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Constitutional Amendment Gathers Momentum

WASHINGTON - The backlash against Gay civil rights continues to pick up momentum across the country as Republican politicians, fanned by religious conservatives, ramp up the rhetoric against allowing Gay Americans legal recognition for their relationships.

The amendment reads: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

Scholars say the phrase "legal incidents thereof" would be the pretext to have all rights of civil union and domestic partnership struck down as an unconstitutional violation of an amended Constitution.

At last count, 76 Republican members in the House of Representatives have backed a constitutional amendment, and though the Senate has not yet acted on the bill, hearings have been scheduled for the first week of September after Congress returns from its summer break.

President Bush added fuel to a growing fire last month when, in comments sprinkled with references to Biblical scripture, he seemed to put his support behind the measure.

Meanwhile, public support for a constitutional amendment that would ban not only Gay marriage but most forms of domestic partnership and civil union in the United States is growing, according to a poll released by the Associated Press this week.

Some 53 percent of those polled oppose allowing Gay men and Lesbians to form civil unions that give a same-sex couple the same rights and benefits as a married couple, and 54 percent backed a constitutional amendment that would make a permanent fixture in the American landscape.

The front-runners vying for the Democratic presidential nomination are all on record as opposing Gay marriage but backing civil unions or letting states decide for themselves how to handle the matter.

Former governor of Vermont Howard Dean, who signed the nation's only civil union law in Vermont, is careful to distinguish civil unions from same-sex marriages.

"We don't have same-sex marriage in Vermont," Dean said recently. "Our bill says marriage is between a man and a woman, but same-sex couples may enter into a civil union and achieve all the same legal rights. . . We decided we would leave the marriages to the church."

At a Human Rights Campaign forum held last month, Sen. John Kerry also tried to walk the political tightrope between marriage and civil union, arguing that American society, "culturally, historically and religiously views marriage . . . as a union between men and women, and that is a cultural, historical view that I believe.

"It may well be that if we achieve civil union," he added, noting the rapid progress on the Gay civil rights front. "[W]e may all of us progress as we have progressed in the last 15 years to a place where there is a different understanding of it," he said.

Amid the outcry and turmoil and political heat the issue will doubtless attract in the coming election year, there is one thin sliver of hope that calms the jangled nerves of Gay leaders: In order for a constitutional amendment to proceed, at least 15 Democratic Senators would have to sign on to the measure to win the necessary 67 votes.

"It isn't much," said one Washington activist, "but that's about all that's standing between us and Armageddon right now."

Protests Continue Over Gay Bishop

MINNEAPOLIS - The Episcopal Church's confirmation earlier this month of an openly Gay, noncelibate bishop, the Rev. Gene Robinson, has prompted one cleric to resign and several parishes to withhold donations.

In Cheyenne, Wyo., the Rev. H.W. Reeves Jr., rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church sent a letter to his parishioners this week to announce his resignation, the Associated Press reported.

"It's the hardest thing in my life," Reeves said. "I'm not trying to lead any band or parade or anything like that. It's just a personal action I feel I have to take."

In Atlanta, Trinity Episcopal
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Defense Contractors To Offer Partner Benefits

NEW YORK - In a stark contrast to the U.S. military refusal to acknowledge Lesbian and Gay service members, the nation's No. 2 defense contractor said it is offering health insurance and other benefits to employees' domestic partners to "attract and retain" the best employees, gfn.com reported.

Under the new policy established by Northrop Grumman Corp. (NYSE: NOC), the partners of Gay, Lesbian and unmarried heterosexual couples will qualify for medical, dental and vision care benefits previously available only to married spouses. The new policy will not yet apply to life insurance, company officials said.

The nation's biggest defense contractor, Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT), announced in December it would begin offering domestic-partner benefits to Gay and Lesbian employees. Boeing, another big defense contractor, also offers the same benefits.

Northrop Grumman has acquired several companies in the past decade, and some of those companies - including TRW Inc. - already offered benefits to employees' domestic partners, Gus Gulmert, a company spokesman, said.

"We wanted to bring greater consistency to programs across the company," he said. "This was an existing benefit within TRW, and we applied that as 'best practice' across the company."

The benefit also makes the company more attractive to some potential employees, Gulmert said. "This will help us attract and retain employees," he said. "There is a talent war for a lot of employees that Northrop Grumman competes for, and this will increase our competitiveness."

Domestic partners of both straight

Report: Companies Get More G/L Friendly

WASHINGTON - A growing number of the nation's largest companies are now considered "Gay-friendly," according to a survey released Monday, August 25 by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The 2003 HRC Corporate Equality Index gives the 250 companies listed a score between zero and 100 based on how they treat their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender employees, consumers and investors.

The companies in the index were

and Gay Northrop Grumman employees will be able to receive benefits, said Gulmert. In order to qualify, employees must have been together at least a year and must provide proof of shared resources, such as a home or a joint checking account.

Jon A. Kaplan, executive director of Baltimore-based Gay rights group Free State Justice, applauded the move.

"Obviously they're doing this because they feel it's the right thing to do, and they value their LGBT employees and realize what they have to offer," he said. "They also value committed relationships and families."

Anti-Gay groups, however, who don't consider Gay relationships to be a family derided Northrop's new policy.

"This decision trivializes the union of marriage," said Victoria Cobb, director of legislative affairs for the Richmond-based Family Foundation of Virginia, an affiliate of Colorado-based Focus on the Family, an organization that lobbies against Gay rights.

"The ramifications of these bad decisions affect all of society," Cobb said.

Large companies, however, are showing in growing numbers they do not agree with Cobb's assessment.

Kim Mills, education director at the Human Rights Campaign, said Monday, "The bottom line is that successful businesses are increasingly recognizing that equality works."

According to HRC, 198 of America's Fortune 500 companies offer some form of domestic partner benefits.

"Companies are realizing this is good for business," Mills said.

compiled from the Fortune 500 and the Forbes list of the 200 largest privately held firms.

This year's index saw the number of firms with a perfect score nearly double. Also, no firms received a score of zero, 80 firms improved their scores over 2002, and 95 percent of the companies now have a sexual orientation nondiscrimination policy.

"It's not surprising," HRC
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UPDATE

Wingspan Annual Dinner Sept. 13

Looking for a reason to get dolled up and have a ball? Wingspan's 6th Annual Benefit Dinner is your chance to support Wingspan's important mission and recognize the individuals who help build a better LGBT community in Southern Arizona. This evening event takes place Saturday, September 13 at the Tucson Convention Center, and will include a Silent Auction, Awards Ceremony, and presentations by Lorri Jean, CEO of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center... and comedian Greg Walloch! The no-host Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., and the Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

Individual tickets (cash bar reception, three-course dinner, and awards ceremony) are \$75. A Reserved Table (for ten people, with recognition of you as a table host) is \$750. You can also donate individual tickets (\$75) or a table (\$750) for youth, Wingspan volunteers, or others who would otherwise be unable to attend. To purchase tickets, please call (520) 624-1779 between 10am and 5pm Monday through Friday. Sign Language services are available, too. Please contact Wingspan for information, and to let us know if you'd like to utilize these services at the event. ...

School District Settles HIV Discrimination Lawsuit

SCOTTSDALE - The Scottsdale, Ariz., Unified School District has settled a lawsuit filed by a former district employee who claimed his job was being eliminated because he is HIV-positive.

The former employee, who was not identified by name in court documents, filed a complaint in May with the Arizona attorney general's office and also with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The man claimed he was removed from his job in the district's technology department and given other duties in October 2002 after he told a supervisor that he is HIV-positive. He also claims district supervisors informed other

employees of his HIV status.

The district did not admit any wrongdoing in the settlement but agreed to pay the man \$37,500 to get him to drop his complaints with the attorney general and the EEOC.

Join Desert Voices To Sing!

By Mae Krueger

TUCSON - Desert Voices creates fun, meaningful, musical shows, with a smattering of theatrics and a healthy dose of humor! This GLBT (and straight friendly!) mixed chorus is starting its 15th Season in Tucson and is currently seeking all voices, as well as non-singing volunteers for our 15th Season.

Do you love to sing? If you do, you probably understand the special feeling that is created by making music. Next Monday, August 25th, everyone is welcome to attend Desert Voices' Open Rehearsal, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the MCC Water of Life Church at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue. The group will be starting to work on music for their appearance at OutoberFest, some blending and tuning exercises and will have a short sing-along. There will be information available about the chorus and current members of the chorus to chat with. Refreshments will be served

Desert Voices is also seeking an accompanist for the season. If you are interested, please contact us immediately. You can go to our website www.desertvoices.org for more information, email us at info@desertvoices.org or call, (520) 791-9662

Recently we asked Desert Voices members to tell us why they sing. Mark Brady, Baritone, had this to say: "I sing because it actually really feels Good to sing... physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Music plays an important part in my life, and I find it so cool that I can interact with it, whether it's singing in the chorus or singing along to a CD in the car! Singing is passionate, powerful, emotional and reveals truths that otherwise could not be expressed through speaking or writing."

Fun-Bus-Run To Phoenix Sept. 13

TUCSON - On September 13th, Tucson Knight Owls will host the "Owl Express", a Fun-Bus-Run to Phoenix. Anyone wishing to go on the run can purchase tickets at the Yard Dog Saloon or the Venture-N at a cost of \$25.00

The round-trip includes basic food and drinks on the bus and four stops at local bars in Phoenix. Smoking is permitted on the bus.

Participants will meet at the Venture-N at 12:00 noon. The bus will leave for Phoenix at 1:00 sharp!

