



First Civil Unions In Vermont

BRATTLEBORO, VT (NP) - A new era began in *lgbt* history at 12:01 a.m. when the first same-gender couples' relationships are recognized by the state of Vermont.

"Somebody had to be first, it might as well be Brattleboro," Brattleboro Town Clerk Annette Cappy told reporters as she opened her window at 12:01 a.m. on July 1 for an unidentified couple who want to be the first to obtain a license for Vermont's new "civil unions." Civil unions will offer Gay and Lesbian couples all the state-level benefits and obligations of marriage for the first time anywhere in the U.S. "This office used to be open on the first day of hunting season for 24 hours around the clock," Cappy recalled. "I guess if we did that, we can open early for two people in love."

And so began the process about which there's been so much celebration and consternation since the Vermont Supreme Court ruled in December that the Equal Benefits clause of the state constitution required giving same-gender couples access to the benefits of marriage.

If anything the controversy over civil unions may have grown more intense since the law was passed. Many candidates for office are hoping to use sentiment against the recognition of same-gender couples to oust the lawmakers who enacted civil unions. Advertisements with anti-civil union sentiment are filling the pages of local newspapers, some not just homophobic but completely wacky. ("The brain telling the digestive system to assume the functions of the reproductive system is as ludicrous as the brain directing one organ to perform as another. Indeed, can you cite even one example of any complete organ

substitution by the brain?")

On July 8, sixteen Roman Catholic Bishops from nearby Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire joined Vermont's Bishop of Burlington Kenneth Angell in a statement calling for repeal and if necessary a state constitutional amendment, because "The Legislature of the state of Vermont, by passing the civil unions bill, has attacked centuries of cultural and religious esteem for marriage between a man and a woman and has prepared the way for an attack on the well-being of society itself."

Bishop Angell has been a vocal opponent of civil unions throughout the debate, but on June 28 he issued a statement saying, "I will be praying this weekend for all concerned. I will be praying especially for those town clerks, justices of the peace, innkeepers and all people of conscience who are being so directly and sorely tested by the legality and morality of civil unions. But I will be praying, also, that we will not allow our disappointment and opposition to civil unions to deteriorate into disrespect and disdain for our Gay brothers and Lesbian sisters. Divided as we may be on this issue, we are all God's children, all one family in God."

Angell had actually been preparing his letter before he received a request for something like it from Governor Dean, which read, "There have been an increasing number of incidents in Vermont where Gay and Lesbian people have been targets of deeply wounding personal attacks and epithets. I am increasingly concerned as feelings on this controversial issue become more intense."

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World Pride 2000 Opens

ROME, Italy - Pride and prejudice. Rome is in for a week of both.

World Pride 2000, a weeklong festival celebrating Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and Transgender life, began this past Saturday, with a gala opening concert - and a fistful of angry anti-Gay demonstrations, the Associated Press reported.

In many cities, the festival wouldn't raise so much as an eyebrow. But Rome is the center of the Roman Catholic world - and the center of that world's Holy Year, the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ.

The Vatican has been open in its disapproval, setting a tone of intolerance that has made the festival as much a political event as a party.

Rightist politicians, neo-fascists and conservative Catholic groups have been relentless in their anti-Gay pronouncements.

The city withdrew its official patronage and the premier of Italy spoke out publicly against World Pride.

Festival organizers say the outcry has boomeranged, creating a groundswell of support and sympathy. They recently upped their estimate of the number of people who would attend from 200,000 to 300,000.

The controversy has also provoked the most public discussion of homosexuality Italy has ever seen.

Newspapers and magazines have been crammed with articles - some pro, some con, some neutral. State television plans to cover some festival events, which include concerts, a fashion show, movies, round-table discussions and a parade July 8.

People in public life have begun to

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Supreme Court Rules Boy Scouts Can Bar Gay Troop Leaders

By Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) - The Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts may exclude Gays from serving as troop leaders.

The decision overturns a New Jersey Supreme Court ruling last year that the Boy Scouts' policy of excluding Gays violated the state's anti-discrimination laws. The group has argued that because it is private, and not a public accommodation, it has a First Amendment right to choose its members and leaders.

A slim majority of the high court agreed.

"The Boy Scouts asserts that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the values it seeks to instill," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court. Requiring the organization to accept a Gay scoutmaster "would significantly burden the organization's right to oppose or disfavor homosexual conduct."

Rehnquist was joined by Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Dissenting were Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.

Writing for the dissent, Stevens said the New Jersey law "does not impose any serious burdens" on the Boy Scouts' goals, "nor does it force [the Boy Scouts] to communicate any message that it does not wish to endorse. New Jersey's law, therefore, abridges no constitutional right of the Boy Scouts."

Although the ruling does not specifically apply to Gay members, the language is broad enough to support expelling Gay youth from the group as well, Dale's attorney said in an interview.

"The Supreme Court said that Boy Scouts of America has a right to discriminate, but the court did not say that discrimination is right," said Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

"Like other kids, Gay youth deserve the opportunity to participate in valuable programs like scouting, and those who actively support the Boy Scouts must now work to end discrimination and send a message of fairness," he added.

The ruling was a loss for James Dale, who wanted to become an adult leader of the local Boy Scouts after distinguishing himself as a member. He was admitted

to Order of the Arrow honor camping society and earned the Eagle Scout badge, Scouting's highest honor and one that only 3 percent of Scouts receive.

When he was fired as assistant Scout master of the Matawan, New Jersey, troop in 1990, Dale was 20.

Now 29, he sued the Boy Scouts in 1992 after the Boy Scouts of America rejected his application for the adult leadership position and subsequently fired him. The Boy Scouts told him in writing that homosexuality was contrary to the organization's values.

The Scout oath requires members to be "morally straight." The organization "takes the position that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with the Scout oath ... and contrary to the Scout Law to be 'clean' in word and deed," according to Thomas E. Baker, a constitutional scholar at the Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, who wrote an impartial analysis of the case for the American Bar Association.

The Boy Scouts found out that Dale was Gay after a newspaper article revealed that fact. Dale, as co-president of Rutgers University's Lesbian/Gay Alliance, gave a speech in July 1990, which was the subject of the article, and later that month, he received a dismissal letter from the Boy Scouts.

Dale sued under New Jersey's anti-discrimination act, which bars discrimination based on race, national origin or sexual orientation, among others, in places of "public accommodation."

Last year, the New Jersey Supreme Court held that the Boy Scouts illegally terminated Dale in violation of the "public accommodation" provision and ordered the organization to reinstate him.

The court ruled that the Boy Scouts, whose membership is vast and varied, is not essentially a private club that can exclude members based on this criterion or that.

The court ruled that the anti-discrimination law applies because "Scouting was not sufficiently personal or private," according to Baker's analysis.

In other words, the New Jersey high court rejected the Boy Scouts' arguments that it was a private group and therefore the anti-discrimination law does not apply in the case.

The Boy Scouts appealed to the
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UPDATE

'Dr.' Laura Tucson Rally Update

TUCSON - On Friday, July 7, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., consider stopping by the Stonewall on First Avenue for dinner, a hamburger and a beer, to help the Stop Dr. Laura Tucson Committee, as they hold their first in a series of fund raisers.

Proceeds from this will go to the committee and their efforts to hold a rally against, Sunday, August 20, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the anti Gay radio personality, "Dr." Laura Schlessinger's proposed television show on KGUN-9. Another fund raiser has been scheduled for July 30 at IBT's.

