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Nothing beautiful in this world is ever really lost. Those we cherish will always live on in memory. .
On Memorial Day, the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community remembers its brothers and sisters . . .

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UPDATE

Forum On Profiling June 1

TUCSON - The subject of "profiling" is the next in the series of community forum's held by Wingspan, and is scheduled to take place Tuesday, June 1, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wingspan's main office, 300 East Sixth Street.

Whether a homeless person seen as lazy and a drain on society, a Muslim suspected of being un-American, a Gay man assumed to be cruising for sex, or an African American woman denied a home loan, "profiling" is as American as apple pie. Profiling is when those highest up in the power hierarchy make those outside that social group into the "other." This mechanism of power and control increasingly affects more and more of those further down the ladder. Stereotypes that play on people's fears, morality, and prejudices allow profiling to continue without question.

In this community forum, we draw together speakers from various communities to address the "why's", the "what's," and the consequences of profiling.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Vega Family Fund-Raiser Car Wash June 5

TUCSON - The Vega family is holding a fundraiser to attempt to collect \$780 to complete the funeral expenses for Tomas Vega and Felipe Solis.

There is a Memorial account at Bank of America where you can donate. The account number is 0046-5619-6966. The family thanks everyone for their support.

They are also holding a Car Wash on June 5, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the 7 Eleven, on 22nd and Swan. Donations will be accepted. Hope to see you there.

Araujo Trial Hears 'Panic' Testimony

HAYWARD - A psychologist testified Monday, May 24, that the three men on trial for the killing of Transgender ed teen Gwen Araujo panicked when they discovered she was biologically male, reported 365Gay.com.

The defense is claiming a variation on the "Gay panic" defense, shifting the blame from the defendants to the victim. While the technique has had only limited success in winning acquittals in Gay homicides, attorneys for the three men hope to convince a jury their clients so "revulsed and shocked" they killed Araujo out of panic.

If they are successful the jury could find the accused guilty of manslaughter rather than murder.

Attorney Michael Thorman called psychologist Andrew Pojman to testify. Pojman said that people with the kind of maturity the defendants had would "go into a panic," on finding Araujo was biologically male.

"It would flip them out," he said.

Michael Magidson, 23, Jose Merel, 24, and Jason Cazares, also 24, are charged with killing the teen in October 2002. They are also charged with a hate crime. Earlier this month the judge refused to drop that charge.

Araujo was beaten, battered with a shovel and then strangled to death. Her body was found in a shallow grave several days later.

A fourth man, Jaron Nabors, has already pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in exchange for testimony against his three friends.

In his testimony, earlier in the trial, Nabors testified that Magidson and Merel both had sexual encounters with the 17 year old Araujo.

The panic defense has drawn severe criticism from Araujo's family. They say the teen did not attempt to deceive anyone but was living as the person she believed herself to be.

Salvation Army Uses Homeless To Fight G/L Benefits

NEW YORK - The Salvation Army is threatening to close soup kitchens for tens of thousands of New York's homeless and walk away from other projects if the city enacts legislation requiring firms that do business with New York to offer health benefits to the partners of Gay staffers, reported 365Gay.com.

The evangelical faith is prepared to give up the \$70 million a year in city funding it receives and pull out of New York entirely.

With soup kitchens, shelters, foster care programs, and HIV services the Salvation Army is one of the largest private aid groups in New York serving some 5 million people annually.

The Salvation Army has several multiyear contracts with the city totaling \$250 million. Six city contracts worth \$12.8 million are to expire June 30, by which time the bill may be law.

New York City council overwhelmingly approved the legislation earlier this month, and it is sitting on the desk of mayor Michael Bloomberg. Bloomberg is opposed to the bill, even though his own company offers partner benefits. Even if they mayor vetoes the legislation, the support in council is considered sufficient to override it.

Quoting "Salvation Army insiders" the Post said the organization will refuse to comply with the proposed law because it goes against one of the organization's core beliefs - that same-sex marriage is immoral.

"The Army will not change its policy," said one official, who declined to be named.

"You cannot change theological views. Those are so deeply embedded, they form the root of the faith itself."

IN MEMORIAM



Rev. Henry C. Warner
5-21-1934 - 5-22-2004

Reverend Henry no longer feels pain. He is soaring on the wings of an Eagle! Today he flies unbridled with his spirit soaring free in the heavens among Angels & Saints. He has gained his heavenly crown. He is walking down streets of gold along side his Lord and Master.....Jesus Christ. We shall miss you my Brother!

Reverend Henry passed peacefully in his sleep while at Carondelet Hospice. He had been fighting a courageous battle with Cancer. His passing came one day after his 70th Birthday.

He will always be remembered for his passion and dedication that he had towards his various ministries. He was the Chaplain for Pima Aids Foundation here in Tucson. He has served as Resident Chaplain for the Villa Maria Nursing Care Facility. His dedication to the "Aging" was endless. He unselfishly gave of his time to various organizations in the City of Tucson and surrounding areas. He ministered to those with Aids. He assisted individuals that were in need. Henry had a shoulder of steel to cry on, a voice of warmth to comfort and loving arms to love with.

Henry graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelors Degree in Education as well as a Masters Degree in Education. Henry was a school teacher with Tucson Unified School District. He taught Biology and Science. He was an active member of the Pima College Alumni Association. He held membership with the Disabled Veterans of America. He was an Associate Pastor at The Episcopal Church of the Apostles in Tucson. Reverend Henry was truly a Hero to many people. His passing stands as a great loss to the Community.

It was Reverend Henry's request to be directly cremated. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2002 @ 1:30 PM at The Episcopal Church of the Apostles which is located at the corner of North La Cholla and West Tangerine Rd. For more information call: 218-0218

It is requested that in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to Wingspan, SAAF or TIHAN in memory of Reverend Henry C. Warner.