The group will spend approximately enough time at each bar for everyone to enjoy themselves before going to the next one. The bus will depart Phoenix between midnight and 1:00 a.m. back to Tucson.

TKO invites one and all to join in on this fun trip and "leave the driving to us!" This trip is co-sponsored by the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO), Yard Dog Saloon and Venture-N.

WINGSPAN UPDATE

Puertas Abiertas, a social/support group for LGBT Latinos/Latinas and allies, created by Wingspan in collaboration with Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). The new group, facilitated by some very friendly and caring community members, meets every other Wednesday at 6 pm at "SAAF-ito" 1200 E. Ajo, Ste. 109 (on the corner of Benson Highway and Ajo), Tucson.

Come join us as we celebrate our heritage! For more information call Wingspan at 520-624-1779, or SAAF at (520) 628-7223 (ask for "Salud Es Poder").

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Join us Thursday, September 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., for fun, food and lively discussion as we view Part Two of the video "TOUGH GUISE: Violence, Media, & the Crisis in Masculinity" at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson. Bring a favorite dish to share. Sponsored by ARC/Later Life DV Services, The Brewster Center, Tucson Centers for Women & Children, and the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project (AVP). For more information, contact Nan Lagemann at (520) 327-2665. ...

Wingspan is looking for a person proficient in PowerPoint to help with a particularly important pending project. Precision is important, although the project parameters are probably not problematic. Interest piqued? Skills present? Willing to participate? Contact Mark English ASAP at (520) 624-1779 or <mailto:mark@wingspan.org>.



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COMMENTARY

Science Gets Sacked

Faced with inconvenient scientific information, the Bush Administration just hits delete. This according to an explosive new report by Representative Henry Waxman, which catalogues dozens of politically driven affronts to objective scientific inquiry--from the recent Environmental Protection Agency report that was purged of information on global warming to the biased rewrite of a National Cancer Institute web page that once debunked alleged links between abortions and breast cancer.

The Administration "has manipulated the scientific process and distorted or suppressed scientific findings," says the report, precipitating "misleading statements by the president, inaccurate responses to Congress...erroneous international communications and the gagging of scientists."

The editors of Science, Nature, Scientific American and the British journal Lancet have said as much in the past year, as have the ACLU, Human Rights Watch, the American Public Health Association and scores of HIV-prevention organizations. The latter have been hit particularly hard by the abstinence-obsessed Administration, sustaining Health and Human Services audits, loss of funding and wholesale attacks on the notion of safe sex. In July 2001, HHS quietly ordered the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's condom fact sheet offline--it went missing for more than a year and reappeared nearly unrecognizable, no longer stating that condoms are 98 to 100 percent effective as HIV prevention or explaining their proper use. Also axed was a "Programs that Work" section, which cited several large studies finding that teaching kids the facts about sex doesn't

make them do it any earlier.

The manipulation has extended to scientific research itself: As the New York Times revealed in April, scientists are being advised to "cleanse" certain words from their federal grant applications--basic terms of HIV epidemiology like "men who have sex with men," "sex worker" and "needle exchange."

And when all else fails, the Administration has simply preached: In February, a hundred CDC researchers on sexually transmitted diseases were summoned to Washington by HHS deputy secretary Claude Allen for a daylong affair consisting entirely of speakers extolling abstinence until marriage. There were no panels or workshops, just endless testimonials, including one by a young woman calling herself "a born-again virgin."

Groups on the front lines, such as San Francisco's Stop AIDS Project, are feeling the heat. Stop AIDS runs workshops with names like "Bootylicious" and "In Our Prime: Men for Hire" (which offers guidelines for "safe relations with escorts"), designed to prevent HIV among sexually active gay men in the Bay Area--whose infection rates are rising--not high schoolers in Palo Alto. But Republican Congressman Marc Souder has led a two-year crusade against the group, claiming that it promotes sex with taxpayer dollars.

Stop AIDS faced fourteen solid months of back-to-back reviews by both the CDC and HHS--each activated by Souder's obscenity alarm. The group finally got a clean bill of health in February, and CDC director Julie Gerberding wrote personally to Souder telling him the news. Then it got personal. Beltway insiders said Souder pushed for Gerberding's resignation, and in April, Souder aide Roland Foster e-mailed the CDC demanding data showing "the effectiveness of erotic writing and sex with prostitutes" as disease prevention. Within weeks, CDC auditors were flying back across the country. Yet again, Stop AIDS passed muster--one auditor said to a CDC staffer, "I would take my mother to this."

The group got sanctioned anyway. In one more blatant victory of politics over public health, the CDC wrote to Stop AIDS on June 13 saying that the workshops violated the Public Health Service Act, which prohibits materials that might "promote or encourage, directly, homosexual or heterosexual activity." Gerberding, in an about-face, wrote to Souder, "I, too, share your concerns," and agreed that Stop AIDS was in violation, putting its federal funding in peril. This reversal from Gerberding, a former San Francisco AIDS doctor, stunned AIDS professionals, prompting a late June letter to George Bush with 151 signatories charging "censorship and intimidation."

Welcome to the new CDC. Once a partner to HIV experts, it is now their hysterical chaperone--and a case study in the new, pitched battle between science and

ideology. "A climate of fear and intimidation has absolutely permeated the agency," says Mark McLaurin, policy associate for treatment and prevention advocacy at New York City's Gay Men's Health Crisis. The CDC was itself audited this past fall. Key prevention officers there have been laid off or reassigned, and a number of high-level officials have jumped ship--most recently eighteen-year veteran Lloyd Kolbe, who was head of the CDC's Division of Adolescent School Health. "There's been a major brain drain," says one staffer.

In defending the attack on Stop AIDS, Roland Foster told the Washington Post, "We'd like to know why we should continue to fund the same programs if there is no proof they're actually working." A curious statement, considering that more than \$100 million is being spent annually on some 700 abstinence-only programs that have no oversight and fly in the face of dozens of peer-reviewed studies that back up condoms, comprehensive sex education, needle-exchange programs and frank, community-tailored information campaigns. Still, that's the kind of advice driving policy these days. The CDC's new HIV Initiative, made official in late July, will divert \$42 million from prevention efforts like Stop AIDS that focus on populations at risk. Those left in the CDC who remember their mandate to prevent and control disease--not sexuality--could listen more closely to the message of the abstinence-only cabal: Just say no.

[This was written by Jennifer Block, and was reprinted from the September 1, 2003 edition of The Nation.]



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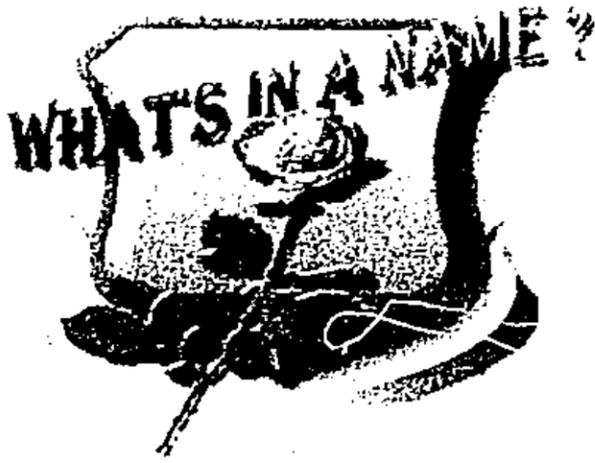
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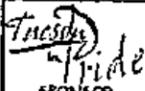
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Navy Discharges 'Boy Meets Boy' Suitor

SAN DIEGO - While some contestants who were dismissed from the reality dating show "Boy Meets Boy" lost a chance at love, one guy returned home to find he'd lost his job because he is Gay, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Michael Tiner, 26, who went by his middle name, Jason, on the show, was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy after violating the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

While the premise of the Gay dating show seems obvious, it had a secret twist - not all of the contestants gunning for the heart of the leading man were Gay. Nearly half of the guys on the show were straight, which left the audience wondering which team Tiner played for.

It didn't take viewers long to find out.

Tiner was one of the first contestants eliminated during the show's premiere, thus revealing his true sexual orientation on national TV. The first show aired July 29, and it only took the Navy three weeks to enact his discharge; Tiner was fully released by Aug. 19. At the time of his discharge, Tiner was a combat systems instructor based in San Diego and taught at the Navy's Submarine Learning Center.

"It's another example of the double standard that exists in the military," said Steve Ralls, a spokesman with the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN). "If he'd been a heterosexual member on a heterosexual dating show, it would've been a nonissue. I think fair-minded Americans will see that Jason has been held to a double standard and will be outraged that the military has lost his talents because he's Gay."

Tiner told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that his military record was "flawless" and that he

is extremely dissatisfied with the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The eight-year Navy veteran told his commander that he was on the show and that he was Gay before the first episode aired. He wanted to receive an honorable discharge in lieu of having the Navy begin an investigation that could have dug into his personal life. Tiner feared an investigation would have negative repercussions for his ex-boyfriend, who is still in the Navy.

"I knew I would get discharged. I wish I could've gone on the show and not gotten discharged," Tiner said. "I was ready to face the consequences. (The Navy) wanted me to not be who I was, and I've been hiding who I am for almost five years."

Despite being eliminated in the first round, Tiner had a good experience on the show. He said he was disappointed he went so quickly, mostly because of everything he'd put on the line with his Navy career. But, he said, he was never in the game for the big prize, but because he is finally comfortable with his sexuality.

