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## Lawsuit By Madonna's Ex Tossed

BOSTON - Madonna may have spent years cultivating a Gay following but that doesn't extend to former bodyguard and onetime boyfriend James Albright. 365Gay.com reported.

Albright had a two-year relationship with Madonna in the early 1990s and was miffed when a photograph of the singer with a Gay member of her entourage was published that identified Albright as the man in the picture.

The picture and caption appeared in a book by Andrew Morton, Madonna's British biographer, and then surfaced in People Weekly and News of the World.

In 2002 Albright launched a suit against Morton; Michael O'Mara Books Ltd.; St. Martin's Press; Time Inc.; and Newsgroup Newspapers.

Albright, in his suit claimed that the misidentification was defamatory and seriously damaged his security company's reputation costing him business.

The actual person in the picture with Madonna was Jose Gutierrez. He appeared in the television documentary of Madonna's life, "Truth or Dare," and in two of Madonna's worldwide tours.

In his suit Albright claimed that Gutierrez "clearly represents his homosexual ideology in what many

would refer to as sometimes graphic and offensive detail."

The court documents filed by Albright said that Gutierrez often dressed in drag and engaged in acts on stage that "some would find homosexual, sexually graphic, lewd, lascivious, offensive, and possibly illegal."

But, federal judge Nancy Gertner didn't buy Albright's claim that he was defamed or suffered loss of business.

In dismissing the suit Gertner cited two landmark court decisions: the US Supreme Court ruling that overturned sodomy laws and the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage.

"In 2004, a statement implying that an individual is a homosexual is hardly capable of a defamatory meaning," she wrote in a 23 page decision.

"In fact, a finding that such a statement is defamatory requires this Court to legitimize the prejudice and bigotry that for too long have plagued the homosexual community," her ruling said.

"Without some specific claim of actual harm, he is doing nothing more than trading in the same kinds of stereotypes that recent case law and good sense disparage," Gertner concluded.

## P'Town Reverses On Non-Resident G/L Nuptials

PROVINCETOWN - Officials the last community to still offer Massachusetts marriage licenses to same-sex couples from out of state — have said they will stop the practice after pressure from both the governor and the state attorney general, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican, declared that nonresident same-sex couples could not marry in Massachusetts under a 1913 law that prevents any marriage considered illegal in a couple's home state.

After four cities defied that law by marrying nonresident same-sex couples, Romney directed Democratic Attorney General Thomas Reilly to crack down on them. After receiving a cease-and-desist order from the attorney general, Somerville, Springfield and Worcester stopped the practice.

Provincetown was the only remaining community to continue offering nonresident marriage licenses after

same-sex marriage became legal in Massachusetts on May 17.

Provincetown issued 217 Gay marriage licenses. Fourteen went to out-of-state couples who are not planning on relocating to Massachusetts, the Associated Press (AP) reported.

Provincetown Board of Selectmen Chairman Cheryl Andrews told the AP, "We firmly believe that it is unlawful and unconstitutional to deny out-of-state same-sex couples the right to marry in Massachusetts."

Andrews, who married her longtime partner last week, added, "We were very disappointed to learn of the attorney general's opinion ... because it requires us to discriminate against a group of people in violation of the Declaration of Rights."

The Massachusetts Senate voted overwhelmingly to overturn the 1913 law. The bill's Gay sponsor, Sen. Jarrett Barrios, D-Cambridge, noted the law

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## MTV Unveils New GLBT Cable TV Channel

NEW YORK - Saying they are building the television "home" for GLBT viewers, executives from MTV Networks announced Tuesday, May 25, the creation of Logo, a basic cable channel that will launch next February, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The channel — which has been in planning stages for at least two years within MTV's parent company, Viacom, and was once said to be called Outlet — is expected to roll out on Feb. 17, 2005, with a mixture of 75 percent acquired/licensed programming and 25 percent original series and specials.

"What has been missing is a home on TV that this audience can call their own," MTV Networks CEO Tom Freston told reporters during a conference call. "With this new network, we're going to start making that home."

The name of the channel, Logo, encompasses many different ideas about identity, according to the channel's Web site.

Judy McGrath, president of the MTV Networks group, said the vision of Logo is to reflect the diversity of the GLBT community, and the slogan is "different together."

McGrath added that the channel already has 40 original series and specials in development, with 20 in the pilot phase. Many of the offerings will result from partnerships with "sister networks" in Viacom — MTV, VH1, TV Land and CBS' news division. More than 100 movie titles have also been acquired or licensed.

The network will release more details about the programming at the annual TV Critics Association meeting in July.

Contrary to earlier expectations, the new channel will not be a premium offering. As a basic cable channel, it will be more widely available to cable subscribers but will also be subject to stricter broadcast standards for basic cable. Unedited versions of "Queer As Folk" and "The L-Word" from Viacom's Showtime premium network, for example, will not air on Logo.

Freston said creating the channel as a basic cable offering would mean "bigger business potential by being more widely available." He predicted the channel will break even in two or three years.

## New Era Begins For Observer

TUCSON (ON) - "It's a whole new ball game!"

This past week's issue, the Memorial Day 2004 print edition of The Observer marked a new beginning for the weekly publication.

Prior to this issue (Number 1036), the print edition of The Observer was produced using a "cut and paste" method to create the pages readers have perused for the past 28 years, but that era has come to an end, with the change-over of production to "digital" with the use of computer programs and software. This change in the process was made at the behest of the printing company.

So what will this mean for the print edition? A sharper, crisper, cleaner-looking publication for the reader's enjoyment each week.

For the staff of The Observer, this new era means going "back to school" to quickly learn how to utilize the computer programs and software to produce The Observer print edition each and every week.

A new discipline is in place for The Observer with this new process of newspaper production. Will there be mistakes made? Probably, but the staff is still "learning the ropes" and these will be corrected in time to

the best of their abilities.

With this new process of production though, those dreaded deadlines have come into play for The Observer even more so.

If some group or individual wants to get an article, letter or editorial into the publication, items need to be submitted, very preferably by E-mail, at info@tucsonobserver.com by the Monday of the week for which one wants to "get the word out."

To make sure that an event or happening is known in the community, items should be submitted the Monday before the week in question, so that the readers have a chance to read about it and mark it in their "calendars."

The Observer will try to be as accommodating as possible on this but the staff are facing deadlines themselves to create the copy and ads, produce it into digital form and send it to the printers within a time-frame so that the readers continue to get and enjoy The Observer on a weekly basis.

"It's a whole new ball game" for The Observer, one for which the outcome will be victorious.