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NOTE: Although the great majority of persons named here died of complications of AIDS, some died from other illnesses, natural causes, suicide, murder, accidents, etc.
This list has been compiled from obituary notices that appeared in the Observer and Arizona Gay News, and information received from the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. It is not a complete list by any means.
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MONDAY (LABOR DAY) @ 11 AM
MONDAY MORNING MADNESS
TUCSON'S MOST DECADENT SHOW OF THE YEAR STARRING
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GO GO BOY'S DANCING ON THE PEDESTAL 9:30 TIL CLOSE
HOT DANCE WITH
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Arizona Supreme Court Lets GLBT Marriage Ban Stand

PHOENIX - Gays will not be permitted to marry in Arizona, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Without comment, the Arizona Supreme Court refused Tuesday, May 25, to overturn - or even review - an appellate court decision that said state law limits marriage to a man and a woman.

The order leaves intact a unanimous October ruling by the Court of Appeals that state lawmakers are entitled to conclude that permitting marriage only among heterosexuals promotes the state's interest in procreation and raising children in stable families. In that decision, the judges said it is legally irrelevant that the state allows marriage of opposite-sex partners who either cannot or choose not to have children.

The justices did not give a reason for their ruling. Nor did they reveal whether they considered the alternative enacted by the Vermont Supreme Court to require that Gays be allowed to enter into civil unions.

Tuesday's order leaves Gays - and, specifically, the two men who sought to marry - with options first suggested by appellate Judge Ann Scott Timmer: Take their case to the Legislature or directly

Don Standhardt, one of the plaintiffs in the case, said that may be the next step.

"We'll keep fighting here, whatever we need to do," he said. That could include either seeking legislative approval of same-sex marriage or an initiative drive.

But, at this point, the chances of approval of either appear slim.

A statewide survey conducted earlier this year showed that only 34 percent of those asked favor allowing same-sex couples to marry. That is down from 42 percent a year earlier.

The high court's decision to leave the appellate ruling intact drew praise from Cathi Herrod, lobbyist for the Center for Arizona Policy. That organization not only has lobbied against various bills to grant new rights to Gays but also supports a federal constitutional ban on same-sex marriages.

"That (appellate) decision was the right decision and was an example of judges not being activist judges," she said.

Standhardt said he was disappointed that the Supreme Court did not even want to hear arguments about the issue.

"I thought that at least they would look at it and see the injustice of it," said Standhardt. He said he believed the high

court would want to address "the circular logic used to deny the rights."

For example, Standhardt noted that while the court said marriage is designed to protect procreation, state law permits first cousins to marry if one reaches the age of 65 and a judge can be convinced that one or the other is unable to procreate.

That, he said, undermines arguments presented by Assistant Attorney General Kathleen Sweeney that the state has an "interest in encouraging procreation." That, she said, gives lawmakers the legal right to limit marriage to a man and a woman "who are the only couples who can create children with one another."

Attorney Michael S. Ryan, who represented Standhardt and his partner, Tod Keltner, said there are federal issues which, technically, would permit him to seek review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

"That's a pretty monumental decision to make," said Ryan. "My clients need to mull it over."

There are other options.

One possibility, he said, would be for Standhardt and Keltner to go to another state where they can legally marry and then seek to have their union recognized here under the "full faith and credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution. That provision generally requires states to honor contracts legally entered into in other states.

Arizona law, however, says these marriages cannot be recognized here.

Standhardt said that is not a likely option. He said he and Keltner are Arizona

natives who prefer to keep their fight here.

Standhardt and Keltner sought a marriage license a week after the U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down a Texas law criminalizing sexual relations between individuals of the same gender. The high court said states cannot regulate the private acts of individuals.

But Timmer, who wrote last year's appellate court ruling that was upheld Tuesday, said the justices in the Texas specifically said they were not deciding whether the government must give formal recognition to Gay relationships.

"Although many traditional views of homosexuality have been recast over time in our state and nation, the choice to marry a same-sex partner has not taken sufficient root to receive constitutional protection as a fundamental right," Timmer wrote.

Timmer acknowledged that children raised in families headed by a same-sex couple could benefit from the stability offered by a Gay marriage. But she said the inequity created by the failure of the state to recognize Gay marriages does not overturn the state's link between opposite-sex marriage, procreation and child rearing.

"The fact that the line (on who can marry) could be drawn differently is a matter for legislative, rather than judicial, consideration, as long as plausible reasons exist for placement of the current line," she wrote.



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POLITICS 2004

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'So What's Really Wrong?'

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the first same-sex marriages have taken place in many cities and towns across the Bay State and despite the apocalyptic predictions made by the radical right, the world hasn't come to an end from these ceremonies or from the predictions made about this planet in the film, "The Day After Tomorrow."

In the U.S. House and Senate, the Republican leadership, as well as that cabal currently occupying 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue though are desperate to divert the attention of the nation from: the economy - rising gas prices, unemployment figures going up as well as inflation; an out of control budget deficit and, Iraq, are resorting to their wedge issue, civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) and those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

This past week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a blanket ban on Gay men donating sperm to sperm banks, despite tests and procedures already in place to make sure samples are free from disease, such as HIV.

Both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) continue their censorship of medically accurate information pertaining to sexually transmitted diseases, as well as HIV/AIDS to the general public, making sure their stilted opinions are made, not the important facts.

Restrictions on Americans ability to get their medications from Canada and Mexico should continue, the FDA said in testimony during a recent Congressional hearing on the issue.

