront him privately, West concluded the interview with an appeal to Sigel, asking, "Why wouldn't you come to me and talk to me about it?"

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Georgetown University government professor Clyde Wilcox, author of the book "Politics of Gay Rights," said he expects the Senate to pass the defense authorization bill sometime this year based on precedent. When that happens, he said, there would be enormous pressure on the president to sign the bill, even if it has a hate crimes amendment attached to it. "This is a president who is very unpopular due to the war," Wilcox said. "Does he really want to veto a full defense authorization bill over a hate crimes amendment? He doesn't have the political capital to do that."

Allison Herwitt, HRC's legislative director, said HRC believes the defense authorization measure is the "best option" for passing a hate crimes bill. "Regardless of the vehicle, the leadership remains strongly committed to a vote on hate crimes this year," Herwitt said. Herwitt noted that in 2004, the Senate voted 65 to 33 to pass the hate crimes bill in the form of an amendment to a defense authorization bill. The hate crimes bill died that year after House GOP leaders blocked it from coming to the floor for a vote.

Although Reid is said to be committed to Senate passage of the hate crimes bill, his decision to delay action on the defense bill upsets the timetable that Gay leaders and their congressional allies had set for successive votes this year in the House and Senate on both the hate crimes bill and ENDA.

One former Senate staffer and current Capitol Hill lobbyist said the Senate would be hard pressed to find the time to schedule an ENDA debate and vote by year's end.

With a number of crucial appropriations bills waiting for Senate action, said the lobbyist, who spoke on condition that he not be identified, Reid and Senate Democratic leaders would have to juggle Senate business to accommodate an ENDA vote. He said concern by some Democratic senators from conservative states that an ENDA vote could hurt their chances for re-election in 2008 provides an incentive to put off an ENDA vote this year in the Senate.

"We're effectively in September now, and the year is really closing fast," he said. "The sand is running out of the hour glass on ENDA." Keisling disputed this assessment, saying a House vote on ENDA in September would open the way for Senate action on the Gay rights bill in the fall. "That's five-year-old data," she said, in referring to the lobbyist's claim that Democrats are worried about ENDA hurting them at the polls. "Holding something up that has support from 80 percent of the American people doesn't make sense," Keisling said.

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California residents qualified to adopt in California." Neel Chaterjee, an attorney for the Butlers, said that the couple was pleased with the settlement, which he said did not include a financial payout for the couple, as they were not seeking money. "This was about ending a discriminatory practice," said Chaterjee who said he represented the couple for free. "The bottom line is this is a win . . . they have to treat all Californians equal."

Calls to Alliance Defense Fund and Adoption Profiles LLC representatives were not returned.

In response to the settlement, the Alliance Defense Fund announced in a May 22 press release that Adoption Profiles LLC "will no longer accept profiles from California residents . . . Californians are poorer for this attempt to misapply the non-discrimination laws of California to the Internet business of an Arizona company."

Chrisler said that the company's decision is upsetting because it bars thousands of parents looking to adopt from posting on one of the largest adoption Web sites in the nation. "I was outraged," she said. "They've got a good corner on birth parents looking to put their children up for adoption. It's hurtful not only to parents looking to adopt but to the thousands of children who need a loving parent."

Marvin Vann and Sam Bray, a Gay couple from Texas who co-parent two girls, 7 and 11, from Vann's previous marriage, said they responded to the call to action and sent photos of their family. "I don't think they (Adoption.com) think about the negative message this sends our children," Vann said. "It's sad to say but I'm used to dealing with the negative stuff. But my girls, honestly, it is hard to protect them when they keep seeing these negative messages about their family."

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O'Reilly Backtracks For Overstating Lesbian Gang Threat

NEW YORK CITY - Fixed Noise Channel host Bill O'Reilly has apologized on the air for errors in a widely criticized June 21 segment that reported a "nationwide epidemic" of violent Lesbian gangs terrorizing neighborhoods and schools.

"We overstated the extent of Gay gangs in the Washington area," the O'Reilly Factor host said on his show as Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation spokesman Rashad Robinson stood by on a split screen. "Detective Wheeler has apologized," he added, referring to Fox crime analyst Rod Wheeler. "Thank you for correcting the record," Robinson said. The exchange disintegrated, however, as O'Reilly went on to explain how the story came into being: He had seen a story in which several New Jersey Lesbians attacked a man who spat on one of them when she spurned his attentions. Four of the women were ultimately convicted in the August 18 incident. "They were never identified as being in a gang. Gang charges were dropped." Robinson said. "They were a pack of Lesbians who jumped this guy," O'Reilly said. Soon after, he said, he saw tape on a "gang" in Memphis. "There was no criminal activity," Robinson said. "And a gang in Philly." "They were eighth-graders," Robinson said. "We got three. We put our guy [Wheeler] on it. I'm just trying to tell you how we got on this." "You called it a nationwide epidemic," Robinson told him. "I got a little carried away with that," O'Reilly said.

Gay and progressive media-watchers had pounced on the report, as had the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., one of America's leading civil rights groups. They noted that the Philadelphia segment was three years old, the Memphis segment did not produce any evidence of illegal activity, and that in some of the video re-aired by O'Reilly the girl hooligans were actually fighting over men. Washington, D.C.-area law enforcement said the report was simply inaccurate. "We have 150 to 175 total gangs in the D.C. area, and out of those, only nine where the predominance of members are female," said Sgt. Brett Parson of the police department's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit. "You simply can't make the jump that they are Lesbians. I think it is fair to talk about violence and female gangs. But to sensationalize or marginalize a community by making a statement like that seems irresponsible," Parson said. "There is no evidence whatsoever of a Lesbian gang epidemic in this region.... Our membership reports only one Lesbian gang," Gaithersburg, Md., police detective Patrick Word, president of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigators Network, told the rights group.

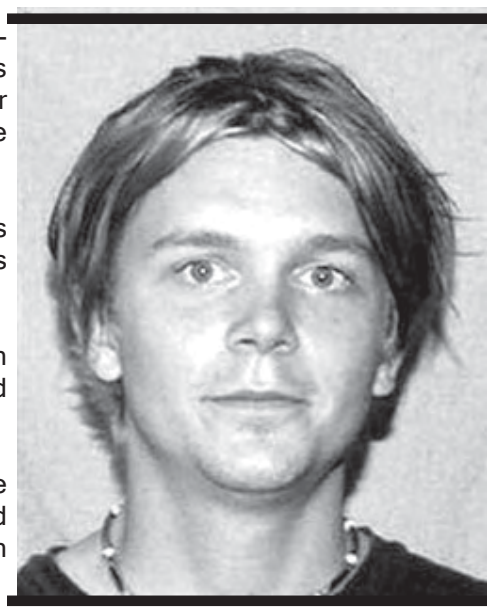
Arrest In Murder Of Gay Radio Host

SEATTLE, Washington (Observer Update) - A 28-year old homeless man has pleaded not guilty to killing former Seattle radio talk-show host Mike Webb.

Scott Brian White, 28, was arrested at transient campsite. He is charged with first degree murder.

Police say that the two men know each other and that White had briefly lived with Webb.

Investigators say that White has confessed to the killing. If convicted he could be sentenced up to 29 years in prison.



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COMMENTARY. . . .

by Lisa Neff

Cohab Question

I live in an older Florida community, the kind of place where you can expect to encounter a number of heterosexual people divorced from a first spouse and settling in with a new partner. I say "settling in" because, for financial reasons, they've chosen to enter cohab before entering marriage.

