



Observer Archive Benefit Achieves Goal In Two Hours



TUCSON - Shown above are some of the entertainers and helpers who participated in the Observer Archive Project Benefit held last Saturday, April 10 at IBT's. The fast-paced show held the audience laughing for the entire two hours. The performers, each outdoing the other, bounded through the packed house gathering 'tips' which went into the 'Easter Basket' to be counted. At the end of the two-hour extravaganza, the \$5,000 goal for the Project had been reached! That should rack it up as some sort of a record. See accompanying Commentary below and photos in the centerfold. Congratulations and a huge Thank You to all who performed, helped behind the scene and all who contributed so generously. The show was a blast!

COMMENTARY

About three years ago, this publication posed the question: "Does Tucson have a GLBT community?" in light of the situation with the off-duty fire-fighter assaulting a Gay man and the lack of a response from Tucson's GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) population.

Saturday, April 10, showed that Tucson's GLBT populace has come a long way and has come together as a community, responding when needed to preserve its history with the success of the Observer Archive Project Fund benefit held at IBT's, 616 N. Fourth Avenue.

In a little more than two hours, more than \$5000 (\$5030 as of press time) was raised for the Observer Archive Project Fund at this benefit, put together by a wonderful group of individuals: Willie Gradillas, Harry Lewis, Dave Locke, Tim Barth, Eddie Gallego, Natalie Perry, Dave Huff, Frank Schepis, Larry Moore, Madame X, Tom Novakowski, Gary Adams, Bruce Lundquist, Ajia Simone, Sharon Day, Nancy Norman-Anaya, Troy Perponing, Rick Norman, Helga Wocherl, David Wetstein, Penny Peters and Terry Delaney, who came together in a time of need.

Thanks to their efforts, Tucson's

present and future GLBT population will know its history since now the Arizona State Library System will archive The Observer, as well as The Arizona Gay News, 28 years of documenting of GLBT Tucson because the initial goal was met.

Their efforts were only part of the picture, with the donations from all segments of GLBT Tucson, the Observer Archive can be created thanks to the generosity of the many supporters who wrote checks and donated cash.

Three years ago, the question of whether Tucson actually has a GLBT community was posed and the staff of The Observer had that question answered, loudly and clearly on Saturday, April 10, with a resounding yes.

So the initial goal was met to start the creation of The Observer Archive but it is just the beginning since it covers only 28 years but time won't stand still, and history, events and The Observer continues on.

With that, the Observer Archive Project Fund will continue that future editions of The Observer can be preserved so funding will still be needed to keep preserving Tucson's GLBT history, on

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One Of Shepard's Killers Seeks Lighter Term

CASPER - One of the men currently in prison for the murder of Gay college student Matthew Shepard is pushing for a lighter sentence, according to news reports, reported Gay.com UK.

Russell Henderson, who, along with Aaron McKinney, lured Shepard out of a Gay bar, robbed him, beat him and tied him to a fence, claims he should have been given a lighter sentence because he was unaware of the legal proceedings.

Shepard later died as a direct result of his injuries. Henderson pleaded guilty to felony murder and kidnapping in 1999 and is currently serving two life terms without parole.

Both men were 21 at the time of the killing, which took place in 1998 and shocked both the U.S. and international Gay community because of its ferocity. It led to the production of "The Laramie Project," a play and later a film that dealt

with the issues surrounding the case.

Activists believe it was also the catalyst for toughening hate crimes in the United States.

Henderson had originally agreed to plead guilty in return for being spared the death penalty.

He now says he was not properly informed of his options at the time of giving his guilty plea, the Associated Press reports. He wants his sentence to be reduced from two consecutive life sentences, arguing that the murderer of his own mother, who was raped and left to die in freezing conditions as Henderson was awaiting trial, only received five to seven years.

Henderson's lawyer filed the petition on Friday against the state of Wyoming, which must now respond to the claims.

Univision Assailed For 'Homosexual Cure' Show

MIAMI - A Spanish language family talk show, Casos de Familia, has been assailed for a program that featured so-called "reparative therapy," which told viewers homosexuality could be "cured" with religion, reported gfn.com.

During a March 25 program, hostess Judith Grace also suggested that Gay people are homosexual because they were abused or raped as children, reports the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"Would it be that all [homosexuals] have been abused, hence their sexual preference?" asked Grace during the March telecast. She then followed up the question by issuing the following advice: "Let's stop our relatives from touching, abusing our own children so they do not end up like this."

"We're absolutely appalled by Univision's lack of understanding about homosexuality," said Monica Taher, GLAAD's people of color media director.

Calling the show unfair and unbalanced, Taher noted the American Psychological Association, among many reputable psychological associations, have established that homosexuality is not a disease requiring treatment, and that other research shows "reparative therapy" is ineffective.

The show's lack of psychological experts to counter the theory of religious conversion, ignited criticism on the network's Web site, www.univision.com,

and a request to Univision from one of the shows sponsors, Pizza Hut, not to air its ads on Casos de Familia in the future.

"We would never buy time around that show," Patty Sullivan, spokeswoman for the Dallas-based chain, told reporters. "We would never endorse those kind of comments. It's not who we are."

In a statement, Univision said: "We broadcast quality programs that present an objective and balanced discussion of issues such as race, culture, gender and sexual preference in a responsible way."

GLAAD reports they are contacting other advertisers, including Sears, Universal Studios Hollywood, KFC and Hershey's. The group said they are also requesting a meeting with Univision programming executives to urge them to portray the Gay community with more sensitivity.