Now, despite public disapproval, as well as opposition from a significant amount of Members of the U.S. Congress, the Republican Congressional leadership are dredging up the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA), that if passed by Congress and ratified by 38 states, would for the first time, enshrine discrimination in the U.S. Constitution by barring governmental recognition of same-sex relationships as married, civil union or otherwise, and deny a segment of the nation their con-

stitutional right to access the judicial branch of government to address their grievances.

Over the Memorial Day Holiday, Dubya, a small cadre of Republican Senators, Representatives as well as candidates, such as Peter Coors, the chair of Coors Beer who has come out in favor of the FMA will be attempting to divert the attention of the nation away from the real problems, to garner support for the FMA by banging their drum solely and slowly in a futile attempt to hold onto power but it gets better.

During June, "Pride" month, a series of Congressional hearings will take place on the subject of marriage between men and women, in Washington D.C., at the behest of the Republican Congressional leadership, wasting countless taxpayer dollars promoting bigotry, hatred, discrimination while the real problems that has befallen this country go unsolved because they must dwell on their wedge issue.

"[It is] going to be up for cities and states to make those decisions [about Gay marriage]." [Source: CNN Web site, May 2, 2000.]

"The state[s] can do what they want to [on Gay marriage]." [Source: CNN Web site, February 15, 2000.]

"I think the fact of the matter, of course, is [same-sex marriage] is regulated by the states. I think different states are likely to come to different conclusions and that's appropriate. I don't think there should necessarily be a federal policy in this area." [Source: CNN Debate transcript, October 5, 2000.]

Dubya made the first two statements during the 2000 presidential debacle, and Dickie Cheney made his utterance during the Vice Presidential candidate debate and now they both back the FMA, despite the fact of Cheney's openly Lesbian daughter, Mary. So what's next, as invasion and bombing of San Francisco for Weapons of Mass Deception?!

GLBT citizens must speak out against this effort, work and vote in this campaign because regime change must begin at home since the mission hasn't been accomplished.

Ku Klux Klan

Demonstrates At Gay Day

KNOXVILLE - Some 5,000 Gays and Lesbians took part Saturday, May 22, in this year's Gay Day at Dollywood, the theme park built by singer Dolly Parton in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., despite a demonstration against them by the Ku Klux Klan, reported the Associated Press.

The KKK rally rather than dissuade Gays from attending as some feared actually helped boost attendance. Last year, the first Gay at the park, saw an attendance of about a thousand.

The two dozen Klansmembers who demonstrated outside the gates of Dollywood were vastly outnumbered by police. The protestors held up signs attacking Gays and homosexuality.

"These perverts are here to spread their disease and their degenerate lifestyles," said organizer Ken Gregg. None of the protestors wore their traditional KKK white hoods and robes.

Inside the park the number of security officers was increased, but police

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New FDA Rules Target Gay Sperm Donors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced new guidelines for sperm and tissue donors on Thursday, May 20, that appear to make sexually active Gay men ineligible as sperm donors, a move some GLBT groups labeled as "bigotry."

The guidelines are intended to help prevent the transmission of communicable disease when sperm or other tissues are transplanted, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

A prior lack of oversight has led to at least one death: A man died after routine knee surgery because the bone transplant he received was infected with lethal bacteria. Dozens of other people have suffered serious infections after similar transplants, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Today's rule is focused on ensuring that tissues from suitable donors are used," said Dr. Jesse Goodman, director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research at the FDA.

Some Gay rights advocates argued the new guidelines unnecessarily target Gay men, based on the assumption that those men could be infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"It's one thing to base these rules on legitimate scientific concerns, but it's another to reinforce baseless stereotypes," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Kevin Calhoun, the executive director of Lambda Legal, concurred, calling it "a policy based on bigotry."

The new rules govern the screening and testing of potential donors of all kinds of tissue and require testing for many diseases, including HIV.

According to the New York Times, men who acknowledge having had homosexual sex within the previous five years will not be allowed to make anonymous sperm donations under the FDA's new rules.

But not everyone agrees with that interpretation of the guidelines.

Leland Traiman is a family nurse practitioner who operates the Rainbow Flag Health Services and Sperm Bank in Alameda, Calif., a fertility clinic which accepts sperm donations from Gay men.

Traiman told the PlanetOut Network the guidelines only prohibit "high-risk" people from donating sperm, with the determination usually to be made by a clinic's director.

"Everyone assumes 'high-risk donors' means Gay men but that's not in the regulations," he said. "Nowhere does it say Gay men or men who have sex with men."

Traiman said a blanket restriction of sexually active Gay men is unfair, because it would include men in monogamous relationships who are routinely screened for HIV, but might not, for example, target heterosexual men who may be engaging in unprotected sex with multiple sex partners.

Current fertility industry standards require anonymous sperm donations to be frozen and quarantined for six months, with donors being retested for HIV before their sperm is released for inseminations.

Senators Call For Investigation of HIV Drug Increase

WASHINGTON - A bipartisan group of senators on Wednesday, May 19, called for a Federal Trade Commission investigation of Abbott Laboratories' decision to increase by 400 percent the price of its antiretroviral drug Norvir.

In December 2003, Abbott increased from \$54 per month to \$265 per month the per-patient wholesale price of Norvir, which is known generically as ritonavir. According to Abbott's own findings, in its original dose Norvir was poorly tolerated, often causing diarrhea, vomiting and other side effects. However, doctors discovered the drug, used in smaller doses, boosted the effectiveness of other protease inhibitors.

Today, of the seven protease inhibitors on the market, six need Norvir to be effective.

Senate Commerce Committee Chair John McCain (R-Arizona) in a statement said it would be "unconscionable if drug manufacturers are taking such unscrupulous actions to maximize their bottom line at the expense of patients suffering with AIDS."