You see, it's common knowledge in the straight community that if you remarry, you lose your benefits – AKA alimony – from the first marriage. Leaving a marriage can be like losing a job. For good reason, a legal network exists to assist an ex-spouse until a new marriage.

"Marriage" is the key. The law doesn't account for a date, an affair, a steady or even a live-in until "live-in" comes to mean common law marriage and common law husband and wife.

And that's why California Judge Michael Naughton's ruling requiring Ron Garber to continue paying alimony to ex-wife Melinda Kirkwood makes sense. Garber and Kirkwood amicably divorced after an 18-year marriage, with Garber agreeing to pay alimony for five years. Kirkwood is in a registered domestic partnership with Kristin Kirkwood and Garber is remarried and seeking to stop making alimony payments. But California's marriage laws state that alimony ends when a new marriage begins for an ex on the receiving end of the check. If straight society seeks to bar Gays and Lesbians from "marriage," then straight society is going to pay the price – about $1,250 a month in this case.

Financially, the law works against Gays and Lesbians in so many ways – from insurance coverage to inheritance rights to Social Security benefits. But in Garber vs. Kirkwood, the anti-Gay system works against the straight party too. Without a marriage license for Kirkwood and her partner, Garber keeps paying.

I like the ruling in Garber vs. Kirkwood not because it's such an obvious "gotcha" on the straight system, but because it highlights the irrationality of creating a separate system for legally recognizing Gay relationships. Alimony within the state of California is the issue in the Garber case, but conflict also arises when dealing with property taxes, inheritance, retirement benefits, health coverage and child custody – a critically important issue for California domestic partners who move out of the state.

I know folks will argue that the Kirkwood relationship features all the elements of a true marriage. There are many of us in committed domestic partnerships – registered and not – who feel like we're married and who want our families and friends to treat us like we're married because we want them to honor or partners and respect our love.

But only a fraction are married in the eyes of the law, and it does our legal arguments no good when we delude ourselves into pretending we are married. Unless a Gay couple has a license from Massachusetts, Canada, or a country across the pond, there is no marriage.

The California Attorney General's Office has taken a position that Gay marriage is not needed because Gays can register partnerships. But partnership laws and benefits packages should be seen not as final resolutions to the situation, but as stopgap protections until same-sex marriage is legalized.

The city of San Francisco, which is seeking to overturn California's same-sex marriage ban in the state supreme court, has maintained that denying Gays is discriminatory and "discrimination is not merely detrimental to the minority it singles out, but to the majority that would abide it."

Clearly Garber vs. Kirkwood highlights this position. And when the legal defenders of equality go into the California Supreme Court later this year on the Gay marriage ban, they must be able to point to Garber vs. Kirkwood and argue that the state's laws create a separate class of people, the registered cohabitators whose relationships are denied the respect and reverence that comes with marriage.

(Lisa Neff is a reporter with The Islander, a weekly newspaper on Anna Maria Island, Fl orida. This oped was reprinted from 365Gay.com.)

Phelps Thwarted In Bid To Erect Anti-Gay Statue In Matthew Shepard Hometown

CASPER, Wyoming (Observer Update) - The City of Casper, Wyoming has rejected an offer from anti-Gay preacher Fred Phelps to erect a statue dedicated to Matthew Shepard, 365Gay.com reported. Phelps offered to build the statue in Casper's Monument Plaza which was dedicated earlier this month. The park features monuments to Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, the Ten Commandments and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

Phelps' proposed a monument that would have been 5 to 6 feet tall and made of marble or granite. It would have had a bronze plaque bearing the image of Shepard and have an inscription reading "MATTHEW SHEPARD, Entered Hell October 12, 1998, in Defiance of God's Warning: 'Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is abomination.' Leviticus 18:22."

"Casper's historic monument plaza is a collection of documents that are the underpinning and foundation of our law," Mayor Kate Sarosy wrote in a reply to Phelps. "Your monument is simply religious in character, based on your personal religious beliefs regarding Matthew Shepard, and bears no historical significance to the foundation of the law for our country. As such, the city cannot place your monument on city property without violating the establishment clause of the United States Constitution."

POLITICS 2007

by Mark R. Kerr

Q-Politics 2008: Governor Mike Huckabee

During the most recent Democratic presidential debate, held Tuesday, July 24, the candidates present answered questions submitted by people to the video website, youtube.com.

From gun control to health care, Iraq to same-sex marriage, more than three dozen questions were posed to the candidates.

Reviews of this debate format were positive and a second debate with youtube.com, for the Republicans will take place. Scheduled originally for September 17, organizers are rescheduling this debate to ensure turnout and participation by all the announced Republican candidates.

One of which is former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, who served for two terms from 1999-2007.

In a previous interview, Huckabee expressed "respect" for Gays and Lesbians but his record as Governor and statements are another story.

Huckabee is not in favor of:

Legislation protecting the rights of workers against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity;

Adding sexual orientation to the state's anti-discrimination law;

More funding for HIV/AIDS programs or research;

Expanding Arkansas' hate crimes law to include sexual orientation or gender identity;

Gays and Lesbians (either single or couples) adopting children;

Second parent adoptions;

Same-sex marriages, civil unions or domestic partnerships;

Gays and Lesbians serving openly in the armed services.

Governor Mike Huckabee supports adding an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Governor Mike Huckabee's website is at explorehuckabee.com.

For more information go to: ontheissues.org/Mike_Huckabee.htm, issues2000.org/Mike_Huckabee.htm, and vote-smart.org/bio.php?can_id=1657.

Gay Couple Arrested For Kissing At Rome's Coliseum

ROME, Italy - Two Gay men have been charged with "lewd conduct" for kissing in front of the Coliseum in Rome, 365Gay.com reported. The pair were rushed into a police car and taken to a police station where they were held for several hours. Eventually they were issued a summons to appear in court and released. If convicted the pair could be sentenced up to two years in prison.

The incident has sparked a public outcry in Italy. Italian LGBT civil rights group ArciGay called it an outrage and accused the police of homophobia. Police deny the accusation, but were unable to provide evidence that any opposite-sex couple had ever been arrested for a similar kiss at the famed tourist spot. Italy's Health Minister Livia Turco called the arrests a national embarrassment. Vladimir Luxuria, a Communist politician and Italy's first transsexual lawmaker said she would raise the issue in Parliament. "It's worrying that a gesture of affection is considered a crime," she told La Repubblica daily. "It's absurd that two young people who love each other should spend the night in a police station without having done anything obscene."

Both ArciGay and Turco have demanded the charges be dropped and that police issue an apology to the two men, aged 28 and 27. Meanwhile, ArciGay has called for a "national Gay kiss-in" at the Coliseum on August 2.

