



Mass. Attorney General Refuses To Assist In Blocking G/L Marriages

BOSTON - The politics of the Gay marriage debate in Massachusetts have now moved from the legislative branch to the executive branch, with Gov. Mitt Romney and Atty. Gen. Thomas F. Reilly sparring over whether the state should ask its highest court to delay same-sex marriages until voters can cast ballots on a constitutional amendment banning them.

Following the state legislature's approval Monday, March 29, of a proposed amendment to the Massachusetts constitution banning Gay marriage but allowing civil unions, Romney called on Reilly to ask the supreme judicial court for a stay on its mandate that same-sex couples be issued marriage licenses beginning May 17, at least until state residents get a chance to vote on the amendment, which would be November 2006 at the earliest. On Tuesday, Romney asked Reilly to appoint a special assistant to handle the request if the attorney general himself were unwilling. Romney said he wants to prevent any confusion that could ensue if Gay marriages take place beginning in May and are then outlawed by voters—a separate question, he argued, from the issue of the constitutionality of Gay marriage as ruled on by the high court in November.

But Reilly declined, arguing that the court had made itself clear in its original November decision and in an advisory opinion issued in February. "I was struck by the fact that [Romney's] letter did not set forth one single legal argument," said Reilly, whose office represented the state in the landmark same-sex marriage case. "The arguments the governor makes are political arguments. The governor's job is to implement the law of the state, and I expect him to do that." That left a Romney aide fuming: "Under our constitution, the attorney general is the gatekeeper to the supreme court. By his action, he's closed the gate on the people of Massachusetts," Romney communications director Eric Fehrstrom said Tuesday. "His suggestion

that it is the job of the client to make the legal argument is ridiculous. There are plenty of lawyers to make legal arguments. What we need is for Tom Reilly to appoint one of them to represent us."

Several experts on the role of attorneys general in state government said Tuesday that Romney has no power to circumvent Reilly, a Democrat viewed as a possible gubernatorial opponent to Romney in 2006. "The law in Massachusetts is clear that the attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer of the commonwealth," said Boston attorney Robert Sherman, who served as special counsel to Reilly's predecessor. "It's the attorney general who makes the decision and not the governor." Romney reiterated his commitment Tuesday to abide by the law of the land as it exists on May 17 and said he would not order city clerks to defy the court edict. There is a section in the state constitution that gives the governor the power to weigh in on the "causes of marriage," but Romney said he had not explored whether this clause gives him any legal power to stop same-sex marriages. Romney could potentially sue the attorney general's office, arguing that Reilly does not have the legal power to deny his request. Similar lawsuits have been filed in the past but have been rejected by the supreme judicial court.

Several lawmakers are also seeking ways to avoid the legalization of same-sex marriage in May. Rep. Paul Losococco (R-Holliston) said Tuesday that he is preparing a bill that would abolish the state's civil marriage law, replacing it with civil unions for both Gay and straight couples. Under his bill, which could potentially take effect before May 17, marriage would become solely a religious institution. He said he wants to craft the language in a way that would ensure that straight couples who enter into these civil unions would continue to have all the federal benefits of marriage and be recognized as married in other states.

Study: U.S. Acceptance of Gays, Lesbians Is Rising

WASHINGTON - A recent study from the American Enterprise Institute, one of the oldest think tanks in the country, is gaining attention for charting the acceptance of Gays and Lesbians over the past 30 years, reports the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

On Tuesday, March 30, the Los Angeles Times featured the study, noting acceptance of Gays in the military rose from 51 percent in 1977 to 80 percent in 2003, and approval of Gays as elementary school teachers rose from 27 percent in 1977 to 61 percent in 2003.

The study was first posted in February, but its author, Karlyn Bowman, told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network it's regularly updated.

"I believe one of the most recent studies I included was how Gallup found a 57 percent support for civil unions in March," she recalled.

Bowman stressed what was most impressive about the various studies she follows is the "increase of tolerance and

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Benefit For Observer Archive Project, April 10

TUCSON - IBT's Easter Show is being held Saturday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., and will featured the infamous "Norman Tabernacle Choir," and this year's beneficiary is the Observer Archive Project Fund.

The goal for that night is to raise as much as \$2000 toward this ongoing, historically important project. All "archive supporters" will be announced at this event.

All proceeds from this, and all other efforts solely goes for the creation of the Observer Archive at the Arizona State Library for all to see and view.

Over the past 28 years, The Observer has, week after week, observed, documented and advertised functions, activities and celebrations for all of us - individuals and groups - in the GLBT community. The Observer is the record of the history of GLBT Tucson. It is time to preserve this history somewhere other than

on paper, and to preserve it so that anyone can retrieve it.

The Arizona State Library System has offered to archive our history, where anyone will be able to access any part of it, at any time. But this project does not come without cost. It will cost between \$3500 and \$5000 to create these archives.

The Observer Archive Project is requesting that you, your group or organization become an "archive supporter" by contributing any amount that is comfortable for you.

No contribution is too small. Please help preserve the history of GLBT Tucson, and give that gift to all those who come after, by making a donation to this cause now.

Please make checks payable to: The Observer Archive Project, PO Box 5002, Tucson, Arizona 85703.

Study Shows Economic Disadvantage Of G/L Couples Unable To Marry

BOSTON - Same-sex couples in Massachusetts face a vast economic disadvantage compared with their straight counterparts because they cannot legally marry, according to a study released Monday, April 5, by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute.

"Same-sex couples pay more in taxes and get fewer protections and benefits in return," said Matt Foreman, the Task Force's executive director. "These injustices aren't hypothetical—instead, they are being inflicted right now on hardworking, taxpaying Massachusetts couples, often at times of family tragedy and loss."

The study is the first comprehensive analysis of the disparities Gay couples face in federal and state income tax, Social Security benefits, gift tax, estate tax, workers' compensation, and line-of-duty death benefits. Massachusetts will start the process of issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples on May 17.

One of the couples profiled in the report, Donna Triggs and Donna Moore, both 54, pay \$2,177 (13%) more each year in state and federal income taxes than a married couple earning the same amount because they cannot file a joint return. The analysis also finds that if Ms. Triggs died as a result of an injury at work, her spouse would receive \$884 per week (\$45,968 per year, up to a maximum of \$207,722) in workers' compensation benefits. Because Ms. Triggs and Ms. Moore cannot now

marry, however, Ms. Moore would receive nothing in workers' compensation benefits. "Why should we have to pay more in taxes while being cut out of the social safety net programs we've been paying into our entire lives?" asked Hyde. "As Massachusetts residents, all we want and what we deserve is equal treatment."

The report underscores that creating civil unions for same-sex couples, which is being advocated by the leadership of the Massachusetts legislature, falls far short of providing benefits equal to those enjoyed by married couples.

"Because so many important financial rights and responsibilities—like federal income tax and Social Security benefits—are federal protections based on marital status, civil unions do not and cannot provide anything remotely resembling what comes with marriage," said Sean Cahill, director of the Task Force Policy Institute. "There are 1,138 federal protections associated with marriage, but civil unions will not give Gay couples access to a single one."

Given the passage of the federal Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, which allows the federal government to withhold recognition from same-sex marriages performed in any state, in the short run same-sex marriages in Massachusetts will not be recognized by federal bureaucracies. However, the group believes DOMA is

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GLBT & Allies Voter Registration Drive Launched

TUCSON - On Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am to noon, Wingspan will hold an interactive and dynamic training to kick-off an exciting new LGBT and allied Voter Registration Drive initiative.

Wingspan is working with the U.S. Action Education Fund (www.usaction.org) to register 1,000 new LGBT and allied people and their families in Southern Arizona by October 1.