"I'm from a small town in Mississippi, and you don't hear about Gay people," Tiner admitted in a Southern drawl. "When I was younger I grew up around so much hate for people who are different. I used to say the word 'faggot.' It was really hard for me and my family (dealing with my sexuality), but I realized I was one of those people who I talked about."

Tiner is currently working in the fitness industry and attending college full time for a business degree. He said he will also focus his energy on working with SLDN and the San Diego chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights to bring down "don't ask, don't tell."

"The policy is wrong and outright discrimination," he said. "We (Gay people) don't have equal rights in general."

Transgender Murder in D.C. Second In A Week

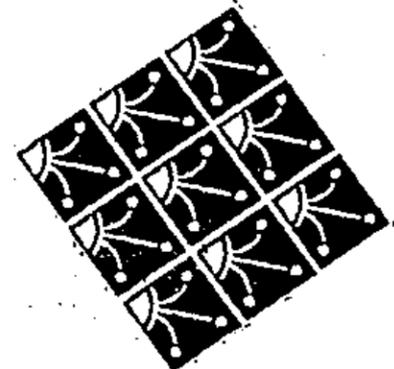
WASHINGTON - The body of a Transgendered woman was found early Thursday morning, August 21, in a field in southeast Washington, D.C., authorities said. It was the second apparent murder of a Transgendered person in the city in less than a week.

The body was discovered at about 2:30 a.m. near the 2900 block of 2nd Street, S.E., spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile said. The victim appeared to have died after suffering multiple head wounds, and the case is being investigated as a homicide. "Although it was believed the victim had been shot, the actual cause of death will be determined by the D.C. medical examiner," Gentile said. Authorities did not release the victim's name but said she was from the area.

Police were also investigating the shooting of another Transgendered woman that occurred at about 10 p.m. Wednesday on the 800 block of Third Street, N.W. The 24-year-old victim remained hospitalized Thursday morning, Gentile said. Police said the two incidents appear to be unrelated. The attacks come just days after another Transgendered woman was killed Saturday on the 1300 block of Allison Street, N.W. Plainclothes officers heard gunshots and found the body of 25-year-old Bella

Evangelista--born Elvys Perez Morales--riddled with bullets, Gentile said. Evangelista was a popular performance artist in the D.C. area. Antoine Jacobs, 22, of northwest Washington, is charged with first-degree murder while armed as well as a gender-bias hate crime. According to a police source connected to the investigation, it appears Jacobs may have paid for sexual favors from the victim and felt he had been deceived after learning of Evangelista's biological sex.

The recent spate of crimes comes just days after the one-year anniversary of the killing of two Transgendered teens in southeast Washington. Ukea Davis, 18, and Stephanie Thomas, 19, were shot multiple times as they sat in a car. Those killings have not been solved.



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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Mahr Puffs Davis

Bill Maher is an extremely unusual comedian/political commentator in that (1) his commentary isn't subservient to his comedy, (2) he vehemently attacks both political parties, and (3) he lost a job for saying something that much of his audience was already thinking.

Most comics who use politics are not out to make a serious point. The politics serves the comedy. Maher is more interested in the politics, even at the expense of or the abandonment of the comedy.

Most comics try not to be identified with either party. Some comics take sides. Maher is virtually alone in saying, "A pox on both your houses!"

Pop culture mavens will recall that Maher actually lost a network TV show by publicly questioning whether flying an airplane into a building could accurately be characterized as an act of cowardice.

Apart from losing the network gig, Maher seems to get away with saying things that almost nobody else could get away with. It's like he has a license to tell the truth. ABC suspended his license for awhile, but HBO quickly reinstated. Comedy might be much funnier and politics much saner if we could figure out a way to give more people the same license.

Not that I always agree with Maher. When he said that Vietnam made some sense because it showed the world that we were willing to spend blood and money to stand up to Communism, I wondered why the hell nobody'd ever told him about Korea. And when he said he

didn't see anything so wrong with a school teacher having sex with one of her students, I wondered why he thought that a free-sex-with-teachers policy wouldn't spell the end of the public school system.

Maher is that rare gift we as a culture have given ourselves - the licensed truth teller. Kings of old used to have the same thing in the form of the court fool or jester who could say true things to the king's face without having to worry about literally losing his head.

Maher recently did a strikingly unusual thing on his HBO show, an attempt to prop up California Governor Gray Davis by having the gov appear on a remote hookup and asking him softball questions about the recall effort that's attempting to remove him from office.

The premise of the piece was that the recall is ridiculous because it could result in someone who doesn't know anything about running a government becoming governor of the world's fifth largest economy. I have no problem with a comedian trying to prop up a governor. No problem with an obvious softball setup. But the amazing thing about the whole performance was that the gov walked into this tailor-made showcase for Davis puffery and totally botched it.

Remember Maher's underlying premise: Davis, a real governor, knows more about government than any action movie star. Now here comes the pitch, a nice easy job: Why did you underestimate the deficit by over 20 billion? The short form of Davis' answer went something like this: There's a government official who's

supposed to come up with the number and I relied on her.

Unbelievable! Governors, especially competent governors, do not rely on some single source, especially not the designated bureaucrat, for their most critical numbers. Governing IS crunching numbers. You know what you've got and where it's coming from. You know what you're spending and whether you're broke or flush. That's what governors DO!

And they don't just crunch numbers on Sundays. They crunch 'em all the time and with different sets of assumptions. What would happen to the numbers if retail sales went up or down? If unemployment went up or down? If we had this or that kind of terrorist attack?

The very idea of Governor Davis coming on HBO for his softball piece and standing there with his face hanging out and saying, in effect, Some nasty mean old lady gave me the wrong number!

If Davis loses this recall, one reason among many may be that he assumes that Californians are idiots.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754].

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EDITOR:

I would like to take a moment and thank all those involved in making the benefit BBQ and Drag show for GMHP this past Sunday a great success.

Although the weather was bad and kept many people at home, the volunteers, performers, IBT's employees and especially the day's patrons gave generously of both their time and money. Special thanks to Dave and Frank for all you do in our community—we are all blessed to have you here.

Thank you to Fran and the GMHP volunteers who keep everyone fed and happy during the BBQ.

Thanks to all of the performers who were in this weeks show: Veronica Halliwell, Janee Starr, Terri Aki, Miss Saigon, Lady Ashley, and Josie P.Kat (congratulations on your debut, Josiel).

And once again thank you to all of you in the Tucson community, Gay and straight, who come out and support GMHP and the work that we do; it would not be possible without your help.

With gratitude,
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AROUND THE GAY WORLD

Blackmail Scandal Fascinates Germany

BERLIN, Germany - The mayor of Hamburg has gone public with a summer political scandal that, for the moment at least, has transfixed Germans weary of grim economic news and substituted juicy gossip in its place.

Mayor Ole von Beust told Der Spiegel magazine that he fired his interior minister Ronald Schill, also known as "Judge Merciless," because Schill had threatened to out him as a homosexual. The scandal has reportedly raised serious doubts of the survival of Hamburg's three-party coalition.

Von Beust said he dismissed the minister on Tuesday after Schill threatened to go on national television and out him for having an affair with the city's justice minister. Von Beust declined to answer whether or not he is Gay but he denied having an affair with Justice Minister Roger Kusch.

Schill, who is head of the small populist Schill party in the city's governing coalition, admits to talking to von Beust about his alleged relationship with the justice minister but he denied any attempt at blackmail.

"Everyone has a right to privacy," von Beust said. "I never had intimate relations with Mr Kusch. I don't want to let the insinuations from Schill force me to talk about my sexuality. The electorate has no right to know anything about the sexual preference of their elected leaders."

In the Der Spiegel interview, von Beust recounts how Schill told him: "I'm going to make public that you don't always adhere to high standards of not separating

private and political matters."

When von Beust told Schill he didn't understand what he meant, Schill replied, "You gave your boyfriend Kusch the job as justice minister" Schill said, according to von Beust. He then ordered Schill to get out of his office. "Think about it long and hard - tonight, prime time, nationwide," von Beust quoted Schill saying before he left.

Schill, whose anti-immigrant rhetoric led him to be ostracized by most German politicians, led his Law and Order party to a sensational 19.4 percent of the vote in Hamburg's last election in 2001. Conservatives worry that the scandal could weaken their hold on the region.

Gay Tourist Murders Worries Prague

PRAGUE, Czech Republic - Police in the picturesque capital of Prague report that over the past several years a number of Gay tourists have been slain by young male prostitutes, who ply their trade at the city's main rail station and at nearby Gay clubs.

"It is a danger for everybody," a Gay Briton and resident of the city told the Prague Post. "It is very bad. Foreigners are very nervous." He added that many Gay Czechs appear more concerned about the impact the murders will have on Prague's burgeoning Gay social scene than in finding the killer or killers. "It is more hype and stress for everyone," he said.

Police have conducted at least one raid on a Gay club called Pinocchio, where Gay prostitutes have been known to congregate, checking identification and pressing for more information about the April murder of Grant Russell, a native of New Zealand.

He was found in the bathroom of a rented room in Toucan Apartments, which provides short term rentals to Gay and straight tourists. The proprietor said Russell was renting the apartment for two weeks and regularly returned with men in their early 20s.

Many Western expatriates have expressed anger at the Prague community's nearly silent reaction to the killings. They say the pall of silence on the murder and the hunt for the killer is placing unsuspecting tourists in danger.

Prague Police originally suspected a Slovak prostitute named Maros. But after questioning and a DNA test, the young blond, who has a history of drug abuse and criminal activity, was released, police said.