Sens. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.) and Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) also called for an FTC investigation. "Abbott's actions not only put the marketplace at risk, but more importantly, impact the medical options that the sickest people need for a hope of survival," Hollings, the ranking Democrat on the committee, said.

Abbott spokesperson Jennifer Smoter said that the "repricing action was entirely lawful" and that FTC had not yet contacted the company. The company also defended the price increase as necessary to support "our ability to continue research and development."

"It is now clear that outrage over Abbott's actions on Norvir is not just partisan politics by AIDS activists and their supporters but a bipartisan response by respected Washington legislators to clear cut antitrust abuses by Abbott," AIDS Healthcare Foundation, or AHF president Michael Weinstein said in a press release. AHF is the country's largest non-governmental supplier of services to people with HIV and AIDS.

Ku Klux Klan

Continued from Page Five reported no problems.

The Klan notified Dollywood that it would protest Saturday's event. Park management immediately notified police.

Dollywood spokesperson Pete Owens said the protestors would not be allowed on park grounds to protest.

Gay Day is not an official Dollywood function. It was created two years ago by the Knoxville-based LGBT group Tri-Cities Pride. Like the similar Gay Day Orlando which began over twelve years ago the Dollywood event encourages people to wear red T-shirts so people recognize one another.

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Massachusetts Puts A Human Face To Gay Unions

By becoming the first state in the union to permit Gay marriages, Massachusetts set a challenge for the nation. Although the response of the American people will say much about tolerance and changing attitudes, the challenge is first a legal one.

Even in Massachusetts, the issue is not resolved. Voters are likely to decide the question of how they want to define marriage in a 2006 referendum. It is possible that those Gays married now may find themselves unmarried later, although perhaps they may be recognized as partners in civil unions.

The question also arises of how other states will treat Gay people who go to Massachusetts to be married. Gov. Mitt Romney, relying on a 1913 law, is insisting that local town clerks refuse marriage licenses to out-of-staters when their own states do not recognize the union — although a few municipalities are defying the governor on this point.

Under the terms of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, no state is obliged to recognize Gay marriages. Some 39 states, including Pennsylvania, have their own laws defining marriage strictly in heterosexual terms. But clearly the legal issues are churning.

To this cauldron, President George Bush would bring clarity, unfortunately of the worse sort. He urgently called again this week for a constitutional amendment to ban Gay marriage. "The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges," he said.

But government is not in the business of upholding the sacred; that is the special province of churches. Nor should government be in the business of enshrining discrimination in the Constitution. As for those "few activist judges," Mr. Bush would have Americans believe that Gay marriage is an outlandish invention of a few fervid legal minds and has no broader

constituency.

That notion is confounded by what has occurred in Massachusetts, just as it was in places such as San Francisco City Hall when, with dubious legality, marriage licenses were issued there. Since Monday, hundreds of Gay people have sought to be married in Massachusetts with an enthusiasm that has rivaled the fall of the Berlin Wall.

A few activist judges could not have decreed such happiness. What we are seeing here is a populist movement that could be born only in a democratic milieu respectful of the rights of minorities. No one can say that this grand jury of the heart yet constitutes a majority of citizens, but it is fair to hope that Americans in the vast fair-minded middle may have been impressed. There is a universal note of recognition to be found in these weddings.

What we are seeing is the human face of unions that traditionalists condemn as bizarre. In story after story, those seeking to be married are ordinary, respectable people who have been living together for years and, in many cases, have children.

Except for the issue of gender, they have a lot in common with heterosexual couples. They love someone. They threaten no one else's marriage. They want their choice of life partners to be respected by society and the law. They dare to think that formalizing their relationships is their birthright in a free country.

In Massachusetts, the legal issues are catching up with the reality of how people actually live their lives. In the first place, love, not activist judges, brought this development. No wonder Mr. Bush and other opponents of Gay marriage are alarmed.

[This was an editorial from the May 19 edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.]

Lesbian Couple Say Their Rights Not Being Honored

TULSA - A Native-American, Lesbian couple in Oklahoma, who have not been permitted to file their marriage certificate with the Cherokee Nation, said Wednesday, May 19, they deserve the same legal rights given to straight couples.

Dawn McKinley and Kathy Reynolds said they will sue if the tribe does not lift a moratorium on same-sex marriages put in place a day after they received their marriage license application.

The Cherokee women were married Tuesday in a Cherokee ceremony at Mohawk Park in Tulsa, but the Cherokee Nation court clerk would not record the marriage amid a tribal dispute over same-sex marriages. The Cherokee couple received their license application from the court Thursday. The next day Darrell Dowdy, chief justice of the Judicial Appeals Tribunal, ordered a moratorium on applications for same-sex couples.

"They issued it; now honor it," said McKinley, 32. "We are their people, and they shunned us. It's hard enough that we are shunned by everyone in Oklahoma, but to be shunned by our own people..."

Cherokee law states "every person" age 18 or older can be married, except those with a living husband or wife, those

who are nearer of kin than first cousins, and those who are insane or idiotic. "If I was a man, we wouldn't be having this trouble," McKinley said. Cherokee principal chief Chad Smith and general counsel Julian Fite have both said they consider the tribe's definition of marriage to be a union between one man and one woman. The tribunal has not set a time to consider the matter.

The state of Oklahoma does not recognize marriages for same-sex couples but does honor marriages recorded by the Cherokees. State voters will decide in November whether to amend the state constitution to strengthen the ban on Gay marriage. McKinley and Reynolds say they can't afford to travel to Massachusetts, so they decided to have the marriage under Cherokee law.

"We should be able to get those rights right here in Oklahoma," said Reynolds, 27. The pair spoke at a news conference at Community of Hope United Church of Christ in Tulsa. The couple, who have been together for four years, share a residence. They said their wedding Tuesday was attended only by close friends and included Cherokee rituals, followed by a reception Tuesday night. "We'll do a honeymoon after this is all over," McKinley said.