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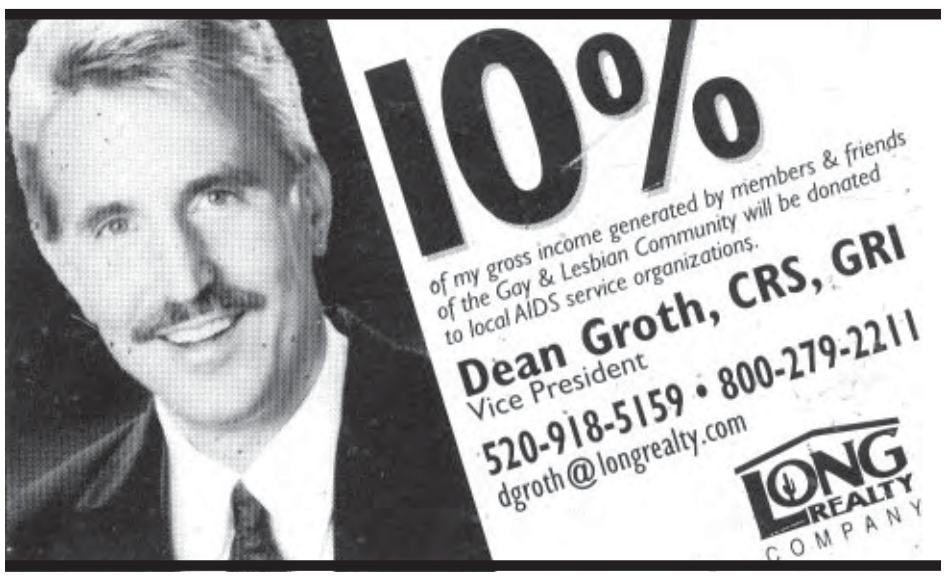

Hither And Yawn

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Biennial

by Lee Thorn

I've always liked the Tucson Museum of Art, but I've got to say that their 2007 Biennial, up now through August 19, stinks. I've seen a ton of TMA exhibits and several of their biennials, and this show may be their low point.

The basic concept of the Biennial is a juried exhibit of all Arizona artists. In such an exercise the two most obvious things that can go wrong are the selection of an inept juror and a failure to attract good submissions. Hard to tell what happened here. Could be a combination of both misfortunes.

Some samples: Paho Mann, "Everything in My Apartment, 2006," tiny photos of domestic stuff, should have been titled "Creative Bankruptcy." James Moker, "Meyer Avenue, 2006," a great photo of clouds because they happen to be great looking clouds. How much credit should the artist get for capturing them?

In this case I say 39%. Barbara Bergstrom, "Self-control, 2005," office desk installation with related office paraphernalia, conveys a strong sense of order and cleanliness. This is one of the few substantive pieces in the show, a work with apparent purpose and skillful execution. Amy Long, "Bulbknob L, 2007," the dreamscape of a vapid looking dreamer. Hard to believe she could have come up with an elephant riding a boat with a clown. Henry Schoebel, "Particles #1" and "Particles #2," embody the most boring two outcomes you could derive using dots and lines. Ludvic, "Rhapsody IV, 2007" and "Rhapsody II, 2007," the same impasto abstract expressionist painting done twice with no noticeable improvement. Shara Rowley, "Moriah, 2006," a ram gives us his "are you lookin' at me?" stare. Cute. Howard Salmon, "Self Portrait with Rag, 2006," artist with rag in his mouth in need of a life and a more interesting gimmick. Melissa Martinez, "Light of the Night, 2006," an elegant flowing tree-like sculpture phonied up with astroturf and a video. This artist needs to find the self-confidence required to lose the gimmicks. Derek Wilkinson, "Abby Playing a Game, 2006," a vacant looking drunk playing a video game while sitting on the floor next to a bottle of whiskey. The subject has an "every drunk" quality and hence the universality that used to by thought essential to art.

To say that there was a "best" or a "worst" of this show would be misleading. There's not enough substance from which a best or a worst could emerge.

I've been to enough galleries in Tucson alone just in the last six months to know that this show doesn't do justice to Arizona artists. They ought to consider picketing it in a good old-fashioned protest. Perhaps the concept of the show has lost it's credibility with Arizona artists over the years and they're just not participating.

But I hope I'm not discouraging anyone from going to this exhibit. Bear in mind that I could be wrong about it and that there's always other stuff to see. The craft shop is, as always, spectacular in every respect. There's a smaller exhibit of black and white photos by Ann Simmons depicting motorcycles and their riders, exactly what you'd expect right down to the last tattoo. As usual, the selection from the permanent collection is actually bigger than the main exhibit.

In keeping with current misguided practice, the Biennial his permitted artists to post little explanations of their art and themselves next to each work. Art works aren't supposed to need explanations. They're supposed to be doing the communicating themselves. An explanation next to an art work is essentially a confession of failure. The postings in this show also include useless information about how the artist works.

Why do we need to know this? It's what you finally come up with and put on the wall that counts, or fails to count.

Artists, not just these artists but artists over the centuries, have been notoriously bad at explaining what they're trying to do. Skill in graphic arts may be antithetical to skill in verbal analysis. Here's a test you can do on these explanations: Choose a sentence at random in which an artist states one of his aesthetic principles and translate it into the simplest alternative sentence you can. That's right! It's completely, embarrassingly, meaningless. As for which parts of your anatomy you like to scratch immediately before you start a painting, spare us.

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

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LGBT Voted As A Block In Philadelphia Mayoral Election

PHILADELPHIA - A study by Equality Forum, an international Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization, suggests that LGBT voters voted as a block in the recent mayoral primary election in Philadelphia and that Gay and Lesbian voters were markedly more likely to support their candidate than their neighbors. The study found that Gays voted by about two to every one vote for Michael Nutter, the winning candidate, in the citywide vote.

"The study is important both in its methodology and the result," said Malcolm Lazin, Executive Director of Equality Forum. "It demonstrates that even in a field of Gay-friendly candidates, a candidate who can provide the right cues can be the beneficiary of a LGBT block vote. Block voting increases a group's political importance and power."

The May 15, 2007 Democratic primary, which is tantamount to election in heavily-Democratic Philadelphia, featured five well-known politicians: two longtime Members of Congress, a former City Councilman, a State Representative who chairs the Appropriations Committee in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and a wealthy former Deputy Mayor. The former City Councilman, Michael Nutter, spent most of the race lagging in fourth place before he surged to victory, garnering 36.6% of the citywide vote. The Equality Forum study reviewed the votes cast in seven distinct Philadelphia Gay neighborhoods and found that Nutter garnered 74% of the vote in these neighborhoods. A review of the top 12 Philadelphia tracts identified in the U.S. Census as having the most same-sex couples residing in the same household found that Nuttter received 69% of the vote in these census tracts. The study compared the percentage of votes from the Gay neighborhoods and census tracts to the percentage of votes each candidate received in the respective wards. The LGBT voting divisions averaged a 17% higher percentage vote for Nutter than the respective overall ward percentage.

"Nutter was viewed as a progressive outsider by a community that is perceived as outside the mainstream," said Lazin. "Nutter

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Transgender Workers Making Advances In Workplace

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The number of Fortune 500 companies that ban workplace discrimination for Transgender Americans has risen 60 percent since Jan. 2006 and has quadrupled since 2003, according to a new report, 365Gay.com reported. But there is still a considerable way to go, the report issued by the Human Rights Campaign indicates.

Since Jan. 2006, the number of Fortune 500 companies that include gender identity in their non-discrimination policies went from 78 to 125 the report, called "State of the Workplace for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Americans 2006-2007" shows. In 2003, only eight companies had such policies. Employers across industries have added protections for Transgender workers. In the aerospace and defense industries, Honeywell, Northrop Grumman and Boeing followed Raytheon's 2005 announcement that it will protect Transgender employees from discrimination. Other companies that expanded their non-discrimination policies include Internet giants Google and Yahoo!; supermarket giants Safeway and Costco; pharmaceutical firms Merck, Eli Lilly and DuPont; and Marriott, Hilton and Starwood among hotels.