Laszlo Sumegh of Project Sance, a civic organization that helps homeless young men, told the Prague Post that older men who buy the time of young male prostitutes in the city are "taking an incredible risk. Most of them," he said, "don't even realize how serious it is."

Sumegh said he was not surprised to hear a tourist had been murdered by one of the boys. Most of them are homeless and on drugs, he said, and in his experience wouldn't hesitate to kill if given sufficient reason and opportunity.

Sumegh added that there are probably more killings tied to Gay prostitution than the police have made public because Czech authorities do not keep a statistical category for Gay-related murders. "If they had a category," he said, "the numbers would be terrific."

Poland Debates G/L Partnership Bill

WARSAW, Poland - A sweeping domestic partnership bill now being debated in Po-

land's Parliament would give Gay men and Lesbians in the former communist and heavily Roman Catholic country many of the same rights now exclusive to married couples.

Even more extraordinary than the bill's introduction is the fact it is doing far better than anyone expected and is even prompting a serious debate about the role of the church in Polish politics and its cultural identity in the heart of an expanding European Union.

A popular philosopher and member of the Polish Senate, Maria Szyszkowska, sponsored the bill against the advice of liberal colleagues.

"Even representatives of the Gay community told me to slow down, but I decided to go for it," she told the Chicago Tribune. "If we are going to be part of Europe, we have to learn to accept some things that we may not personally agree with. Tolerance is what a democratic society is all about."

There is little public support for Gay people in Poland. Some 62 percent in a recent poll said they were "strongly against" the idea of two men or two women living together in an intimate relationship, while another 14 percent said they were somewhat against the idea.

Pope John Paul II, a native Pole, has been an outspoken critic of Gay couples and families, urging Catholic politicians in Europe and North America to actively oppose growing social acceptance of homosexuality.

Officially, the Catholic church urges tolerance for Gay people, but many of its priests routinely use their pulpits to condemn Gay people as perverts and sinners. This has created what Izabela
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North Carolina Still Enforcing Sodomy Law

CHARLOTTE - Police and sheriff's deputies in North Carolina are still enforcing the state's "crime against nature" law despite a U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down a similar Texas law that prohibited same-sex sexual activity.

The North Carolina law bans oral and anal sex between unmarried couples. Critics contend that it has been used to criminalize Gay relationships and discriminate against Gay men and Lesbians.

Constitutional law experts and Gay advocates say the state statute became invalid when the Supreme Court struck down the Texas law against sodomy. "We don't believe that there is a constitutional way to enforce the 'crime against nature' law," said Seth Jaffe, managing attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

Law enforcement officials say they are continuing to use the law because it is the only way they can make arrests for prostitution that involves oral sex, which isn't covered under the state's prostitution law. Prosecutors also bring "crime against nature" charges against people who have sex in public, which other state laws don't specifically prohibit. A charge of indecent exposure would not necessarily apply because it's a crime to be naked in public only if the individual is seen by a member of the opposite sex.

John A. Maxfield, legal adviser to the Wake County sheriff, and Dawn Bryant, Raleigh's police attorney, have told officers

that they can continue to charge people with a "crime against nature" as long as the activity occurs in a public place. "We're following constitutional law," Bryant said. "The Supreme Court's decision only applies to private conduct." Prosecutors in Brunswick County, for example, recently dismissed charges against three men for sexual activities at a party in a private residence. They are pursuing charges against six men accused of having oral sex in a public park near a school.

"The only thing we want," Brunswick County assistant district attorney Connie Jordan said, "is for them not to have sex next to where kids are getting on a bus."

No figures were available on the number of people charged with a "crime against nature" in North Carolina since the Supreme Court ruling on June 26. In the first six months of this year, more than 400 people were charged with either violating the law or soliciting to break the law.

At least one jurist, Mecklenburg County district court judge Nate Proctor, has declared the state law unconstitutional as a result of the Supreme Court's decision. Proctor's ruling, now on appeal, came in the case of a 38-year-old man charged with solicitation to commit a "crime against nature." The man alleges he was lured into a flirtatious conversation with an undercover officer in a public park, according to his lawyer, Ray Warren of Charlotte, a former superior court judge and state legislator.

Bingham Gym Dedicated

SAN FRANCISCO - On Saturday, August 24, the city of San Francisco created a permanent memorial to Mark Bingham, one of the heroes of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

In a sunny afternoon ceremony, San Francisco city officials renamed the former Eureka Valley Community Center in the city's mostly Gay Castro district as the Mark Bingham Recreation Center, with approximately 100 friends, family and city officials looking on, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Friends said the gym, which will undergo a \$2.4 million renovation this fall, is a fitting place since Bingham spent many hours there, meeting friends and playing pick-up basketball games. And it is in the neighborhood Bingham had called home for many years.

Openly Gay California Assemblyman Mark Leno signed the proclamation certificate renaming the gym in Bingham's name.

The certificate read in part: "Today we celebrate Mark's life and keep his memory alive as we dedicate the Mark Bingham Recreation Center. Whether as a small child deciding on his own identity or an adult running with the bulls in Pamplona or charging into the cockpit of Flight 93, Mark's courage will not be forgotten. Mark leaves behind a legacy of caring, dedication, generosity and hope. He will be missed!"

Bingham's mother, Alice Hoglan, spoke at the event. Since his death, Hoglan has become an activist in keeping her son's name -- and honor -- alive.

"My son loved San Francisco and he was really proud to be part of the Castro

scene and the Gay community," Hoglan told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "The Mark Bingham gymnasium is an appropriate tribute to Mark's life and lifestyle. He was a competitive guy. He loved having people around him. He frequented the center. That's how he lived his life."

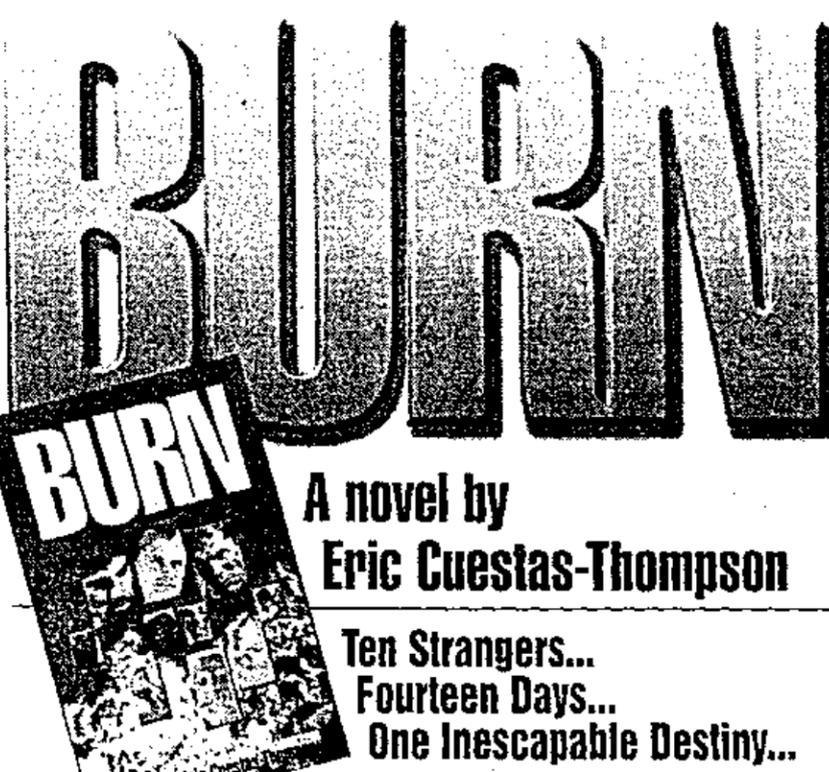
On Sept. 11, 2001, Bingham and other passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 fought hijackers who were intending to crash the plane into a federal landmark in Washington, D.C. The airliner crashed in a Pennsylvania field, killing everyone on board.

Days later, San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown dedicated Sept. 11 as Mark Bingham Day in the city and shortly thereafter invited Bingham's family to his office to discuss different ideas to memorialize the three-time champion rugby player.

The idea to dedicate the gym in Bingham's name originally came from his former partner, Paul Holm, and the couple's good friend, Annemarie Conroy.

"We really thought (renaming the gym) was the most appropriate thing the city could do because it combined Mark's love of sports and because he lived in the Castro with me," Holm told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network last year.

Following Saturday's dedication ceremony, the group moved over to a pub in the nearby Cole Valley neighborhood to attend a fund-raiser for an in-the-works documentary on Bingham's life by filmmaker Scott Gracheff, creator of the critically acclaimed "Return to the Valley."