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EDITOR:

The time has come for heterosexual bigots to shut their mouths on the topic of Gay marriage.

Heterosexuals have no right to tell homosexuals that they can't marry, anymore than whites have the right to tell people of color not to get married. With more than 50 percent of straight marriages ending in divorce, millions of children growing up in single parent homes, rampant extramarital affairs, and about a million abortions a year in this country, it seems to me that heterosexuals have no right to lecture anyone about marriage, let alone, nature and morality.

Perspective, use it or lose it. Gay equality is a civil rights issue, plain and simple. It's relatively easy for a person of color to point to their skin as the reason for discrimination. In comparison, it's not as easy for a Gay person to point to their God given spirit, which can't be seen. After thousands of years of bigotry against us, after dying along side the Jews in Nazi concentration camps with pink triangles marked on us, after being relegated to the lowest class citizens and being denied legitimate family lives, our time has finally arrived.

Jesus said to remove the giant planks of wood stuck in your own eye, before attempting to remove a tiny splinter in the eye of your neighbor. Paul, in Romans chapter 2, clearly states there is no difference between heterosexual and homosexual behavior, and it is wrong to judge otherwise. Being a true Christian, I will follow them.

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EDITOR:

The Yard Dog would like to thank all it's friends, patrons and staff for making the fourth annual Luau Party a tremendous success!

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Special thanks to Woody's for providing their palm leaves and David Yurick for the additional palm leaves needed to complete the work. Also, Stephen and James for the beautiful tropical trees and to Ric Reyna for transforming our patio a tropical playground, including our lovely water fountain. It was a great party, and we're looking forward to making next year even bigger and better.

Ray Gregg, Yard Dog Saloon

Dear Tucson:

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate or participated in helping to create the celebration for Miss Bing Bing's birthday party, on Monday, May 24. She was elated & fun was had by all, extra special thanks to Mr. Ron & Miss Dottie for their efforts.

In closing I'd also like to thank all the haters for their blatant ignorance on Gay culture & history; you see if it wasn't for "trannies", there would of been no Stonewall movement. I personally take pride in upholding the "T", in the GLBT....Thank you once again by making me the centerpiece of your gossip (I feel so important!)

Big thank you's to all who respect me for not "fronting" & for being who I am. Extra loud Kudo's to the Owners of the establishment that gives me employment' as they understand the true meaning of diversity..not by saying or chanting it, but, by living it - Thank you!
Sabrina Crawford

Man Charged With Internet Gay Sex Blackmail

CHICAGO - A Chicago man who surfed Internet Gay chat rooms and struck up conversations with other men, finding out details of their lives, has been charged with attempting to blackmail them, reported 365Gay.com.

Police allege the man "sweet talked" the victims into emailing him compromising pictures of themselves. He threatened to expose the men's sexuality to his wife unless he sent him money.

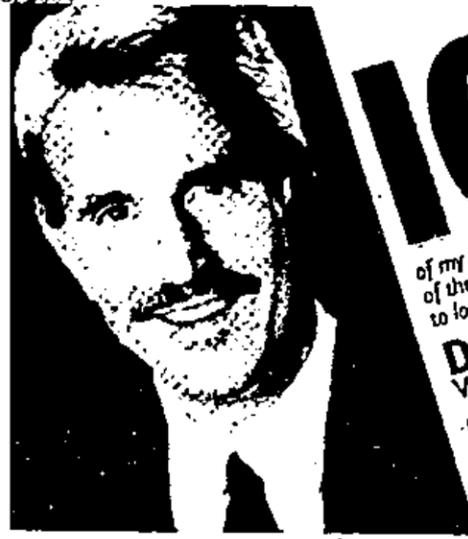
The victim wire-transferred \$1,000, but the man demanded an additional \$2,500, federal agents said.

The victim then hired a private investigator, who traced the man through the email account and the wire-transfer. The FBI was then notified.

While the federal investigators were looking into the man he made additional email demands for money from the man.

He was arrested after surveillance tapes showed him picking up one of two wire-transfers from the victim. Brett T. Wohl, 26, has been charged in federal court with extortion. Wohl was ordered

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Do you feel a rumble in your jungle and a spring in your step? Adjust yourself and catch a sunbeam as the Sun enters giddy Gemini. Prepare to launch your best ideas and meet scads of new folks armed with new opportunities and new agendas. How much can you handle, buddy? I guess we will have to see.

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The Sun makes a move into Gemini and gay Rams become veritable chatterboxes. Your head is bursting with new ideas that need to be aired and floated about. Polish up your social skills and try them on for size. It will seem that you can get anything and anyone you want with a few well chosen words. More importantly - be choosy with the anything and anyone rather than the words.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
If money is the root of all evil, make an attempt to be very evil and very rooted. The Sun ambles into Gemini and increases your need and greed. But that isn't a bad thing, queer Bull. You manage to acquire a few precious trinkets in your quest for a few gems. You also manage to make a huge pile from a few droppings. Why is this week different from any other week?

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
There is a tendency for pink Twins to over-extend themselves this time of year when the Sun makes a move into their own sign. Does it make any sense to choose a new summer wardrobe that is too tight and too bright? There is more than enough attention drawn to your every move anyway. You are captivated by your own magnificence. Pack a cage for your audience, though.

CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 23
I am learning to read tea leaves but really all I am doing is staring into a cup of hot water and looking at floating sludge. If you find yourself hopelessly peering into pea fog and trying to discern a few new moves, blame it on Sun in Gemini and resolve to let the future unfold as it will without expectations. Sometimes you have to go with the flow and not boss the course, pink Crab.