# UPDATE

## Volunteer Orientation At Wingspan June 8

TUCSON - Wingspan will be holding a orientation for potential new volunteers, Tuesday, June 8, 5:30 to 7 p.m. at their main office, 300 East Sixth Street.

Whether you want to volunteer intermittently, on a regular basis, or for a specific project or committee, Wingspan can accommodate most levels of commitment and welcomes your special skills, or your enthusiasm to help wherever needed. Wingspan is particularly interested in dependable, friendly people to help staff our Front Desk throughout the summer; people with writing experience to help with Wingspan's quarterly newsletter, "The Center" (be sure to contact Mark with samples of your writing); and organizationally-adept individuals to help with both Wingspan's Library and our agency archives.

Wingspan strongly urge people of color, Lesbian and Bi women, Bi and Gay men, people with disabilities, multilingual and multicultural folks, transmen and transwomen, sign language interpreters, people living with HIV/AIDS, youth, older adults, and straight allies to volunteer. Volunteer Orientations are geared for new and potential Wingspan volunteers, and are open to anyone wanting to learn about Wingspan's history, organizational structure, and the many opportunities to volunteer. It's also a chance to see the 13-minute video documentary about Wingspan's history that screened at the 2003 Wingspan Benefit Dinner.

Drop by Wingspan for a volunteer application, or contact Mark English, Wingspan's Volunteer Programs Coordinator, (520) 624-1779 or E-mail at mark@wingspan.org.

## 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.

## Observer Archive Update

TUCSON (ON) - On Thursday, June 3, the process to archive 28 years of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) history will begin.

Copies of The Observer, more than 22,000 actual pages, will be transported on that day, to Phoenix to the State Archivist, to be processed onto microfilm thanks to the generous contributions made by individuals, groups and businesses in Tucson's GLBT community who made this dream a reality.

More on this in next week's edition of The Observer.

## Arizona Heat Begins Season

TUCSON (ON) - The Arizona Heat, Tucson's entry in women's professional fastpitch softball, began their inaugural season in National Professional Fastpitch (NPF) Tuesday, June 1, with a three-game series in Sacramento, versus the California Sunbirds.

Six teams comprise the first

season of the new, professional league with the following teams: New England Riptide, New York/New Jersey Juggernaut, (Houston) Texas Thunder, Akron Racers, California Sunbirds, as well as the Arizona Heat. Teams will play sixty games (30 home, 30 away) in the NPF season.

Hi-Corbett Field is the home of the Arizona Heat, who will play their first home game, Saturday, June 5, 7:35 p.m., versus the Juggernaut. Here is a rundown of Tucson's team:

Manager: Debby Day brings extensive experience on both the playing and coaching side. As a two-year player at the University of Arizona, Day, primarily a pitcher and first baseman, was a member of the 1991 national championship team. Day was tabbed All-American, All-World Series and All-Pac-10 both. Currently she is the head coach at Cal Lutheran University and has just finished her second season with the Regals posting the best season in school history since joining the NCAA. Prior to that, she was the head coach of the Burbank High School varsity softball team since 1997.

Players to Watch: Throughout her outstanding career, Nancy Evans has received the 1998 Honda National Player of the Year and First Team All-American honors for two consecutive years. She also received All-College World Series honors and College World Series Most Valuable Player. In 1998 she was 36-2 with a 0.98 ERA and 255 K's. She also won three National Championships... A four-year First Team All-American, Leah Braatz also had a fielding percentage of .996 which puts her No. 4 all-time on the University of Arizona charts. She was the winner of the Diamond Sports/NFCA Catcher of the Year award for two consecutive seasons... Erica Beach is the all-time home run (20) and RBI (120) leader at Arizona State... She also won 17 games with 134 strikeouts, holding opponents to a .192 batting average.

Season Outlook: The key to winning this year is a combination of the coaching staff, the players and the fans. "Debby Day's experience as a player and as a coach has prepared her for the professional level. She knows what to expect on and off the field," said GM Jim Tiggas. As for the team, the Heat roster is jam-packed with All-Stars. Evans and UCLA standout Keira Goerl will anchor a very solid pitching staff, which figures to be the team's strength.

Tickets are available, for more information call (520) 296-9595, or go online to: www.tucsonsoftball.com/heat.



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# Fighting For Freedom

By Cheryl Jacques; C. Dixon Osburn & A.J. Rogue

We've all heard the stories of brave soldiers, fighting for freedom. But what about our patriotic Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender soldiers? All too often, these stories go unmentioned. Stories like these:

When 1st Lt. Gina Foringer's convoy hit a landmine in Somalia, they were caught in sniper fire. After sending her team to apprehend the sniper, they managed to escape. Foringer was awarded a Purple Heart.

Lt. Col. William Winnewisser served in the Army for more than 20 years, burying himself in military work, leading as a battalion commander and hoping that he would never have to dismiss a soldier solely because they were Gay.

Cheryl Ann Costa spent almost 10 years in the U.S. Military — first in the U.S. Air Force and then the Navy. She spliced cables in Vietnam, worked on nuclear submarines and kept silent about her gender identity, knowing she wouldn't be able to serve if the military knew she was transsexual.

Joe Barrows was a Specialist in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. In 1970, he was placing electronic sensors along jungle trails south of Da Nang. Now he wonders why electronic warfare has advanced so much, but military policy

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concerning GLBT soldiers has not.

Without a doubt, these veterans are our nation's heroes. According to the Urban Institute, at least 1 million GLBT veterans are living in the United States. They risk their lives, and some give their lives, while serving under a discriminatory policy.

As we commemorate Memorial Day 2004, we should remember all the service members who sacrificed their lives, and we should take a special moment to remember the GLBT soldiers who lost their lives and whose service is forgotten. They served their country proudly and honorably, but they have also served in the face of 50 years of institutionalized discrimination by the U.S. government and military against GLBT soldiers.

This Memorial Day, let's honor their lives and service. Let's also vow to do what we can to ensure that others who serve with untold courage don't have to also carry with them the weight of serving in silence.

With the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban in effect and regulations that allow discharges based on gender identity; the service of hundreds of thousands of GLBT Americans is being lost.

We must talk to our friends, our families and our co-workers about the discrimination that exists. Approximately 10,000 service members — serving in every

aspect of the military — have been discharged in 10 years under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." These discharges have cost taxpayers between \$250 million and \$1.2 billion.