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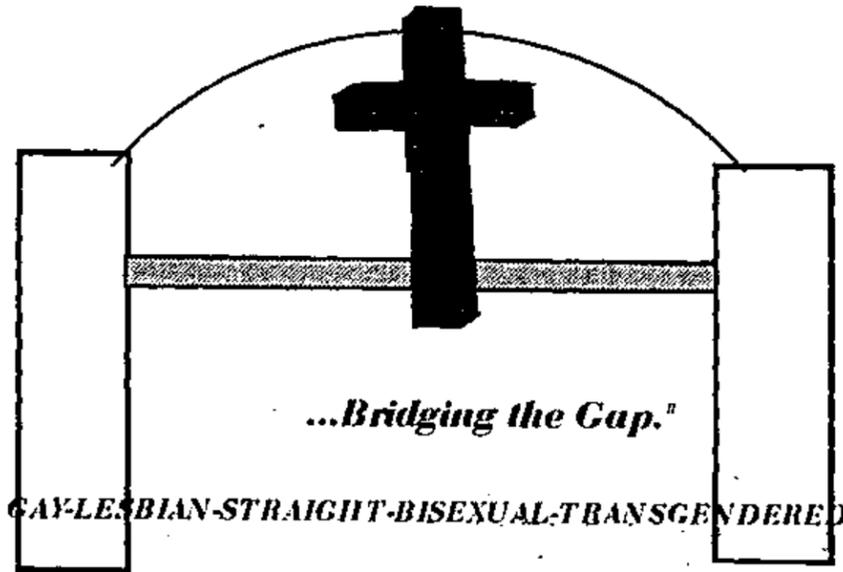
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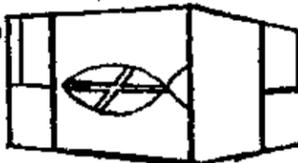
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POLITICS 2003

by Mark R. Kerr

'A Holiday Republicans Don't Really Like'

Monday, September 1, will mark the 109th anniversary of Labor Day in the United States, a time that is to celebrate the achievements of the working class, unions, political organizing but unfortunately now is seen as the end of a three-or-four day weekend for Americans, who have benefited from the victories of the Labor movement.

This holiday, or political compromise as some has described this, for the workers was created in an attempt to mollify workers in lieu of the events that had transpired in a labor dispute. For those who may not know the historical events, the following is from the NewsHour Web site, the PBS news program:

Pullman, Illinois was a company town, founded in 1880 by George Pullman, president of the railroad sleeping car company. Pullman designed and built the town to stand as a utopian workers' community insulated from the moral (and political) seductions of nearby Chicago. The town was strictly, almost feudally, organized: row houses for the assembly and craft workers; modest Victorians for the managers; and a luxurious hotel where Pullman himself lived and where visiting customers, suppliers, and salesman would lodge while in town.

Its residents all worked for the Pullman company, their paychecks drawn from Pullman bank, and their rent, set by Pullman, deducted automatically from their weekly paychecks. The town, and the com-

pany, operated smoothly and successfully for more than a decade. But in 1893, the Pullman company was caught in the nationwide economic depression. Orders for railroad sleeping cars declined, and George Pullman was forced to lay off hundreds of employees. Those who remained endured wage cuts, even while rents in Pullman remained consistent. Take-home paychecks plummeted.

And so the employees walked out, demanding lower rents and higher pay. The American Railway Union, led by a young Eugene V. Debs, came to the cause of the striking workers, and railroad workers across the nation boycotted trains carrying Pullman cars. Rioting, pillaging, and burning of railroad cars soon ensued; mobs of non-union workers joined in.

The strike instantly became a national issue. President Grover Cleveland, faced with nervous railroad executives and interrupted mail trains, declared the strike a federal crime and deployed 12,000 troops to break the strike. Violence erupted, and two men were killed when U.S. deputy marshals fired on protesters in Kensington, near Chicago, but the strike was doomed. On August 3, 1894, the strike was declared over. Debs went to prison, his ARU was disbanded, and Pullman employees henceforth signed a pledge that they would never again unionize. Aside from the already existing American Federation of Labor and the various railroad brotherhoods, industrial workers' unions were effectively stamped out and remained so until the

Great Depression.

It was not the last time Debs would find himself behind bars, either. Campaigning from his jail cell, Debs would later win almost a million votes for the Socialist ticket in the 1920 presidential race.

The movement for a national Labor Day had been growing for some time. In September 1892, union workers in New York City took an unpaid day off and marched around Union Square in support of the holiday. But now, protests against President Cleveland's harsh methods made the appeasement of the nation's workers a top political priority. In the immediate wake of the strike, legislation was rushed unanimously through both houses of Congress, and the bill arrived on President Cleveland's desk just six days after his troops had broken the Pullman strike, and 1894 was an election year, President Cleveland seized the chance at conciliation, and Labor Day was born. In 1896, Cleveland was not reelected.

In 1898, Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, called it "the day for which the toilers in past centuries looked forward, when their rights and their wrongs would be discussed...that the workers of our day may not only lay down their tools of labor for a holiday, but upon which they may touch shoulders in marching phalanx and feel the stronger for it."

So when you're watching one of the inevitable marathons on television, enjoying your trip or vacation to points anywhere from where you live presently, remember on Monday, September 1, and the first Monday in September, to give thanks for the minimum wage, better working conditions and the long-list of positive aspects of the workplace, brought to you in part by the Labor Movement.

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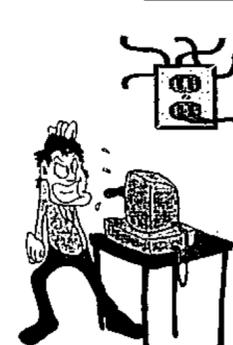
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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
 It may be difficult to keep your mind on the here and now when the planets compel you to soar up and out. But there you have it; the Sun ambles into practical, serene Virgo to join Jupiter while Pluto can't help but pour on the exuberance in wilde Sagittarian dollops. Gay Rambos are encouraged to let loose and allow the waves to wash over them. Wash your neck while you are at it.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
 Queer Bulls are in sync with their synco-pated rhythm as the Sun generates a bit of heat with Jupiter in earthy Virgo and Pluto redirects sex into Sagittarian over-drive. You rock and roll. Catch the eye of every twinkie in the bakery and satisfy your sweet tooth. (Pray for cavities.) How much mischief can you get into now? As much as you possibly can you lucky thing!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
 Just as you begin to hanker for a bit of peace and quiet in the comfort of your LazeeBoy recliner, Sun in Virgo and Pluto direct turn up the heat in relationships. Share and share alike pink Twin. Partners feel entitled to a bit of your attention... or else. Of course there are one or two or you who may be trolling for a new face to wake up to. Is this the opportunity you seek?

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
 There is a great deal to be said right now and the Sun in careful Virgo conjunct Jupiter will help you phrase even your nastiest assessments with calculated aplomb. Pink Crabs are a force with whom to be reckoned now, especially as volcanic Pluto redirects and maximizes your impact. Focus on the details and plot your ascent. Then shout it Out loud, proud and queer, comrade.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
 There may be more than a few opportunities to cash in on the fun when the Sun gaily ambles into Virgo and Jupiter while Pluto redirects. Proud Lions go on a creative buying binge and may need a few supplies to enhance their magic. Your money goes further than you could ever expect so check your bottom line and make the best of your ample assets, you charmer you.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
 Every new road leads to new adventure, every new acquaintance brings a rush of opportunity. How else to describe the giddy feeling you get when the Sun pokes Jupiter in Virgo and Pluto redirects? Queer Virgins are apt to make a few significant changes in their surrounds. (Or changes come without any effort on your part.) Make yourself presentable and expect a present.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
 Your friends and your money are soon parted as you find that the cost associated with some associations is simply too high. Let the Sun question Jupiter in Virgo and Pluto redirect before you fund your next shindig. It is time for proud Scorps to weigh their current need for acceptance with their need for trust and honor. Will you be a doormat? Only if they wear spikes....

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
 Gay Archers may be feeling as if the corporate world is just another stockpile of WMDs. If you are searching for the truth, you find the current planetary movement of the Sun conjunct Jupiter and Pluto redirect will uncover all the diabolical debris that has been heretofore hidden from you. It is time to choose. Is it door #1 with the corner view or door #2 with trap door?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
 You have the world on a a string, sitting on a rainbow when the Sun conjuncts Jupiter and Pluto redirects. Well something like that anyway.... Queer Caps are ready for almost anything and everything and are anxious to cast their seeds far and wide to see what sprouts where. Travel and seek your fortune while the fates smile karmically on your every step. Pack your cleats.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
 There is a new cocktail making the rounds and it's one part pal other part lover...with a twist. Aqueerians may become tipsy and unable to make a wise decision regarding the fine line between platonic and passion when the Sun conjuncts Jupiter in Virgo and Pluto redirects. Things could get messy but what the heck. You never know what gem may be found among the trash.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
 It is hard to reach for the stars when you have partners staring up your pants from the ground. Your best assets are exposed as the Sun ambles into Virgo to join Jupiter and Pluto redirects. You will be surprised at how far you can go. Don't be shy, Guppie; this is the time to demonstrate your abilities to the full range of judges. Will you be a 6, an 8 or a 10?



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LOS ANGELES - Shocking even themselves, Gay couple Chip Arndt and Reichen Lehmkuhl took home the \$1 million prize Thursday night, August 21, on CBS' "The Amazing Race," but they also shined the spotlight on another race -- the battle for equality.

In the nail-biting season finale, after hitting four continents and 24 cities and journeying 44,000 miles, the pair from Los Angeles, whom the show's producers referred to as "married," crossed the finish line first in Arizona, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

After host Phil Keoghan announced they'd won, the duo screamed and cried with joy.

"There's no way I could've gotten through this without Reichen's support and patience. What I realized throughout the race is how much I need him and how much he needs me," said Arndt, an entertainment finance consultant, after winning the race. "In the end, people look at both Reichen and myself and they see love, and they realize that Reichen and I are partners, and together, we can do anything."

Whether proving it to themselves or to the American public, the couple played up the fact that they didn't win because they were Gay; they took first place because they were strong competitors.

"When we went into this and found out that we were going to be on the 'Race,' we said, 'We're Gay and we'd like to show America that Gay people can do anything straight people can do,'" said Reichen, a former U.S. Air Force officer and current flight instructor, on CBS' "The Early Show" on Friday. "There's such a stereotype of the feminine, homosexual

male and we wanted to break that and show that we can do anything."