U.S. Action Education Fund is the nation's largest progressive activist organization, dedicated to winning social, racial and economic justice for all. U.S. Action Education Fund joins together from different backgrounds around an issue of common concern: to take our democracy back from the corporate elite and the well-heeled special interests that dominate the political process today. U.S. Action Education Fund fights to win real changes that benefit the vast majority of Americans whose voices are not being heard in our state capitols and in the corridors of power in Washington.

Wingspan is looking for at least 20 LGBT and allied volunteers to help:

Register people to vote at all Wingspan events between April and October 1.

Train Wingspan front desk volunteers to ask every person who comes in to Wingspan if they are registered to vote.

Write emails and articles encouraging people to stop by Wingspan and register to vote.

For each person Wingspan registers, Wingspan receives \$2.00 from the US Action Education Fund. More importantly, Wingspan helps LGBT and allied people become engaged with politics and Democracy! If you like to attend events, talk to people, and believe in Democracy, please consider volunteering for this important initiative! As a volunteer, you will select the events you are already attending, and take along registration forms. It's that easy!

To learn more, please join us Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 am to noon at Wingspan (300 E. 6th St) for a Voter Registration Drive training. To attend the training, please RSVP to

cathy@wingspan.org or call Cathy at (520) 624-1779 x16. The training will provide tools and pointers on getting non-registered people registered to vote. You will learn how to effectively respond to the most common objections on not being registered (ie "I don't want to be called for jury duty" or "voting is pointless"), how to fill out voter registration forms, who can and cannot be registered, and how to do it all in a nonpartisan, empowering, fun way!

Wingspan will also open the meeting up to hear what issues the LGBT and allied community has on our minds in terms of public policy and political issues.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit, Wingspan is allowed to encourage people to register to vote, and talk about political issues; However, Wingspan staff or volunteers cannot tell people which candidate or party to vote for.

Wingspan welcomes volunteers of any sexual orientation (straight allies encouraged to volunteer!) or any gender identity. We also strongly encourage people of color, bilingual folks, people with disabilities, trans and Bisexual people, people from rural communities, youth, seniors, people who are HIV positive or living with AIDS, and survivors of violence to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer for this important voter drive, but are unable to make the training on Saturday April 17, 10:00 a.m. at Wingspan, please email or call (520) 624-1779 and let her know. She will add you to the roster of potential volunteers.

MCC Announces Easter Schedule

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On April 8 at 6 p.m., the Water of Life will hold a Passover Supper Reading and Demonstration. The Holy Thursday Service will follow, beginning at 7 p.m. The Lord's last supper is remembered with holy communion and ritual of foot washing. The Good Friday Worship Service begins at 7 p.m., on April 9. This is a time of reflection and remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion. The Sunrise Easter Service starts at 6 a.m. in the Rose Garden on April 11 with coffee and pastries to follow. There will be a second Easter Service at 9 a.m.

There are plenty of opportunities to join us at Water of Life MCC this week. Come to one, come to them all. Come

share in the Lord's boundless love. The Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain, just north of Fort Lowell Road. MCC worships each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For further information, contact MCC, (520) 292-9151.

GLBT Support Group Starting Up

TUCSON - After a bit of a hiatus, a free educational support group for LGBT victim/survivors of violence will be starting up again through Wingspan.

This will be a "mixed" group for Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexual folks and trans-identified folks who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, hate crimes or other violence. The group will be co-facilitated by Lori B. Girshick and Michael Mandel. Lori is Coordinator of the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project and author of the book *Woman-to-Woman Sexual Violence: Does She Call it Rape?*

Girshick has worked in domestic and sexual violence for 14 years. Michael is Community Educator at the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault and former LGBT Outreach Coordinator at the Center for Crime Victim and Sexual Assault Services in Ithaca, N.Y., where he was certified by the state department of health as a rape crisis counselor.

They expect to start the group in early May and will include new members on an on-going basis. The positives of a peer-based support group are many and include on-going support for dealing with anxieties and safety concerns, ending isolation, hearing how others deal with problems similar to your own, a venue for role-playing situations, and exploring how to establish non-abusive relationships. If you are interested in the group or want more information please contact Lori at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, ext. 20.

STD Services Offered In Bars Prove Effective Study Says

PHILADELPHIA - Gay and Bisexual men respond favorably to sexually transmitted disease testing and other health outreach programs offered in Gay bars and nightclubs, according to a study of New York City men presented at the National STD Prevention Conference, GayHealth.com reports.

The health outreach events, which included HIV antibody testing, STD screenings, vaccinations for hepatitis A and B, and smoking cessation programs, were offered four times at two Gay bars and a Gay community center in the city in November and December. A total of 930 men attended the events, including nearly 70 of whom were tested on-site for HIV infection.

One third of the men who attended the events ultimately received one or more of the services available. "These findings reinforce the need for specially tailored STD prevention programs that address the needs of men who have sex with men" in venues that are welcoming and easily accessible, said John Douglas, director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's STD prevention activities.

Reveille Rummage Sale April 17

Proceeds from this sale, to take place on Saturday, April 17, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the parking lot of the Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft, will go towards RGMC's upcoming concert

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'Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals' Exhibit

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TUCSON - Thousands of homosexuals, primarily Gay men, were murdered in concentration camps by the Nazis along with 6 million Jews and other victims including, Roma (Gypsies), Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the people with disabilities during World War II and the Holocaust.

The story of what happened to homosexuals in Nazi Germany is the subject of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's (USHMM) touring exhibition, "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945." The exhibition opened in Washington D.C., in November 2002.

The exhibit will be on display April 25 through May 16 at the Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E. River Road. This marks the first time an exhibit from the USHMM will be on display in Tucson.

More than two years in development, it is the first major exhibition on the subject for English-speaking audiences and draws on materials from more than 40 archives and other repositories in eight countries.

Throughout its 10 years in operation, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington has worked to acknowledge the other victims of the Nazi regime without diminishing the uniqueness of the Jewish Holocaust. "This exhibition reflects the Museum's commitment to

recognizing all the victims of Nazism," says Fred S. Zeidman, Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the Museum's governing body. "Poles, Gypsies, Soviet prisoners of war, homosexuals, people with disabilities, and Jehovah's Witnesses all were targeted by the regime, and 5 million of them were murdered along with the 6 million Jews between 1933 and 1945. We created a traveling exhibition to tell this important story in communities throughout the U.S."

A coalition of over 30 Tucson organizations have been meeting since December 2002 to plan the Tucson exhibit and related community events.

"We are honored to be a member of this broad-based coalition of community organizations," shared Cathy Busha, Director of Programs at Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center. "While the exhibit focuses on the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals during the Holocaust, this coalition has developed a calendar of events that makes the connections among all forms of oppression, and offers a vision of social justice that benefits everyone. We are proud that Tucson is the only city where this exhibit is being displayed in Jewish space."

Event highlights include a poetry reading by Jane Miller, a lecture by Leslie Feinberg, staged readings of Hotel Juarez by Borderlands Theater, a lecture by Professor Jennifer Evans, a 2003 Visiting

Fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (USHMM), a free performance of "Nishmat Adam" The Soul Of Man: A program of remembrance by Chamber Music plus, a private tour of the exhibit for Southern Arizona Holocaust survivors and their children provided by staff from the USHMM, a discussion of Rabbis and community members of the inclusion of LGBT Jews in Tucson's congregations, and a lecture by Dr. Edward Phillips, staff member of US Holocaust Memorial Museum and curator of the exhibit, "Nazi Persecution Of Homosexuals 1933-1945."

A multi-faith blessing will mark the exhibit opening in Tucson on Sunday, April 25, at the Tucson Jewish Community Center. Additionally, over a dozen Tucson clergy have volunteered chaplain services during the exhibit's run.

On Monday May 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Tucson Jewish Community Center will host a community reception. Stuart Mellan, President and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, and Kent Burbank, Executive Director of Wingspan, will provide remarks. Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and Desert Voices will perform. The reception is free and open to the public.