Our national security is at risk, our economy is suffering and Americans are risking their lives daily in Iraq and Afghanistan. But unjustifiable policies are still in place that dismiss hundreds of highly skilled soldiers every year and preclude the service of so many more who know they cannot sacrifice their personal lives to serve their country.

According to a December 2003 Gallup Poll, 79 percent of Americans believe that openly Gay people should serve in the U.S. military. We need to make sure that sentiment makes its way to Capitol Hill and the President.

This week, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, the Human Rights Campaign and American Veterans for Equal Rights published a compilation of veterans' stories. "Documenting Courage: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Veterans Speak Out" contains accounts of brave GLBT soldiers who served in the face of discriminatory law and regulations.

Documenting Courage is a great tool not only to remember the valor of GLBT veterans, but also to get the conversation started. Give it to family members, friends and co-workers and talk to them about the discrimination GLBT

soldiers face. And then get them to take the next step — talk to their members of Congress about how current law and regulations are wrong.

It's time for American soldiers who are risking their lives for the freedom of others to also be given their own freedom. SLDN, HRC and AVER will stand together until that day becomes a reality. But we can't do it alone. Your voices are key to winning this battle. Join us today.

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# Gay Catholics Refused Communion

CHICAGO - A militant Catholic lay group attempted to block members of the Rainbow Sash Alliance from getting to the Communion rail Sunday, May 30, at Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral, and when the Gay organization's members were able to get to the rail priests refused to give them the Eucharist, 365Gay.com reported.

The Rainbow Sash announced last week they would wear their distinctive sashes to Pentecost Sunday services prompting Cardinal Francis George to instruct priests to refuse communion to anyone wearing the rainbow sash.

About 100 members of the Alliance attended the mass. When they approached the front of the church to take communion about three dozen members of an organization calling themselves Ushers of the Eucharist knelt in front of the altar to block the path of Gay Catholics and their supporters.

The Gay group managed to move around the "users" and find a different route to the communion rail. But, when they got there, priests refused to allow them

to take communion.

"God bless," is all priests would say to the Rainbow Sash members as they passed by.

"We're good enough to be blessed, but we're not good enough to receive the Holy Eucharist," said Alliance spokesperson Joe Murray.

For the past year the Roman Catholic church has stepped up its condemnation of Gays. The Church has been one of the leaders in the fight against same-sex marriage.

Earlier this month, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Colorado Springs said Catholics who vote for politicians who do not oppose same-sex marriage, abortion rights, stem-cell research, or euthanasia may not receive Communion until they recant and repent in the confessional.

Some bishops have told Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry he is unwelcome in their churches because he supports civil unions for Gays (he is opposed to Gay marriage) and has voted for abortion rights.

## G/L Parents Battle

### Virginia Adoption Rules

RICHMOND - Three same-sex couples denied birth certificates for their adoptive children are appealing to state Supreme Court, 365Gay.com reported.

birth parents conflicts with Virginia's policy prohibiting joint adoption by unmarried couples.

The issue is co-adoption legal in some states but illegal in Virginia. Although it permits single Gays and Lesbians to adopt, Virginia does not recognize same-sex unions.

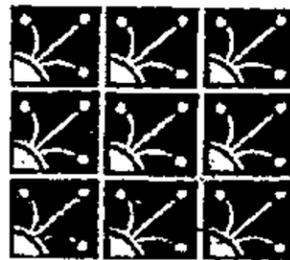
The appeal to the Virginia Supreme Court was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the three couples who live in New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

"This should be a straightforward process in which the adoptive parents, regardless of their gender, fill out a simple form and obtain new birth certificates for their children," ACLU executive director Kent Willis said.

While the children were adopted in Virginia, they now live with their parents outside the state. When the parents attempted to get new birth certificates showing the names of the new same-sex parents the Virginia Department of Vital Records refused.

A Richmond judge upheld the Department's right to refuse to issue new birth certificates.

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## HIV Oral Test To Be Available Soon

LOS ANGELES - A new HIV test that uses an oral swab could be on the market later this year its manufacturer says. Calypte Biomedical says the test can be performed on an oral sample or from urine and results would be known in about 20 minutes, reported 365Gay.com.

The Calypte Oral Fluid Test is currently undergoing trials in Thailand. The company says the test has an accuracy rate of 99.8% about the same as blood tests for HIV.

"Urine and oral fluid are in the final phases of field testing and if testing continues at the current level of performance, we expect that these tests will be ready for market in the second half of 2004," said Dr. Richard George, President and CEO of Calypte.

George said the ease of using the

test may encourage people who have resisted to be tested for HIV.

A May 2004 report by the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, based on their own estimates and that of the World Health Organization, showed that less than 10% of infected individuals in the developing world know their HIV status.

According to the report, new infections are on the rise — and only 400,000 of the 6 million people in need of antiretroviral therapy have access to these life saving medicines.

Testing for HIV serves as an entry point for both prevention and treatment. The objective of treating 3,000,000 people by the end of 2005, the stated goal of the WHO "3 by 5" Initiative, would require that 500,000 people will need to be tested each day.

## Study Tracks 'Morning After' HIV Pill, Risky Sex

RIO DE JANEIRO - A treatment used to reduce the possibility of HIV infection right after contact with the virus did not encourage Gay men to engage in high risk-behavior, according to a new study.

The study from Brazil focused on the strategy known as post-exposure chemoprophylaxis (PEP), which consists of administering anti-HIV drugs lamivudine and zidovudine in a fixed-dose combination tablet, soon after a high-risk encounter.

Dr. Mauro Schechter from Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro studied how PEP affected the behavior of 200 Gay men, Reuters reported on Tuesday May 25.

Right after high-risk sexual activity, 68 participants took PEP. Eighty-six did not take the medication, even though they reported high-risk sexual behavior at least once during the study; and 46 denied any high-risk behavior during the study.

Researchers concluded the average number of partners was the same for the subjects who took PEP and those who did not in the six months before the study, and the six months before the final study visit.

"PEP is safe ... and most people don't start practicing unsafe sex just because PEP is available," Schechter concluded. He added, "PEP is unlikely to have any major impact on the epidemic, and thus has to be viewed just as one more tool to prevent infection."

However, Dr. Jason Schneider of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) said the results of the Brazil study were far from conclusive. "You cannot draw a lot of conclusions on PEP from this study because the sample is small," he said.

"People have some misconceptions about anti-viral medications in that they are a cure for HIV. That's a reason why the old prevention messages are failing," Schneider added.

## Aspirin May Cut Breast Cancer Risk

NEW YORK - Aspirin, the wonder drug that can help prevent heart attacks and strokes, appears to reduce women's chances of developing the most common type of breast cancer, a study found.