Informational meetings on the rally continue on Wednesday's, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday's, 10:00 to noon, at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Schlessinger's show has been picked up locally by KGUN-TV, channel 9, the ABC affiliate. Her show, as of press time, will start airing Monday, September 11. On KGUN, it will air, according to general manager, Ray Depa, at 3:00 p.m., five days a week.

According to organizers, Sunday, August 20, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., is the date and time for a Tucson rally against Schlessinger's show. The rally will take place at KGUN 9, 7280 E. Rosewood Drive.

For more information, call Andrea (520) 519-6768 or Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament July 12

TUCSON - The annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament is being held at IBT's 616 N. Fourth Avenue, July 22, 4:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual event will go to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Hosting this year's event is Ajia Simone. Event organizers are encouraging people to participate, sponsor a wrestler or at least come out and watch the fun and have a wonderful time. It's not a competition, people participating will be matched up by similar physical characteristics.

For more information, call (520) 884-5279, or the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

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GLBT Outreach Subcommittee Meeting July 10

TUCSON - The next meeting of the Outreach Subcommittee of the City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Issues will be held on Monday July 10, 5:30 p.m.

This meeting will be held at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation 375 South Euclid, in the Conference Room. Please enter at the North Side of building.

For more information, call Ana Lozano, (520) 628-7223.

KHRR Planning Series On Local Hispanic GLBT Community

TUCSON - KHRR-TV 40 (Telemundo) is planning a series on Tucson's Spanish-speaking Gay and Lesbian community.

KHRR is seeking Gay and Lesbian Spanish-speaking couples for on-camera interviews.

For more information, please call Abelardo Oquita, News Director, (520) 322-6888.

Gielgud Made Secret Donations to G/L Group

LONDON, UK - Sir John Gielgud made several payments to the U.K. Gay rights group Stonewall but demanded that the donations be kept secret so as not to encourage speculation about his private life.

Out actor Sir Ian McKellen reports on his Web site (www.mckellen.com), "Privately, Sir John sent regular contributions to Stonewall, the U.K. lobby group supporting Gay-Lesbian reform. I had asked him to allow Stonewall to publish the fact that he was a benefactor. He replied: 'No, no, no, no.'" McKellen adds, "What a pity that he couldn't accept his honored position as one of the most distinguished Gay men who contributed to much to world theater and, of late, to the film industry."

Gyles Brandeth, a friend of Gielgud's, who says, "It wasn't something [Gielgud] was keen to talk about on a public platform. He wasn't secretly Gay—he just felt it wasn't the job of actors to talk publicly about such things."



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EDITOR:

I was delighted to read Dr. Kavar's column, "What About All This Abomination Stuff?" in the June 21 Observer. Whether we like it or not Gay liberation is a religious conflict so we had better understand the battlefield upon which we are fighting.

A couple of statements which Dr. Kavar makes need to be explored in much greater depth. He speaks of the fertility religions as though they were alien cults which have long been discredited while in reality all modern western religions are still fertility cults. What has happened follows the anthropological principle that whatever is sacred comes to be forbidden. Just listen to the fundamentalists.

Dr. Kavar is avoiding the core issue when he mistranslates the Hebrew word qadesh as "male temple prostitute." Actually, qadesh means "holy" and the qadeshim were the sacred ones. In primitive times, women were assumed to have some sort of sacred powers within themselves because they could produce new life. Thus, men who would assume the "feminine position" were also assumed to have some sort of sacred qualities. In biblical times, only "bottom men" were considered to be homosexual.

Note that it was not the men of Sodom but the angels who were homosexual. It appears that in several ancient societies people believed that they could absorb some of this sacred fertilizing power into their own bodies and become prosperous by ritually sacrificing and eating homosexual men. Thus, it seems probable that the sin of Sodom was that they ate the angels.

Even though they are usually mistranslated and suppressed, references to homosexuality and transsexualism are extremely common in the Bible. Jacob is an obvious transsexual, and to designate his favorite son Joseph as a qadeshim, he sews a coat of many colors (a girl's robe) for him. Here we are told the origin of the drag queens. And, if you haven't noticed Catholic priests still wear these robes.

Joshua, who was a direct successor to Joseph, was called "son of Nun (the sea)" which designates him as one of the homosexual dolphin (fish) shamans. What other fish shaman do you know of in the Bible?

By contrast, Moses was one of the heterosexual serpent priest which were active in the Sinai. Sinai was the mountain of the moon-serpent and the name Levi is derived from leviathan (the great snake). This raises some serious questions about the biblical story of the exodus since historically it should have been Joshua, not Moses, who opened the sea and led the Israelites out of Egypt. Actually, a simple way of reconciling the inconsistencies and anachronisms in the Bible would be to regard the role of Moses in the exodus as a work of fiction and the laws as a fraud produced by the Mushite priests of Jerusalem. Is that what we are not supposed to know?

The more one investigate the problem of homosexuality in religion, the more one is led to theological closet doors which have been sealed for thousands of years. We may not want to see what is behind them but we must open them. Homosexuals have contributed so much good to the world so why are we hated so venomously? Who are our enemies and what is their agenda? Sincerely,

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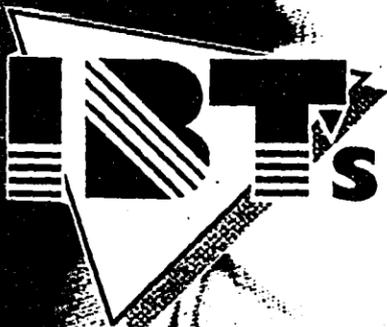
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Openly Gay Tucson Minister Welcomed In Mainline Church

TUCSON - Over the last three months, Methodists and Southern Baptists reaffirmed their stand that homosexuality is incompatible with Christianity, Presbyterians tabled discussion of the Gay clergy, and local members of the United Church of Christ welcomed the Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., and a frequent Observer contributor, into the ranks of their clergy in the Southwest Conference.

and communities for our own support and affirmation," Kavar stated. "Today Gay and Lesbian people need to move from the Gay-ghetto and visibly take places at the table as equal partners in the larger community."

Dr. Kavar, previously a minister in the Gay-oriented denomination, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), applied for standing in the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) in order to transfer his ordination into this denomination. Kavar is openly Gay.

The United Church of Christ is a denomination formed by a merger of the Christian Congregational Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the 1950's. The historic roots of the United Church of Christ are the Pilgrims and Puritans who sailed the Mayflower. While the UCC is a liberal Christian denomination, it is far from the fringe of Christianity.

Having served as the director of the international missions program for the UFMCC and as founding pastor of a bilingual church in Miami Beach, Kavar decided to pursue standing in the UCC in order to be part of mainline Christianity.

The Congregational history of the UCC has been the first to make other strides on issues of equality in the society. The roots of the Abolitionist Movement are part of the UCC's Congregational history. The first woman ordained as clergy in the United States was also part of this history. Ordaining openly Gay and Lesbian people continues this history of equality and justice within the church.