The Tucson showing of the exhibit will close on Sunday, May 16. The exhibit will be open to the public daily 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and is free of charge.

In 1933, the year Adolf Hitler assumed power, an estimated 1 million homosexual men lived in Germany. Nazi policy asserted that homosexual men carried a "degeneracy" that threatened the "disciplined masculinity" of Germany. Additionally, the Nazis charged that homosexuals' failure to father children was a factor in Germany's declining birth rate, thus robbing the nation of future sons and daughters who could fight for and work toward a greater Reich.

"The exhibition explores why homosexual behavior was identified as a danger to Nazi society and how the Nazi regime attempted to eliminate it," says exhibition curator Edward Phillips. "The Nazis believed it was possible to 'cure' homosexual behavior through labor, 're-education,' and castration. As their efforts to eradicate homosexuality grew more draconian, Gay men became subject to experimentation, institutionalization, and deportation to concentration camps."

Between 1933 and 1945, an estimated 100,000 men were arrested for homosexuality, and of these, approximately 50,000 were sentenced for the crime. Most of these men spent time in regular prisons. An estimated 5,000 - 15,000 were sent to concentration camps where an unknown number of them perished.

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Local Pair's Same-Sex Marriage On Hold

TUCSON - Nancy Robinett and Jenifer McGuire were set to marry this summer in Massachusetts, the only state whose highest court has legalized Gay marriage, reported the Tucson Citizen.

They planned their trip for after May 17, when Gay and Lesbian couples could begin marrying there.

But last week they learned they won't be able to get a marriage license in Massachusetts.

On March 30, Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly cited a 1913 state law that prevents the state from legally issuing a license to couples whose marriage would be illegal in home states. Arizona is among 38 states that bar same-sex marriages.

"We were really close to being able to do it. We were really excited," said Robinett, a 40-year-old immigration lawyer. "Now we're back on hold."

Not being able to marry this summer is "not going to make our relationship a whole lot different," she said.

A 1996 Arizona law prohibits Gay marriage.

The couple had a public commitment ceremony March 15, 2003, and have registered with Tucson's domestic partner registry, which was started in December. The largely symbolic registry

guarantees partners hospital visits and family rates at city facilities.

But not being married will still affect their finances and their ability to be there for each other legally, in medical emergencies, for instance.

"The big deal here is, there is a high financial hit when you live in a family and you can't be married," Robinett said.

She cited the cost of health insurance. Her partner can't be covered as a family member by her insurance.

"That's several hundred dollars a month," she said. "It's an economic hit that some might not think is important, but it is."

And the couple - McGuire, 34, is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Arizona - have to create legal documents, such as a health care power of attorney, to protect each other during times of incapacitation, she said.

Robinett once had the protections of legal marriage. She is divorced and has three children, ages 12, 13 and 16. She and her ex-husband have joint custody.

"Massachusetts was particularly important as opposed to California and Oregon," where some same-sex marriage licenses have been issued, she said. "It was the only state to have come this far, so of course we are disappointed."

Cheney Halts Plan For Lesbian Book Release

NEW YORK - One day after Penguin Books announced it was reissuing a book by Lynne Cheney the wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, that featured steamy Lesbian love scenes the publisher says it has decided not to release the novel, reports 365Gay.com.

Cheney's attorney, Robert Barnett, she did not even know about the reissue plans until receiving calls from the media. Barnett then contacted the publisher. Neither side will say much about the conversation between Penguin and Barnett, but within an hour the company said it had agreed to pull the novel. Barnett would say that there was no threat of legal action.

The book, *Sisters*, was written in 1981 and focuses on feminism in the old west. A novel, it contains what is described as "lots of turgid prose, heaving bosoms, female characters who are proto-feminists and practice safe sex with multiple partners - and a juicy Lesbian subplot."

"We felt interest was growing because it was an election year and we decided it could be a timely book," says Penguin's Liz Perl.

That may have been an understatement. The subject matter represents the antithesis of the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign; strong independent women, Lesbian relationships, and promiscuity.

One passage in the book reads:

"Let us go away together, away from the anger and imperatives of men. There will be only the two of us, and we shall linger through long afternoons of sweet retirement. In the evenings I shall read to you while you work your cross-stitch in the firelight. And then we shall go to bed, our bed, my dearest girl."

The President's support for an amendment banning same-sex marriage has already put Cheney on the defensive. He has disavowed comments he made during the last election campaign that Gay marriage is an issue that should be left to the state and now says he supports the President's view.

Cheney is also keeping Lesbian daughter out of sight during the campaign. Mary Cheney is running her father's campaign, but has refused to comment on either her father's newly found position or Gay marriage, and is not expected to campaign this time with her father.

By exerting pressure on Penguin not to re-release Lynne Cheney's book, the campaign is hoping to avoid any controversy or conflict with the extreme right in the GOP.





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TO THE TUCSON GLBT COMMUNITY:

Desert Voices presented their Spring Concert and Silent Auction on Saturday night, April 3. It was a terrific concert and the Silent Auction was very successful. Our audience members seemed to have a great time, and we heard a lot of compliments for our music, our stage presence and for the event itself.

We would like to thank the community for their support in coming out and filling the audience. We would also like to thank Dave Huff and Frank Schepis from IBT's/Woody's for making it possible for us to offer an open bar to our guests. Your generosity is very much appreciated! A big thank you also goes out to Bentley's, Something Sweet Dessert Lounge and Delectable's, for their donations of brownies for our guests to enjoy.

We'd also like to thank Cindy Diaz, co-owner of Calabaza Productions for serving as our videographer for the show, and Lillian Meriwether and the Pima Community College Interpreter Training program for providing Sign language interpreters for the show. And many thanks to our advertisers from the community, including the Observer who continue to support our efforts to reach people, change lives and create greater understanding of GLBT people in the world.

With the support of our many fans and the Tucson GLBT community, we can continue to carry out our primary mission, to "Build community within and outside the chorus through our love of music, to produce shows that are entertaining and musically excellent, to perform music that reflects the lives of the GLBT community, to promote an ongoing, positive GLBT presence in our community, and to advance positive social change in the larger society".

Thank you,
Mae Krueger
Desert Voices Board President

EDITOR:

Gay Men's Health Project would like to express some thanks for last Saturday's Gender Bender show. We were able to raise over \$3300 at the show and from sponsors, and an additional \$3000 from a single donation, bringing our total to over \$6300! And with a few pledges still coming in, that number will grow even more. All of these monies go to support GMHP's Condom Brigade program, putting those free condom kits in the community's pocket.

First: huge thanks to all of the performers who got up on that stage and gave it their all. You all did a fabulous job! You should be very proud of not only the performance you gave, but also of even having the guts to get up there and try it! To our fabulous hostess Lucinda, and to all our performers. Thank you!

Second: Thanks go out to all those who helped to put the show together without going on stage. All of you behind-the-scenes folks gave considerable amounts of your time (and some of your money) to make this show happen, and it was not overlooked. From makeup and hair, to stage and sound, you are all appreciated!

Third: Big thanks to Dave and Frank of IBT's/Woody's. Your help and support of efforts has made a huge

difference! Thanks for sharing with us all! Thanks also belong to all of the other bar and business owners that allowed us to advertise in your establishment for a competing event. Talk about being supportive!

And finally: An enormous Thank You goes out to the local Tucson community; Gay, straight, and everywhere in between. How wonderful to look out from the stage and see the faces of so many different types of people staring back, there to support each other. It is with that generous support that these events succeed, and that our program continues. It is your presence, your cheers of approval (and of course your dollars) that enable us to move forward and continue to provide the services that Tucson needs. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Gary Rhine and Chris Davis
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Montreal Games To Be World's First 'OutGames'

MONTREAL - Rendez-vous 2006 the international LGBT games to be held in Montreal has signed on to become the first OutGames, reports 365Gay.com.