"It took the Gay civil rights movement nearly two decades to see the growth that the Transgender community has seen in the last five years in terms of workplace protections," said HRC Foundation President Joe Solmonese. The report also showed steady growth in the number of employers offering domestic partner benefits over the last year. A majority of Fortune 500 companies provide benefits to same-sex domestic partners. Over the past year 17 companies have added the benefits bringing the total to 267 – or 53 percent of Fortune 500 companies. In addition, nearly 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies include workplace protections based on an employees' sexual orientation, according to the report – up from 51 percent in 1995. "Fortune 500 companies are moving decisively to protect the entire GLBT community from workplace discrimination and it is time for our nation's laws to catch up."

Legislation to bar discrimination based on sexuality the workplace was reintroduced in Congress last April. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act would make it illegal to fire, refuse to hire or refuse to promote an employee based on the person's sexual orientation or gender identity. A number of states have varying degrees of protections for LGBT workers. Still it legal to fire someone based on his or her sexual orientation in 33 states, and in 42 states, it is still legal to fire someone for being Transgender. ENDA was first introduced in the 1974, and came within one vote of Senate passage in 1996. Attempts since then have bogged down. This year, with Democrats in control of both the House and Senate, and with bipartisan support, LGBT advocates are hopeful the workplace bill will finally be passed.

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actively campaigned for the Gay vote and sent cues that he embraced diversity and wanted to shake up the establishment for Philadelphia's benefit."

"We believe that our methodology can be used to measure LGBT voters in municipal, state and federal elections," said Lazin. "Our hope is that this study will encourage exit polls of LGBT voters in the 2008 federal primary and general elections. By focusing on areas across the nation with identifiable Gay neighborhoods, an exit poll can generate a more comprehensive picture about LGBT voters and why they voted for a candidate."

Fort Lauderdale Tourist Attractions Fear LGBT Backlash Over Homophobic Mayor

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (Observer Update) - Hotels and tourist attractions that depend on LGBT travelers are reportedly worried incendiary comments by Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle about Gays will result in a severe loss of business, 365Gay.com reported. Fort Lauderdale with its white sandy beach and large number of hotels and resorts catering to Gays has long been an LGBT key destination, bringing in tens of millions of dollars to the city. Following 9-11 when travel in general fell off, Gay travel remained relatively high, and in the year after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington Gay travelers were credited with helping save Florida's tourism industry. Fort Lauderdale ranked No. 6 among Gay travelers last year, and accounted for about 11 percent of Broward's $8.5 billion tourism industry.

But over the past month Naugle has infuriated Gays with homophobic remarks. Three weeks ago Naugle claimed that Gay sex is rampant in public washrooms on the beach and called for the city to spend a quarter-million dollars on a replacement toilet that he said would end the problem. The remarks angered the city's Gay community which launched a "flush Naugle" campaign to flood his office email with "virtual toilet paper" and the police department said there had been only one arrest at the toilet on the stretch of beach known for its Gay sunbathers. On Tuesday (July 24) he announced he would issue an apology, but instead turned it into another broadside against the Gay community.

The conservative Democrat said he was apologizing for what he claimed was underestimating the problem and that the county had the highest rate of new HIV/AIDS cases involving men having sex with men in the country. Naugle then suggested the county tourism office should rethink its ad campaigns that welcome Gays to the area. So concerned is the tourism industry over the potential fallout the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau is using paid media watchers in New York and Europe to see how far the story is spreading. So far it has been covered extensively in the US and European Gay press, but has not attracted much attention in the mainstream media. But that may give cause for alarm. An unscientific poll by 365Gay.com of nearly 1000 readers found that 75 percent would take Naugle's remarks into consideration when considering Fort Lauderdale as a vacation destination.

For now the Visitors Bureau and local hotel operators are hoping the controversy blows over. "Right now we don't think an overreaction to what's happening is necessary,'' president Nicki Grossman told the Miami Herald. Roger Hanavit, a spokesperson for

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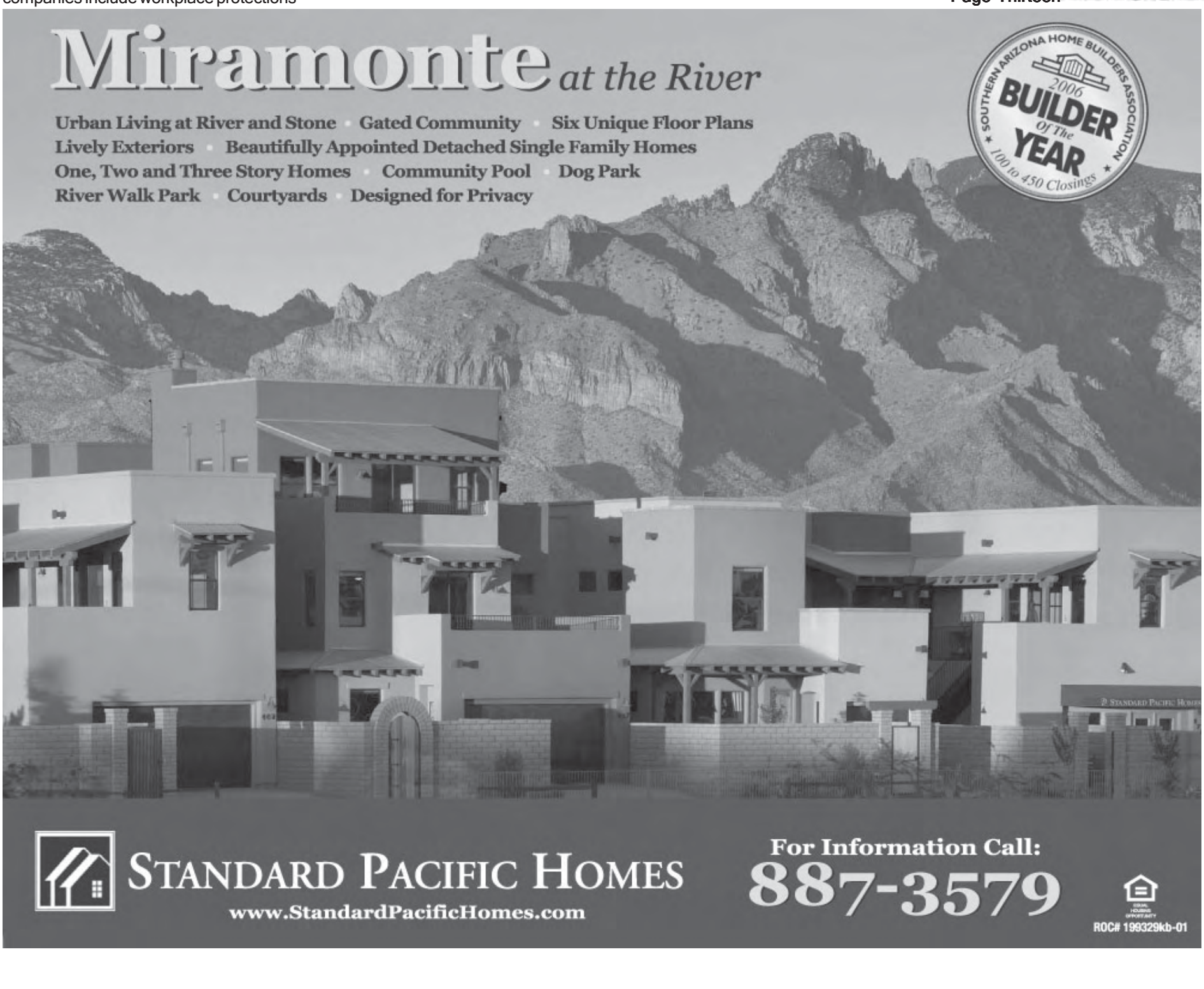