"It has been historically important for Gay and Lesbian people to form groups

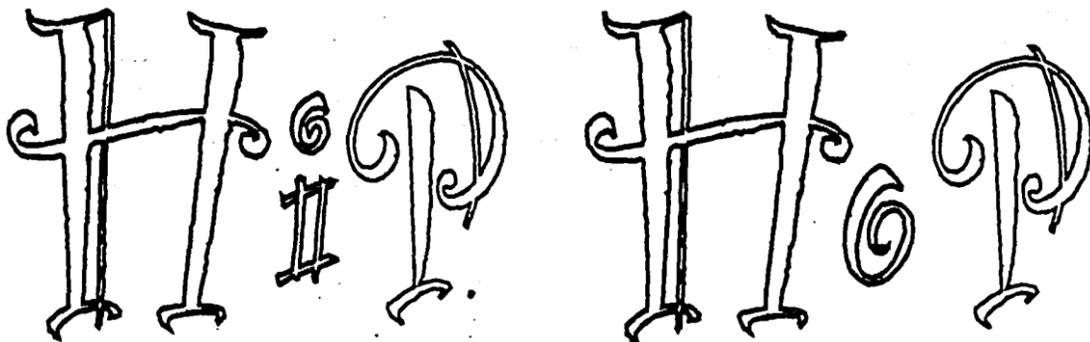
Three of the four congregations of the United Church of Christ in Tucson are officially designated as "open and affirming" congregations. This designation represents a process of study and official vote taken by members of the congregation to welcome and include people of diverse backgrounds at every level of the church's life, including Gay and Lesbian people. In these congregations, Gay and Lesbian people share in the life of their church as Sunday school teachers, choir members and committee chairs. The children of Gay and Lesbian parents participate in Vacation Bible School and other programs. Gay and Lesbian couples can have their relationships blessed and recognized within the church in ceremonies similar to traditional marriage.

Kavar brings a rich background and experience to the United Church of Christ. In addition to being an ordained minister, he holds a doctorate in counseling psychology and maintains a private practice in counseling. He is the author of five books and has lectured internationally on issues of personal growth, spiritual development, and social justice.

On June 12, representatives from the nine congregations of the United Church of Christ in Southern Arizona met to vote on receiving Dr. Kavar as clergy in the Southwest Conference. The vote was unanimous. A service to officially receive Dr. Kavar into the United Church of Christ will be held on Saturday, July 8, 1:00 p.m., at Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft Road, Tucson.



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There was a Gay men's health movement before AIDS, albeit a small, under-resourced and nascent movement. Its most prominent manifestations were community-based sexually transmitted disease clinics that emerged out of the free clinic movement of the 1960s. Many of the most prominent mainstream AIDS service organizations, Whitman-Walker in Washington, DC, Howard Brown in Chicago, Fenway Community Health in Boston, existed as Gay male STD clinics in the 1970s.

The 1970s were also a time when Gay men developed models of peer-based counseling, addiction recovery programs, and suicide prevention services to meet our communities' needs. The networks of queer social workers, doctors, psychologists, and activists, and the existence of Gay community centers, Gay newspapers, early men of color networks and Gay bars, bathhouses and discos created during the 1970s would serve us well in the years to come.

The Gay men's health movement was interrupted by the onslaught of AIDS. Many of our leaders and institutions applied their energies and resources to the burgeoning epidemic - and we are grateful they did. The first major AIDS conferences were convened as part of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, and most of our major AIDS organizations were created out of existing networks of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender health activists. Our communities' extraordinary response to AIDS in the 1980s was made possible by our organizing work of the 1970s.

By stating that the resources and talents of the 1970s were redirected to fighting AIDS, I do suggest that the Gay men's health movement died in the 1980s. Instead, I argue the work continued in quieter, less-prominent ways, and often with very limited funding. Often the Gay health movement was intertwined with HIV organizing in surprising and sometimes confusing ways. For example, the number and size of queer community centers expanded impressively over the past 15 years, with many becoming full-scale social service agencies meeting a broad range of

VIEWPOINT

by Eric Rofes

Why Gay Men's Health? Why Now?

community health. The expansion of services focused on Gay youth and Gay men of color also occurred during this time, as savvy proposal writers convinced funding sources that strengthening the overall health of our communities was effective HIV prevention work.

And this brings us to the point we are at now, and the challenges ahead of us. One is the expansion of Gay men's health projects throughout this nation. We want to see conferences, organizations and networks formed which champion broadly-defined Gay men's health issues. Learning from our AIDS efforts, we want to see projects emerge from various Gay male ethnic and racial groups which define and prioritize specific communities' health agendas. We want local and national groups to form which take responsibility for oversight and planning for the health needs of our diverse populations. Second, we want to see Gay activism come alive and focus as much on issues such as anti-Gay violence or access to health care or STD treatment programs as HIV/AIDS. If a decade ago, we united under banners proclaiming Silence = Death, today the silence surrounding non-HIV related Gay men's health issues is deafening. We want Gay men out in the streets demanding universal health care for all, full funding for mental health services and the development of new technologies to promote Gay men's sexual health. And we want the Gay media to take all Gay male health issues seriously, and not limit their focus to HIV.

Third, we need to challenge and help health care providers and others meet our needs. The creation of a publication focused on Gay men's health, an algorithm for doctors to use when gathering a sexual history from Gay men, a public statement from Gay men 35 and under about their needs are examples of the tools we need to bring needed partners into our movement.

Fourth, we need to support men 35 years old and younger as they take on leadership roles in our health movement, re-frame existing questions to fit their own interests and needs, and assert their voices loud and clear. It strikes me as ironic that during the Gay liberation period, our movement's leaders were primarily in their teens, twenties, and early thirties. When I was a young Gay man, few thought it odd that a 22 year old would be the editor of a Gay paper, leader of an activist group, or author of a political manifesto. The vanguard of the women's movement, the civil rights movement, Chicano organizing, and anti-war efforts was teeming with young people. Today, Gay people 30 and under are often classified as youth and offered mentorship programs. We need them as the leaders.

And finally, fifth, we want to transform the ways in which we think about and evaluate Gay men, shifting away from a perspective which exoticizes, demonizes, and pathologizes our bodies and our lives and into a model which recognizes the tenacity, survival-skills, and overall resilience of our cultures and communities. What would it mean to understand openly Gay men as the resilient portion of our community, that portion which has suffered physical assault, religious abuse, and political violence yet emerged emotionally intact and spiritually strong? What would it mean to understand our gender play, kinship networks, and sexual cultures not as pathetic products borne of a homophobic society, but as adaptive survival strategies which have served us well?

Let me be clear about one final point. The traditional American way of generating support around health issues: the crisis construct. Deploying the murder of Matthew Shepard, or the rise in reports of rectal gonorrhea, or alarming reports about Hepatitis C to fan the flames of crisis

might draw people to this movement. However, it is best to resist this temptation and be clear about one thing: we want to create a Gay men's health movement that will build momentum outside the toxic cycle of crisis and resolution which frames most contemporary health organizing. We need and deserve a movement that will sustain itself against the capricious whims of media attention and the inexplicable shifts in interest by funders.

[Eric Rofes is a long-time community organizer and author of *Dry Bones Breathe: Gay Men Creating Post-AIDS Identities and Cultures* (Haworth, 1998). The Gay Men's Health Summit will take place July 18-23 in Boulder, CO. Information about the summit is available online at www.bcap.org.]



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TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) is celebrating it's 21st anniversary - the oldest continuously active club for men and women of the levi/leather persuasion in Tucson and maybe further! TKO held its installation of officers this past Saturday at the Venture-N.

In the top photo, Merlin C. is repeating the oath of the office of president as given by a guest from the Empire Leathermen.