The games were to have been held under the auspices of the Federation of Gay Games, but Montreal quit the group last November in a dispute over money and control. In leaving the FGG Montreal said it would move on independently to produce its own games in 2006.

Over the winter it held a "think tank" with sports groups from around the world leading to the formation of a new umbrella organization for LGBT sports, the Gay & Lesbian International Sport Association.

The final touches on the GLISA were completed this week as reported first by 365Gay.com. It's aim is to foster Gay sports on a 12-month-a-year basis and every four years mount its own world games to be called the OutGames.

"Montreal 2006 has worked hard at bringing a vision of an Olympic-sized event to life over the past four years, and we are delighted that our accomplishments are being recognized, and our vision shared by GLISA," said Olympian Mark Tewksbury, Co-President of Rendez-Vous Montreal 2006.

"Most importantly, through this partnership with GLISA, Montreal 2006 will be able to leave an important legacy to the international sporting community."

The Federation of Gay Games has replaced Montreal with Chicago as the host of its Gay Games in 2006.

Having two sets of international games in the same year will put a strain on athletes and sponsors. Following the 2006 OutGames, the GLISA will hold its second OutGames in 2009 and then every four years after that.



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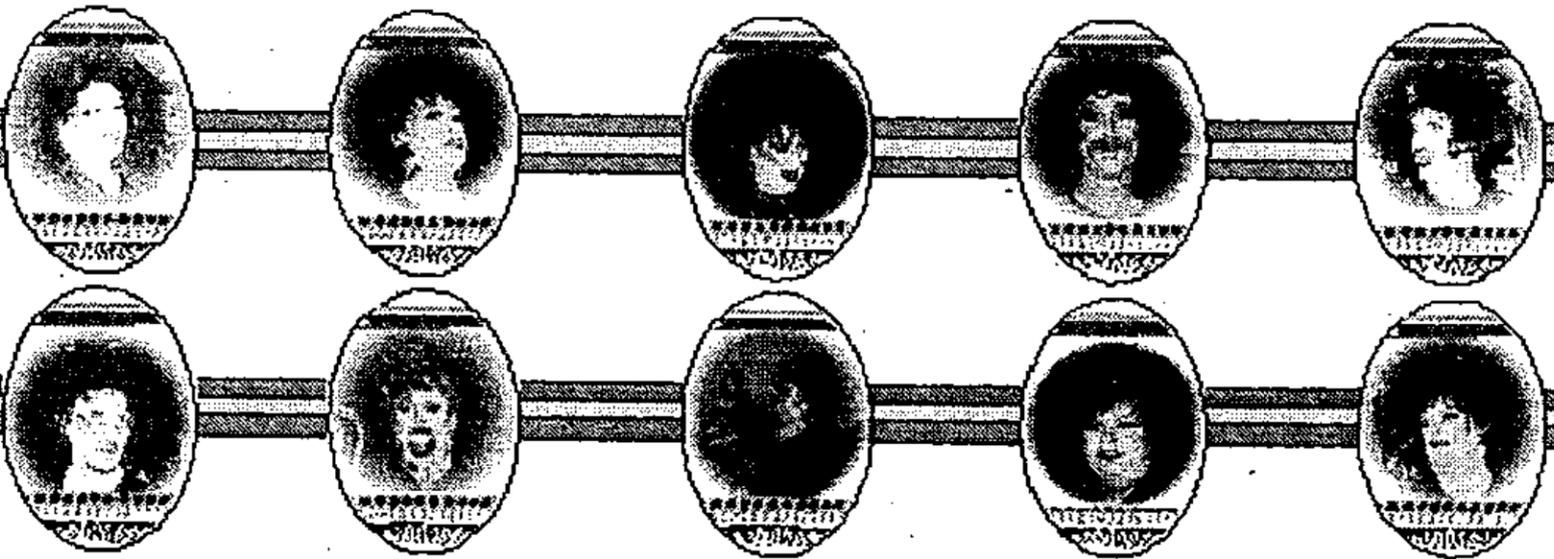
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POLITICS 2004
 by Mark R. Kerr

'H.R. 3966'

In this publication last week, a statement was made by an individual about supporting an elected official because simply "they're one of us", despite the fact the elected official in question has a past track record of selling "us" down the river, something that occurred yet again, this past week.

colleges and universities," Sharna E. Greer, SLDN's Director of Law & Policy, said. "The Department of Defense is simply trying to maintain its form of federally sanctioned discrimination on our nation's campuses. This bill is unnecessary and unfair."

On Tuesday, March 30, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on H.R. 3966, The ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004, sponsored by Rep. Mike Rogers, R-AL, expanding on the 1995 law, (H. Res. 307), named after the late representative Gerald Solomon, R-NY (Solomon Amendment).

Representatives Frank and Baldwin stood up against discrimination and voted against H.R. 3966, as well as Arizona Congressmen Raul Grijalva, D-CD 7 (Tucson), and Ed Pastor, D-CD 4 (Phoenix).

According to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), strengthens the Solomon Amendment, an existing law which forces universities to violate non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. Under H.R. 3966, universities would be required to grant "equal access" to recruiters, giving the U.S. military the same recruiting advantages as employers that offer equal opportunities to lesbian and gay students. While many schools already grant recruiters unfettered access, H.R. 3966 places into federal law policies which now exist as Department of Defense regulations. Universities would be required to certify such access to the Secretary of Defense or risk losing all federal funding for their schools.

On the other hand, Representative Jim Kolbe, R-CD 8, the other openly Gay Member of Congress, voted in favor of H.R. 3966 but the story doesn't end there.

Kolbe was one of the 32 co-sponsors of H.R. 3966, which affects further the anti-discrimination ordinances and policies that universities and colleges across the nation and in Arizona, which all three Universities - Arizona State, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona, as well as Pima Community College that have and implemented for GLBT students and employees.

This can't be described as an "anomaly" by Congressman Kolbe, since he voted in favor of the original bill, H. Res. 307 (Roll no. 864), by Rep. Solomon on December 15, 1995, during the 104th Congress, which had two openly Gay Republican Members of Congress for which the other individual, Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin, voted against H. Res. 307

H.R. 3966 now goes to the U.S. Senate and has been assigned to the Senate Armed Services Committee. GLBT rights groups have vowed to fight H.R. 3966.

Openly Gay Rep. Barney Frank D-MA, during the debate on H.R. 3966, said "This legislation is to punish those institutions which have said, as a matter of principle, we do not want them recruiting on their campus unless everybody is eligible." Frank continued, "We do not want them restricting on irrelevant grounds people because of their race or their religion or their gender or their sexual orientation. Punishing [universities] to reinforce an unfair policy hurts the military."

"Our nation's colleges and universities should not be micromanaged by Congress," said openly Lesbian Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-WI. "They ought to be allowed to apply state law, local ordinances and institutional policies to organizations that recruit on campus."

H.R. 3966 was passed, by a vote of 343-81 (Roll no. 101), and reaction from Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights groups was swift to the vote.