"Given that 97 percent of Spanish-speaking people in the United States watch Univision, all LGBT people and their straight allies should be concerned about the standards Spanish-language media professionals use in covering LGBT lives and issues."



UPDATE

Treasures For TIHAN April 24

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) largest annual fund raising event, "Treasures for TIHAN," will take place Saturday, April 24, at the Doubletree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon.

This year's event promises to be a fun-filled evening with great auction items, wonderful food and festive entertainment. TIHAN is honoring the Lacey Laws CareTeam and "Lacey's Angels," two extraordinary, compassionate groups of people who loved, supported, assisted, listened to, hugged and helped Lacey cope with HIV/AIDS. Lacey's mother, Lindi Laws, and Kalyn Stihl are co-chairing the event.

Attendees will have the chance to win \$1,000 at the "Chance" raffle and to bid on live and silent auction prizes including a life-sized "Painted Pony"; gift certificates from the best restaurants in town; a very special dinner and cooking class for 8 of your closest friends; beautiful artwork from some of Tucson's finest artists; baskets full of autographed items from celebrities such as REM, Willie Nelson, Yanni and Three Dog Night; a spa day at beautiful Miraval Life in Balance resort; an autographed basketball from Lute Olson and the Arizona Wildcats, and much more!

Tickets are \$50 each (\$30 of which is tax deductible). For more information or to purchase tickets, call TIHAN's office, (520) 299-6647.

Desert Voices Holding Open House

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's GLBTS chorus, recently presented their Spring Concert, titled "Come (Out!) As You Are", to a large, enthusiastic audience at The Muse. Guests were treated to songs, poetry, skits and readings covering the entire spectrum of the rainbow community. The concert featured the full power of the entire chorus, but also broke up the evening

with a variety of soloists and small groups. Some fabulous Silent Auction items also tempted audience members, before and during the intermissions of the concert.

To accommodate the many requests about when auditions will be held for membership in the chorus, Desert Voices will be holding an open house on Monday, April 19, 2004 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain. If you would like to meet the members and staff of Desert Voices, experience a rehearsal and see what the group is all about, stop by! You can visit their website at desertvoices.org for more information about the open house and a map to the rehearsal location.

The chorus has been invited to sing at the Arizona Human Rights Fund/Foundation Garden Party and Membership drive on Thursday, April 22, at the Tucson Museum of Art, as well as at the reception for the Holocaust Memorial exhibit on Monday, May 3 and also plans to sing at the AIDS Vigil, hosted by SAAF, on Sunday, May 16. Rehearsals during April and May will be focused on preparations for these events, as well as discussions of the upcoming season, to determine the themes for the shows, the music to be sung, and plans for the entire 2004-2005 season.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about Desert Voices (as a singer or as a volunteer with the group) is welcome to attend the open house. The chorus plans to meet through May or possibly June, to prepare for their appearances (it is possible that additional performances will be added) as well as to plan for their next season. The group typically does not meet during July and August but resumes again in September with new member recruitment and to begin preparations for OUToberFEST and their Holiday concert.

Please come by and meet everyone and see what Desert Voices is all about. You'll be glad you did! For more information, go to the Desert Voices website or call (520)791-9662.

AHRF Garden Party April 22

TUCSON - For adopting the first domestic partner's registry in the state of Arizona, the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) is honoring Tucson's Mayor and Council for their actions and vote at their annual Garden Party and Membership Drive, Thursday, April 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This annual event has been moved to the Tucson Museum Art, 140 N. Main Avenue in downtown Tucson. A light buffet and beverages will be served. This event is open to the public, with the goal for AHRF, the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Rights group, to renew memberships and to encourage others to join.

Active student memberships are \$20 annually, annual memberships are \$35, for which the proceeds go to the activities of the organization and to show right-wing extremists the strength of the Arizona GLBT community.

For more information, call Kristen Felan, (520) 245-9009, or visit their Web site at ahr.org.

Teen Book Event At Antigone's April 29

TUCSON - Join Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave, for a reading by Alex Sanchez, author of two important and groundbreaking books for Gay teens, *Rainbow Boys* (Simon & Schuster, \$7.99) and its sequel, *Rainbow High* (Simon & Schuster, \$16.95), Thursday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.

Rainbow Boys, an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults, introduces Jason Carillo, a popular high school jock with a secret. When he musters up the courage to attend a nearby meeting for Gay teens, he runs into two of his classmates. *Rainbow High* continues the stories of the three boys as their high school days draw to a close. These two novels portray Gay teen life with an honesty that has "opened eyes and changed lives," according to the School Library Journal.

The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

Out & Equal Is Going On The Road And Tucson is The First Stop

TUCSON - We're "Building Bridges in Tucson" and want your participation, May 8, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Westin La Paloma, 3800 E. Sunrise Drive.

Out & Equal is offering an all-day training aimed to increase participants' awareness of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues in the workplace. Out & Equal wants to give participants tools to create more inclusive environments with fair and equitable benefits and policies. The training targets human resource and diversity professionals, managers, supervisors, organizational and community leaders, LGBT identified individuals and allies.

Student cost for this event is \$30; the regular cost is \$75. For more information, visit their Web site at outandequal.org.



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Mapping The Gay/Lesbian Hood

WASHINGTON, D.C. - How does your city rank in the Gay hierarchy? It's no surprise that San Francisco is at the top of the list. West Hollywood and New York City up there too. So is Provincetown. Those are givens. All are high profile Gay meccas. But, what about the rest of the country, 365Gay.com reports.