LEO JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Proud Lions are gunning for bear when the Sun enters Gemini. Bear, bull, whoever. The thing that really matters is that you amass the troops and get the crowd going in a certain direction while you command their attention. Don't waste this time on personal agendas. You are extraordinarily charismatic ... well at least for the next few weeks. Then it's back to your cave.

VIRGO AUG.24-SEPT.23
Opportunities abound in your career as the Sun wends into Gemini. Launch your corporate assault while the senior staff vacations. Queer Virgins often resign themselves to working quietly in the background and hope that someone notices and rewards. Forget about it cousin, now is the time to grab what is due you. When are you putting in the revolving bar.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Proud Libras may be feeling flat and uninspired but not for long. There is a great deal to be gained by traveling and stimulating those lavender gray cells when the Sun enters Gemini. Plan a getaway to some exotic locale and prepare to learn a few new tricks. If money is tight or time too short, massage your brain with wilde things closer to home. No names please...

SCORPIO OCT. 24 - NOV. 22
Boring, drones may scoff at your passionate view of the world but just ignore them. The Sun pokes into Gemini and you are awash with sensuality and animal magnetism. But verve alone won't stir your stewing pot. Be sure to stir up a bit of perspiration as well to get things in motion. Get out there gay Scorp. You just can't phone it in and have it delivered... or can you??

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23-DEC.22
If you have been feeling hemmed in and tied up, let the freedom of Sun in Gemini wash over you. Queer Archers are free spirits and love to roam the pastures and feed upon the possibilities. Sounds fairly lonely to me. This is the time of year to connect with others, even on a superficial level. And who knows? There may be someone out there who you would love to tie you up.

CAPRICORN DEC. 23-JAN.20
The Sun in Gemini has you where you want to be, applying grease to the grindstone, getting a few long standing issues out of the way and burning the midnight oil. The best results can be achieved with those gay Caps who use this time to reassess their entire living style. Diet, exercise and mental outlook needs to be refreshed and upgraded. Summer is here, baby. Strike a pose.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21 - FEB.19
Stop being so serious and direct your attention to the creative, dramatic, artistic and just plain fun. Sun in Gemini stirs your gay muse to try sometime more exciting off the beaten track. Be rowdy and party hearty, Aquecrius. There is more than meets the eye in every invitation. If you boogie till the cows come home you will always be assured of fresh milk... or whipped cream.

PISCES (FEB. - MARCH 20)
There are a few things that you would like to get off your chest with certain relatives. It is not healthy to keep everything pent up inside. So prepare to unload and dump when the Sun ambles into Gemini. It may be that you have gone on too long dancing to others tunes. Now it is time to set your own course, do your own thing and set your own agenda. Get the picture Guppie?

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VIEW FROM THE ROCK

by Paul Chambliss

The world has always been impressed by peoples's knowledge, skills and abilities. These talents are gifts which God has given us to use. We love the pizzazz of these gifts, but we often reject what is even more important - our character or our fruit. The Word tells us that people will know who we are by the fruit that we produce.

fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. It is a lot more fun for me to think about the things that I do well instead of how I need to have patience or self-control. We need to remember that our gifts will be most effective when we mature and begin to exhibit the fruit of the spirit. I can see your gifts, but what is your fruit?

In Galatians 5, we find that "the

Tucson Couple Going To Massachusetts To Marry

TUCSON - Julie and Susana Dorley have been together for four years. On June 5, they leave for Massachusetts, where they plan on getting legally married in the town of Sudbury on June 10th.

"There are many reasons why it is important for us to go to Massachusetts and get married. Spiritually, I am already married to Susana. When we had our commitment ceremony last October, our hearts and souls were bonded when we vowed our love. Even though there is nothing legally binding the two of us, we have that connection and that commitment to each other. Being able to go to Massachusetts to be legally wed is a natural next step for us, and a step that it is very important to both of us to take," shared Julie Dorley.

While their ceremony will be private, they will have a reception on June 12 for friends and family, which is the same day as Boston Pride.

"Family and friends who were not able to attend our commitment ceremony in Tucson will now be able to share this important day with us," beamed Susana Dorley. Susana grew up in New England, and lived in Massachusetts for almost 20 years.

"History is being made, and it is important to both of us to be a part of it," continued Julie. "For the first time in the history of this country, we can be legally married. If we did not embrace this amazing opportunity, I feel like we would be doing a disservice to all of the men and women who are fighting so hard to change unfair laws."

The couple acknowledges, however, that their status will be unknown when they return to Tucson. "Even though Susana and I will be legally married in the state of Massachusetts, this country still has a long way to go. Since we currently do not live in Massachusetts, the rights of being a married couple do not transfer out-of-state, and are not recognized by the federal government or Arizona," offered Julie.

The couple views their wedding as an opportunity to strengthen and protect their relationship, while also strengthening the case for same-sex marriage in Arizona. "No changes ever happened when people just sat back and watched," offered Susana. "Changes only happen when people get up and decide to make a difference. This is our chance to do that."

The newlyweds will return to Tucson on July 16.

Epidemic Of Hate Crimes Against Lesbians

DURBAN - An international conference has been told that hate crimes against Lesbians in South Africa has reached epidemic proportions, that police are doing little to arrest the attackers, and that the victims are stigmatized, reported 365Gay.com.

Most of the crimes occur in the poor black townships of Soweto and Alexandra said Donna Smith of the Forum for the Empowerment of Women.

Speaking at a conference on Marital and Family Therapy, Smith said that the hate crimes included murder, assault, abduction, rape and other humiliating forms of sexual abuse.

Frequently the perpetrator of the attack was a family member or neighbor. Most Lesbians who were assaulted were younger than 25 or considered to be "butch" Smith said.