"Schools should never be forced to allow discrimination," said Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

"This isn't about recruiting. Military recruiters already have access to

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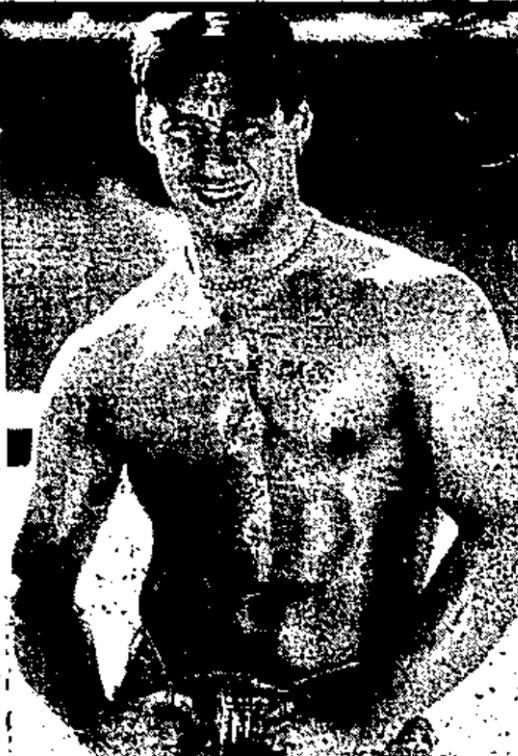
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**White House Insists
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WASHINGTON - The White House reiterated Wednesday, March 31, that Lesbian and Gay federal employees would not face workplace discrimination despite action taken in February by a Bush appointee that appeared to nullify part of the federal nondiscrimination policy.

"Long-standing federal policy prohibits discrimination against federal employees based on sexual orientation," White House spokesman Ken Lisaius told the San Francisco Chronicle. "President Bush expects federal agencies to enforce this policy and to ensure that all federal employees are protected from unfair discrimination at work." The statement was made after congressional Democrats demanded that Bush reverse a change to the policy that would strip Lesbian and Gay federal employees of additional legal recourse if they face discrimination on the job. Scott Bloch, head of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, in early February removed references to sexual orientation from the agency's Web site, complaint forms, brochures, and training documents.

Under the revised policy, Gay federal employees may not be fired for conduct unrelated to their job performance, such as attending a parade, but can be discriminated against based on their sexual orientation. Democrats said that the White House statement is a positive step but insist that the Administration should explicitly repudiate Bloch. "This is the first time they've said this, and we think it's a direct response to our efforts to put pressure on them to get an answer on this issue," Tom Kiley, spokesman for California congressman George Miller, told the

Chronicle. "But what they haven't done is reconcile the fact that what they're saying today contradicts what Scott Bloch, who is a Bush appointee, is saying... We're still looking for the president to say clearly that Scott Bloch's decision is not the policy of this administration."

Bloch earlier told a radio interviewer that he was reversing the Clinton administration's decision to include sexual orientation in the agency's enforcement of discrimination laws because it "created a protected class based on orientation, which is not currently part of the civil rights law," which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, and national origin. Critics say the interpretation reversed more than two decades of federal policy. It also conflicts with former president Bill Clinton's executive order prohibiting workforce discrimination by the federal government on the basis of sexual orientation.

**Billie Jean King
Promotes Gay
Games**

CHICAGO - The Federation of Gay Games (FGG) increased the star power of Gay Games VII on Monday, April 5, announcing that tennis icon Billie Jean King had joined its celebrity panel of ambassadors to help promote the Chicago event, reports the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"The Gay Games have long held a special place in my heart," the Lesbian tennis champ said in a prepared statement. "Just as with the women's sports movement, the Gay Games have helped to tear down stereotypes."

King's effort to tear down stereotypes is probably best remembered in 1973's "Battle of the Sexes" tournament, in

which King beat tennis giant Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

King joins other high-profile figures in promoting the Chicago tournament, which takes place July 15-22, 2006, including gold-medalist Bruce Hayes, former U.S. Ambassador James C. Hormel, actress Judith Light and photographer Tom Bianchi.

The announcement of King's ambassador status comes days after a new organization was created to permanently compete against the Gay Games.

Dubbed OutGames, the competition will be hosted by the Gay & Lesbian International Sport Association (GLISA) every four years, just like the FGG's Gay Games.

GLISA was formed after the fallout between the FGG and organizers in Montreal, the city that had originally been picked to host the 2006 Gay Games.

After the fallout, organizers in Montreal vowed to produce the tournament independently, renaming the event Rendez-Vous Montreal 2006. Now under the auspices of the GLISA, Montreal's event will be renamed again, to become the world's first OutGames. It takes place weeks after the Chicago competition, July 29-Aug. 5, 2006.

Kevin Boyer, spokesman for the Chicago Games, said the timing of the Billie Jean King announcement was completely coincidental to the OutGames announcement. "We've been working on this for two months," he said, adding the announcement would have gone out earlier if it were not for last-minute details.

As far as the formation of an organization to compete with the FGG, Boyer was circumspect.

"GLISA's documents indicate that they were founded on a series of goals and objectives that are laudable," he said. "As

with any organization, however, actions will speak louder than words. I think most athletes will reserve judgment on their intent until these actions become clearer."

**White House Denies
Distorting Scientific
Data**

WASHINGTON - President Bush's top science adviser on Friday, April 2, rebutted an advocacy group's accusations that the Administration's policy on global warming, air quality, forest management, and other matters of science, including condom use and abstinence education programs, suppressed or distorted scientific data to support a conservative agenda.

John H. Marburger III, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, sent a 17-page letter to members of Congress to serve as a point-by-point rebuttal of the group's claims. "In this administration, science strongly informs policy," he wrote.

"The accusations in the document are inaccurate," he went on. Marburger dismissed as "preposterous" allegations that members of scientific advisory panels are appointed only if they will support the Administration's political positions. He also defended a decision to replace a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fact sheet on the effectiveness of condom use with one that stressed the failure rates of condoms, calling it part of regular updating of scientific information based on the newest research available.

The Union of Concerned Scientists in February released a 38-page report titled "Scientific Integrity in Policymaking: An Investigation Into the Bush Administration's Misuse of Science" that accuses the White House of suppressing or distorting scientific data from federal agencies when the data contradicts Bush's

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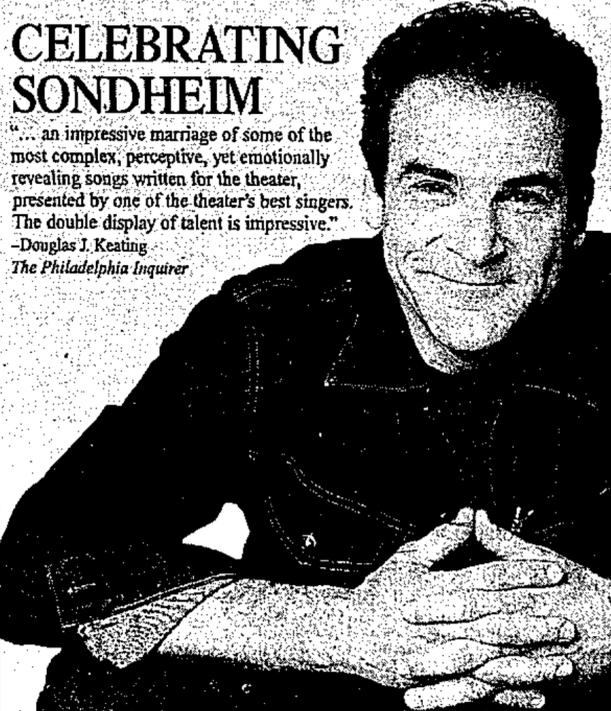
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What are the chances that so many divergent events suddenly synchronize, meld and self propel? The outlook for success is fairly good this week as Uranus trines Saturn. Hard work pays off big time. Heck, even lazy bums can cash out. So where do I sign up?