And during this trek around the globe, they did anything and everything. The teams participated in such events as scaling down the side of a building face first, walking through a shark-infested tank, digging through a huge pile of dung to find a clue and skydiving. Following that last event, Arndt, who arrived on the ground first, looked toward the sky with a smile and screamed, "Where's my boy?"

The couple said they plan to use their money and newfound fame to help enlighten people about the Gay community and continue being positive role models.

"We had a party last night with people literally coming up to us and saying, 'After I watched you guys win, I called my mom and I told her I was Gay. It was the most emotional moment of my life, and I just want to thank you so much for giving me the ability to relate to somebody that I'm proud of, and I see as a role model,'" Lehmkuhl told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network in New York on Friday. "That made us cry."

The couple will continue to push for equality on many fronts. In fact, Lehmkuhl is set to appear in a documentary focusing on the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which begins filming this fall.

"The Pentagon is firing three people every day simply because of their sexual orientation," he said. "If the same thing were happening in corporate America, most citizens would be rightfully outraged. The fact that our nation's largest employer discriminates against Gay Americans under the sanction of federal law is equally appalling."

'Queer Eye' Keeps Setting Ratings Records

NEW YORK - With a little controversy adding to its growing popularity, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" continues to set records for cable network Bravo.

On Tuesday night, August 19, the Fab Five, the show's starring group of well-heeled, fine-styled Gay culture mavens, took to Staten Island to make over John Verdi, a 29-year-old Port Authority (PA) police officer with really pale feet who wanted to change his overall look to impress his model girlfriend of three years, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

During the show, Carson Kressley, the fashion guru, and Thom Filicia, the interior design expert, found the cop's uniform shirt and proceeded to wear it, initially raising eyebrows at Port Authority headquarters. However, after further investigation, the PA said the actions were all in good fun.

"Our police superintendent watched the show and enjoyed it thoroughly," Pasquale DiFulco, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, told the Associated Press. "The officer did this on his own time. We have no issue with this."

The gaffe is just another moment in a string of makeovers bolstering the show's -- and ultimately the network's --

ratings. According to Nielsen, a record total 2.9 million viewers tuned in to catch this week's episode, thrusting "Queer Eye" ahead of CBS' "Judging Amy (news - Y! TV)," making NBC-owned Bravo the No. 3 network among all broadcast and cable stations for that hour.

While the Fab Five shimmers and smiles its way to the top, their witty repartee has helped propel other Bravo shows, including dating show "Boy Meets Boy" and NBC stalwart "The West Wing," into even higher ratings, giving the network weeklong high ratings.

"Boy Meets Boy," a "Bachelor"-like show for Gay men, hit a record this week with 1.2 million overall viewers for the hourlong show that precedes "Queer Eye," while "The West Wing," now in nightly syndication, saw nearly 900,000 people tuning in to catch a rerun of President Jed Bartlett leading the country.

"The most talked-about show of the summer is reaching whole new levels in its ratings performance," said Jeff Gaspin, president of Bravo. "And we're thrilled to see it's energizing the entire Bravo schedule."

"Queer Eye" continues through the season, but "Boy Meets Boy" will name a winner in the next week.



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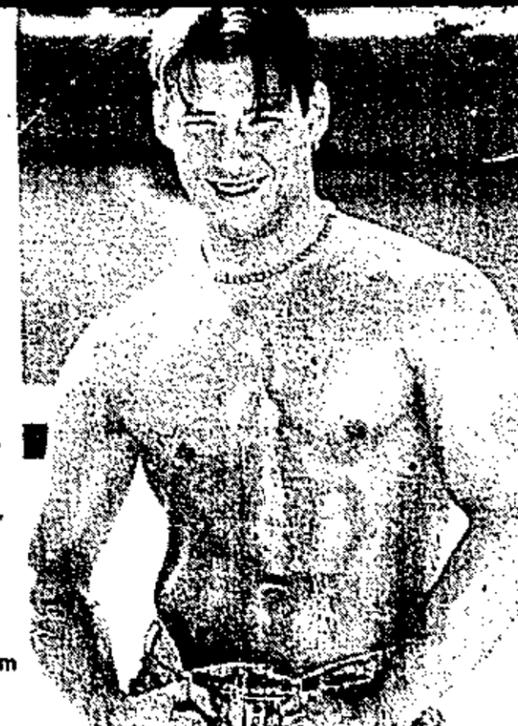
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G/L Leaders Discuss Marriage Fight

WASHINGTON - Facing a proposed constitutional amendment that would prevent the nation's courts and state legislatures from extending partnership rights to same-sex couples, leaders from more than a dozen Gay and Lesbian civil rights organizations will meet in Washington in September to coordinate a response.

The meeting, which will be held at Human Rights Campaign's national headquarters, follows a similar "Gay summit" held in New York City last month.

One of the key points the leaders in the community have seized upon is that the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment would go far beyond simply preventing Gay couples from marrying. As worded, the amendment would not only invalidate Vermont's civil union arrangement but would render void virtually every other domestic partnership law in the country.

The amendment has won provisional backing from the White House, the endorsement of more than 80 Republicans in the House and is supported by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee.

The amendment reads: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the

union of a man and a woman. Neither this constitution nor the constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

The Senate's Republican Policy Committee issued a 12-page paper on "The Threat to Marriage," concluding that the only way to ensure a federal court or a future U.S. Supreme Court does not declare current opposite-sex only marriage laws discriminatory is to pass a constitutional amendment.

Political strategists in Washington say that while Gay marriage remains hypothetical, if Massachusetts or New Jersey rule in favor of Gay marriage, the amendment to ban it would likely sweep through Congress quickly.

Gay communities all over the country are both fearful and angry. "We're at war, for God's sake," 45-year-old bar owner Carl Fox told the Cincinnati Enquirer. "If someone wants to hate me, they have that right in this country. Hate away. Waste your time. That doesn't mean you have the right to deny me what is a basic civil right in this country."

Longtime rights advocate and attorney Evan Wolfson of the Freedom to Marry organization says a community-wide strategy of litigation, legislation, direct action, and public education that forges new ties and strengthens existing ones to non-Gay allies is key to winning the fight.

G/L Friendly

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education director Kim Mills told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "But it is very heartening to see this level of improvement given the current economy."

HRC believes corporate America is leading the way for fair treatment of the GLBT community.

The index has 21 firms with a perfect score of 100, including first-timers Bank One Corp., Capital One Financial Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co., IBM Corp., Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Levi Strauss and Co., MetLife Inc., PG&E Corp., Prudential Financial Inc. and S.C. Johnson & Son Inc.

"This is a great honor for us to be acknowledged by HRC," Melinda Gable, Levi Strauss and Co. senior communications manager, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network. "We think it's very encouraging to see that the index improved so much over last year."

Gable said her company was able to make the perfect score because Levi added Transgender language to the company's human resources policy. This year's index shows only 9 percent of the companies rated include such a statement in their employment policies.

Lockheed Martin Corp. made the largest jump on the index. In 2003, the company was at the bottom with a zero, but this year it's nearing the top with a 71. Defense contractor Northrop Grumman also made the rankings this year by making domestic partner benefits available company-wide.

Since the index was first published last August, HRC said companies have been asking the organization how to improve their scores. Also, individuals are using the list to make better-informed decisions in the marketplace.

"We find that a lot of people use the report when changing jobs, deciding where to spend money and making investment choices," Mills said.

Protests Continue

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Church leaders voted this week to suspend the parish's \$7,000 monthly payments to the diocese as a form of protest against the bishop, who voted to confirm Robinson. Another church in the Diocese of Maryland has taken a similar action against its bishop, the AP reported.

Robinson's confirmation as bishop of New Hampshire generated headlines and drew threats of a schism from conservative Anglicans around the world. The Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the Anglican Communion.

An Internet petition against the church's endorsement of Robinson -- at communionparishes.org -- encourages signers to stop making donations to the national denomination. According to AP, the petition has been endorsed by at least 52 parishes in 20 states, 320 priests and 16 U.S. bishops.

Poland Debates

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Jaruga-Nowicka, the government's minister for gender equality, calls a "historical paradox" in the country.

"Under the totalitarian system, people turned to the church as a symbol of freedom, but now that we have gained that freedom, the church has turned against the development of a civil society," she said.

Given the lack of public tolerance for Gay civil rights in Poland, it is unlikely a bill granting partnership rights to Gay couples will become law in the country anytime soon. However, the fact the bill is receiving the serious consideration of mainstream political parties is giving Gay Poles something to smile about.

What Makes Our Town Tick?

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By Jerry D.

Words To Sleep By

Hello readers! Just a quick reminder that the upcoming holiday weekend brings special events to our local establishments. The Yard Dog is welcoming back our University residents with a back to school weekend. Dancing on the patio Friday and Saturday, cookout on Monday and a "Homework Assignment" contest that is destined to be a classic. Visit any of our establishments mentioned in this publication for some holiday fun.

This week back in 1963, one of our nation's most famous speeches was orated for the whole world to bear witness to. The man of the hour was of course Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his words would forever be a model for personal reflection as well as public display.

I remember the 10th anniversary of the famous speech vividly. I was in school and we were learning about the life of the slain civil rights leader. There was a filmstrip shown to us. The blurry picture, mixed with the tunnel-like sound made us feel that we were watching something that occurred 100 years ago. I could see our teacher mouthing the words as they occurred on the screen without missing a step. What impressed me most was the fact that my teacher was not African-American, nor was she even in this country at the time of the march on Washington.