That's what Urban Institute demographer Gary Gates and researcher Jason Ost set out to determine. Mining data from the 2000 Census they've developed the first Gay and Lesbian Atlas.

The census did not ask specifically about sexuality, so it does not have information on the total Gay community, but it did enquire about same-sex households, and that has provided Gates and Ost with a wealth of information.

"For years we've been saying that counting matters in debates about Lesbian and Gay issues. Now Gary Gates and Jason Ost have used the biggest and best dataset available on same-sex couples to show why in this remarkable book," says M. V. Lee Badgett, author of Money, Myths, and Change: The Economic Lives of Lesbians and Gay Men.

"In addition to being incredibly useful for researchers, policymakers, businesspeople, and activists, The Gay and Lesbian Atlas has some fun surprises tucked inside its rankings that will challenge many stereotypes."

Among those surprises: Vermont leads all states in the concentration of Gay and Lesbian couples. California,

Washington, Massachusetts, and Oregon rank second through fifth. Desert southwest states like New Mexico, Nevada, and Arizona also appear in the top ten.

Among large metropolitan areas, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle, Fort Lauderdale, and Austin rank highest in the concentration of same-sex couples. Smaller metropolitan areas of note include Portland, Maine; Asheville, North Carolina; Bloomington, Indiana; and Iowa City, Iowa.

The Cape Cod tourist destination of Provincetown claims the title of "Gayest" town in America and also has the neighborhood with the country's highest concentration of same-sex couples. Neighborhoods in the California cities of San Francisco, Guerneville, and West Hollywood, along with areas in Fort Lauderdale, New York, Boston, and Houston, also rank among the top-ten neighborhoods.

While San Francisco, Fort Lauderdale, Santa Rosa, California; Seattle; and New York top the list of metropolitan areas in the concentration of Gay male couples, the leading areas for Lesbian couples are Santa Rosa; Santa Cruz, California; Santa Fe; San Francisco; and Oakland.

Gay and Lesbian couples appear to be "urban pioneers," willing to live in and possibly transform distressed urban areas. They are more likely than their heterosexual counterparts to live in racially and ethnically diverse neighborhoods that have more college-educated residents, older

housing stock, and both higher crime rates and higher property values.

Same-sex couples with children often live in states and large metropolitan areas not known for large Gay and Lesbian communities. Mississippi, South Dakota, Alaska, South Carolina, and Louisiana are where same-sex couples are most likely raising children.

The South dominates the rankings of states by the concentration of African-American same-sex couples among all households and among other Gay and Lesbian couples. Texas's metropolitan areas (with their large Hispanic communities) feature prominently in similar rankings by the concentration of Hispanic Gay or Lesbian couples.

For each of the 50 states The Gay and Lesbian Atlas presents a two-page spread with colorful maps and charts showing the geographic distribution of same-sex couples and highlighting their demographic characteristics, including age, race and ethnicity, and the proportion raising children.

Twenty-five cities are also profiled with similar maps and charts—the 20 cities with the highest number of same-sex couples along with five cities chosen for geographic diversity or to acknowledge a particularly high concentration of Gay and Lesbian couples (Orlando; New Orleans; Nashville; Kansas City, Kansas/Missouri; and Albuquerque).

Published by the Urban Institute Press it will be available to the public on May 3.

Japan Refuses Sanctuary To Fleeing Gay

TOKYO - A Japanese court, April 11, rejected a request for refugee status from a Gay Iranian man who claimed that his sexuality would be grounds for the death penalty if he was sent back to his homeland, reported 365Gay.com.

It was the first case taken by a Japanese court dealing with a person who had sought refugee status citing homosexuality.

The Tokyo District Court said the 40-year-old man's sexual orientation was not grounds enough to grant refugee status.

"In Iran, he has been concealing his homosexuality. Therefore, the possibility is slight that he would be persecuted at home," presiding judge Yosuke Ichimura said.

The man fled to Japan in 1991 because of fears that he would be persecuted in his native country, according to court documents. He was arrested by Japanese authorities in 2000 as an illegal immigrant, the documents said.

Various international organizations, including the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, have asked Japan to accept more refugees.

Japan accepted 10,919 refugees between 1975 and 2000, according to foreign ministry figures, equivalent to less than 437 people a year.

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First Annual 'Academy Of Pooches' Awards

TUCSON - Dog Bowl Productions little theater company presented two shows at the Yard Dog Saloon last Fall and has scheduled more for 2004. Producing and Directing the shows are Ray Gregg and Ric Reyna. One was a musical and the other a comedy/drama.

The Yard Dog will be hosting the First Annual 'Academy of Pooches Awards' on Saturday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m. Nominees for the awards are:

BEST ACTOR: Robert Petty who played Cervantes in The Quest and Arnold Arenas as Ringo in Hearts Are Wild.

BEST ACTRESS: Joge Reyna as Aldonza in The Quest and Gary Fowler who played Rosie Renew in Hearts Are Wild.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: "The Quest" - Kory O'Malley (Sancho); David Yurick (Inkeeper); Glenn 'Rusty' Rust (Padre); Arnold Arenas (Barber). "Hearts Are Wild" - Michael Woodward (Rusty); Michael Woodward (Rusty); Jerry Diaz (Chief Grabstein); Thomas Leslie (Wade); Michael Ard (Bogg) and Robert Petty (Buffalo Soldier).

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: "The Quest" - Diana Flair (Antonia); Gary Fowler (Housekeeper) and Cindy Diaz (Housekeeper). "Hearts Are Wild" - James Curran (Kitty).