efforts will pay off in terms of advancement, recognition and prestige thanks to Saturn and Uranus. You are right where you want to be politically and are poised for greatness. Did I mention anything about more money? Well, maybe later.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Inspiration hits when you are scrubbing the bathroom... or something like that. Proud Rams can attend to home issues with some surprising results when Saturn nuzzles Uranus. You may also uncover some dastardly deeds by a dastardly dude designed to derail you. No dice this week, darling. Dare to dream. Dare to soar. Don't hit your head on the ceiling on your way up, up, up.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
There is nothing more artistically frightening than to stare at a blank canvas and try to coax your Gay muse to draw something startling upon it. Summon your courage proud Scorp and goad your imagination to create something unique and daring on the blank landscape. And if you can wax poetic I hear there is still an opening for the Poet Laureate of Queens... New York.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
See and be seen when Saturn cuddles Uranus. You can make some extraordinary connections that feed your ego and launch a few of your pet projects. There is one particular friend who holds the key to your future success. But who is it? Better be nice to all just to be sure queer Bull. You never know who you will poke with your horns in the heat of passionate discourse.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Don't be surprised if things around the house have a way of shifting around or even upending. Long dormant projects resurface and rear their ugly heads. Gay Archers are prone to procrastination on any domestic issue but the planets will have a way of getting you moving on things rather quickly. Expect to sweep the dust under the rug? Forgetaboutit buster.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
If money has been more than a little bit of a concern you can give your worries a rest when Saturn trines Uranus. Pink Twins discover new ways to finance their future through professional paths. It may necessitate changing careers or taking a calculated risk on current paradigms. You exude regal power, sophistication and aplomb. Hurry before you turn back into a toad.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Expect a certain level of tension with partners as Saturn rubs Uranus. But all's well that ends well even after you manage to utter a few choice words. Perhaps it is time to clear the air and unburden yourself with a few pointed comments designed to get things back on track. Single queer Goats think they are real charmers. Pick the spinach out of your teeth first.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Gay Crabs feel a jolt of moxie as Uranus trines Saturn. Step out from the shadows and let the world know what you think. You make things happen in surprising and international ways. Maybe we are talking about launching a website or maybe it manifests through travel. Whatever course you choose, be sure that you are out and about with emphasis on the former.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Put in the effort at work and reap the reward, at least when Saturn trines Uranus. You can amply apply the elbow grease and expect more than a smudge at payday. Your productivity soars and you can clear quite a bit off your desk. Happy surprises are in store for all fiscally conservative Aquerians through careful investment strategies. Are you a bull or a bear? Hmmm.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Feel liberated and unleashed when Uranus and Saturn stir your sweet spot to a froth. Lucky cubs won't know what is revving their engines but they happily go into sensual overdrive. Hidden barriers fall and self confidence soars. Grrrr. Proud Lions singe their manes and a few other areas. Get ready to strike a match lover. Your next liaison will be someone you least expect!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
If you suddenly become the life of the party, send a thank you drink over to Saturn and Uranus at the end of the bar. Guppies magically become social wonders who manage to raise their stock rating from B to triple A quality. Make merry while you can shine compadre; too too soon you find yourself nursing that one-drink-too-many with a one-hour-too-long appearance.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Even the most well meaning compadres can have a way of getting on your nerves by butting in where they are not welcome. Does it help to understand that they really care about you and want the best for you? Uh, no. But now as Uranus rubs Saturn, you may in fact be secretly relieved that pals thought enough of you to get involved. How involved? Very very involved.

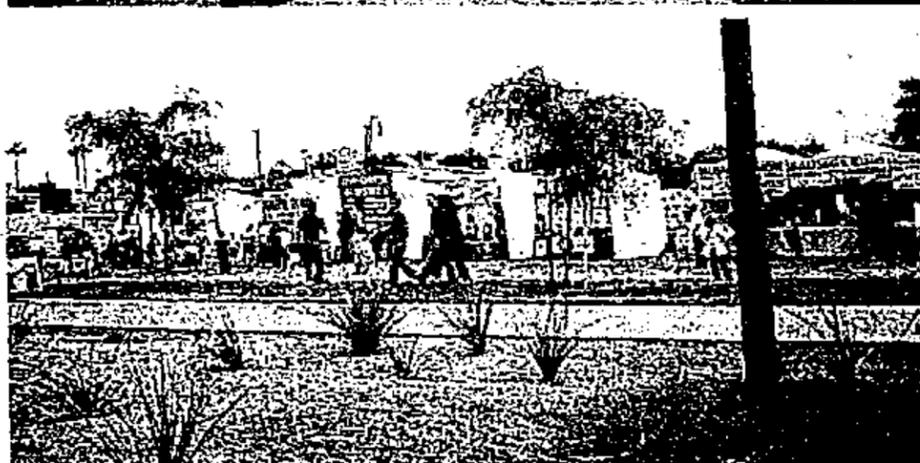
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Watch C-Span

I love C-Span. You get stuff on C-Span you can't get anyplace else. Plus it's soothing, almost as soothing as major league baseball, which alas hasn't yet returned.

Two congressmen talking to each other in the middle of the night, the chamber is virtually empty; elaborate courtesies are being exchanged: "My good friend and valued colleague of many years from the great state of Whatever will perhaps have the kind indulgence to permit me a personal reflection concerning a matter that too often, blah, blah, blah..."

But wait! All of a sudden one of the two night owls is really ticked off, shaking some papers in one hand and thundering denunciations to the other poor bird who must be wondering if his good friend and colleague of many years has finally gone around the bend.

The riled-up lawmaker is upset because a person who has been advising him on matters concerning the Middle East and presenting himself as a helpful patriot with expert knowledge and no particular ax to grind turns out to be a partner in a firm that's in the pay of a major Mid-eastern politician to the tune of \$10,000 a month.

The beauty part, and the part that you will not be informed by ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC or PBS, is that the very same person who's been pulling the wool over the hacked-off congressman's eyes has also been pulling the wool over the American public's eyes by allowing himself to be presented as an independent expert on all the outlets listed above on a regular basis for over a year.

His name is James Woolsey and he's often introduced simply as a former director of the CIA. Here's what the highly respected Washington publication "Roll Call" said on February 24, 2004 on the subject of Mr. Woolsey's independence: "Since 1986, Shea & Gardner has represented Chalabi and his Iraq National Congress in Washington for about \$10,000 a month. One of the partners in Shea & Gardner is James Woolsey, the former CIA director."

Of course, I don't take "Roll Call" or any other single source on faith, so I wrote to Mr. Woolsey, sending him the above campaign, suggesting that there

seems to be a discrepancy between his independent pose and Chalabi stuffing his wallet, and asking him if he'd care to make a comment for publication. I'm sure I'll hear from him any day now.

I'm not suggesting that there's anything wrong with Mr. Chalabi or that there's anything wrong with his hiring anybody he likes. I'm just saying that you don't want a referee, or anyone claiming to be rendering objective judgments, to be getting ten grand a month from one of the quarterbacks, or from anyone who's a player in a sporting or political contest.

So now that the cat is out of the bag for all the folks watching C-Span late that night or reading "Roll Call" of February 4, is Mr. Woolsey, former CIA director and current paid Chalabi agent, going to pull in his horns? Are the networks going to pull in theirs? No way. To my profound disappointment, Lou Dobbs of CNN, a man whose jowls have been known to shake a righteous indignation, put Woolsey on just a couple days ago as the "former CIA director."

What we see here is that the standards of what I like to call "mainstream journalism" have deteriorated farther and faster than is generally appreciated. The big outlets are more than willing to play dumb to get an interview with a marquee name. And they aren't worried that their competition will blow the whistle on them because they know that their competition is lining up to do the same thing.

To anyone who would suggest that the media may not be playing dumb, that they may be truly ignorant of the Woolsey-Chalabi connection, I'd point out that part of their job is to sniff this stuff out. They're not supposed to assume that everyone they talk to is on the level.

As a lifelong news and political junkie, I think I can say with some confidence that the Woolsey scam wouldn't have passed the smell test in any major news organization as little as five years ago. It would have been just a little too ripe.

The moral of the story: watch C-Span.