Of 46 cases reported to police in more than two years there was only one conviction she said.

"The police are apathetic, at best," Smith said.

"They are often ignorant of the problems of the Lesbian community and are sometimes guilty of 'revictimizing' the survivors of sexual abuse by the way they behave towards the complainants."

She also said that the 46 cases reported is "only the tip of the iceberg". Smith said that most Lesbians in the townships are afraid to report the crimes because they fear repercussions from coming out to police.

Of those women who reported hate crimes against them few received any help from the system.

Counselors, social workers and health professionals had difficulty in showing empathy when Lesbians were attacked Smith said.

She also told the meeting that referring the victims of rape and sexual abuse or physical assault to shelters for abused women had proved to be difficult because other women at the shelters felt uncomfortable in the presence of Lesbians.

Often, she said, Lesbian victims of sexual or physical abuse did not have money for medical care.

Even families reject the women. Only those who were earning money and contributing to household expenses were tolerated.

Smith urged therapists to become more "accessible" to abused Lesbians.

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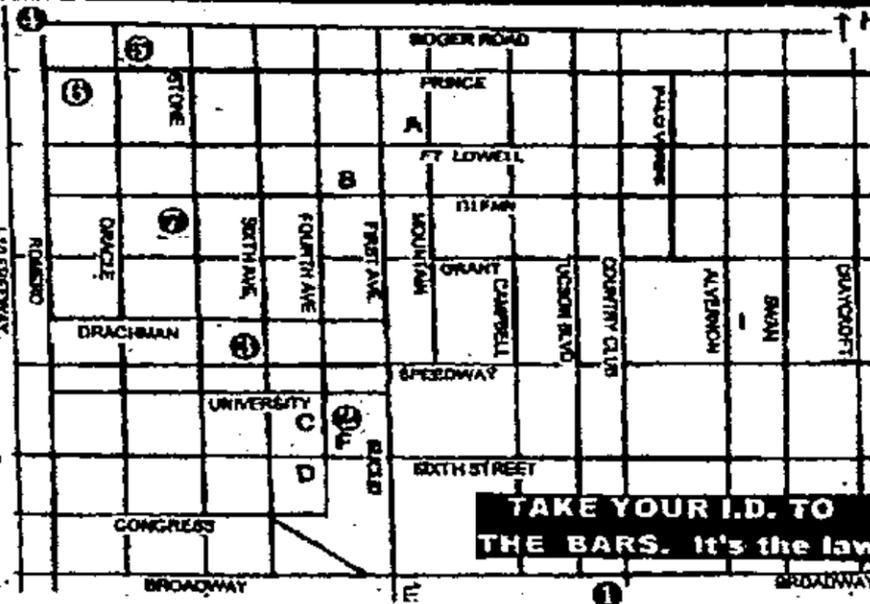
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by Lee Thorne

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NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - "Noche de Estrellas" - Drag Revue with a Latin Flavor starring Bunny FuFu, Teri Akki, Kimi San Du mi and Heather Boa 8:45 p.m. Dinner special before the show: Steak and Fries (Two meals for 10.99)! Drink specials during the show and Latin music after the show.

VENTURE-N - Start Your Memorial Day Weekend with Steak Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite meat or buy a steak here. They will cook it and provide the side dishes. \$5.00.

WOODY'S Parrot Bay Party. \$2.75 Parrot Bay Breezes or Mango Hurricanes or Piña Colodas from 8:00 p.m. until closing - Give-Aways and prizes from the Parrot Bay Boys.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

IBT'S - Memorial Day Weekend Party begins today with Jazz on the Patio with the Susan Artemis Quartet Playing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Go-Go Boys dancing on the pedestal from 9:30 to midnight and hot dancing with DJ Vandebelle from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

VENTURE-N - Memorial Weekend continues with Hot Snax from 5:00 p.m. And DJ Jerry D. from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, MAY 29

IBT'S - Troy's Martini Wake-Up Party with flavored Martinis \$4.00 from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Light Up Your Life Door Give-Aways

VENTURE-N - Bucky's Omelette Bar from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Then a Patio Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and DJ Larry 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SUNDAY, MAY 30

IBT'S - Party line up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Mary Buffet, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar_B_Queue Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to TIHAN. 8:30 p.m. "Puttin' on the Lips" Lipsync Contest. Hosted by Janee Starr and Veronica Halliwell. \$50 first prize. Special Sunday Dance Party with Q 9:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Memorial Day Weekend continues with a Patio Beer Bust from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. BossBurgers from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and then the traditional Locker Room Party from 9:00 p.m. until closing. Jerry D. will be playing from 9:00 p.m. to closing too.

MONDAY, MAY 31

IBT'S - 11:00 a.m. Memorial Day "Monday Morning Madness. Yes, it all begins at 11 a.m. The most decadent show of the year!!! Show stars Aja Simone, Bunny FuFu, Janee Starr, Teri Aki and Mister Fister.

VENTURE-N - Memorial Day Weekend winds up with a special Bar-B-Que served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Special Community Bar-B-Que and Volleyball Party today from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Karaoke with Michael from 9:00 p.m. til closing.



Wednesday, May 26
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. Guadalajara Grill, 1730 N. Prince Rd. (so. Side near Campbell)

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

Saturday, May 28
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol 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 Karol at 744-9017.

Saturday, May 29
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, May 31
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, June 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.

Wednesday, June 2
#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 directions or reservations, please call David or Daniel at 579-9763.

Saturday, June 4
#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. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

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

Monday, June 7
Tucson Prime Timers - Lunch - 12:30 P.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, June 8 #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. John 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 John at 743-8138.