BEST SONG PRESENTATION (MALE): "Hearts Are Wild" - Arnold Arenas ("Trouble") and Thomas Leslie ("These

Boots"). The Quest - Kory O'Malley ("I Like Him").

BEST SONG PRESENTATION (FEMALE): "The Quest" - Jorge Reyna ("Aldonza"). "Hearts Are Wild" - Gary Fowler ("Those Were The Days") and James Curran ("Why'd You Come Here?")

BEST NARRATOR: Dan Russo in "The Quest" and Alex Sanford in "Hearts Are Wild".

BEST ARTISTIC DESIGN: Gary Clark in "Hearts are Wild" and Dig Space in "Hearts Are Wild".

BEST MAKE-UP: "The Quest" - Robert Petty (Cervantes) and Diana Flair (Antonia). "Hearts Are Wild" - Gary Fowler (Rosie Renew) and James Curran (Kitty).

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.

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Poll Shows Americans Against G/L Marriage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - According to the results of a Los Angeles Times poll of 1,616 adults nationwide, only one-in-four polled supported same-sex marriage, reports gfn.com.

By a margin of 55 to 41 percent, the majority polled March 27-30 agreed "if Gays are allowed to marry, the institution of marriage will be degraded."

However, additional findings by the Times were not all bleak.

In the poll it was discovered seven in 10 Americans said they knew someone who is Gay, a 23 percent increase over the last 19 years, and the same percentage said they are sympathetic to the Gay community.

Gary Gates, a demographer at the Urban Institute in Washington, told the Times, "the stigma of being Gay is disappearing. This is a huge change. Gay people in general are feeling more comfortable in society - and society is feeling more comfortable with Gay people."

The poll showed women are more sympathetic toward Gay individuals than men, while liberals and conservatives were at opposite ends of the spectrum.

But while a majority polled, 72 percent, outright opposed same-sex

marriage, only 51 percent supported President Bush's proposal for a constitutional amendment restricting marriage to a union between a man and a woman.

Attitudes, though, are clearly improving toward Gay men and Lesbians: only 60 percent said they would be upset if their child were Gay or Lesbian - down from 73 percent in a national poll in June 2000. In a 1983 poll, the figure was 90 percent.

The Times poll also found 52 percent oppose adoption by same-sex couples. In a national survey from 1992, 63 percent said Gays and Lesbians should not be allowed to adopt children. But support for adoption by same-sex couples rose to 40 percent in the current poll, up from 23 percent in the earlier poll.

In Massachusetts, where marriage between couples of the same sex becomes legal May 17, residents were evenly divided over the state Legislature's compromise proposal that bans Gay marriage but also provides civil unions for same-sex partners.

According to a University of Massachusetts poll conducted March 30 through April 4, the proposed amendment to the state's constitution fell short of getting majority support, with 47 percent backing the measure and 47 opposing it.

Union Pacific Accused Of Funneling Money To Anti-Gay Groups

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Using the Freedom of Information Act and IRS filings a public interest group has discovered that Union Pacific, the largest railroad in America is funneling large sums of money to extreme rightwing political organizations, reports 365Gay.com.

The Center for Political Accountability, a watchdog group based in Washington, D.C., says that the company does not make public its political contributions or tell shareholders how it decides on donations made with corporate assets. It intends to raise the issue at the company's annual meeting on April 16 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Center says that it has been able to determine that Union Pacific made

\$1,032,022 in corporate contributions in the 2002 election cycle. The company gave to conduits that, in turn, contributed to controversial groups like Texans for a Republican Majority (TRM), an organization that played a key part in underwriting the change in control of the Texas House of Representatives in 2002, and to extremist groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC).

Led by the Rev. Louis Sheldon, the TVC bills itself as the largest church lobby in the United States. It pushes a strong socially conservative agenda that includes opposition to Gay and Lesbian rights, a woman's right to choose, and the teaching of evolution in public schools.

The TVC is one of the leading forces in the fight against same-sex marriage.

"Corporate political giving runs the risk of using a company's assets for objectives not disclosed to or approved by its shareholders," according to Center for Political Accountability Co-Director Bruce Freed. "If companies choose to make political gifts, it is critical that their shareholders are aware of where that money is going and what is the business purpose of the contributions. Making a contribution through a conduit does not absolve the company of its responsibility to know how its funds are ultimately used."

Union Pacific's contributions have entangled it in a Texas investigation into the propriety of some of TRM's fundraising practices. According to press accounts, areas of interest include the relationship between the railroad and TRM and whether the company's contributions may have influenced state house races and the contest for Texas House speaker two years ago. Texas law severely circumscribes the use of corporate money in state campaigns and legislative leadership races.



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Despite Massachusetts Law Out-Of-Staters May Wed

BOSTON - With same-sex marriages scheduled to begin May 17 in Massachusetts, town clerks are wondering how to handle a 1913 statute that forbids out-of-state couples from marrying if their marriage would be illegal in their home state, reports the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Attorney General Thomas Reilly announced that the old law would foreclose marriage for couples from the 38 states with "Defense of Marriage Acts." But Reilly's comments on the subject were informal, and the matter is supposed to be officially resolved by the governor's office.

According to a spokesman, Gov. Mitt Romney, a staunch opponent of same-sex marriage, is "reviewing all of his legal options," and the Department of Public Health will instruct the clerks well before the big day arrives.