In the bottom photo, the officers for the coming year give their best installation smiles (with the exception of Doc, who accepted being Run Captain for yet another term). They are from Left to Right, 'Big' Ed W. who handles the purse strings as Treasurer, Patrick McC. Handles the correspondence and minutes as Secretary, Merlin C. carries the iron hand as President, and Doc who has been in the TKO as long as anyone can remember and takes care of all the travails of the many runs the club takes.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's welcome sizzly, apres Pride July. Jupiter jumps into Gemini as a crowd of planets congregate in Cancer before ambling into Leo. Expect a burst of vitality that has surprisingly lucky results. Who knows friends; this may be the month that the golden goose comes home to roost. Take a gander at July:

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Rainbow Rams should take advantage of the sultry summer to invite friends over and have fun. Tend to all unfinished home projects before the 23rd; after that you'll be hot to trot all over town. Personal planets in Cancer mandate that you continue to stoke the pride festivities from June. Heck, don't they know that pride is a twelve month celebration anyway?

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

With all those planets clogging Cancer in early July, proud Bulls are anxious to spread the good word, and good thing too! Speak loud and queer before the 14th; after that Venus and the Sun give you every excuse to cocoon in the comfort of your home and recharge your depleted batteries. Lie back and smell the roses. Jupiter will help you afford a bit of champagne too.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins are a force to be reckoned with in early July as lucky Jupiter enters their sign. Put it to work on your bottom line, cousin, especially after the 17th when Mercury and Mars team up to improve your financial prospects. The bellowing Leo energy gives your opinions power and projection after the 14th. Use your persuasive talents to push our rainbow causes forward.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The cluster of personal planets in Cancer begin your July with a personal surge. New projects can begin and new people brought into your life. After the 14th, expect Venus and then the Sun in Leo to give pink Crabs a run for their money. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish; invest wisely and start planning for a fabulous retirement. Think full service penthouse with hot tub...

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

July may be a month of surprises for proud Lions with a secret or two. All these personal planets hovering in Cancer can't abide hidden things and will let your secrets spill out. Thank goodness! Enjoy all the affirming fallout after the 14th when Venus and then the Sun enter your own sign and turn on the charisma. You are #1, sweets; don't take no for an answer.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Gay Virgins are the life of the party in early July as many personal planets traipse through Cancer and bring friends to your door. Enjoy the camaraderie while it lasts, cousin; by the 14th, your attention will be diverted to more spiritual endeavors. Give some time to community affairs after

mid-month. Jupiter in Gemini may even supply some extra funding to a good Gay cause. Good!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Get your career on track in early July when a barrage of personal planets in Cancer give you plenty of opportunity to get the attention of the big corporate guns. But shoot your best ideas to the top before the 14th when lovely Venus and then the Sun enter Leo and pumps up your social life. You'll ascend to the "A" list of every event, lucky thing. Make the most of it.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Queer Scorps hear the call of the wild in early July when a plethora of personal planets push through Cancer. I think you need a mental break so why not travel after the 17th to experience new things and unwind. If you've been feeling like a piece of dry cheese on an old cracker, it's time to change the menu. Why not add a few spices and create a delicious concoction?

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

They say that Gay Centaurs are half human / half animal. This July, as a bunch of planets step through Cancer, the animal side of you takes control. Fulfill your lusty dreams before the 14th, lover. After that, Venus and then the Sun move into Leo, and you revert back to the friendly world traveler, losing that sexy steam. How sad that Cancer energy only hits you once a year!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Give your full attention to partners in early July. Gay Cap, when many personal planets hover in Cancer. Expect some miscommunication with retro Mercury until the 17th but don't let that dissuade you from giving it your all. Giving means getting after the 14th when lovely Venus pokes your embers. It would be nice to have a lover to stir your smolderings desires, so be nice.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Early July offers inroads in your job. Aquarians can roll up their sleeves and get to work while these personal planets dance in Cancer. After the 14th, all bets are off as Venus and then the Sun amble into Leo. You'll want to cuddle with partners (or seek someone, you single thing you) rather than burn the midnight oil in your cubicle. Do I smell someone burning?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Party hearty, while all these personal planets boogie through Cancer in early July. Pink Fish love to relax and enjoy, so relax and enjoy... until the 14th when Venus and then the Sun move into Leo and accentuate work and health. You may find that all this dissipated and loose behavior will catch up with you if you are not careful. But oh heck, What a way to go!

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POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

'Fly The Friendly Skies Because Laura Can't!'

In their ruling issued this past week, five members of the U.S. Supreme Court stated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) can bar Gay men, such as Eagle Scout James Dale, who had a spotless, exemplary record, from being troop leaders because the BSA is a "private organization" and can set its own rules despite the fact that this "private organization" has asked for many handouts from government, (municipalities through federal), and donations from businesses and corporations.

Gay and Lesbian right's groups called the ruling a travesty while conservatives, especially religious television broadcasters, praised the court for their action, thwarting the homosexual lobby.

The President, still Bill Clinton, chimed in on the subject, responding to a reporter's question, stating "this is just one step along the way of a movement toward greater inclusion for our society, because I think that's the direction we ought to be going in."

Amelia Craig Cramer, Tucson attorney and member of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission, said the ruling was the modern day, "Plessy v. Ferguson," which legalized segregation and codified Jim Crow laws in the South, separating black and white Americans and was eventually overturned, 58 years later.

Religious television broadcasters scored a direct victory this past week when the House of Representatives approved, by a vote of 264-159, H.R. 4201, the "Non Commercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act." H.R. 4201 would prevent the Federal Communication's Commission from regulating religious television broadcasters. Arizona Representative Ed Pastor, D-CD 2 voted against the bill. The other Arizona Republican Members of Congress, including Jim Kolbe, voted in favor of H.R. 4201, which now goes to the U.S. Senate.

Paramount Television, who will be polluting the nation's television airwaves with the "Dr." Laura show, must be gleeful, because they now have a excuse, if H.R. 4201 is somehow enacted into law, to peddle the show since Schlessinger bases her attitude towards homosexuals on her religious background.

Still on the subject of Laura Schlessinger, the misunderstood hate-monger was in Washington, D.C., to meet Republican Congressional leaders, including House majority leader Dick Armye, Republican whip Tom DeLay, Senate majority leader Trent Lott, and former presidential candidate Gary Bauer. "To meet these people in living color—or at least, Washington color—was thrilling for me," Laura blathered. A more important question to ask was about how the anti-Gay

radio shock-jock got to the nation's capital, since United Airlines, a former advertiser with Schlessinger, won't let the "Dr." fly on their airplanes.

Back across the unfriendly skies to Arizona, the "dust is settling" with the numerous filing of petition's for various political offices on the Arizona 2000 general election ballot.

Six parties will have their candidates listed for the nation's highest office, President, on the ballot. Democrat - Al Gore, Republican - Shrub Bush, Libertarian - Harry Browne, Green - Ralph Nader. Both the Reform and Natural Law Parties have still to determine their standard-bearers.

For the U.S. Senate, Arizona's incumbent, Republican Jon Kyl faces token opposition in his bid for another term. Arizona's lone Democratic member of the U.S. House, Ed Pastor, will also face token opposition in the CD-2 race in the overwhelming Democratic district. For Jim Kolbe, the only Gay Republican Member of the House, it won't be the easy road for his ninth-term. Kolbe will face the winner of the Democratic primary, between state Senator George Cunningham and former deputy Pima County Attorney, Mary Judge Ryan, in what many political pundits are calling one of the key races for the Democrats, who need to win six seats from the GOP to regain control of the U.S. House.

In this presidential election year, two statewide political offices are up for consideration, both posts are on the three-member Arizona Corporation Commission.

One of the seats, currently occupied by Republican, Bill Mundell, is being contested since the former Commissioner, Tony West, was removed from office. Mundell is running to serve for the remainder of the four year term. Mundell will face the winner of the Democratic primary, between state Representative Herschella Horton, D-Tucson and Barbara Lubin, and Libertarian, Ray Price.