The authors of the study said that the findings are tantalizing but that more research is needed before doctors can recommend that women take aspirin to ward off breast cancer. The study appears in Wednesday's (May 26) Journal of the American Medical Association and was led by researchers Mary Beth Terry and Alfred Neugut of Columbia University.

Previous studies reached conflicting conclusions as to whether there is a link between aspirin and breast cancer. This is the first study to examine whether aspirin might influence the growth of specific types of tumors, said Raymond DuBois, director of cancer prevention at Vanderbilt University's Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. The reduced risk was found for tumors whose growth is fueled by the sex hormones estrogen or progesterone. About 70% of breast cancer cases are of this type, called hormone receptor-positive.

Women in the study who used aspirin at least four times a week for at least three months were almost 30% less likely to develop hormone-fueled breast cancer than women who used no aspirin. The link

with aspirin was strongest in women who took seven or more tablets a week and was greater in postmenopausal women than in younger women—which the researchers said makes sense given that hormone-fueled tumors are more common in older women. Aspirin had no effect on the risk of developing the other type of tumor, hormone receptor-negative. Researchers suspect that aspirin works by interfering with the body's production of estrogen.

Similar studies have suggested that aspirin might reduce the risks of developing other kinds of cancer, including pancreatic and ovarian cancer and Hodgkin's disease. But these studies could not say definitively whether other factors might explain the results. And like the breast cancer research reported in JAMA Wednesday, many of these studies relied on subjects' recollections of how often they took aspirin.

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# U.S. Military Fires GLB's For On Line Profiles

WASHINGTON, DC - At least six Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual U.S. military members are facing discharges this year because of their online profiles, or personal ads, in what appears to be an emerging trend for enforcing the military's policy against Gay soldiers, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

According to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), online personal ads prompted at least one Gay-related firing per month so far in 2004. The Washington, D.C.-based agency, which serves GLBT military personnel, said the pattern marks a "significant shift," as the number of discharges based on online profiles in prior years was "not significant enough to track separately," said SLDN spokesman Steve Ralls.

The known cases make up 21 percent (six out of 29) of the "outing" incidents monitored by SLDN this year, Ralls added. The category refers to situations in which a service member's sexual orientation is revealed (or "outed") by another individual without the member's consent.

The circumstances of the cases are similar: A soldier has a falling-out with a coworker, an acquaintance or a former love interest, and that person reacts by alerting the soldier's commander to the online profile that identifies the soldier as Gay or Bisexual.

Ralls cited Gay.com, Gaydar and Yahoo as the sites used by the six Gay or Lesbian service members. He also said none of the individuals were serving

in the U.S.-led war in Iraq (news - web sites) when they were outed.

"James," a 28-year-old Marine officer stationed on the East Coast who agreed to be interviewed as long as his real name was not used, was outed earlier this year by someone he knew, and his profile on the Web (he declined to name the site) was used against him as a statement of his sexual orientation. He was immediately stripped of his leadership responsibilities and is in the process of being discharged under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

James, who had been very strict about hiding his sexual orientation during his six years in the military, had 120 direct reports during one period in his service, and he traveled around the world as part of his job.

"The Internet was the only medium for meeting Gay people," said James. "I couldn't go to a parade."

James said he knew having an online profile might have consequences, but getting fired for it was still a shock.

"It really makes you feel like you did something wrong. They make you feel like you've let the Marines and the country down," he said.

Despite the official name for the military's anti-Gay policy — "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" — the Marines can justify its treatment of James because he was outed.

"While outing someone to end their career is despicable, it is,

unfortunately, not a violation of any regulation or statute," Ralls told the PlanetOut Network. "Under current law, any statement made at any time, to anyone, can be used as basis for a discharge."

PlanetOut Inc., parent company of Gay.com and PlanetOut.com, criticized the U.S. military for using service members' profiles against them and said the company has begun working with SLDN to draft guidelines that will help service members protect themselves online.

"Gay.com provides lifelines to GLBT people who want to connect with their friends, family and loved ones in a safe and welcoming environment," said Jeff Titterton, senior vice president of member sales and marketing for PlanetOut Inc. "For Lesbians and Gays in the U.S. armed forces — who serve courageously around the world but are not allowed under 'don't ask, don't tell' to be honest about who they are — our communications channels are even more vital. Our company was outraged to learn that some service members who have recently been discharged for being Gay or Lesbian had their use of Gay.com cited as evidence against them."

The Online Policy Group (OPG), a San Francisco-based organization focused on civil rights and privacy issues for people who use the Internet, also condemned the military's actions.

"Involuntary disclosure of one's sexual orientation to military personnel shouldn't be grounds for discharge under 'don't ask, don't tell' because it is an inappropriate violation of the privacy of a

service member,"

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Romney was using to keep same-sex couples from marrying was once used to keep interracial couples from being wed. The bill faces an uphill fight in the conservative House.

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# Fox Cancels

## 'Seriously Dude, I'm Gay'

LOS ANGELES - Less than two weeks before the scheduled debut of Fox's reality show, "Seriously, Dude, I'm Gay," the television network decided to cancel the controversial program, according to a Gay watchdog group, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

\$50,000 to fool friends, family members and dates into believing they are Gay.

A panel of Gay judges was to decide which of the two guys seemed actually Gay.

Fox's announcement of the show earlier this month angered many GLBT viewers and advocates.

"Fox deserves a lot of credit for doing the right thing here," GLAAD Executive Director Joan Garry said about the cancellation. "They offered us an advance copy of the show and were incredibly responsive to our grave concerns."

Contestants on the show reportedly had to live with Gay roommates and go on blind dates with other men. GLAAD noted that the contestants described the experiences as "their worst nightmare" and "being trapped in Gay hell."

In a press release circulated Thursday, May 27, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) said Fox pulled the show on Wednesday, hours before its network president was scheduled to meet with representatives from GLAAD.

GLAAD leaders saw an advance screening of the show and called it an "exercise in systematic humiliation." Originally scheduled to air on June 7, the two-hour reality show featured two heterosexual male contestants vying for

### Australian Government Bans Same-Sex Marriages

CANBERRA - Australia's conservative government is banning same-sex marriages and wants to change immigration rules to prevent Gays and Lesbians from adopting foreign children. Prime Minister John Howard, who is struggling in opinion polls with an election expected later this year, announced changes to the country's marriage law on Thursday, May 27.

The amendments are all but certain to be enacted by parliament after the opposition Labor Party declared its support.