But the obscure 1913 statute doesn't necessarily mean that same-sex couples from anti-marriage states won't be able to marry. In Provincetown, the Boston Globe reports, the Board of Selectmen has voted to marry any couple that signs a standard "Notice of Intention of Marriage," a routine form that includes the line: "We

hereby state that there is an absence of any legal impediment to the marriage." Town clerks throughout the state have always accepted these forms without question from heterosexual couples.

In Provincetown, at least, clerks will not be investigating same-sex couples or tracking the laws in other states.

Laurence Pizer, a town clerk in Plymouth, told the Globe that he will also accept the Notice of Intention of Marriage without interrogating same-sex couples. "If somebody came in and said they were from Great Barrington, I don't know anybody from Great Barrington so I wouldn't question that. We don't make a phone call to the attorney general of Aruba to see if there's a reason they shouldn't be married."

Arguably, the status of a couple from an anti-marriage state would be fragile under any circumstances. A Utah couple who signs the form and marries in Boston will still face a fight when they try to get benefits in Salt Lake City. The added detail of the 1913 statute adds to their legal burdens but, unless things change, will not prevent them from coming home with a marriage certificate.

Anti Gay Senator Denies Change Of Heart

SACRAMENTO - The office of California state Sen. William "Pete" Knight, R-Palmdale, is discounting reports that the senator, who championed California's law to prevent recognizing same-sex marriages, has changed his mind on extending rights to Gay and Lesbian couples, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

On Thursday, April 8, the Sacramento News and Review reported Sen. Knight, who authored the voter-approved Proposition 22, met with lobbyist Steve Hansen of Equality California, a GLBT rights group. During their March 24 meeting, the two discussed the proposed same-sex marriage bill (AB 1967) as well as AB 205, which will grant domestic partners most of the same rights as married couples when it goes into effect next year.

The weekly paper quoted Sen. Knight as saying he would compromise on same-sex marriage. "We might be able to come up with some system that would allow, for example, domestic partners to be registered, and they would have certain rights associated with that," he said.

But Knight said Equality California would have to end "all of the efforts to change the definition of marriage," in order for that compromise to happen.

On Friday, Geoffrey Kors, executive director of Equality California, sent out a press release, describing the

conversation as a step forward.

"[Knight's] move towards allowing rights and benefits for same-sex couples in exchange for our accepting some form of second-class status for our relationships is a clear sign that he realizes that the march towards equality cannot be stopped," Kors said.

Equality California's press release came weeks after Sen. Knight's Gay son, David, married his partner of 10 years in San Francisco. GLBT activists wondered if David Knight's marriage to his partner had caused the conservative senator to have a change of heart.

However on Monday, April 11, Knight's office told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network that Knight did not have a new position, claiming the senator's remarks were taken out of context.

A compromise on same-sex marriage "was spoken in the hypothetical," explained David Orosco, Sen. Knight's spokesman.

"I think what came out of that meeting is that they agreed to disagree," Orosco continued. "Nothing has changed."

Kors retorted, "It's an unfortunate occurrence when politicians say something and don't really mean it. It's amazing how

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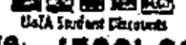
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Tax Day Unfair To G/L Couples

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With the deadline for filing income tax returns approaching, a new survey released revealed that Gay and Lesbian couples have a particular disadvantage because they are prohibited from filing joint income tax returns, reports the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Unmarried same-sex couples also are significantly shortchanged on estate taxes, gift taxes and Social Security benefits, to name a few.

"Same-sex couples pay more in taxes and get fewer protections and benefits in return," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), which conducted the study.

For example, Behrens and Schiebel are raising Schiebel's two children from a previous marriage, and Behrens is the main breadwinner. According to the study, if the couple were married and Behrens died, Schiebel's Social Security benefit would be \$18,396 per year. But as an unmarried couple, the benefit would be less than one-fourth that amount: \$3,636 per year.

The study looked at Gay couples in Massachusetts, where same-sex couples will be allowed to marry beginning next month.

The NGLTF report will be used to urge members of the Massachusetts Legislature to kill a proposed amendment to the state Constitution that would prohibit same-sex marriage but leaving the door open to civil unions.

One couple profiled in the report was Thorsten Behrens and Christopher Schiebel.

"Civil unions are no substitute for full equality," said Sue Hyde, a field organizer for the NGLTF.

If they get married, the state of Massachusetts will allow Behrens and Schiebel to file joint state income tax returns, however they will continue to be barred from filing joint federal returns. According to Forbes.com, filing federal returns jointly can save some couples "a bundle."

Prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying may also deprive the wedding and travel industries of a windfall. Forbes.com estimates Gay and Lesbian couples would spend \$16.8 billion on wedding ceremonies and honeymoons, benefiting caterers, banquet halls, jewelers, department stores, travel agents, hotels and airlines.

Aside from tax benefits, the NGLTF says there are 1,137 other federal protections associated with marriage.

Judge Excludes Anti-Gay Group From California Marriage Suit

SAN FRANCISCO - California superior court judge James L. Warren on Thursday, April 8, denied the request of the anti-Gay Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund to participate as a party in *Woo v. Lockyer*, the lawsuit brought by the National Center for Lesbian Rights on behalf of six same-sex couples, Equality California, and Our Families Coalition.

same-sex couples can marry in California. "We are very pleased by the court's ruling," said Shannon Minter, legal director for NCLR. "This case is about real families who are harmed by being denied the right to marry. The couples who brought this lawsuit are entitled to their day in court without undue interference by an outside group with no direct interest in the case. The court correctly found that merely having a political interest in an issue does not meet the legal standard for intervention."