Carl Kunasck, a Republican, can't run for another term under state law, so the other race, for the open seat, and a full six-year term is up for grabs this year. Stephen Ahearn and former state Senator, Sandra Kennedy, are vying for the Democratic nomination, with the winner to face Republican state Senator, Marc Spitzer, in the general election.

In the Arizona Legislature, only six races of a possible thirty, for state Senate are uncontested (four Democrats and two Republicans) and the Democrats picked up one seat in the state House but maybe I've said too much for this week. ...

So it goes for now kids!

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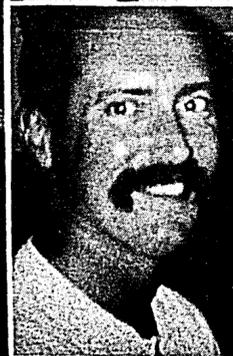
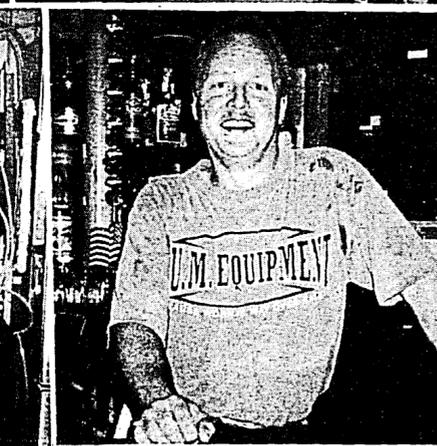
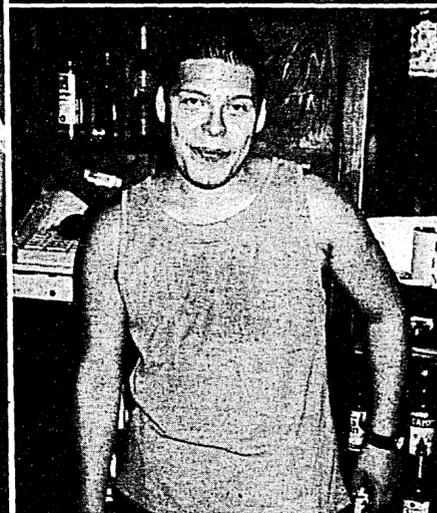
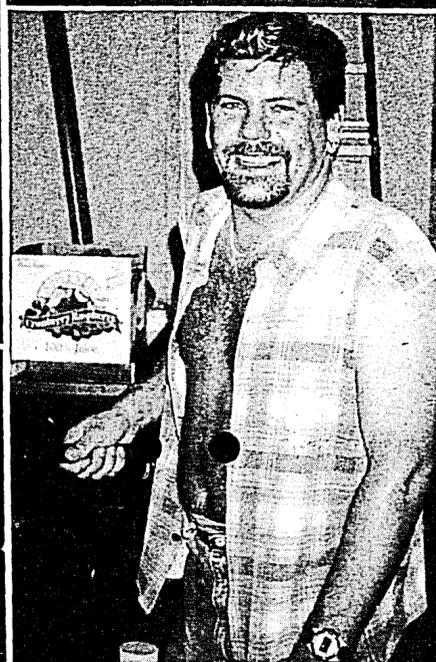
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Supreme Court Rules

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U.S. Supreme Court, which accepted the case on January 14 of this year and heard oral arguments on April 26, the last day for arguments this term. They argued that its First Amendment free speech and freedom of association rights were violated by the New Jersey high court. It was up to them, the Boy Scouts insisted, not to any court, to decide who will be an adult Scout leader and who will not and who is an appropriate role model for younger Scouts and who is not.

The Boy Scouts have been sued many times before in state courts, but the organization has consistently won judgments that say it does not fall under state public accommodations laws.

State courts in California, Connecticut, Oregon and Kansas have ruled in the Boy Scouts' favor in similar public-accommodation cases brought by girls, atheists, homosexuals and the like. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit has also ruled similarly, according to Baker.

During oral arguments, George A. Davidson, an attorney for the Boy Scouts, argued that the Scouts were right in firing Dale because he "had created a reputation for himself" by publicizing his sexual preference and that his being Gay hampered his ability to be a role model for Scouts.

Evan Wolfson, Dale's lawyer, argued that because the Boy Scouts are not specifically an "anti-Gay organization," Dale's presence did not taint the group's message. He added that Dale did not seek to use his position as a Scout leader to advocate homosexuality.

"For 12 years they said, 'You're perfect, just what we want, get involved, it's family,'" Dale said before the case was argued. "Then they found one small thing about who you are and kicked me out."

Dale and his attorneys from the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund say the case is about discrimination against homosexuals and the Boy Scouts' anti-Gay policies.

But the Boy Scouts organization argues that it is merely trying to protect its First Amendment right to freedom of association. It expressed its approval of the court's decision.

"We believe an avowed homosexual is not a role model for the values espoused in the Scout Oath and Law," said the group in a statement. "This decision affirms our standing as a private association with the right to set its own standards for membership and leadership and allows us to continue our mission of providing character-building experiences for young people, which has been our chartered purpose since our founding."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) vowed to continue efforts to end discrimination despite the U.S. Supreme Court's decision. "The Boy Scouts' policy is wrong, and the decision should lead no one to believe that discrimination against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and

Transgendered people is acceptable," said NGLTF Executive Director Elizabeth Toledo. "The task before us now is the same as it has always been: to ensure that our society, our government, and our workplaces treat all people fairly."

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) called the U.S. Supreme Court decision a travesty of justice that may allow large, open membership groups to be above the law and evade state and local nondiscrimination laws. "We are gravely disappointed with a ruling that gives the Boy Scouts of America the ability to discriminate with impunity," said HRC Legal Director Tony Varona. "This is a hollow victory for the Boy Scouts of America - considering the wasted time, energy and money it has spent on maintaining its ability to discriminate and attack young men who have served its organization with distinction. Is this any way to teach youth about fairness, honesty and justice?"

The City of Tucson, which has a 23-year-old anti-discrimination ordinance on the books had signed onto the amicus brief favoring Dale's position. Sylvia Campoy of the city's Equal Opportunity Office, which enforces the ordinance, said "we're very disappointed with the ruling by the Court. It's not the position in favor of action taken with the Supreme Court." She added that she will be meeting with the City's Human Relations Commission and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Commission to make sure "that it's very clear a zero tolerance of discrimination continues in Tucson despite the ruling."

One of the GLBT Commission members, attorney Amelia Craig-Cramer said she was "saddened." "This is a bad decision, a wrong decision, a frightening decision. It is a slap in the face of this nation's commitment to equality," she added.

Cramer went on to say that, "The Supreme Court's decision in this case threatens not only all laws prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination but also all laws prohibiting discrimination based upon race, gender and disability. It effectively says that any private organization, whether an employer, a provider of housing, or a place of public accommodation, can legally discriminate if it simply says it has as part of its philosophy condemnation of homosexuality or condemnation of mixture of the races, or condemnation of mixture of the sexes or condemnation of mixture of able-bodied and disabled people."

"I find disingenuous the Supreme Court majority's assertion that it is merely protecting freedom of expression and freedom of speech in upholding a right of the Boy Scouts' to reject openly-Gay scoutmasters because of their 'message' when the Boy Scouts at the same time accept non-Gay scoutmasters who oppose the Boy Scouts' discriminatory policy."