Australia's federal government is responsible for laws on marriage and immigration. But the country's six states regulate adoption. And some could object to Howard's attempts to block Gays and Lesbians from adopting, although the Labor opposition said it has yet to make up its mind on the issue.

In a concession to Gays and Lesbians, however, the government has also announced that same-sex partners will be recognized for the first time by federal authorities as dependents. This means a Gay man or Lesbian will be able to get a partner's state-funded pension paid out after his or her partner dies. Previously only married and common-law partners and children had this right.

Howard scoffed when asked if the Gay marriage changes were designed to split the Labor Party, whose leader, Mark Latham, also has said he opposes Gay unions. "I believe in this," Howard told reporters. The changes "wouldn't be coming forward if I didn't believe very strongly in both of them." In the past Howard has said he believes marriage is for procreation.

Howard is a staunch ally and admirer of U.S. president George W. Bush.

### MTV GLBT Channel

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The move to basic cable will also position Logo with similar channels that target segments of the viewing audience, such as women or racial minorities.

A related video-on-demand channel is also in the works, the MTV executives said, for "edgier fare." It will compete with here! TV, which is the first U.S. Gay video-on-demand service. Here! TV also announced plans last month to augment its programming, with over 20 original series currently in development.

Also on the GLBT television landscape is premium cable channel PrideVision, currently available in Canada. It has struggled to make a profit and was acquired last December.

GLBT groups applauded the announcement from MTV Networks.

"This channel has enormous potential — and who better to make the investment than the network that has brought us 'The Real World'?" said Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), who also was part of the management team that launched MTV. "MTV has the two main ingredients necessary for success: a solid programming track record and an unwavering commitment to our stories, our issues and our lives."

"For 25 years we've said we want our MTV. Now we want our Logo too," Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said in a statement. "MTV has been an extraordinary leader in educating a new generation of Americans about equality and fairness."

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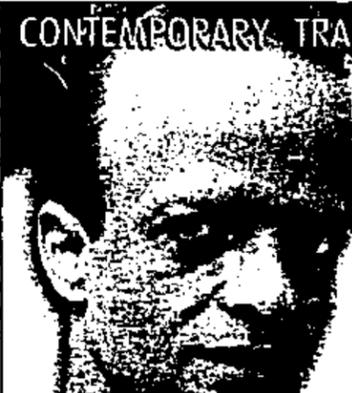
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## POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

### 'Speak Out With Pride At The Ballot Box!'

As previously reported, Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, the presumptive Democratic Presidential nominee would launch an outreach campaign to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) voters and on Tuesday, May 25, the details of the effort were announced during a telephone press conference call from Kerry's campaign headquarters in Washington D.C.

Two programs were formed, "Ripple of Hope," a fund raising campaign, and "Pride Across America," a voter education effort, according to Mark Seifert, director of Kerry's GLBT outreach effort.

"Pride Across America," focuses on GLBT Pride events, more than 60 in 22 states, held across the country through November, educating voters on Kerry's voting record on GLBT issues:

Getting perfect scores from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) for his record in the Senate, as well as voting against "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the "Defense of Marriage Act," and his opposition to the proposed "Federal Marriage Amendment," naming three of many federal issues, and highlighting Dubya's anti-GLBT and HIV record during his time as "Occupier & Thief" at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It's exciting for us because it's an investment the campaign and the DNC are making in the GLBT community," said Seifert. "We're buying tables at Pride, sending campaign materials, and buying ads in GLBT publications. We think it's just another sign of John Kerry's commitment to the GLBT community, a commitment which began more than two decades ago."

"Ripple of Hope," is an online GLBT fund raising effort with the goal of getting 20,000 GLBT voters to give \$25 each, raising \$500,000 for Kerry's campaign. GLBT political operative David Mixer and Elizabeth Birch, former executive director of the HRC, helped develop Ripple of Hope, named after a phrase coined by Robert Kennedy from an address.

Openly Lesbian U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin, D-WI, joined the press conference, stressing the importance of the two programs and the upcoming campaign, calling it "the most important Presidential election in our lifetimes."

Baldwin said that Dubya and the Republicans are making GLBT issues the wedge issues of the campaign to try to divert the nation's attention from the faltering economy and Iraq but the GLBT community has a "special duty to speak out, to show the American public that using us as a wedge is not going to work."

According to the Kerry campaign, they will have a presence at the upcoming Pride events to take place in Arizona, the first is "Pride in the Pines," Saturday, June 12 in Flagstaff. Kerry's campaign will be at OUToberFEST, October 9, in Tucson. Both efforts are being coordinated by the Arizona Stonewall Democrats, the statewide GLBT Democratic group.

To sign up for these two efforts,

call the Arizona Stonewall Democrats, (602) 454-8688 or E-mail: markkvare@msn.com or info@azstonewalldems.org. To learn more about the Arizona Stonewall Democrats, visit, www.azstonewalldems.org.

To donate, volunteer or for more information about Kerry's effort, go online to: www.johnkerry.com/communities/glbtpride.html. ...

At the Arizona Legislature, Senate Republicans brought back HCM 2004, the legislative memorial that would have put the state on record in support of the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, for a third reading on Wednesday, May 26, the 136<sup>th</sup> and last day of the session which didn't turn out to be least for the GLBT community.

HCM 2004 failed on third reading by a vote of 14-12, four not present for the vote. Voting No were Senators: Toni Hellon, R-District 26; Jorge Luis Garcia, D-District 27; Gabrielle Giffords, D-District 28 and, Victor Soltero, D-District 29. Senator Tim Bee, R-District 30, voted in favor. Senator Marsha Arzberger, D-District 25, was not present for the vote.

Sixteen votes were needed for passage so the postcard was torn up, thanks to the lobbying efforts, as well as the phone calls, letters and E-mails, speaking out against this waste of time and taxpayer dollars to enshrine bigotry and discrimination in the U.S. Constitution. ...

As of press time, Wednesday, June 2, sixty eight days remain before the voter registration deadline, Monday, August 9, for the primary election, Tuesday, September 7, and this (as well as the November Presidential election) will be the most important election coming up in the lifetime of all GLBT citizens and as a community, we must speak out and loud at the ballot box and to do so, one must be registered to exercise their constitutional rights.

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# G/L Couples Quietly Tying The Knot In Brazil

RIO GRANDE DO SUL - To the cheers of a delighted crowd, Joazinho Moraes and Alcindo Sandini exchanged gold rings and cut their white wedding cake inside their beauty salon across the street from Porto Alegre's Roman Catholic cathedral, reported 365Gay.com.