[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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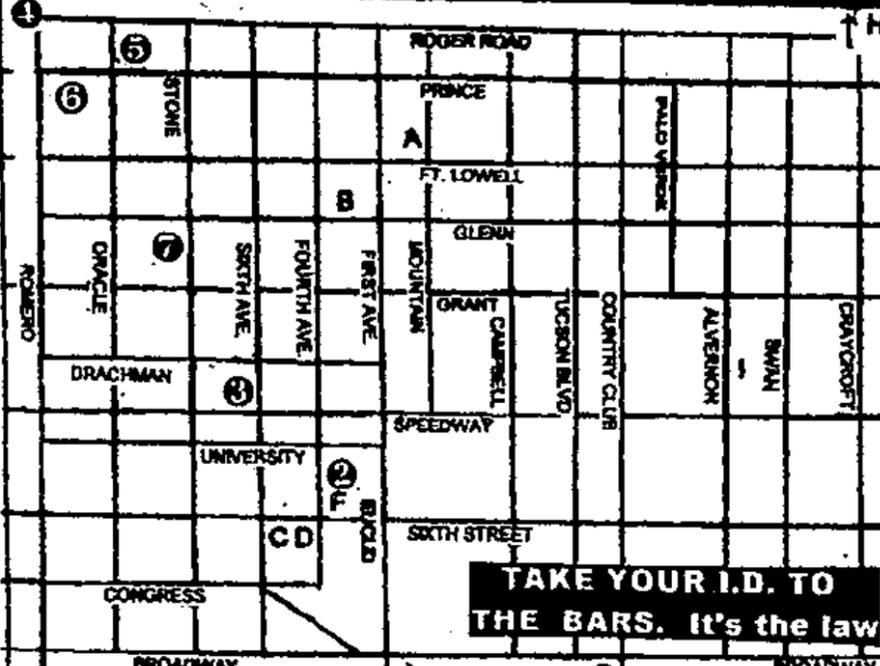


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Canada's First Military Gay Wedding

TORONTO - Jason Stewart has become the first member of Canada's military to marry a same-sex partner, exchanging vows with his fiancé Joey Schwehr.

supportive," said Stewart of his peers and teachers at the college, Canada's officer candidacy school. "I've never gotten any flack about it," told the Star.

The couple eloped Friday, April 2, when Stewart arrived at Schwehr's Kingston, Ontario home in a white stretch limousine. Stewart is an Officer Cadet at the Royal Military College.

"Everybody's just gung-ho and most of my superiors are more worried about me getting married at a young age than who I'm getting married to." Stewart is 19 and Schwehr is 20.

"The first time we went on a date, (Joey) said he wanted to be picked up in a white stretch limo with white roses in the back and be surprised," Stewart told the Toronto Star from the hotel where they were staying.

But in the United States, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network has issued a warning to Lesbians and Gays in that country's military to stay clear of marriage and even civil unions and domestic partner registries.

Accompanied by a few close friends, the two were married at Toronto city hall and then celebrated with front-row seats at the Britney Spears concert.

"Members of the armed forces still face discharge and other punishments if they attempt to marry or enter into a civil union," the SLDN said in a directive.

Neither of the grooms' families attended the wedding. "They knew we were engaged and going to get married. (Joey's) father took it well. I think his mother was a little upset that she wasn't going to be there for it," Stewart said.

"Any attempt by a member of the armed forces to marry, or enter into a civil union with, someone of the same gender can be used as grounds for discharge under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and potentially effect discharge characterization," said Sharra E. Greer, SLDN's Director of Law & Policy.

But both of their parents, as well as about 300 friends and family, will be present when the two reaffirm their vows at the military college in October.

"Military personnel should never answer questions regarding their sexual orientation without the advice of an attorney," Greer cautioned. "Service members have the right to say nothing, sign nothing, and get legal help."

Canada, like most western countries, accepts Gays in the military.

"Everyone's always been really

Study: U.S. Acceptance

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acceptance over time for Gay people over the past 30 years."

"Those are atheists. In this country there's more acceptance for homosexuals than atheists."

White House Denies

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The researcher pointed to one question that asked "Do you think extramarital sex is always wrong?" While there's been no change in response to that question over the years, there has been significant change over the question when it's applied to homosexual sex.

political positions. Kurt Gottfried, chairman of UCS and an emeritus professor of physics at Cornell University, said the group would reexamine the issues raised by Marburger but believes its conclusions are sound. "It's possible there are things we got wrong," he told The New York Times. "We're not infallible, like the Vatican or the White House. But I don't think there's any reason to think we got the big picture wrong. In fact, our case is stronger now than when we produced that report."

"And that just shows the changing of attitudes," she said.

"The public seems to draw the line on Gay marriage," Bowman cautioned. "You have in most polls 60 to 65 percent saying they oppose it. When people hear that question, it's like they're being asked to endorse it."

However Bowman believes there's a possibility Americans will change their views over the course of the next generation. A national survey of 1,000 high school seniors, conducted in 2001, discovered 66 percent favored legalizing marriage for same-sex couples, which was more than double the percentage found in polls of adults.

"There is a greater liberalization with the young, and if they take those opinions when they age, that could suggest change on Gay marriage," Bowman predicted.

She noted that Gallup polls have been asking voters for decades what kind of presidential candidate they would endorse. In 1978 Gallup found only 26 percent of respondents would vote for a well-qualified candidate who was Gay. In 1999, that was up to 59 percent.

"There's only one group someone wouldn't vote for," Bowman revealed.

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COMMENTARY

It's Easy As Sin To Target Gays, Lesbians

You'd think black Americans — still struggling against a lingering, if diminished, racism — would occupy the front lines in the battle against bigotry.

But a knee-jerk antipathy toward Gays and Lesbians is rampant in black America, nowhere more evident than in the black church. Black ministers often overlook more commonplace sins — lying, gossiping, fornicating — to denounce homosexuality from the pulpit, casting Christianity as a harsh and narrow religion of exclusion.

As sins go, it's safe enough to denounce homosexuality. If Gays and Lesbians are no more than 10 percent of the population, their numbers in any congregation are likely to be small — too small to threaten the preacher's paycheck. But lying, gossiping, fornicating — denouncing those sins may besmirch large numbers of church folk, right up into the pulpit itself.

Several of Georgia's black clergy took their distorted Christianity into the public square last month, urging the Legislature to endorse a state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Their last-minute lobbying paid off; while most black House members voted against the amendment, the ministers persuaded a handful of wavering black legislators to support it, giving the ban a narrow victory. (The measure will go before Georgia voters in November.)

The anti-Gay activism is hardly

the black church's finest hour. By using the Bible to defend bigotry, those black ministers joined the tradition of white Southern ministers who used Scripture to endorse slavery. (Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ, Ephesians 6:5).

Like other conservative Christians, many black ministers blithely declare that human civilization has always recognized marriage as the union of one man and one woman, as sanctified by God. Their history is as wrongheaded as their theology. In "A History of the Wife," Stanford University scholar Marilyn Yalom writes: "In biblical days, a Hebrew husband was allowed to have more than one wife. For each, he had to give his father-in-law a sum of money," a practice that underscored the assumption that a wife was property.

Indeed, a sober reading of Leviticus — where homosexuality is declared an "abomination" — makes that clear. The proscription against adultery is meant to prohibit a man from having sex with another man's wife, his property. Sexual relations with his slaves (but not another man's slaves) were sanctioned. (If a man has sexual relations with a woman who is a slave, designated for another man ... an inquiry shall be held. They shall not be put to death, since she has not been freed; but he shall bring a guilt offering for himself to the Lord. Leviticus 19:20)

It is disappointing to see black ministers — several of whom are old enough to remember the lash of Jim Crow — brandishing the Bible against Gays the same way Bull Connor wielded a billy club against civil rights marchers. Of course, they adamantly resist comparisons of the crusade for Gay rights to the movement for civil rights. In a statement opposing same-sex unions, several black ministers wrote: "To equate a lifestyle choice to racism demeans the work of the entire civil rights movement."