The lawsuit argues that denying same-sex couples the right to marry violates the California constitution's guarantees of equality, liberty, and privacy. Ruling from the bench after extensive oral argument by both sides, the judge held that the Proposition 22 Fund did not meet the legal standard for intervention, which requires showing that the proposed intervenor may be harmed directly by the outcome of the case. Warren found that the Proposition 22 Fund had not shown any way in which its members would be harmed by a ruling that

On April 1 the lawsuit was consolidated with a similar one filed by San Francisco city attorney Dennis Herrera on behalf of the city and county of San Francisco. The city's lawsuit also argues that denying same-sex couples the right to marry violates the California constitution. Thursday's ruling applies to the city's lawsuit as well.

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SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Do you yearn for adventure? It will be hard to rein you in when Mars trines Neptune and shakes and stirs your cocktail. Mix all this wilde intoxication with travel and you have a recipe for delirious, delicious out of this world excitement. Queer Libras may find themselves in rather unique positions this week. Be sure that you don't get a leg cramp at the peak moment.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
If proud Rams find themselves trolling their usual neighborhood haunts in search for a bit of new adventure, you can be sure that it is because bold Mars trines romantic Neptune. What new mischief will you manage to concoct? Whatever it is, remember that you still have to look at yourself in the mirror in the morning as well as whoever is still lurking behind those sheets.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
Your lust for loot knows no bounds, at least while Mars trines Neptune. Greedy queer Bulls allow themselves to compromise their corporate genius for the vague promise of a quick buck. Why? It's time to get serious; there is too much at stake for you to blow it all on a defusional moment of grandeur. Gather up your moments and blow it all with those who prefer to remain anonymous.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Pink Twins are positively pushy and think nothing of stepping on others backs to get all the attention they crave and think they deserve. Blame your out-of-character behavior on Mars and Neptune as they happily corrupt your perceived self-value. You are too wonderful for words... at least that is what you hear. Just wait until you hear what they say have to say about you next week!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
You are swept off your claws ... cr.. feel, pink Crab, when lusty Mars trines hopelessly romantic Neptune. Part of the pleasure is within your lurid and quite imaginative mind and part of it is inspired by a certain soulful stranger. How much yourself go? Keep an eye on the personal dynamics. Don't become a doormat or worse, dirt under the mat.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Friends get you involved in all sorts of delightful trouble and partners are just not amused. Don't even try to blame Neptune and Mars for all your out of control antics, proud Lion. This is your own stew, spurred on by your own steam. Somehow you think that all this will bring your relationship to a new level. That certainly seems to be true. How far down can it go...?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
No assignment is too big and no request is too small as Mars trines Neptune. This week you are the uber-corporate cog ready to grind away for the chance to accelerate in the machine. How hard can you work and how much output do you create before you fray your nerves and increase your stress to dangerous levels? Give yourself a break, Gay Virgo; a very long coffee break.

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SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Although there should be no surprises among family, proud Scorps may get a head full of them when Mars trines Neptune. You are grappling with other peoples money. Issues about inheritances or other fiscal care must be resolved soon. For those embarking on new liaisons, you will find that your current living arrangements will no longer do. Do what you must do.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Gay Archers suddenly feel the need to connect with others on a more meaningful level. How meaningful is entirely up to you. Think about what you really want before you ask; The Mars Neptune trine makes you eloquent, mesmerizing and very, very compelling. Your words attract flies like so much honey. Before you know it, things become sticky and dirty. Lucky thing.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Are you craving something more luxurious out of life? Pink Caps are putting in the sweat equity when Mars trines Neptune. You have your heart set on a few expensive little trinkets and on a higher quality of life and have no problem working your butt off to get what and where you want. But will all this bring you the personal fulfillment you seek? Who cares? Pass the Cristal.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Plan to have loads of fun in new arenas and expand your social circle into a globe. Those you meet can help you over the next few months. Aqueerians make very unusual first impressions - more unusual than usual if that is possible - when Mars trines Neptune. The strange thing is that any outrageous makeover you choose seems to work for you. Are the 70's back? The 1870s?

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
If your surroundings turn into a beehive of frenzied activity, it is time to head back to the hive with Mars and Neptune and make your home a quiet retreat where you can rest and recharge. There is too much happening yet nothing important seems to be getting done. Guppies need the downtime to reevaluate their direction, priorities and choices like tonic or soda.



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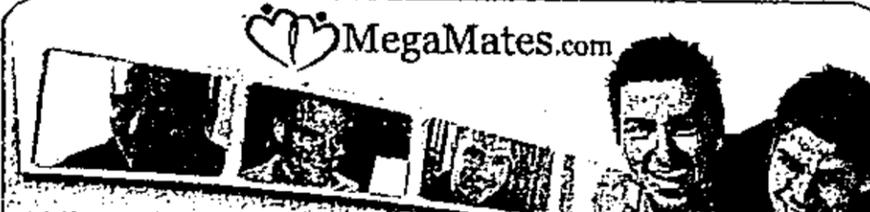
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
By Lee Thorn

Cheap Entertainment

Hats off to the Arizona Game and Fish Department for finding an entertaining way to make everyone mad at them.

First they announce that they're going to go out and kill themselves some mountain lions in Sabino Canyon. This causes a rare Tucson excrement storm whose sheer force nearly flattens the Old Pueblo. Then they decide to hold some public meetings on the subject, maybe see what the folks are so upset about. Another storm. Then they decide that they don't really want to kill the critters, just move them out of the canyon. Any finally, best of all, they end up not being able to find any mountain lions, which renders the whole question of what do do with them moot.