Wednesday, June 9
#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

Thursday June 10
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 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): 11:30 a.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Olive Garden. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

Friday, June 11
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, June 12
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. information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

Sunday, June 13
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. Join Michael/Mitch for Mah Jong. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Michael/Mitch at 326-3555.

Monday, June 14
Tucson Prime Timers - Lunch - 12:30 P.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.



SUNDAY

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

IBT'S - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloodys, 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 \$6.90

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 Pat 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 sirtain 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. 50c 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, 50c off call rums. Rockin' 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 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. 50c 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. 50c 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 O. 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. 50c 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 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. 50c 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, HINRG 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 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50c 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 50c off all drinks.

IBT'S - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. 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 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 Martini's \$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. 50c 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 50c 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 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. 75c glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50c off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

NOTICES

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 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF(7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (PTT) 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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 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. Commercer 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. Ellic 581-8830 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 749-3247.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE MAILED NO PHONE ADS

NOTICES

LIGHTNING LIGITTING 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.

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.

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 613-6436 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

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 (TIAN), 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 791-7476.

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 Anabell 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 tyang@theriver.com and request guide lines.

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

THEATER/DINNER/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).

NOTICES

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

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 website http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Miru 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)906-0669 or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

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

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)

REVEILLE 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.

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

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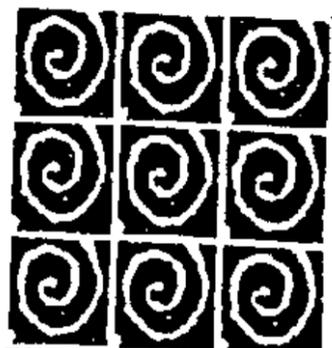
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Divorce Is A Benefit Of G&L Marriage

SAN FRANCISCO - It may not be on their minds as they walk down the aisle in Massachusetts, but along with gifts and toasts many Gay couples are finally getting one of the biggest benefits of matrimony: the ability to obtain a clean divorce, the Associated Press reported.

Because their unions were not legally binding, Gay couples have had few protections when they split and have had to rely on the inconsistent mercy of judges to obtain alimony, parental rights or a stake in the couple's finances.

"The single most important thing you get with marriage is divorce, a predictable process by which property is divided, debt is apportioned and arrangements are made for custody and visitation of children," said Jo Ann Citron, a Boston lawyer researching a book on same-sex breakups called "The Gay Divorcee."

Especially when children are involved, courts in liberal-leaning states such as Massachusetts, California and Washington have been increasingly willing to apply the principles of divorce laws to same-sex breakups.

But in more conservative states such as Texas and Virginia, judges have been loath to do anything that would confer marital-like standing on same-sex couples, even when partners have drawn up detailed contracts.

"The situation right now has created horror stories, where people put an awful lot of sweat equity into property and into a life together, never held title to anything and got nothing," Citron said.

The clearest benefits will be for those who earn less than their same-sex partners, said Frederick Hertz, a real estate lawyer in Oakland, Calif., who has developed a lucrative specialty resolving legal disputes among the San Francisco Bay area's relatively affluent Gay population.

Hertz recently represented a Lesbian who had become a stay-at-home mother while her girlfriend climbed the corporate ladder. When they split up, the employed partner refused to include stock options among their joint assets.

"We got a decent settlement, but decent compared to nothing, not decent compared to what she would have gotten had they been married," Hertz said. "Access to marriage may level that playing field."

Gay marriage became legal in Massachusetts on Monday under a landmark ruling by the state's highest court. Vermont has granted spousal rights to Gay couples with civil unions since 2000, making it the only other state where Gays and Lesbians are treated the same as married couples for the purposes of divorce.

In California, a law scheduled to take effect Jan. 1 would give the state's 25,000 couples registered as domestic partners access to family court proceedings when their relationships end.

"At the present time it is a very

mixed sort of picture," said Art Leonard, a professor at New York Law School who monitors court rulings involving Gays.

Couples who drafted agreements with a lawyer's help may be able to provide courts with rules to interpret. But problems arise when "they are just living together," Leonard said. "There is basically nothing there as far as a legal framework."

San Francisco attorneys Julian Chang and Wade Estey avoided acrimony when they split up after more than 14 years together.

The men earned equal incomes and had drawn up elaborate agreements governing everything from home ownership and hospital-visit rights to frequent-flier miles and funeral arrangements. They handled their dissolution themselves, splitting everything down the middle.

Both agree that had marriage been an option, their "divorce" would have been easier — and they might not have broken up at all.

"There is something different about being married than in an unmarried relationship — it would make me more committed to working things out," Estey said.

With more than half of U.S. marriages ending in divorce, lawyers anticipate it won't be long before they represent a new class of divorcing couples.

Boston attorney Joyce Kauffman expects to see two kinds of Gay couples getting married: partners "who have already been together a long time and the hopefully smaller category that makes the same mistakes heterosexuals make."

TV Hostess Says She's Transgender

TAIPEI - A popular TV personality in Taiwan known "Queen of Auction" disclosed on Wednesday, May 19, that she is Transgender, reported Gay.com UK.

Liching, who was born Wu Churh-ming in Chingshui in 1962, said she had sex reassignment surgery at the age of 22, according to the China Post.

She started her career as a singer and later worked as a model after a traffic accident resulted in the loss of her "sweet voice," the newspaper reported.

According to her agent, Liching became a star and top seller on the Eastern TV Auction Channel because of her husky voice.

Her sales records include 100,000 pairs of underwear in one hour and 700 notebook PCs in 85 minutes.

Internet Gay Sex

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held in detention pending trial after prosecutors argued Wohl was a danger and a flight risk.

Wohl was on parole after serving time for a similar offense in 2002. At that time Wohl pleaded guilty to one felony count of extortion. He was sentenced to four months in prison, four months of home confinement and three years of supervised release.

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