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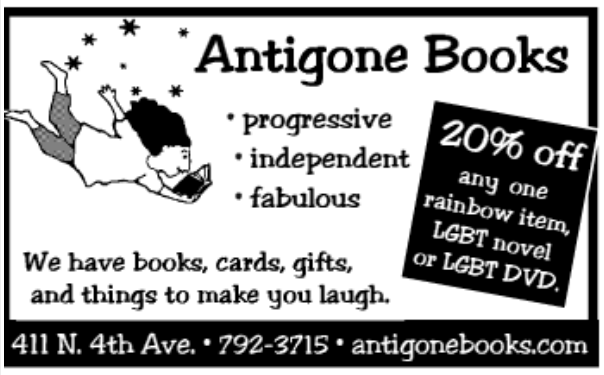

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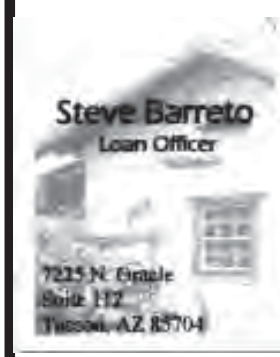

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Original 'Cage Aux Folles' Actor Michael Serrault Dies

Ugo Tognazzi (right) as Renalto Baldi & Michael Serrault (left) as Albin Mougeotte "Zaza Napoli" from the 1978 Film La Cage Aux Folles.

PARIS, France - Actor Michel Serrault, whose hit performance as a drag queen in the film and stage versions of "La cage aux folles" (The Birdcage) catapulted him to international stardom, has died, his priest said Monday. He was 79. Serrault died Sunday (July 29) of cancer in his home in the northwestern city of Honfleur, Rev. Alain Maillard de La Morandais said.

Serrault appeared in more than 130 films during a career that spanned half a century. After debuting as a comic actor, Serrault became one of France's most versatile stars, playing a serial killer, a grizzled farmer, a crooked banker and accused rapist. "I'm against those who only want to entertain," Serrault said in 2002. "I am very happy with all the roles I've played, and I take responsibility for them all." French President Nicolas Sarkozy paid homage to Serrault's "impressive filmography," calling the actor a "monument of the world of the theater, the cinema and the television."

Born on Jan. 24, 1928, in Brunoy, south of Paris, Serrault initially set his sights on the priesthood, briefly entering a seminary. He dropped out, he later explained, because of the vow of chastity. After studying acting in Paris, Serrault began as his stage career playing in cabarets. He made his silver screen debut in 1954 in Jean Loubignac's "Ah! les belles bacchantes" (Oh, the lovely bacchantes), which was released as "Peek-a-boo" in the United States. His first big break came in 1972, with a leading role in Pierre Tchernia's "Le Viager" (The Life Annuity.)

Speaking on LCI television, Tchernia called Serrault "perhaps the greatest French actor," saying he gave to his profession "all his talent, all his strength, all his humor, all his affection." It was his role as flamboyant Gay nightclub owner Albin Mougeotte, also known as Zaza Napoli, in the theater and film versions of the mega-hit "La cage aux folles" (The Birdcage) that catapulted him to fame worldwide. His performance in director Edouard Molinaro's 1978 movie won him the first of three Cesar awards - the French version of the Oscar. Serrault remained active, featuring in films through his late seventies. Among his final films was Pierre Javaux's 2006 "Les enfants du pays" (Hometown Boys), about the role of African soldiers in WWII. Serrault is survived by his wife, Juanita, and daughter, Nathalie.

Michigan Supreme Court Tosses G/L Partner Benefits Challenge

LANSING, Michigan (Observer Update) - In a narrowly worded ruling the Michigan Supreme Court on Wednesday (July 25) said that 17 taxpayers challenging the Ann Arbor school district's same-sex benefits policy could not proceed with their case, reported 365Gay.com. The decision did not touch on the constitutionality of the benefits. That issue is proceeding separately.

In the school board issue the court said that the taxpayers did not have legal standing to challenge the board. After voters passed an amendment to the state constitution in 2004 limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples the 17 taxpayers sent letters to school board members asking them to stop providing benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees. In 2005 the state appeals court dismissed the case ruling that the taxpayers didn't "demand" that the district stop providing the benefits before filing a lawsuit, as required under state law. The taxpayers appealed to the Supreme Court which ruled.

The issue of whether the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage blocks the state, local governments and public institutions from providing benefits to the same-sex partners of employees is expected to be heard by the Justices later this year. Twenty-one Gay couples represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. At least one partner in each relationship works for state or local government. Soon after the amendment was passed in 2004 Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D), acting on the advice of Attorney General Mike Cox (R), terminated domestic partner benefits that had been won by state unions.

Cox also directed University of Michigan and Wayne State University and the city of Kalamazoo to shut down their benefits programs to same-sex couples. The couples filed suit against the state - one partner of each of the couples works for the state of Michigan. Although Granholm removed the benefits from the contracts she disagreed with Cox's interpretation of the amendment and entered the case on the side of the Gay couples. In September 2005 Ingham County Circuit Judge Joyce Draganchuk said health care benefits are benefits of employment, not marriage and Cox's office appealed. The three-judge Court of Appeal panel In February overturned Draganchuk's ruling saying the wording in the amendment barred domestic partner benefits for public employees. The constitutional amendment defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman and is the only agreement that can be recognized as a marriage "or similar union for any purpose." It was those six words that led to the legal battle.

Fort Lauderdale

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Rainbow Carpet Lodging and Hospitality Alliance which represents about 30 Gay hotels in Fort Lauderdale, told the paper Naugle's remarks do not "put Fort Lauderdale in a good light, [and] the longer we stay on this, the more damage it does." Some owners disagree. ''If anything we should increase our expenditures on the Gay market,'' Richard Gray, owner of the Royal Palms Resort told the Herald. "We should double our budget, because it works.''

Mexico Begins Allowing Gay Conjugal Visits In Prisons

MEXICO CITY, Mexico - The country's prison system has begun allowing Gay conjugal visits, bowing to a recommendation by the country's National Human Rights Commission, the commission has announced, reported 365Gay.com. Mexico City's government has taken a series of controversial stands in recent months on social issues like abortion, Gay marriage and prostitution, despite opposition from conservatives and religious organizations.

"The Mexico City department of prisons and rehabilitation has allowed the first conjugal visit to an inmate with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual," the government-funded rights commission said in a news release. It called the move "an important step in terms of nondiscrimination regarding sexual preference." In many Mexican prisons, inmates are allowed to receive conjugal visits, and most do not require the visitor to be married to the inmate. Special rooms are set aside in many prisons so that inmates and visitors can be alone during such visits.

The decision was prompted by a complaint filed by a man identified only as "Agustin N.," who said he wanted to visit his companion, "Ricardo N.," at the Santa Martha Acatitla prison on the city's east side. Agustin filed a complaint with the rights commission – which has the power to make recommendations but not to enforce them – saying prison authorities had denied his request because the two are Gay. On Feb. 8 the commission ruled that was discrimination, and prison authorities decided – the statement did not say when – to allow the visit. The commission said it still wants the policy change to be set down in writing and applied to all city prisons. The prisons department spokesman's office said he was not immediately available to comment.