Cramer continued, stating that this decision "will go down in history as being as wrong as Plessy v. Ferguson - the old 'separate but equal' decision involving racial segregation that finally was overturned with Brown v. Board of Education. I only hope we won't have to wait 100 years for the Supreme Court to realize the evil of this case as it realized the evil of Plessy."

REUTERS/VARIETY ON DR. LAURA, FEB. 13, 2000

"Her [Dr. Laura's] perorations strongly suggest that many gays are predators, eager to covert new members to the faith. She urges parents to avoid bringing kids into the company of possibly gay relatives."

In The Aftermath Of The U.S. Supreme Court's Disappointing Decision In Boy Scouts of America V. Dale

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has received an outpouring of support. We've been contacted by many people who are energized to combat the Boy Scout's discriminatory membership policy and anti-Gay message. The BSA's leadership may have narrowly won the right to discriminate, but that doesn't make discrimination right.

No Court decision prevents the members, the sponsors, and others from speaking up to end discrimination. The ruling has underscored the opportunity and obligation each of us has to reach out to others, working to make sure that all our kids get the support, services, and inclusion they deserve - in Boy Scouts and in the many youth programs that do not discriminate, such as the 4-H Club, Girl Scouts, and Boys and Girls Clubs, which should be encouraged.

BSA based its presentation to the Supreme Court on the claim that discriminating is essential to their ability to convey what they want to convey to their members. Having fought for and won the dubious label of discriminator, BSA's leaders now must live with that label. That means an end to the special role and support they have enjoyed over the decades because of their now-violated pledge to be "open to all boys."

Here are some great ways for you to encourage others to support all kids and work for an end to discrimination:

Urge the many government sponsors of Boy Scout troops - public schools, fire departments, etc. - to withdraw their sponsorship. Government cannot run programs that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, both because of the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause and any state or local law that might require non-discrimination by public entities.

Urge other sponsors of Scout troops (such as United Way or public employee charity lists) to either withdraw their support (and build new, inclusive programs for youth) or advocate within Scouting for an immediate policy change to allow Gay youth and adult members.

Urge parents to voice their opposition to the lesson of discrimination.

Urge Scout members to voice their opposition to the exclusionary membership policy and to the interpretation of Scouting principles that says Gay people are not "morally straight" or "clean" (an interpretation that stigmatizes, stereotypes, and contradicts the Scout Handbook's definition of "morally straight" as meaning "...guide your life with honesty, purity, and justice. Respect and defend the rights of all people. Your relationships with others should be honest and open.").

We are heartened by how many people now seek to take action and speak out against discrimination - seizing the opportunity to reach fair-minded people and to assure that our struggle for equality is empowered, not discouraged.

In seeking to end this discrimination, we must be sure that our efforts are respectful of important constitutional principles that we support, even for those who oppose us.

For example, Gay groups often properly invoke the requirement that, if government opens up meeting rooms or other "public fora" to any groups, it must



open them to all (regardless of viewpoint). Similarly, the Boy Scouts will continue to be able to meet, as one among many community groups, at public schools or other public facilities that open themselves up to private groups.

However, as an admitted discriminator, the Boy Scouts has forfeited the special privileges and benefits that it has enjoyed for decade as "open to all boys." Thus, BSA troops can no longer be sponsored (i.e., franchised) by government entities such as public schools, for that special relationship goes beyond neutral access to literally make the government a joint participant in discrimination. It unfairly and unconstitutionally puts the government imprimatur, as well as resources, on the side of exclusion against Gay kids and others.

So, in your efforts, focus on urging:

an end to sponsorship and other improper direct, special support by the government, as opposed to neutral, equal access to meeting rooms themselves.

In then same spirit, focus on the personal (as opposed to legal) obligation of each member, parent, United Way, sponsor, or donor to support groups that are inclusive of all, rather than injurious to some kids.

We hope this preliminary posting provides a starting point for the many of you who've been asking all the right questions about where we go from here. Public discussion, outreach to allies, and persistence will win the civil rights that the Court's narrow majority failed to uphold this time around. Lambda will keep updating this information as we go forward post-Dale.

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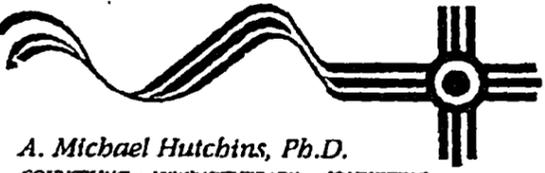
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The New Testament and Homosexuality: What's Really In There?

Prejudice impacts every aspect of life, including scholarship. Many scholars, including scholars in the fields of religious studies, abandon the tools of their academic disciplines when an issue arises that hits their deep-seated prejudice. Until about twenty-five years ago, that was true with Biblical translation and the issue of homosexuality.

A basic principle of Biblical studies is that clear, often repeated, unambiguous statements take precedence over seldom mentioned, ambiguous, and difficult to translate statements. For instance, a central message in the New Testament is, "love one another." That statement and many variations of it are repeated over and over in most every book of the New Testament. That's a message that is clearly important. In fact, probably no other statement in the New Testament is more important. Commenting on the directive to "love one another," Jesus says that it summarizes all the Hebrew scripture as well.

With that in mind, I want to consider three somewhat obscure references in the New Testament often used as the basis for claiming that homosexual orientation and behavior is contrary to the Christian tradition.

In the first chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, Paul begins to outline his argument that Roman culture is falling apart and quickly going to hell in a hand-bag. In this chapter, he states that one symptom of this is that men give up their natural inclination for woman and lust after men. Later, he says that women are also lusting after women. While it is tempting to examine the issue of lust and why that's considered a bad thing, focussing on my immediate task, I want to examine this issue of giving up one's natural inclination. For Paul and anyone else of his culture, what was considered natural is what was customary. For Paul, it was natural (and that is the word he uses) for men to allow

their hair to grow and not cut it and for women to cover their heads. It's also important to note that Paul is very clear as to why men and women give up their natural inclination for heterosexual relationships and lust after people of their own gender. In Paul's mind, this is a result of idolatry, or specifically, the worship of Roman deities.

There are many things we know about today that Paul didn't have a clue about: the earth is round and revolves around the sun; everything is made of cells which contain protons, electron, and neutrons; and that something exists called sexual orientation. Paul couldn't have understood that some people, by nature, are drawn to those of the same gender. However, he did know that some people in Roman culture went to temples and had sex with people of the same gender. Paul disapproved of that and any other connection with the worship of Roman deities.

The context of Paul's comments has very little if anything to do with constitutional homosexuality and the desire to have loving, enduring relationships with people of the same gender. What Paul wrote about in the book of Romans was how society was crumbling because of the excesses related to Roman culture. Comparing the two is simply comparing apples and oranges.

There are two references in other letters written by Paul where certain words are sometimes translated into English as homosexual. These references are 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and 1 Timothy 1:9-10. In both places, Paul lists common vices and sins. Two obscure Greek words are found in these lists: arsenokoitai and malakos. "Malakos" literally means, "soft." This word has been translated in some English Bibles as effeminate or homosexual. Arsenokoitai is more obscure. It's been translated as prostitute, sexual pervert and homosexual. Because these two words did not appear elsewhere in the Bible nor were they found in other literature, translators could not be sure of their exact meaning. They knew it had something to do with sex, but weren't clear exactly what.

Robin Scroggs, in this book, *The New Testament and Homosexuality*, has done the most extensive study of these two words. Scroggs depended heavily on other ancient for references to these words. In sum, he concludes that these words refer to pederastic practices, particularly those occurring in the educational system. These words have nothing to do with homosexuality as we know it. These words refer to childhood sexual abuse.