Is this better than the Keystone Cops or what?

Fish and Game could and should have learned a lot from this public relations fiasco. The first thing is that, in the current climate of public opinion, the fact that an animal is not on an endangered species list does not make it okay to kill the animal. Whenever you propose to kill a big beautiful beast, even if you have a plausible reason for the killing, ordinary people who are not even conservationists are going to get concerned.

Hence, lesson two for Game and Fish, you have to come up with a process to justify a decision to kill a magnificent animal, a process that we common folks are

going to regard as legitimate.

Legitimacy, again in the current climate of public opinion, is going to require a high degree of transparency. You can't, as I trust Game and Fish now appreciate, simply come out with an announcement about what some anonymous bureaucrats have decided behind closed doors.

A transparent process would have to have someone who would preside over it and make the final decision, someone acting essentially as a judge. The public would want to know this person's name and his qualifications for the job.

The process would have to have some established standards. Ordering up death warrants on an ad hoc basis is not going to wash. It's one thing to kill an animal because he's injured a hiker. It's another to kill one because some hiker thinks the animal is "acting funny." You'd ideally want to have some guidelines that were widely known before you had occasion to apply them.

And it's always good to have a public hearing before you make a decision. Even if the public might lack the expertise to participate in the decision making, we still want a chance to vent our emotions.

Behind the incredible circus that Game and Fish have given us there are some serious issues of philosophy that no process, however sound, can altogether dispense with. The biggest one seems to be whether it makes any sense to take wild things out of the wilderness. After all, taking the wild out of wilderness leaves us with a very uninspiring "erness."

The basic idea driving Game and Fish is that they want to take things out of the wilderness that can hurt hikers so that hikers won't be able to sue them for getting hurt. By this logic you might want to get rid of jumping cholla which gets its name from the mistaken belief that it maliciously jumps on people who get near it, especially tourists.

Philosophically speaking, if we really wanted to let everybody know where they stood we'd have to come up with some rules that strictly defined what hikers could and could not expect from the wild. At one extreme you could say that anyone knowingly entering the wild assumes the risk that a wild thing therein might hurt him and can therefore sue no one if it does. At the other extreme you get to sue the government for any and every injury. Although I personally happen to like the first extreme, I know from talking to people that neither extreme is particularly popular.

Some principle of compromise needs to be worked out. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any serious public discussion of the issue.

But while we're waiting for a firm philosophical framework to present itself, establishing a transparent process for dealing with decisions in tough actual cases would be a vast improvement, entertainment value aside, from the recent clown routine performed by Game and Fish.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., it's the "Diva-Licious Show", hosted by Lucinda Holiday, starring: Tori Steele, Venecia, Janee Starr and Miss Saigon at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

WOODY'S - Reno Gannon Memorial Jail-O Wrestling - Watch for upcoming ads for details. Mark your calendars!

Non-Bar Calendar

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 664-2076.

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

3:45 - 6:00 p.m. The original Men's Group Massage. Fee. Call Marc 881-4582 for information and to reserve a place. Explore sensual touch and meet new men. Also, the "Queer As Folk" new season is at 9:00 p.m. Sign up in advance.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

#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 Karol for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. The Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell (@ CC)

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 23

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the Newsletter night and the MSN Premiere of "Mambo Italiano", a comedy in the vein of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding", except with a gay twist. For reservations and directions, please call Artan at 323-7414.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

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.

APRIL 25 THRU MAY 16

The traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945 on display at the Jewish Community Center at 3800 E. River Road.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Tantra Workshop. Intro to tantra. Bring a friend to share. Learn how to enjoy sex more, become a better lover and have more intimate relationships. Call 882-4582 for information.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

#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 28

#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. 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 Richard at 579-7291.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m. El Minuto II, 8 N. Kolb (NE corner of Kolb and Broadway)

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

Arts & Entertainment

NOW PLAYING THRU MAY 2

Live Theatre Workshop presents one of Neil Simon's most beloved plays, "Barefoot In The Park". Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$14 - \$12. For reservations call 3327-4242. The theater is located at 5317 E. Speedway Blvd.

NOW PLAYING THRU MAY 8

Gallery Four Ten's Spring Show features the art of Jonathan Bell, Bob Bergier, Joseph Birdsong, Michael Mahaffey, Thomas Rossi, Darin Schoeny and Richard Zelans. Artist reception Saturday, April 10 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Gallery hours are from noon to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment. 410 E. Ft. Lowell. 520-740-1047

TUESDAY THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - 18

UA Presents America's happiest musical surprise - "Urine Town". Two star-crossed lovers, one evil corporation and a water shortage. It's a revolution in musical comedy! Winner 2002 Tony Award Triple Crown. Tickets on sale now. UA Centennial Hall. Box Office 621-3341.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Josh Groban on his "Closer Tour" will be appearing at the Casino Del Sol's Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. At the box office or through TicketMaster. You won't want to miss hearing the fantastic voice of young Josh.

MONDAY, MAY 24

The Eagles, live in concert with their 'Farewell 1' tour at the Tucson Convention Center 8:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale and will be sold out surely. Tickets are available at TicketMaster or the TCC Box Office 520-321-1000.