But U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), who faced down billy clubs and firehoses, begs to differ. Supporting Gay rights before a U.S. Senate committee, Lewis said, "We have been down this road before in this country. The right to liberty and happiness belongs to each of us and on the same terms, without regard to either skin color or sexual orientation."

So does Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Speaking at a Gay pride rally in Atlanta several years ago, she said, "I wanted ... to reaffirm my wholehearted support of freedom from discrimination for Lesbian and Gay people. I do so because I believe that all forms of persecution are wrong."

"As my husband said, 'I have fought too long and hard against segregated public accommodations to end up segregating my moral concerns. Justice is indivisible.'"

[Cynthia Tucker is editorial page editor for the Atlanta Journal Constitution, from which this article is reprinted from it's April 4, 2004 edition.]



Special Bar Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. - The "Divalicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Teri Akki, Janee Starr and Samantha White.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

HOWL AT THE MOON - Thursday is now Salsa Night. Plus free Salsa lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with Teresa teaching you the moves. Also to celebrate Salsa, all Mexican beers are \$2.00!!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

IBTS - 7:30 p.m. the return of "The Norman Tabernacle Choir" and a special "Show of Shows" featuring lots of performers current and past, entertaining in a benefit for the Observer Archives Project. It is time to preserve this history of our community from 1976 to the present, somewhere other than on paper, and to preserve it so that anyone can retrieve it. Those on stage and behind in the background include Willie Gradillas, Harry Lewis, Dave Locke, Tim Barth, Eddie Gallego, Natalia Perry, Dave Huff, Frank Shepis, Larry Moore, Madame X, Tom Novakowski, Gary Adams, Bruce Lundquist, Ajia Simone, Sharon Day, Nancy Norman Anaya, Troy Terpening, Rick Norman, Helga Wocheh, David Wetstein, Penny Peters and Tom Delaney. Please help preserve and give the gift of the history of Gay Tucson to all those who come after us, by making a donation to this cause, now. It's going to be an evening to remember. If all that isn't enough there will be an Easter Bonnet Contest as well as an Easter "Basket" Contest. Details available at IBTS and Woody's.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - "The Crystal Cabaret" show at 8:45 p.m. hosted by NCC 2004 Crystal Abrams and starring Miss Gay Arizona America 2004 Bunny FuFu; Jalissa Aundrea Michaels and Miss Queen of Hearts Regional Kimi-San Du Mi. Before the show get your dinner - Steak, Baked Potato and Salad for Two for \$10.99 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Breakfast is being served here this morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. \$3.00!

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

IBTS - 12th annual Easter Egg Party starts with 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 weeks proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project. 8:00 p.m. It's Sissy Bingo with Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone and at 9:00 Guest DJ from Phoenix Dave Brunns.

VENTURE-N - 3:00 p.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Find an egg and get a surprise.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. it's the Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Lady Ashley, Heather Boa and Bunny FuFu.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

YARD DOG SALOON - Something special is coming tonight. Go to the Kennel and find out!

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

YARD DOG SALOON - Annual "Prom Night" here with a "Howling under the Stars" King and Queen of the prom at 9:00 p.m.

Non-Bar Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Circle of Men 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Daniel & David for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call David or Daniel at 579-9763.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m., Chad's Steakhouse & Saloon, 3001 N. Swan Rd. (NW corner of Ft. Lowell).

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of miniature golf at Funstasticks. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at TGI Friday's at the Oracle & River intersection. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. the Men's Relationship Group meets and includes a video on Tantra. A great way to meet new men and learn about the ancient art of tantric sexuality. Call Marc 881-4582. Fee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Good Friday Services at Cornerstone Fellowship 2902 N. Geronimo, 7:00 p.m. 622-4626.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Hearts Night. This viciously fun game is easy to learn if you've never played before. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Sunrise Easter Service at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 6:30 a.m. with a regular Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. 622-4626.

Easter dinner at party 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Potluck dinner and fun. Call Marc, 881-4582 to reserve a place.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

#1. 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. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Perry hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Circle of Men 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Pizza Night. \$5.00 will get you pizza, salad, and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:30 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. Steve will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Steve at 564-2076.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

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SATURDAY, APRIL 10

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HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Smirnoff Sunday-\$2 Smirnoff drinks (Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Greyhound, Sea Breeze, etc.). Country music and dancing from 7-close.

IBTS - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament with Chad 5-7pm. Surf & Turf w/baked potato & salad \$8.90. VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30-2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas, Happy Hour 11am-8pm. \$2 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-8pm. 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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special from 7 to close \$2 well rum, 50¢ off call rums. Rockin' to Oldies Night.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. 'Theme Dance Nite' with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. \$3 small pitchers. Pajama Party w/Sabrina in Lingerie.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Monday Nite Football. Free Hot Dogs.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

Tuesday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. \$2 well tequilas. 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke 6-11:30pm with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Bare Chest Nite. Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. In House Karaoke. VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4.

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special prices on draft beers from 7-close. Free pool all night. Country music & Dancing 7-close.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Divalicious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Karaoke w/Kimberly 8pm-Midnight. Shrimp Fry \$5.99.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. \$2 Mexican beers all night. Chef's Special Tacos. Free Salsa lessons with Teresa 7:30-8:30pm. Dance & Salsa music from 8:30 to closing.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. HI NRG video dancing with Johnny DJ 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Latino Night.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry (Pot Matched) Special prices for players.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Pool & 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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8 \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Beginner country dance lessons 7:30-8:30. Current and Classic Country from 8:30 to close. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30 - close with 50¢ off all drinks.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GoGo Boys and Dance Party with DJ T.C. Wildman. 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Fish Fry \$5.99 all you can eat. Shrimp Fry \$5.99. R&B/Hip Hop/Super Disco 8:30 - close with DJ Shorly.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 1-4pm. DJ 9pm to close.

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. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Pool Tournament 3pm (sign-up begins at 2). \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Current & Classic Country from 8:30 to close. DJ calls shot specials. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30-close with 50¢ off all drinks.

IBTS - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquiris. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Steak Dinner with Fries and Salad \$5.99 5-8 p.m. Super Disco Dance Music 8:30 p.m. to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9-1.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 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.

NOTICES

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 573-8660 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 (TPT) activities. Meetings, luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 887-3743, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimerswww.org

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm 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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Aids. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87304.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tantrics 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 Tantrics, 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)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.betop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/pollacks on the 2nd Friday of every month. 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita 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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2381.

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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9366 or Ray at 749-3247.

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.

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.

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

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

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

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

TREATER/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 888-8810 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 Girls (MTF) 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. SAGAE@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagatmail

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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)742-7895 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.tucsonlutherans.org write: LC, 7014 W. 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)

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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 199-6647.

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

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 Anabeli 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 838-3975.

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

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

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

TGNArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnarizona.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 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

LIKE TO READ? The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Maggie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

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

GLBT Buddhist meditation group meets Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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

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

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

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unconstitutional, and it could be struck down or repealed. It is also possible that a president and Congress more supportive of equal rights for Gay and Lesbian people will afford these federal protections to married same-sex couples.

"While married Gay couples in Massachusetts may not be able to immediately access those federal protections," Cahill said, "if they are allowed to marry, they have the potential to access these protections in the future. However, if same-sex couples are only allowed to form civil unions, under the current legal framework they will not be able to access any federal benefits or protections."

Nazi Persecution
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Memorial Museum is America's national institution for the documentation, study and interpretation of Holocaust history, and serves as this country's memorial to the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust. Since opening in April 1993, the Museum has welcomed more than 18.5 million visitors. The Museum's primary mission is to advance and disseminate knowledge about this unprecedented tragedy; to preserve the memory of those who suffered; and to encourage its visitors to reflect upon the moral questions raised by the events of the Holocaust as well as their own responsibilities as citizens of a democracy.

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