The bottom line is this: any English translation of the Bible that contains the word homosexuality is a mistranslation. The word didn't exist in any language until the modern er

At the same time, there are very positive images of men and women committing their love to each other in the Bible. I'll talk more about that next week.

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GLAAD ALERT

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Stands by Kissing-Men Photo: After the June 5 edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ran a photo of Tim Molloy and Brian Duck kissing at their wedding reception, the newspaper received a great deal of comment from readers. Some were supportive and appreciated the innocuous photo, which showed the tuxedoed men standing by a fancy three-tiered wedding cake, but the majority of comments came from readers expressing the usual fire and brimstone, what-about-the-children anger, disgust, outrage and more.

Responding to the comments, Carolyn Kingcade, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's readers' advocate, wrote a response that was published in the June 11 edition, titled "The complete picture sometimes can be more than readers want." She points out that the photo was used in the paper's "Point of View" feature on the commentary page, which has the purpose of running photos "that carry a message and provoke reflection." While acknowledging people's feelings and opinions, Kingcade notes that the photo caused "more reactions than reflections."

The newspaper does not apologize for running the photo and goes on to say that "an important role for a newspaper is to show readers a more complete picture of the world."

Please thank the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for running the photo that shows this positive side of the Gay community. The newspaper knew full well it would be stirring up its conservative audience, but went ahead and was inclusive. Second, thank it for not saying it made a mistake in running the photo, even though that would have been the easy way to appease the angry readers.

Contact: Christine Bertelson, Editorial Editor, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 900 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63101; fax: 314-340-3139; e-mail: letters@postnet.com, put Attention C. Bertelson in subject line.

Twist In Texas Sodomy Law Appeal

HOUSTON, TX (HC) -Prosecutors in Harris County, Tex., have opted to skip a step in their challenge of an appellate court's ruling overturning the state's sodomy law.

Rather than take the appeal to the Texas court of criminal appeals in Austin, prosecutors will instead request a hearing in front of all nine justices of the 14th court of appeals in Houston. Prosecutor William Delmore said the strategy allows the district attorney's office more chances to make its case. If the appeal were taken to the Austin court and denied, the county would have no other options. But by taking the appeal directly to the Houston court, the option to make an appeal in Austin is still open, Delmore said.

A three-judge panel of the 14th court of appeals voted 2-1 earlier this month to overturn the sodomy law, saying that it violates the state's equal rights amendment and discriminates against Gay men and Lesbians by criminalizing sex acts that are legal for heterosexual people.



World Pride 2000

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talk about their own homosexuality - something never seen here before.

A Cabinet minister came out, declaring himself Bisexual. Fashion designer Egon Furstenberg, a member of the ultra-rich, ultra-powerful Agnelli family, did the same. In an interview in the daily *La Repubblica*, Furstenberg, who has a wife and two children, said his homosexuality had been an open secret anyway.

"My children always knew, as did their mother," he told the newspaper. "I was always quite open."

World Pride 2000 opened with a philharmonic concert and a ceremony presided over by the event's glamorous "godmother," actress Maria Grazia Cucinotta.

The anti-Gays also geared up.

Vowing not to "cede even a centimeter to the Gays," the neo-fascist group Forza Nuova marched through central Rome "against the homosexual culture and for the defense of the traditional family."

Several hundred shouting demonstrators paraded under the watchful eyes of police bearing signs with slogans like: "Fruits? Yes, thanks, but only in fruit salad!"

A conservative Catholic group, the Lepanto Cultural Center, had organized a torchlight procession for Saturday night. The center has branded World Pride 2000 as a "clear provocation against the pope and the Catholic church."

The Vatican, which teaches that homosexual acts are a sin, appears especially offended by the festival because it comes amid a Holy Year. Vatican officials say religious pilgrims flocking to Rome will be offended at the sight of homosexuals and they wanted the festival stopped.

The city has tried to straddle the fence.

It didn't cancel World Pride, fearing an international outcry over civil liberties. At the same time, it withdraw funding and official sponsorship and restricted festival venues.

The big showdown could come at the July 8 parade. Festival organizers are determined to march to the Colosseum in the very heart of Rome. The city wants them to stop short, at the Circus Maximus.

The neo-fascists have promised a confrontation at the Colosseum if the marchers defy the city. "Gays at the Colosseum?" said one Forza Nuova banner displayed. "With lions inside!"

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les as he hosts another Hearts Night with the men of MSN. This fun, but vicious, game is easy to learn and quite addictive. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinocchio Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Movie night with Bears of the Old Pueblo. Bears and their guests are invited to a movie and a potluck. Bring your favorite dish or drink and enjoy a relaxing movie and eats with your favorite bears. For host, information time and directions call the Bear Line at (520) 327-1620.

MONDAY, JULY 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 326-6196.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon Buffet 12:30 p.m. at Rose Garden Chinese Restaurant, Campbell Fair Plaza (SW corner) 1800 E. Ft. Lowell. For more info call 747-5669.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a Wellness and Wholeness product demonstration designed to reduce pain and help with sleep. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to Little Bohemia for some eastern European fare. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Bears of the Old Pueblo General meeting and Potluck. A really great way to meet the Bears and get a chance to participate in club planning. Bring a dish and find out why being a Bear of the Old Pueblo is so special. More info call 327-1620 or visit the web <http://www.botop.com>

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for their second Mystery Dinner. Everyone is assigned a role to play for the evening and everyone must try to solve the murder which has occurred. Dinner will be served at 6:00, and the game playing begins then. For directions and reservations, please contact Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Steve hosts an evening devoted to Mah Jong. If you don't know how to play, they gladly teach you. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at the Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone Avenue. For more information call 747-5669.

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, July 19 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event!).

Dinner with the Bears of the Old Pueblo and guests. Bears go Italian this month. Call the Bear Line at 327-1620 or visit their web site at <http://www.botop.com>. Be sure to RSVP by July 19th.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinocchio Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Christmas in July Party! A great annual event with the Bears of the Old Pueblo and their guests. Traditional holiday fixins will be provided, just bring a dessert of a holiday themed side dish. Don't forget to bring a gag gift for the "white elephant" gift exchange. For time and location call 327-1620 or check out their website at <http://www.botop.com>

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Tucson Prime Timers dinner 5:30 pm. At Shooters Steakhouse, 3115 E. Prince Road. (East of Country Club (North side of Prince)). It's Prime Rib Night! For more information call 747-5669.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 326-6196.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

IBT'S - 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Phaedra, Aja Simone and Faith Michaels.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

STONEWALL - Benefit Bar-B-Que for the Tucson 'Stop Dr. Laura' Committee. 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come by and find out what's happening, and enjoy the evening with proceeds going for a great cause. Plus there'll be Karaoke from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come on down!