The party that governs Mexico City has already legalized Gay civil unions and abortion in the capital of this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country, and has proposed legalizing prostitution, which is currently punishable here by 12 to 24 hours in jail and small fines. Mexico as a whole adopted a law in 2003 banning discrimination based on sexual preference.

Lesbian Loses Bid For Japan's Upper House

TOKYO, Japan (Observer Update) - Kanako Otsuji failed to win enough votes Sunday (July 29) to become the first openly Gay member of Japan's upper house but declared her campaign a success anyway, reported 365Gay.com. Otsuji, 32, who was supported by Japan's main opposition party, says her openness about her sexuality will make it easier in the future for Gays and Lesbians to run for office.

Fighting back tears as she conceded defeat Monday morning (July 30) Otsuji said that one day Gays will look back at her campaign as the beginning of a strong LGBT national political movement. Rainbow flags were prominent as she stumped during the campaign, and frequently used a sound truck declaring through a

Kanako Otsuji

loudspeaker that she was a proud Lesbian. She pledged that if elected she would promote sexual diversity and sponsor bills to outlaw discrimination against Gays and the transgendered and to legalize same-sex marriage. During the campaign she exchanged vows with her longtime partner, although same-sex couples have no official rights in Japan. Prior to running for Parliament, Otsuji was a local legislator in Osaka.

She lost by a slim margin in an election that was tight across the country. Up for grabs were half of the seats in the upper house of parliament. Voters voiced their outrage over a series of political scandals and the loss of millions of pension records, stripping Abe's Liberal Democratic Party of its majority in the 242-seat body. But on Monday (July 30) Prime Minister Shinzo Abe rejected calls for his resignation, saying the country couldn't afford the resulting "power vacuum."

Posssible 'Straight-Bashing' In Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, California - A man is recovering from an alleged "straight-bashing" after being beaten unconscious Tuesday night (July 24), reports KESQ TV, a local ABC affiliate, advocate.com reported.

Police say the 68-year-old was walking through the Warms Sands and Vista Oro areas of Palm Springs when he was approached by two Hispanic men who asked him if he was Gay and if he would like to go home with them. "He expressed no interest in doing that and turned away," said Sgt. Mitch Spike of the Palm Springs Police. "He then felt something hit him, and he then lost consciousness.

"It definitely sounds like a hate crime because anyone who doesn't even know the Gay scene knows this is predominately a Gay neighborhood," Spike added. According to the station, other police officers reported the reverse, contending that the man was beat up because he is not Gay. The victim was shaken but is recovering well.

NEW YORK CITY - The producers of a Sydney theater adaptation of cult movie The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert are laying the groundwork to take the musical to London and Broadway, advocate.com reported.

The wild success Priscilla is enjoying in Sydney with disco-loving straight women ages 20 to 40 could be duplicated with Broadway fans, especially those who delighted in Mamma Mia!

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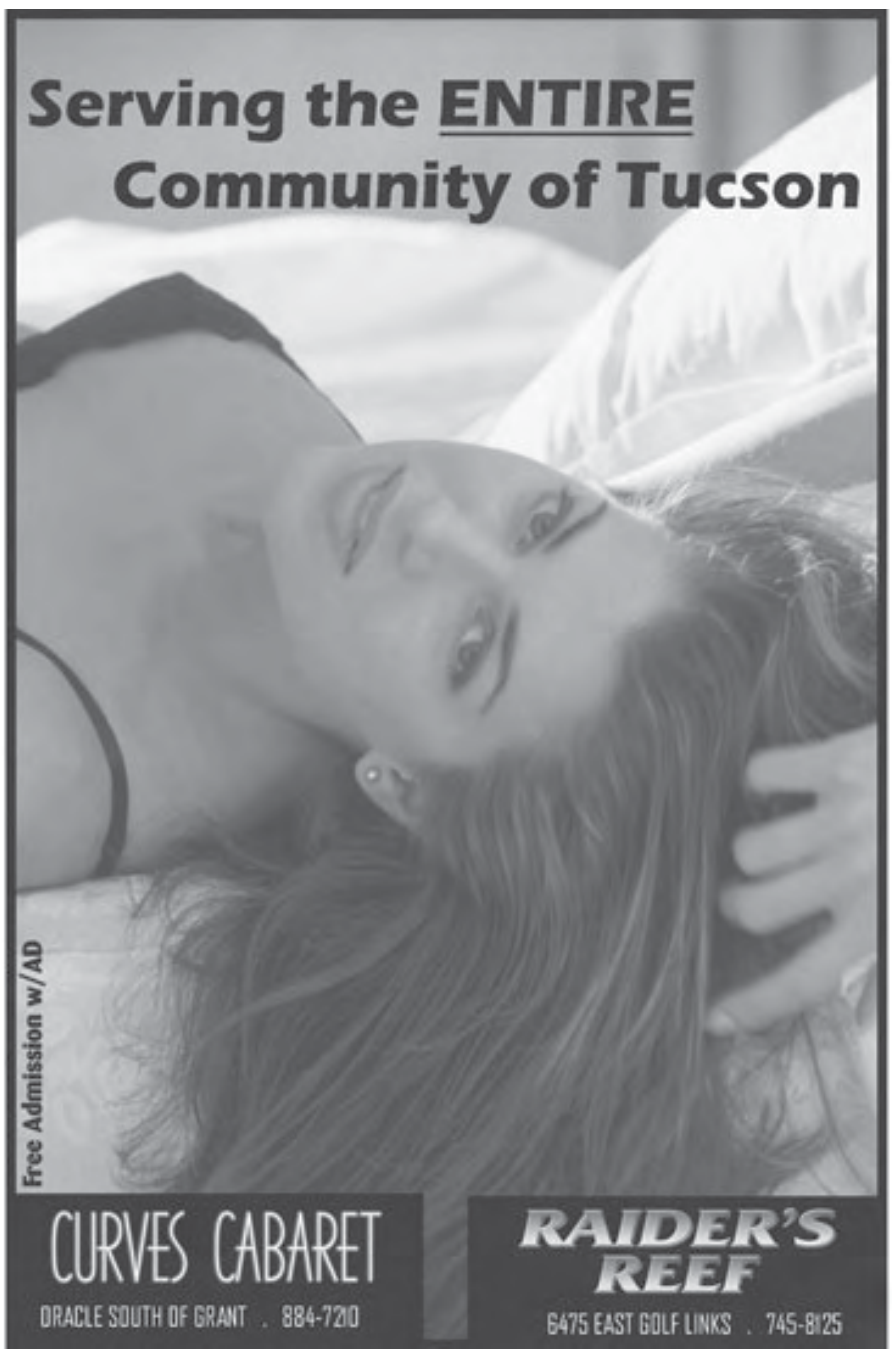

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Rupert Everett Against Gay Adoption

LONDON - Rupert Everett says he is against Gay men adopting. The openly homosexual actor doesn't believe two men would make good parents, because he believes it could have negative implications for the child.

He is quoted by Britain's Daily Express newspaper as saying: "Oh God, I could never do that to a child. Can you imagine what it would be like, having your two dads coming to school speech days? And hearing those awful queeny rows while you are trying to get to sleep?"

The 48-year-old star recently revealed how he had ruled out ever having children - because he would be a terrible father. He even claimed he is not a good godfather because he always forgets to buy his godchildren presents. He said: "I love kids. I have 10 godchildren. But I'm not a very good godfather. I'm not good at remembering birthdays. I don't believe in Father's Day or Mother's Day. I don't even like Christmas - I find it all a bit sick. People are emotionally tricked into spending so much money. "So I don't think I will adopt. I don't think it's for me".