MAY 26 - JUNE 6

Winner of the most Tony Awards in Broadway history - "The Producers" is coming to Tucson and tickets are now on sale. So get in line early and get yours to this sensational Mel Brooks musical that stars Bob Amara and Andy Taylor in the leading roles. For ticket information call 621-3341.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

IBT's - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloody's, 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 \$8.99

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 meals 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, Mums 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 5-9pm. 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

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 run, 50¢ off call rums. Rock'n' to Oldies Night.

IBT's - 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 Lingene

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 8-11:30pm with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke.

IBT's - 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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday 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 Margantias 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear-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.

IBT's - 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 Toumey 7pm. \$3 entry (Pot Matched) 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

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.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-8pm. 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 Shorty.

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.

IBT's - 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 6:30 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 - 9pm Sleak 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 p.m. 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@primetimersww.org

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm 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 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 85612.

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)790-5175 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.btop.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 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 968-2384.

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. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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 379-9827 or David 323-1943.

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. 882-7723 Facilitator.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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NOTICES

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 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. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTBOBESFEST. 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

MENS 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.

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 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, 6123 N. 14th St., #212, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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

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

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

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 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.tgsafootball.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.lctucson.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)

NOTICES

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 299-6647.

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 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 838-3975.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail fyan@thesiver.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 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.

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-varient 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 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 Pizzeria on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

TIEMAN TOMAN 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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Anti-Gay Senator

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disingenuous the man is. And he's right: We wouldn't accept second-class status."

Jeff Bissiri, chairman of Log Cabin Republicans (news - web sites) of California, said he expected Monday's developments. "We have some experience speaking with Republican legislators. Often what they're willing to say in the privacy in their office, and what they're willing to say in public, are two separate things. And I think that's what's probably happened."

"I'm not surprised that Knight repudiated," Bissiri added. "I would have been surprised if he hadn't."

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AROUND THE GAY USA.....**Chicago Issues
Warning Following
Gay Murders**

CHICAGO - Police have finally issued a community alert warning North Side residents not to allow strangers into their homes under any circumstances after a series of slayings of Gay men, reported 365Gay.com.

The alert was put out following a meeting with community activists earlier in the week but nearly two weeks after the most recent slaying which left the community in a state of shock and fear.

The murders of four Gay men remain unsolved and at least two of the slayings are markedly similar, although police say they have no evidence to suggest they are linked.

The body of Kevin Clewer, 31, who worked at a suburban factory, was found March 24. Brad Nelson Winters, 38, a theater director, was discovered dead last August. Both were found in their bedrooms with multiple stab wounds. Winters also was strangled.

Police believe Clewer was killed by someone he met that night, and Winters might have been killed by someone he met and brought home, Chief of Detectives James Molloy said.

"We are waiting for results of evidence that was recovered [at the scenes of the killings], but there is nothing that jumps out at us that says these homicides

were committed by the same person," Molloy said.

As soon as the police warning was received, Gay bars and businesses along Halsted Street posted them on bulletin boards.

The notice tells people to be careful about whom they let in their homes and says, "While police are not linking these two homicides, residents need to be aware of these crimes and take necessary measures to keep themselves safe."

The killings have left the city's Gay community living in fear that a serial killer may be on the loose.

"People are scared," said Aimee Pinc, operations director for Equality Illinois. "That police now have issued these warnings is a big deal. ... We didn't know if these were horrible unrelated incidents or if someone was out there hunting white Gay men."

**Lesbian Politician
Runs For Congress**

ATLANTA - Cathy Woolard who became the first Lesbian City Council President in Atlanta is seeking to become the first Lesbian in the state to be elected to Congress, reported 365Gay.com.

Woolard is seeking the seat being vacated by Denise Majette, who is running for the U.S. Senate.

She will face former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney in the July 20 Democratic primary, but is expected

to have competition for the party's nod. Other high profile Democrats reported to be mulling a run for the nomination are DeKalb Chief Executive Officer Vernon Jones; state Rep. Teresa Greene-Johnson; state Sen. Liane Levetan and state Sen. Nadine Thomas.

Woolard, however, is seen as having the edge. She is a veteran of local politics, a former lobbyist and an outspoken opponent of the proposed state constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage.

In local politics she has been popular with voters, advocating affordable health care, more federal funds for transportation, and preserving green space.

**Columnist Accused
Of Faking Anti-Gay
Remarks**

NEW YORK - The Reverend Lou Sheldon, head of a conservative lobbying group, accused Newsday columnist Jimmy Breslin of making up quotes attributed to him in Wednesday's (April 7) column.

In the column, Breslin wrote, "Homosexuals are dangerous," Sheldon assured me one day.... They proselytize. They come to the door, and if your son answers and nobody is there to stop it, they grab the son and run off with him. They steal him. They take him away and turn him into a homosexual." Breslin, a Pulitzer Prize winner, dismissed the allegation, saying the quotes came from a 1992 interview. Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, said he has "never met Jimmy Breslin, never had the conversation described in his column today, and never said those sentences to anyone in

my life." He said the column, in which Breslin refers to Sheldon as "a fruitcake," is intended "to demonize me."

Breslin said the conversation with Sheldon took place at the Republican National Convention in Houston in 1992. Breslin quoted Sheldon, whom he called "the little minister," about homosexuality and pornography in an August 18, 1992, column from the GOP convention. The quotes from 1992 and from Wednesday are not the same, but Breslin said there was a larger exchange. "It was delightful to meet someone that far-out and loony, and I wrote a column about it then, so how can he say we never spoke?" Breslin said by phone. "Of course he met me. He knows it, and I know it." Sheldon said he was at the convention but does not recall speaking to Breslin.

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