A day earlier the two men sealed their commitment by signing papers before a justice of the peace, becoming the latest Gay couple to get hitched in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil's first state to permit civil unions between same-sex couples.

Now it was time to party with champagne and hors d'oeuvres, a celebration that symbolizes one of the biggest gains for Gay rights in Latin America.

Unlike the controversy raging in the United States over same-sex marriages, a landmark judicial decision two months ago allowing civil unions in Brazil's southernmost state has generated little tension in Porto Alegre. It's such a nonissue in South America's largest country that many people don't even know about it.

In the United States, same-sex couples from San Francisco to New York State raced to get married for fear that newly permitted Gay marriages could soon be made illegal. But even opponents of civil unions in Rio Grande do Sul doubt the decision will be overturned. Only a few dozen Gay couples have tied the knot so far in the state capital of Porto Alegre, a city of 1.4 million in a state best known for cowboys, prime cuts of beef, and hearty red wine. For others, there's no reason to rush.

Moraes and Sandini decided to joined in a civil union in March but waited because they needed time to plan their party and send out invitations. The most nerve-racking moment for Moraes came just before the couple legalized their relationship. "I was scared to death he'd back out at the last minute," Moraes said with relief after getting the civil union certificate and preparing to share a bottle of champagne with Sandini. "But he did it, and now we can be happy."

The order allowing civil unions gives same-sex couples in Rio Grande do Sul broad rights in areas such as inheritance and child custody and legal grounds to seek insurance benefits and pensions. Legislation approved last year in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was hailed as the first big victory for Gay rights in Latin America. But unlike the Brazilian decree, the Argentine measure does not grant Gay couples legal status for their unions nor allow them to adopt children or receive inheritances.

The Rio Grande do Sul decision came after a Lesbian college professor heading on a sabbatical abroad tried to get her university to pay for her partner's costs but was refused because the two were not married. Following a request by the state's human rights commission, a panel of judges issued an opinion defending Gays' right to seek the same legal protections afforded to traditional married couples. Under Brazilian law, it cannot be overturned in federal courts. "The only way to change it would be with a constitutional amendment to say, 'All Brazilians are equal except Gays' and that will never happen," said Luis Gustavo Weiler, a leader of Nuances, a Porto

## Alegre Gay group.

The order generated modest interest in Porto Alegre's newspapers, with local religious leaders condemning civil unions as condoning "sin" and "heresy." But it barely made ripples elsewhere in Brazil and didn't lead to calls by national politicians to halt civil unions. Although Brazilians often deride them in crude jokes, Gays are generally tolerated. Their drag parades have long been major draws during Carnival celebrations in Rio de Janeiro and in the northeastern city of Salvador.

Brazil is the world's largest predominantly Roman Catholic country, but most Brazilians don't think civil unions affect them, so they don't complain, said Father Ricardo Paz, a Porto Alegre priest and ecclesiastical judge. "It's a pragmatic attitude which says, 'As long as I don't suffer the consequences, fine' without realizing that this could destroy the concept of family and confuse our children, especially teens, who will see this as an option," he said.

Moraes and Sandini have lived together for eight years. They said their life won't change much now that they're joined by a civil union. They just hope their civil union certificate will convince the bank where Sandini works that Moraes should be added to his partner's health insurance plan.

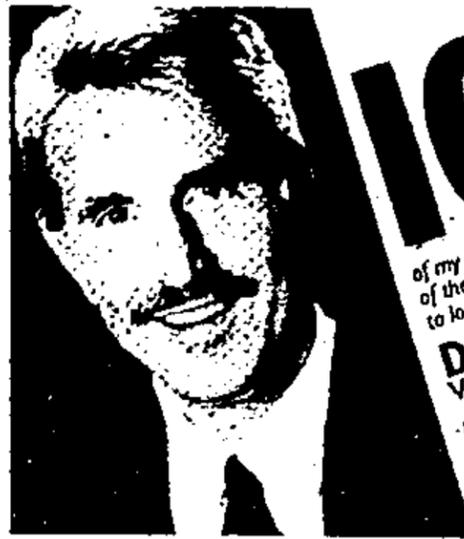
Dressed in black suits, the two greeted guests with kisses on the cheeks as they arrived for the reception in the salon, festooned with green and yellow drapes, the colors of Brazil's flag. Moraes took off one of his shoes for his secretary to carry around the room on a silver platter so people could stuff money inside, a Rio Grande do Sul wedding tradition normally reserved for the bride.

Crying and laughing, 60-year-old Sueli Vargas hugged Moraes and Sandini. After living through Brazil's 1964-1985 dictatorship, Vargas said legalizing civil unions is a small change in a country still getting used to democratically elected leaders, freedom of speech, and an uncensored press. "Before, everyone thought that relationships were just for man and woman, but that's changing," she said. "There's been so many big changes since the dictatorship that this just seems natural."

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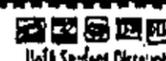


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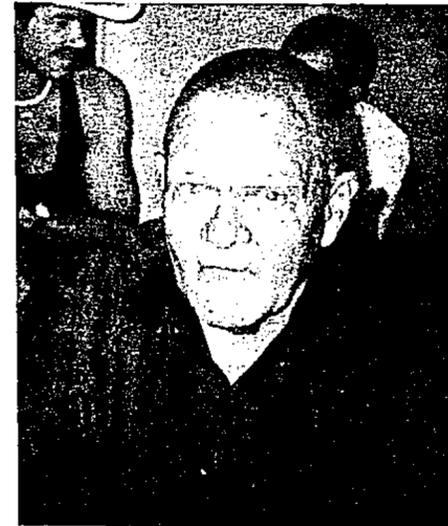
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June greets us with a plethora of prideful planets that posit in the summer signs of Gemini and Cancer. Remember that this is the time of year to let our hearts and minds speak up loud, proud and queer. See you in the parade partner!

**ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**  
Rollicking Gay Rams let their emotions pour forth throughout Pride month. But do you mean what you say or are you just flapping the air and unnecessarily stirring up a storm? This is the time of year to prioritize and separate the crucial from the time wasting. Mars sez that your home is your castle. Be sure to fill your moat with cherries stewed with champagne.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**  
There is a great deal of activity going on in your finances this June and queer Bulls are anxious to see what the bottom line looks like. But before you whip out that wallet, check to see if the cost is worth the benefits. You are apt to call it as you see it in any neighborhood cause. This may make you top of the heap in certain circles and bottom of the drawer with certain squares.

**GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21**  
What is it that makes you soooo popular this Pride month? It must be that gaggle of planets goosing your sign. This is a time of new things, new people and new ideas. Pink Twins can glide into the center of their social universe but their need to please may outweigh the advantages of popularity. Don't be so needy, cousin; let the throbbing masses come to you. And they will...

**CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 23**  
Your hazy, crazy imagination runs wilde this Pride month. What type of mischief will you conjure up as the Wizard of Ooze? Once the smoke clears, pink Crabs may be able to dump all that stinking closeted garbage that has been piling up. Unload and lock, buddy. You have nothing to lose but your psychological chains and that awful collection of Kelly green mini shorts.

**LEO JULY 24 - AUG. 23**  
Proud Lions seem a bit distracted and disconnected in the first two weeks of Pride month but that is because they are focusing on distant thunder and not the current social roar. There is a lot going on under the surface. But as Pride month elugalugs along, Leos are able to refocus and are off and running with their hearts in their hands and a song in their hearts. Errr... okay.

**VIRGO AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23**  
Question authority queer Virgin. There is a confluence of events this Pride month that makes it apparent that things and certain attitudes must change... or else. Keep your eyes open to new opportunities. Luck is with you compadre as anything or anyone new has the potential to carry you to new heights. A new broom sweeps clean and so must you. Don't sweep it under the rug.

**LIBRA SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23**  
A pride parade of planets boosts your global outlook. On a clear day, you can see forever ... or something like that... so set your sights on exotic locales and travel. Emotions take control of any legal proceedings so maintain your judicial balance. Gay Libras see

potential in every habeas corpus. Let's hope that it involves more than just a brief encounter before you rest your case.

**SCORPIO OCT. 24 - NOV. 22**  
You are a kid in a candy shop this June. Proud Scorps are tempted by many dalliances but can miss the life altering relationships that can bring ones life and love to new levels. Open your heart and mind, lover, but don't be a sucker for every piece of sugar. It will soon become apparent that solidification and structure are needed before you can achieve nirvana.

**SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 - DEC. 22**  
Relationships come to the fore during Pride month and may cramp your style. You cannot remain a fancy free Gay blade forever, although you may try. At one point or another, Archers will have to choose between several interesting and compelling situations or risk losing them all. They say nobody loves you when your down and out but of course that's only half true.

**CAPRICORN DEC. 23 - JAN. 20**  
Clever pink Caps think that they have all the angles covered this June. First scope out the best parties, then get into shape and then prepare to cocoon happily ever after. Ah, were it that simple, compadre. Life doesn't follow easy direction. It meanders and detours. Any schlub can follow the straight and narrow but it takes a star to embrace the vast and unknown cosmos.

**AQUARIUS JAN. 21 - FEB. 19**  
Let your heart sip from whatever watering hole it desires but don't let it get stuck in sentiment and drown. Even romance-adverse Aqueerians can get swept up in the moment but remember to hold onto the rail before you go overboard. There is the chance that you will overdo this Pride month in every creative pastime and amusing side pursuit. But ah, what a way to go!

**PISCES FEB. 20 - MAR. 20**  
If you feel pulled in several directions at once, blame a spate of omery outer planets this June for kicking up the dirt. Guppies think they can play one set of issues off another but that won't work. Separate the warring parties and deal with each one in turn. Start with your domestic agenda and then branch out to all corporate challenges. Better yet, escape and take a vacation.

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## Kansas Supreme Court To Hear Appeal Of Imprisoned Gay Teen Case

TOPEKA - The Kansas Supreme Court Thursday agreed to hear an appeal in the case of a Gay teenager who was sentenced to 17 years in prison for consensual sex, 365Gay.com reported.

Matthew Limon is appealing a 206-month prison sentence he received shortly after turning 18 because while he was a resident at a private school for developmentally disabled youth he performed consensual oral sex on another teenager.

Limon would have served a maximum of 15 months in jail under the Kansas law had the other teenager been female. But because the state's "Romeo and Juliet" law applies only to heterosexuals, Limon was convicted under the much harsher state sodomy law.

Under the Kansas law, consensual oral sex between two teens is a lesser crime if the younger teenager is 14 to 16 years old, if the older teenager is under 19, if the age difference is less than four years, if the sex is consensual, if there are no third parties involved, and if the two teenagers "are members of the opposite sex."

Limon has already been in prison for four years and three months - three and a half times longer than the maximum sentence he would have received if he were heterosexual.

"The only reason Matthew Limon is still in prison today is because he's Gay," said Tamara Lange, a staff attorney with the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project,

which represents Limon.

"The Kansas Supreme Court has an opportunity to correct the grave injustice that has been done to this young man and the mockery that his sentence makes of the equal protection guarantees in the Constitution," she said.

This is the second time that his case has been sent to the Kansas Supreme Court for review.

The first time, in July of 2002, the court refused to consider Limon's case and the ACLU asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear it. The High Court sent the case back to a Kansas appeals court, ordering it to reconsider in light of its decision last summer in Lawrence v. Texas, which struck down same-sex-only sodomy laws. In January, the appeals court again upheld Limon's conviction.

The earliest that the Kansas Supreme Court is likely to hear arguments in the case will be in August.

"Because he had sex with another male, Matthew Limon will be in prison until he's 35 years old," said Dick Kurtenbach, Executive Director of the ACLU of Kansas and Western Missouri.

"For Kansas to sentence a Gay person 13 times more harshly than it would a heterosexual for the same offense is clearly unconstitutional, and we're pleased the Court is willing to reconsider this young man's sentence," Kurtenbach said.

## Navratilova Loses In Singles Comeback

PARIS - Martina Navratilova, the most durable of tennis stars, played her first Grand Slam singles match in 10 years on Tuesday, May 25, losing to a player 28 years her junior, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The 47-year-old Navratilova, one of the most accomplished openly Gay athletes in U.S. history, suffered a 6-1, 6-3 loss to Gisela Dulko, 19, in the first round of the French Open.

The tennis star played as a wild card draw in the ladies' singles tournament, and it was only her third singles match this year, the Associated Press reported. She struggled with her service toss and inconsistency in her game.

"The best part about today was the fact that I played the match," Navratilova said in Paris, as reported by the AP. "I wanted to give the people a little more something to cheer about."

She played her last Grand Slam

singles match in 1994, losing to Conchita Martinez in the championship at Wimbledon.

Navratilova has said that this year will be her last on the pro circuit, and she's hoping for a final win at Wimbledon in July. Last year she won the mixed doubles' championship there with partner Leander Paes, setting a record as the oldest Wimbledon champ.