HOROSCOPES

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August bursts on the scene with a planetary pile-up of Leo energy. We are pushier than usual. Will the world push back ... below the waist??

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Nothing can hold you back this August. Proud Rams not only find ways to entertain themselves, they also are able to show off their talents to the immediate world. Discover what inside of you gives you a charge and then go out and find an appreciative audience. Give it all you've got sweetheart. This is your moment and not a moment too soon.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Become a catalyst for change around the house. Interestingly though, the real change occurs on its own and perhaps without your permission or knowledge. Surprises are in store for those queer Bulls with closets in need of a cleaning. Will you free yourself from the ties that bind and pinch? And yet I have heard that some folks like it that way...

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins like to be the counsel behind the throne but you deserve more credit for your ideas and strategies. Thankfully the Leo planets agree and your views take on more immediacy. Take it to the streets and let them see how visionary and compelling you can be. Will you be a benevolent ruler when you reach the top or just another pint sized dictator? Let's guess....

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Take measure the true value of all that you hold near and dear in August. Gay Crabs find themselves at a financial crossroads where their eyes are too big for their wallets. Do you spend more than you earn? Are you over-extended in various areas of your life? If so, try to take stock and push aside the fiscal anvils that are drowning you. Either that learn to lift weights.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Proud Lions find themselves the glorious center of attention this birthday August. All eyes are upon you ... and begin to critique your so-called "look". Leo energy conspires to create a new you whether you think that you need a bit of renovation or not. How about a new personal style? It's not all that bad once you get used to those red leather hot pants.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

August brings you to a new level. For those queer Virgins who profess to be intuitive, this may be the time to try a few predictions and see how they pan out. For those who are happier doing something more concrete for the community, it is the time to spread your charitable efforts into far reaching and karmic building projects. The goddesses must be appeased.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Let your randy group of friends call all the shots this August. That is, if you allow them to do so. Proud Libras can toss themselves into the social scene with reckless abandon and either float on the vibe or call the tune themselves. The most important thing is to not sit at home and wait for the phone to ring. Get Out on the dance floor and see what's (and who's) shaking.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

All the planets in Leo this August manage to set you on a more successful professional course. Proud Scorps have ample ambition but it does not always manifest in a productive manner. Yes, vengeful plots have their time and place but more often sugar can sweeten your ascent. With the right bait, you are personality plus, at least in the corporate shark-filled sphere.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Gay Archers generally have itchy feet. August is the month to scratch them in a big way. The world beckons. Pack your bags and travel! If money and time are tight, find ways to explore closer to home or on a more austere budget. Yes, you can even feel the rush of excitement with a foreign film, exotic take-out and an international house guest. Go around the world.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

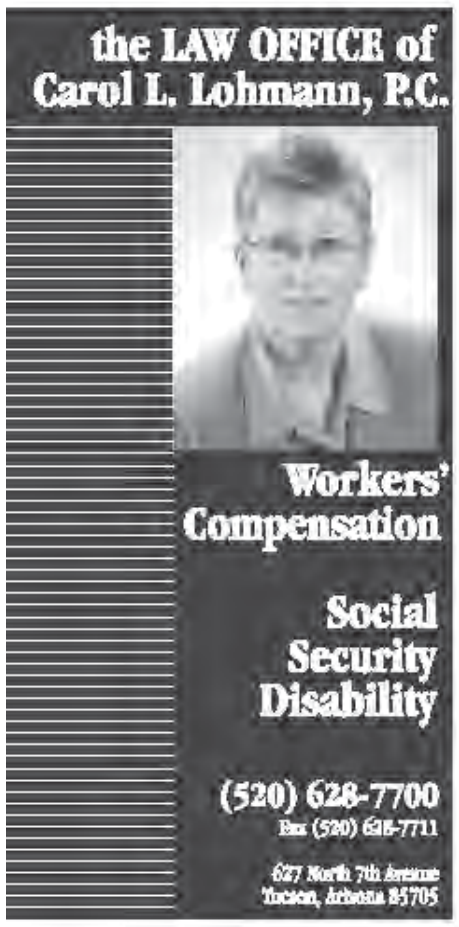
Who said that pink Caps lack that sexual spark? Well, who will say that this August? Not many! You exude charisma, tension and quite a bit of passionate oomph. Will you spread it around or keep it bottled up like so much canned heat. Planets in Leo sharpen your sensual skill and make you a lover like no other. And that can even be a good thing.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Those dreary nights can become quite a bit less dreary this August as Aqueerians explore various and interesting relationships. Try one on and see how it fits. For those in a current partnership, see if there are new and interesting ways to liven it up. For those on the prowl, invest some time exploring new shopping venues to see who is on the rack. Will one size fit all?

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Although August can be considered the dog days of summer, it behooves you to exert a bit of elbow grease. Get more involved in your day to day job and you will see some impressive results. Guppies are not always as disciplined as they might be. For those with weak wills, turn your attention to a health-related activity. How about a spa date? Okay, now get back to work!!



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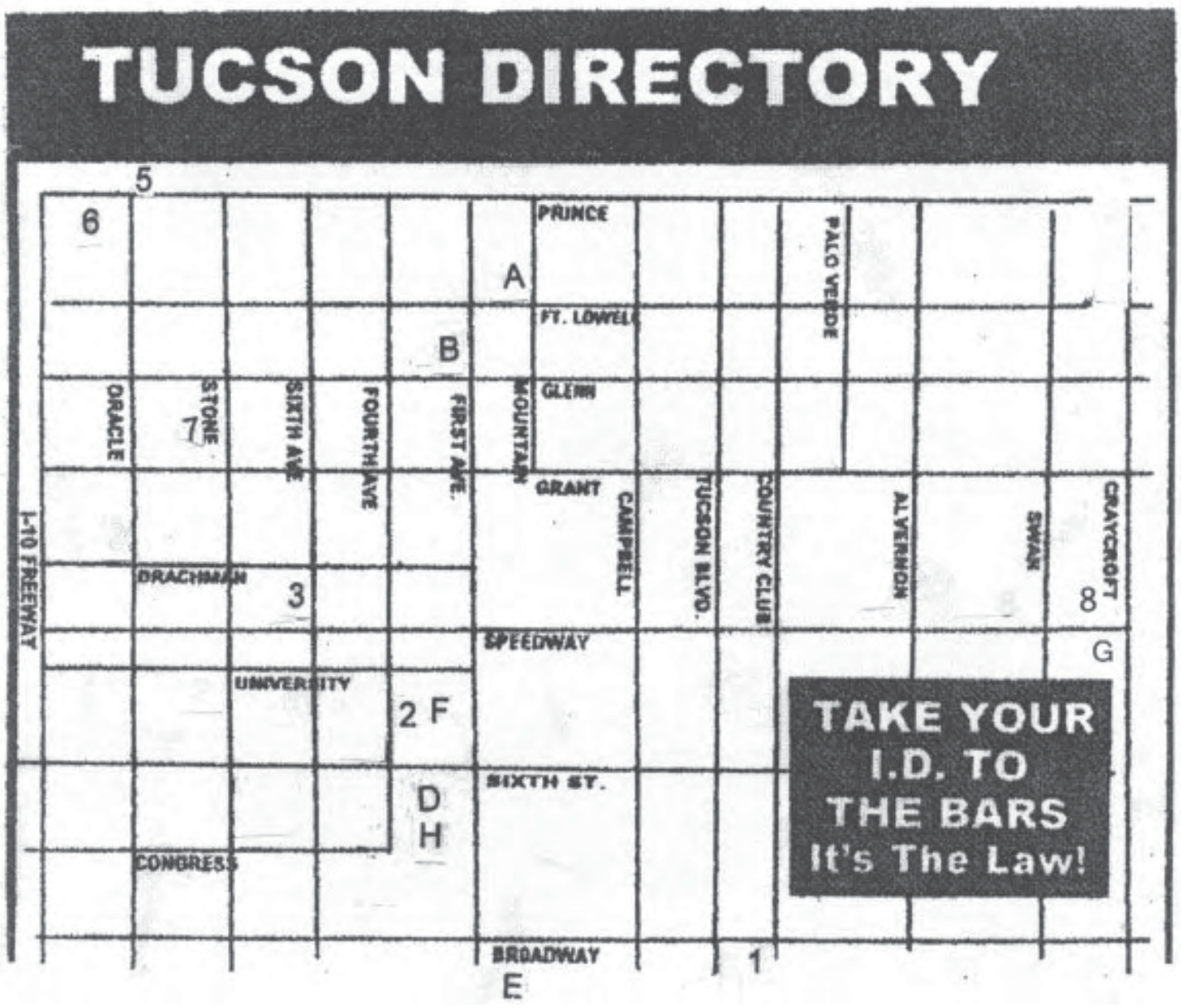