After the film, the class was given the chance to ask questions to our teacher. When my turn came to ask a question, I had ample time to think about the film we just viewed. The first thought in my head was not so much about the particular moment, but rather the aftermath of such a monumental time in our countries' history.

I simply asked, "if Dr. King had

not given that speech, do you think we would still be in the same shape we are now in this country, or worse?" How could I even imagine that moment not existing in the log of time that was the history we learned in school? The teacher looked at me in true educator fashion and answered the best that she could. "If I thought that the moment we just witnessed were simply a dream of mine, I would never want to wake up". The room stood silent after her answer, silence being only broken by her hand pointing to another student for a question.

Dr. King's words on that hot August day were meant for all of us. Color, creed, religion, background and social status were all represented when he mentioned what his dream consisted of. It would only be a couple of months after that rally that the most popular president in history would lose his life to a sniper. After that the deaths of his brother, Malcolm X and of course Dr. King himself would propel the nation into a sorrow it has yet to reach again. The words of Dr. King were his own, but they represented an entire nation of thoughts reflecting on what it should be and what we should do about it.

If you get the chance, listen to the speech in its entirety. While you are listening, close your eyes and picture you being the one saying the words. You will be surprised as to how much his words would sound just like yours if you were the one thrust into that situation. We all dream the same way, it is a few who bring that dream to the front of our thinking minds and make that lasting impression. Remember to keep the dream alive and register to vote, and for those in Tucson who are registered, to go to the polls on September 9. Have a great week!

A View From The Rock

by Joy L. Childress

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

On The Pain Of Being Different

My son called me this morning, and I thought I was going to get another tirade of accusations of being an abomination in God's sight. Surprisingly, he seemed supportive and wondered if I was dating too soon after my partner of 26 years died 5 months ago. He said he was worried that dating would cause a rebound effect. I appreciate his concern and worry, and for once, I did not hear condemnation in his voice and words. We got to talking about a well-known Penecostal preacher and evangelist who is in the process of coming out, but has withdrawn back into the closet because of all the hate, prejudice, and pressure that accompanies a public figure who is processing the coming-out time table, especially since this preacher is Penecostal.

I feel for this preacher—I understand his pain, his uncertainty, his feeling of isolation, his sense of confusion over is it really "right or wrong". It is an extremely painful process to come out of the closet in our society. But it is even more painful for the Christian to come out. As Christians we have been taught all of our lives that we will go to hell if we are homosexual. And society has fallen into that same line of thinking. I, as a Christian, tried everything to get rid of my "sin". I married twice; I got counseling to change my sexual life; I prayed and denied myself many things to become heterosexual; I pleasured with God to

change me; and you know what? Nothing, absolutely nothing, that I did changed me. I am what I am, and Christians who condemn will just have to adjust to that. But the process of getting to this point is long, arduous, confusing, isolating, emotionally and spiritually painful. But I had to be honest to myself and with myself, because that is what made me free.

If you are struggling as a Christian to dig your way out of the pain and suffering to get right with God, I say this to you. God loves you just as you are. He sent His Son into the world to die for you; that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. That whoever means Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual, Transgendered people. Come out of the darkness of your private hell in your closet, and walk in the light of God's love for you.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

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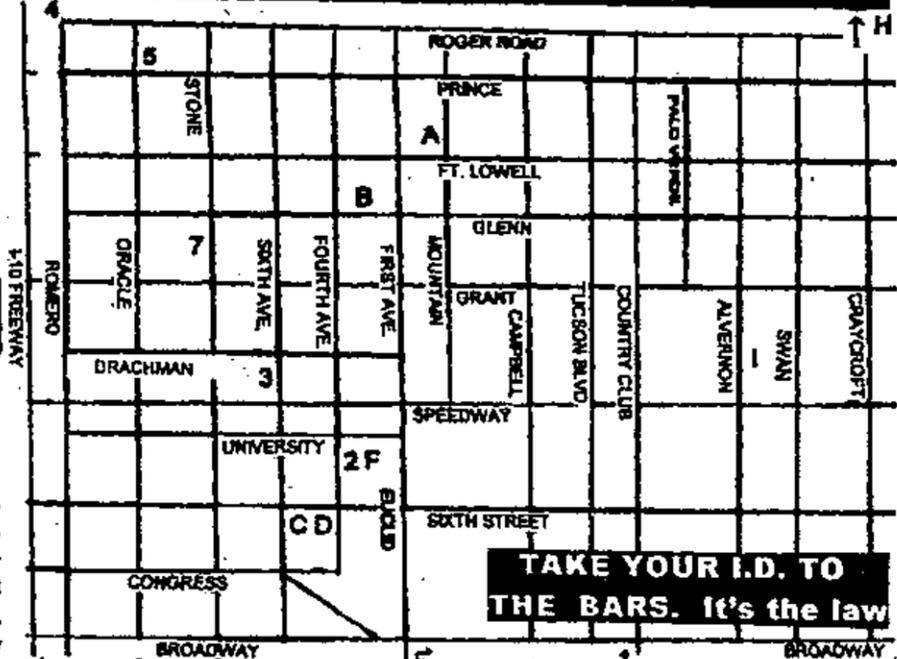
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Dear Dr. X,

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Signed Sore Butt

Dear Sore Butt,

You are not the only person to struggle with this. I want you to think about this from a few different perspectives. First is patience. Is the other person giving you time to relax? Are they stimulating you with a massage of the rectal area and some finger insertion? Do you really want to be penetrated? If your answers are yes then it shouldn't take long for you to get comfortable with the right lubricant and condoms. Sometimes the position is everything. And remember, we are all shaped differently inside and out. Try to start out with you on top so you can control the rate of insertion. Another possibility is an anal relaxation ointment or crème. I can't mention the exact names, but these products are available at sex shops that carry lubricants and condoms. They are reported to be very helpful. My continued reminder is to make sure the product is condom compatible meaning it is not oil based which could bust the condom. As for the poppers, they can indeed be harmful and should be used with care. There are information cards available about poppers and other kinds of drugs in the same box that holds the free condoms at

each of Tucson's Gay bars and at Wingspan. Good luck and remember to be extra safe when engaging in any anal activity.

Dear Dr. X,

I love to eat butt (rimming) and also get my butt eaten. I have heard lots of different info about HIV and Hepatitis risk. Can you please clarify this for me?

Signed Salad Tossler

Dear S.T.,

Rimming is a wonderful sensual act, but can also be really risky if you are not careful. HIV is not your problem here: the risk of getting HIV from anilingus or rimming is close to nothing. (I'll never be quoted saying the risk is zero or someone will prove me wrong.) You have many other risks with rimming. While rimming you can be exposed to any and all of the following:

Bacterial bowel infections like giardia; HPV (human papilloma virus or rectal warts); Hepatitis A, B and C (A and B are preventable with a series of vaccinations; C is chronic and has no vaccine. All three are very serious and difficult to treat. Both B and C can be fatal); NGU (nongonococcal urethritis) symptoms are similar to gonorrhea, and if I tell you any more you'll never have sex again! I know all this sounds grim but don't panic.

If you are going to rim, start by being clean and make sure the other person is also (try taking a shower together, or using baby wipes). Next try saran wrap (not the "made for the microwave" kind!) or a condom cut open flat to act as a barrier or dam. Some people do something I call near rimming which is an act where you get close but don't come into direct oral contact with the anus or rectal opening (clean still being the operative idea). Good luck and know that our friends at the HIV/STD clinics through Pima County Health Department can answer specific questions over the phone (520-791-7676) or in person and brochures are also available at SAAF.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
Meet Tucson author Eric Cuestas-Thompson at Wingspan from 7:00 to 9:00 tonight where he will read from his novel "Burn". The story is a "non-stop adrenaline descent into madness, sexual compulsion and moral conflicts. There is never a dull moment in this thrill-ride novel leading to a stunning climax," said film maker Patrick McGuinn. Refreshments will be served. Wingspan is located at 300 E. 6th St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for an evening of Pinochle. If you don't know how to play, the guys will teach you in a relaxed atmosphere. For directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks — 5 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marty at 722-8531.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Wingspan's 6th Annual Benefit Dinner. Tucson Community Center. Phone 624-1779 for reservations and more information. www.wingspan.org.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The 'DivaLicious' Show starring Faith Michaels, Veronica Halliwell, Tabitha Lovall and Teri Akki.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28
VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend starts here tonight with Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00. Your meat or theirs. They provide the sides.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Friday and Shot Specials every half hour, \$1 Hot Sex Shots or Puckers all night! @ DJ Hill 9:00 to close.

IBT'S - Labor Day Weekend Party starts tonight with Susan Artemis and Friends playing jazz live on the Patio from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Plus Go Go Boys from 9:30 to closing.

VENTURE-N - Live DJ tonight and it's also Bare Chest Party from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

YARD DOG - Labor Day Weekend begins here with a "Back to School Party" lasting all weekend! Homework assignment given Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Get your grades on Monday.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
IBT's - 11:00 a.m. Sean's Flavored Martini Bar and DJ Q for your dancing pleasure beginning at 9:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Latino Nite! Salud es Poder presents Chicas Mink Drag/Travesti Show. Dancing with Dr. Carlos

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
IBT'S - Labor Day Weekend Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This week's proceeds go to Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo with Ajia Simone. 9:00 p.m. The Fusion Party with guest DJ Thom Sparks plus door give-aways all night.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend continues here with a Locker Room Party from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Locker Room Attire Suggested.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY
IBT'S - Winding up Memorial Day Weekend with their traditional "Monday Morning Madness", Tucson's most decadent show starring Ajia Simone, Bunny FuFu, Chantelle Douglas and Nikki Knowles. New on Monday nights from now on, it's DJ T.C. Wildman doing music you won't hear anywhere else. Ho!