SUNDAY, JULY 9

IBT'S - Party Sunday here. 11:00 am. To 6:00 p.m. Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar; 4:30-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. 7:30-8:00 Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust for Gay Men's Health Project. 9:00 p.m. a special benefit show for Davina, candidate for Miss Gay Western States featuring: Davina, Shaundianna, Faith Michaels and special guests.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

IBT'S - 3:00 TO 8:00 p.m. a special fundraiser to send the Tucson Women's Softball team to the Gay World Series in Toronto. Food, Fun, Raffle and Prizes.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

IBT'S - 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Angela Dodd and Faith Michaels.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust and Chili Feed with the Bears of the Old Pueblo on the patio. 50¢ beer and soda draughts, \$1.50 beer and \$1.00 bowls of that great chili. All tip benefits our community while you have a great afternoon with the Bears.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

VENTURE-N - Super-Sub Sunday with Bears of the Old Pueblo. Come on down and get a piece of their 6-footer (sub-sandwich) and the fixins'. Suggested donation is \$2.00 with proceeds going to exchange student Jeremy Hawkins.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

IBT'S - 4th Annual Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Tournament Benefit for TIHAN. Mark your calendars.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

IBT'S - Today's Benefit Bar-B-Que / 16oz Beer Bust will go to the folks at the Tucson 'Stop Dr. Laura' Committee.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Happy, Texas", about 2 escaped cons masquerading as gay pageant directors in a small Texas town. A funny comedy, with heart. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Bears of the Old Pueblo Lemmon Rock hike! Now here's an image - Bears in the woods! Bears and guests will meet at the McDonald's on the corner of Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 8:00 a.m. to car pool up Mount Lemmon. Bring your own water and picnic lunch. This is a hike of light to moderate difficulty with some of the best scenic views of the surrounding mountain ranges. This is a wilderness area so no pets on this trip please. (520)327-1620 or <http://www.botop.com>

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as we look at "Friendship". Do you have enough friends? Do you make time for the ones you have. Want to learn how to make new friends? Come share your thoughts. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free Pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club opens 9pm with Mix Master David Z playing House & Hip Hop. New Digital Karaoke surround sound system (in the bar) 9pm to close. Popcorn, steaming buns & hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-8:30pm. \$2.50 burger; \$1.25 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight. 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open at noon. All well drinks \$1.75 till 8pm. Free pool all day and all night. Dance Club opens 9pm with DJ CrispX spinning Circuit Noize. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJs.

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool all day and night. Dance Club opens 9pm. with DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. New Digital Karaoke surround sound System (in the bar) 9pm til close. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... Free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court Open this evening. Spaghetti Feed 8-9pm \$2.50.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ CrispX to Circuit Noize. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... Free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-1sh. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes.. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. to High Energy Music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour..

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, roll & potato \$4.50.

NOTICES

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6524.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) meets once a week on Sundays. Gay men and women who wish to stop compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 for audition. 617-3100 for more info.

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 Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

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 2002, 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.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 529-7542 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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.

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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, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

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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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8676 or 327-4293.

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 791-7876.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4566.

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 Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evetten@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

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 meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Comestone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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 Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

GAY OR BISEXUAL 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, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all); 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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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.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 about a new Al-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** 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 activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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 Mon. - Fri.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

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.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

First Civil Unions In Vermont

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Yet some Gays and Lesbians are nonetheless determined to take the opportunity to make their relationships as official as they can, including some who live out of state and can't expect to reap any benefits from a civil union without a legal battle. Gay-friendly inns have been getting calls and are looking forward to a boom in business. A new Web site (<http://www.vermontcivilunion.com>) has appeared to help civil union partners find the people and services they might want in preparing for their ceremonies, while the site for Vermont's Gay and Lesbian newspaper Out in the Mountains has added helpful information regarding civil unions, and the Vermont Secretary of State's Web site offers "The Vermont Guide to Civil Unions."

It all begins with a little bit of bureaucracy. The large majority of Vermont's 260 town clerks are relatively relaxed about issuing the new licenses, although most won't be opening their offices until Monday. Although there has been much media coverage of those who submitted their resignations and those who have considered risking a lawsuit by refusing to make any provision for issuing the licenses, they are reportedly less than a dozen in number. Those with reservations do have the legal option to arrange for an assistant to handle the civil unions paperwork, although one or two feel that's just as morally wrong as doing it themselves. There is also at least one openly Lesbian town clerk happy to help. Vermont residents must use the clerk in the town where they live, but out-of-staters can use any clerk.

Obtaining the license is a matter of

just a minute or two of filling out forms and handing over \$20, although in larger cities it may mean waiting in line with everyone else seeking civil union licenses, marriage licenses, dog licenses, birth and death certificates, property deeds, and other official paperwork.

The license doesn't become a civil union certificate until a judge, a justice of the peace or a licensed clergy member has performed a ceremony — however much or little of one the couple may choose — and signed the paper. Then it must be filed at the same office where it was issued. Like clerks, judges and justices of the peace are expected to extend the same treatment to same-gender couples that they would to heterosexual couples seeking marriage, whether they marry many couples, none, or only close friends and family members. Again, there are openly Gay and Lesbian justices of the peace, as well as clergy, who are happy to help. Some extra pressure was placed on Catholic JP's in St. Johnsbury, where Reverend Joseph Lively wrote a letter that didn't quite threaten them but asked, "How much does being a Justice of the Peace mean to you? I hope that it isn't as important as being a faithful Catholic. Officiating at these unions will send a negative message to the community."

Many Gays and Lesbians see the beginning of civil unions as historic. Vermont's lone openly Gay state lawmaker, Representative William Lippert, Junior, said, "It's a momentous day because after July 1, 2000, young Gay and Lesbian people will have a new image of what's possible. And I think that's extraordinary. There are going to be couples who don't choose to do this, but they get to choose. That's what's significant."

Lambda Legal Defense and Educa-

tion Fund Marriage Project Director Evan Wolfson (who was co-counsel for the plaintiffs in Hawaii's historic "Baehr" case, as well as representing James Dale in the U.S. Supreme Court case decided in favor of the Boy Scouts this week) said in a statement, "Through this law, Vermont becomes a pioneer for families and equality. Americans will see that when Lesbians and Gay men are given access to most of the rights and obligations of civil marriage, the sky will not fall and the institution of marriage will be even stronger. The majority of Americans today believe that Gay and Lesbian people will win the freedom to marry. That gives hope that those same-sex couples who are civilly united someday soon will be treated as fully equal, which means one line at the marriage bureau, rather than two."

Lambda's legal director Beatrice Dohrn also looks forward to other states following Vermont's lead, but added a note of caution: "For complete security, couples in a civil union should continue maintaining wills, powers of attorney, health care proxies, parenting agreements, and other legal documents to safeguard their family." (Of course, that's even more important if you don't have a civil union.)

Dozens of Gay and Lesbian couples had their relationships legally recognized in Vermont over this past weekend as the state's civil unions law took effect.

About a dozen protesters holding signs that read "Only God Gives Peace & Happiness" demonstrated outside the clerk's office. About 130 demonstrators turned out Saturday morning outside the state house to protest the law, saying they will use it to rally conservative turnout in November's elections. "I'm wondering why the Vermont flag isn't flying at half mast,"

Craig Bensen, vice president of Take It to the People, a group opposed to civil unions, told reporters. Speakers at the rally argued that recognizing Gay relationships would spread AIDS and threaten the safety of children.

Also married over the weekend were Holly Puterbaugh and Lois Farnham, one of the three couples who challenged the state's ban on same-sex marriages. "I think it's about time after 27 years," Farnham said after she and Puterbaugh were issued the civil unions license. "It's nice after all this time to say Holly is my spouse." Couples from outside the state also took advantage of the civil unions law, which has no residency requirement. Chuck Turner and Bill Willer of Louisiana were on vacation near Montreal with their mothers when they made a detour to Vermont to get a civil unions license. The couple, who have been together 30 years, had a ceremony with their mothers in attendance conducted by a justice of the peace in a grove of trees in South Burlington. "I never dreamed it would be as emotional as it was," Miller said. "I'm just so filled with happiness, I don't know what to say."

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