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Wednesday, August 1st
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Hand and Foot with Bruce. 743-3890.

Thursday, August 2nd
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

Friday, August 3rd
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come out and totally enjoy putting your acting/ miming and pantomime skills to the test. For directions and reservations [(a limited space event, please plan ahead and phone early)], place a telephone call to Lee and Merlin, your gracious yet competitive emcees and moderators, at 207-5336.

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails – 5:30 – 7:00, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, August 4th
#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. MSN Potluck and Social Night located at 6801 N. Oracle Road. Just bring your favorite food to share (already fully cooked please) and join us for a relaxed evening of food and conversation.

Sunday, August 5th
#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 11:00a.m. Kitt Peak Day Trip. Car caravan to the mountaintop (bring lunch and drinks), telescope tour, Visitor's Center. Call Steve at 745-0304 for info. Cost: $7.00.

#2Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com , or Ken at 294-6606. Please contact Thom or Ken by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under $10. Check the Yahoo 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.

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

Monday, August 6th
Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Mexican Train Dominos. Please call Karol at 744-9017 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.
Tuesday, August 7th
#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Gay Reading Group meets at Wingspan. For info, contact Doug at 529-0014

#2Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.Canasta with Peter. Call for info and directions: 881-8276.Please call ahead to assist your host in planning the evening.

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

Wednesday, August 8th
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Friday, August 10th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Llo yd hosts a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, he will be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please contact 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!

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

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

Sunday, August 12
Tucson Prime Timers Brunch, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, August 13
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Tucson Prime Timers Brunch, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday August 13th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Karol for Trivial Pursuit by phoning to reserve your place at this limited seating event. Phone: 744-9017.

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

Tuesday, August 14th
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 Perry at 321-3287 for details.

Wednesday, August 15th
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HOWL AT THE MOON – Summer Hours Open 2pm. Smirnoff Vodkas $2.50 all day. Kitchen open 2-9pm. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 3 and 6 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. SIN is in on Sundays - Service Industry Nite. Driink discounts for hospitality industry employees. Dance music 9-close.

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

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

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

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm.

MONDAY

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

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 bar 4-8 pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker tourney at 6 & 8:30, Play for points and prizes. No cash involved. 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 - Half-Price Happy Hour 3-8pm. Karaoke 8pm-12am with 2 for 1 drinks.

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics 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 closed. $3.00 taco bar 4-8pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:00 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Tequila Nite with $2.50 well tequila & margaritas, 75¢ off call tequilas.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays $2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month $2.00).

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events). Havana Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis.

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/DJHill at 9pm! Rotating Shot Specials all night. Patio Bar opens @ 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics 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 Tournaments at 6 & 8:30 pm 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 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 - Open3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 'Thirsty Thursday' with Tori Steele & Friends! Drag show now ts at 10pm with Tori Steele, China Colliins and guests. $2 Pitchers and Rotating Shot Specials. Followed by DJ Hill til 2am.

COLORS - Open4pm-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,$3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics 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 Hill at 9pm. Rotating Shot Specials all night! Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm

COLORS - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics 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.

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

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Country dance lessons at 7:30p.m. Two Step or line Dance 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 - $2.00 U-Call-Its til 11pm. Saturday night dance party with DJ Hill9pm. Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-11pm, Lunch served until 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well, reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

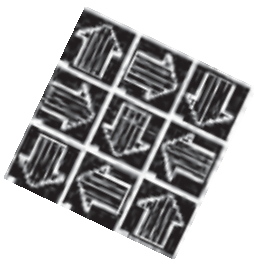
HOWL AT THE MOON – Summer hours - Open at 2 p.m. Happy Hour 2-8pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 2-9pm. $2.50 Capt. Morgan or Mailbu. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for $4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Learn to plau Texas Hold-Em Poker Lessons at noon with a friendly game to follow - no money involved. DJ playing dance mix or check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9pm to midnight serving late night munchies menu.

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

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

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

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



BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3
HOW AT THE MOON - Two-Step lessons with Amanda at 7:30 p.m. DJ Pat plays contemporary and classic country all night.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
COLORS - They've been serving Tucson for three years now and today they're celebrating their anniversary. There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
COLORS - A special review featuring stars from the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant starring Miss Gay America 2007, Lucious; Miss Gay America 2000, Catia Lee Love and Miss Gay Arizona '06 & '07 Makaila Kay.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Line Dance Lessons with Libby at 7:30 p.m. DJ Pat plays contemporary and classic country all night.

WOODY'S - Motown/R&B sounds of Simon Crown in the Back Pocket Patio Bar during Happy Hour. Also tonight is Woody's August Birthday Party with free cake and Champagne toast.

YARD DOG SALOON - Mom's Bar-B-Cue Dinner is being served at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
HOWL AT THE MOON - Lucinda Holliday's back with a great show. Better git you some o' that! 10:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Drag Biingo 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17
HOWL AT THE MOON - Two Step Lessons with Libby at 7:30 p.m. DJ Pat plays contemporary and classic country all night.

WOODY'S - Tonight starts a 3-day celebration of "Welcome Back Students Weekend"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18
HOWL AT THE MOON - August Birthday Bash - Drink Discounts if you were born in the month of August.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
WOODY'S - Motown/R&B sounds of Simon Crown in the Back Pocket Patio Bar during Happy Hour.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
WOODY'S - Drag Bingo 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
VENTURE-N - Prepare your loin cloth and get ready to get to the annual "Jungle Party". It's a big event here!

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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 avaible 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424
SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th Street. 743-4800.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED – Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

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

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

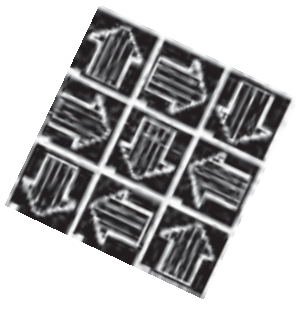
LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

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

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

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

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



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