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Free Hot Dogs 4-7 p.m. and Beer Bust: large pitcher \$4, small pitcher \$2.50. Free Pool.

VENTURE-N - Squirt Gun Wars start at Noon on the patio. Labor Day Picnic from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
YARD DOG - Get your Back To School Party grades here at 6:00 p.m. A Bar-B-Que Dinner is also being served at 6:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Community Bar-B-Que from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. With special Wet Shorts Contest at 4:30 p.m. \$50 first place (Minimum of four contestants).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
IBT'S - Bob Voyage Bathing Suit Party for IBT's Lifeguard, Dan, on his way to Key West. 6:00 until ???.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.
IBT'S - Open Noon 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-Que 5-7. (Donation only).
WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Pato Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sidon burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm.
YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Dinner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.
IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Theme Dance Nite with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Free Pool 8pm to close.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pato 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-11
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

Tuesday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm \$3 entry, bar matches pool. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8 to close.
IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm Tee's & Tattoo Nite. wear an House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to close W/DJ-Q
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$1 Kamakazi, Jellios.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls it drink specials.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open at 5pm.

Wednesday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.
IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Luanda Holiday and guests. HNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm. plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pato 5pm. Specials til 7pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-It's-leather nite w/Gary and Chns along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

Thursday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, \$2 Kamakazees and \$1 Hot Sex..
IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon. Grill open noon-8pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. 10oz Sirloin Steak w/potato & salad 5:30-8pm. \$6.99
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pato open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 8pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.
IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Pato Bar 5-1pm. GOGO Boys and Dance Party with DJ T.C. Wildman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 10:30am-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Fish or Shrimp Dinner \$5.99 11am-8pm. Country Western Dance with Libby & Pat 8pm-closing.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pato open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Pato Bar Open 7pm - midnight.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday
AINT NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Bar matches pool. \$2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.
IBT'S - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquans 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.
NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am. Grill open 1-7pm. Margantas \$3.69pm-close. Latino Nite. Dancing w/Dr. Carlos. Free SAAF HIV testing.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Pato Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.
WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

Arts & Entertainment

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 28
Live Theatre Workshop presents "Cash Flow" by D.B. Giles. A hilarious comedy about a publishing firm on the brink of financial ruin. The round table discussion between the top three executives centers around their ideas on how to save the company. The son of the former president, Elliott Gallagher (Cliff Madison) wants to bring in a questionable investor, the company treasurer Marty Blasingame (John McRosstie), wants to file bankruptcy, and the veteran sales manager Casey McDermott (Bruce Bieszki) suggests they hire an arsonist (Tony Eckstat) to burn the building down. One glimmer of hope lies in the inventive educational program designed by the editorial chief Carolyn McNeil (Maria Fletcher). But where to get the money to develop it? Does the answer lie in corruption or destruction? A laugh out loud romp with a surprise ending. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee 3:00 p.m. only. Tickets range from \$14 - \$12. Call 327-4242 for reservations and information about 2003-2004 season ticket packets.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
Live! The Gipsy Kings at Casino Del Sol's AVA. Gates open at 6:30 and show starts at 7:30 p.m. TicketMaster 321-1000.

SEPTEMBER 3 - 14
"Rumors" a play by Neil Simon, presented by the Arizona Repertory Theatre and directed by Samantha K. Wyer. Evening performances Sept 3-6 and 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. Matinees: Sept 7, 13 & 14 at 1:30 p.m. Marjorie Theatre on the UA Campus located at the southeast corner of Park Ave. and Speedway Blvd. General admission \$22 with discounts for seniors, students and employees. Tickets available through the UA Fine Arts Box Office, 621-1162. Check out the web site <http://www.UATheatre.org>

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
In concert the Goo Goo Dolls "Here is Gone", "Slide", "Name". Gates open at 7:00 p.m. Show starts at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Gallery Four Ten presents "Roots" featuring artists Bob Bergier, Lydia D'Amico, Maurice Grossman, Judith Mariner, Darin Schoeny, Jorge Vergelli and Richard Zelars. Opening reception this evening from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Gallery Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by Appointment. 520-740-1947.

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 5
The Invisible Theatre Season Opener "Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years." \$16 Preview Mon. 9/15 7:30 p.m. \$20 Tues., Weds., Thurs., Sun. 7:30 p.m. \$22 Fri., Sat., 8:00 pm. And Sat & Sun. 2:00 p.m. For reservations call 882-9721 10am -4pm. Invisible Theatre, 1400N. First Avenue (at Drachman). Two unforgettable pioneering African-American sisters, 103-year-old Sadie and 101-year-old Bessie Delaney, take us on a remarkable journey through the 20th century of our nation's history. The play is an invitation to visit with the Delaney Sisters as they relive their memories of the past, their secrets of the present and their hopes for the future.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 28
Borderlands Theater presents the world premiere of a new play, "Electricidad (An American Tragedy), by Luis Alfaro at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Set in a Tucson barrio, Electricidad is a Chicano take on Sophocles' Electra written in Spanglish. This heartbreaking and humorous saga explores the confines between love, murder, grief and revenge. A mother and a daughter square off against each other at all costs and change the course of their family and community forever. Thursdays-Fridays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sundays 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (520)882-7406.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
Chris Le Doux "Cadillac Ranch", Trick Pony "Pour Me" and Emerson Drive "I Should Be Sleeping on the stage tonight. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. TicketMaster 321-1000



NOTICES

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, 882-7223 Facilitator.

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.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

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 WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings, luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 615-3491, 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.

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups/info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

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.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5725 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Pionita St between St. Marys and Congress.

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 at 888-5544.

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 966-2384.

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 Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronomo (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.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or 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., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.

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NOTICES

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 690-9563 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-List Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgment 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.

THE MENS 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 615-6436 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Graycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OutFest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com.

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6617.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th 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 Anabel at 325-0892.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3925.

AZdylcs is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information email to az@glennet.com and request guidelines.

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

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)

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

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 607-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAIPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAIPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-1805.

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

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

NOTICES

HALELUJAH RECOVERY DRUG & ALCOHOL 12-STEP Every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronomo 622-1626.

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

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

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)531-6219 (Phoenix).

GISEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street 743-4800.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. in 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 293-6624.

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

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)712-7895 or go to our web site: http://www.tgssoftball.org

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lutucson.org write: L.C., 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 MENS CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 617-3100 for more info.

TGNet/Arizona. The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44015, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045.

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

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

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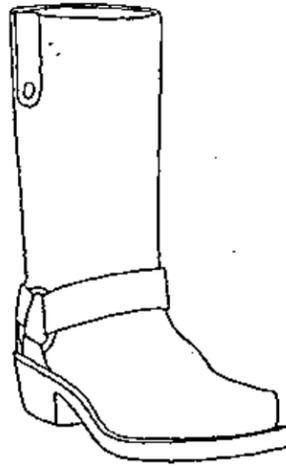
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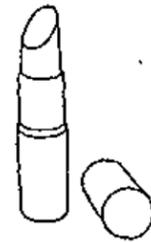
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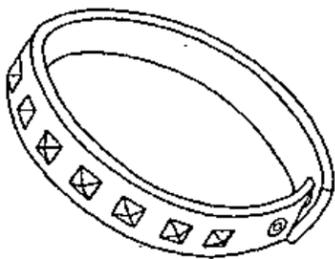
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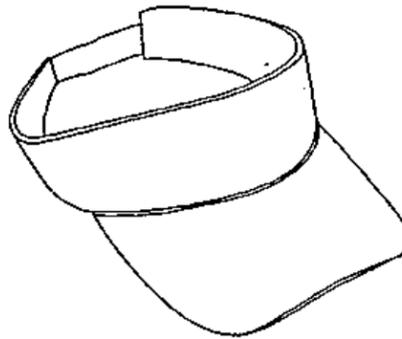
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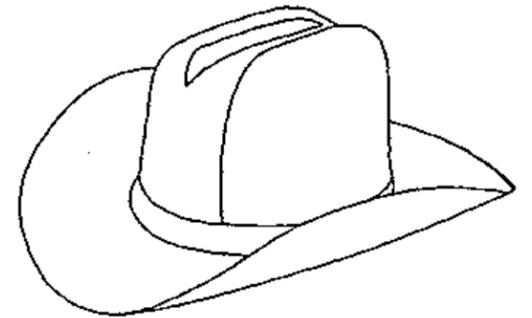
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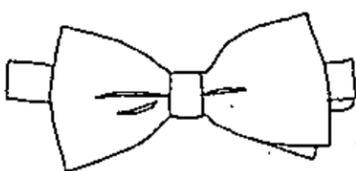
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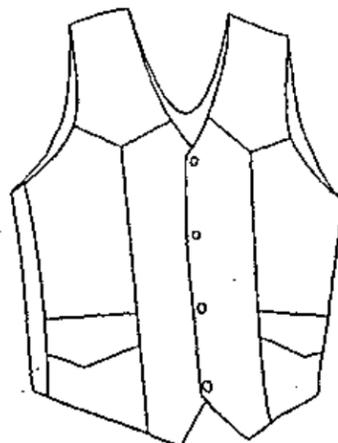
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