Her record achievements and continuing presence still inspire many fans.

"Being able to compete in professional sports at any age is quite a feat," said Tyler Hoffman, spokesman for the Gay & Lesbian Professional Athletes Association. "Her athleticism at 47 goes to show you that as long as you have the passion and drive, anything is possible. As for the GLBT community, she reminds people that Gay and Lesbian athletes do exist and can compete."

## Gay And Lesbian Rights Activists Vow To Defy Parade Ban

WARSAW - Gay rights activists in Poland vowed Thursday, May 27, to defy a ban on a parade that Warsaw officials imposed in hopes of preventing clashes between participants and a group opposed to Gay rights.

Warsaw mayor Lech Kaczynski on Monday ordered organizers to cancel the fourth annual Parade of Equality, planned for June 11, citing plans by a youth organization to hold a counterdemonstration at the same time. The mayor said he wanted to prevent attacks on the Gay rights activists.

But Szymon Niemiec, the head of Poland's Gay and Lesbian Association, denounced Kaczynski's decision as a violation of the constitutional right to free expression and said his group would hold its parade as planned. "It turns out that this country isn't democratic even though it recently joined the European Union," Niemiec said.

He said his group has sent a letter to provincial authorities asking them to

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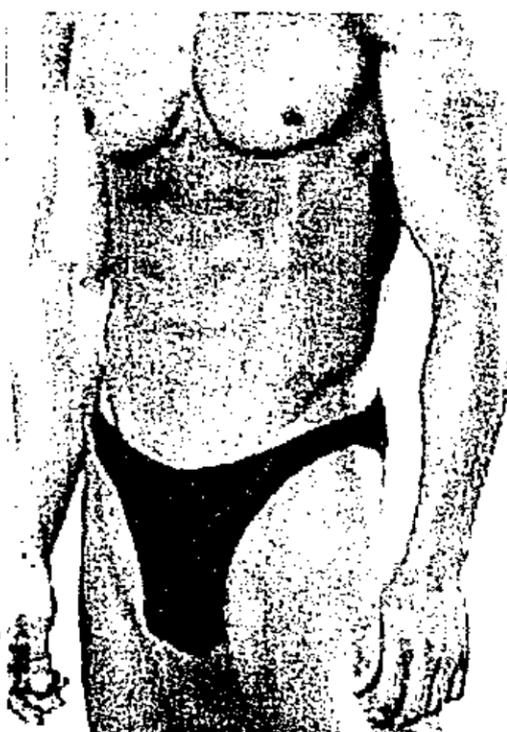
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**U.K. Lord Compares  
 Homosexuality With  
 Obesity**

**LONDON** - Lord Tebbit, an influential conservative leader in England, continued his tirade against Gay men on Thursday, May 27, by claiming the country's current "obesity epidemic" can be blamed on the government's support for "buggery," Gay.com UK reported.

The comments came during BBC Radio 4's "Today" program, where the former cabinet minister was invited to talk about the ongoing problems of obesity across the United Kingdom.

Asked what the root causes of the problems were, Tebbit, who was made a peer in 1992, drew a tenuous link between the issue and same-sex relationships.

"The root cause of this problem, like a number of others, is the breakdown in family life," he said, arguing that families "don't so often eat together" and that "wives are virtually pressurized into feeling they ought to go to work instead of looking after their children..."

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I have been talking about the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Read Galatians 5). I used to measure my success by the amount of money that I made. Unfortunately, there was no fruit in my life. I have since found out that bearing fruit has nothing to do with how much money I have. It has to do with my character.

What is the fruit of your life? Do you follow through when you say you are going to do something for someone? Can you control your tongue and your anger when you find yourself in heavy traffic or in a long line at the supermarket? You often can't tell the quality of a fruit until you squeeze it. Likewise, we can't operate in maturity until we have found ourselves in difficult circumstances and have to respond in maturity. People will know us by our fruit.

## Virginia Says No G/L Partnership Will Be Honored

RICHMOND - A new law is hitting the books in Virginia, one which has so angered the Lesbian and Gay community many are seriously considering selling their houses, and leaving the state they love, reports The Associated Press.

their own insurance policies are prohibited from offering domestic-partner benefits.

Also, the state bans joint adoptions by same-sex couples and refuses to list the names of same-sex couples from other states on the birth certificate of children.

The new law is an amendment to the state's 1997 Affirmation of Marriage Act, which prohibits same-sex marriages. The amendment extends the Gay marriage ban to civil unions, partnership contracts and other "arrangements between persons of the same sex purporting to bestow the privileges or obligations of marriage."

Democratic Gov. Mark R. Warner said the bill interferes with people's right to enter contracts and violates the 14th Amendment guarantee to due process.

"I won't buy a home in Virginia. I'm done," Bo Shuff, a 30-year-old Gay rights activist who has rented in Virginia, told The Virginian-Pilot.

"I think the courts will show that it's unconstitutional," Warner said. "This bill went way beyond Gay marriage and civil unions."

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Henry F. Fradella of the College of New Jersey told AP. "For the Virginia legislature to go as far as they did, knowing that this is probably unconstitutional, to me it is a political statement. I have not seen anything quite so radical."

## Defy Parade Ban

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overrule the ban.

Earlier this month, hundreds of Gay rights activists were attacked with stones, eggs, and firecrackers during a march in the southern city of Krakow by counterdemonstrators. Police officers fired tear gas and shot rubber bullets into the air to keep the two sides apart.

## Obesity

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He said this decline in family life was due to the current government, which he accused of doing "everything it can to promote buggery."

"The government is pursuing the breakdown of family life — we've had one thing after another, whether it's tax policy or social policy that undermines marriage," he said.

"At the House of Lords at the moment, we have this Gay marriage bill going through. This doesn't help."

"We don't only have an epidemic of obesity, we have a huge problem with AIDS. And the government's attitude is to do everything it can to promote buggery — knowing that those two are intimately connected."

The comments are unlikely to surprise many onlookers, who have been aware of Lord Tebbit's aversion to Gay issues over the years. He has publicly stated both his support for Section 28 and his opposition to same-sex relationships before.

However, Stonewall's Director of Parliamentary Affairs Alan Wardle, who has been monitoring the House of Lords' response to the Civil Partnership Bill, said he was shocked that Tebbit had managed to incorporate the issue into this argument.

"It's quite alarming that Lord Tebbit manages to get his extreme prejudices into a discussion on obese children," he told Gay.com U.K.

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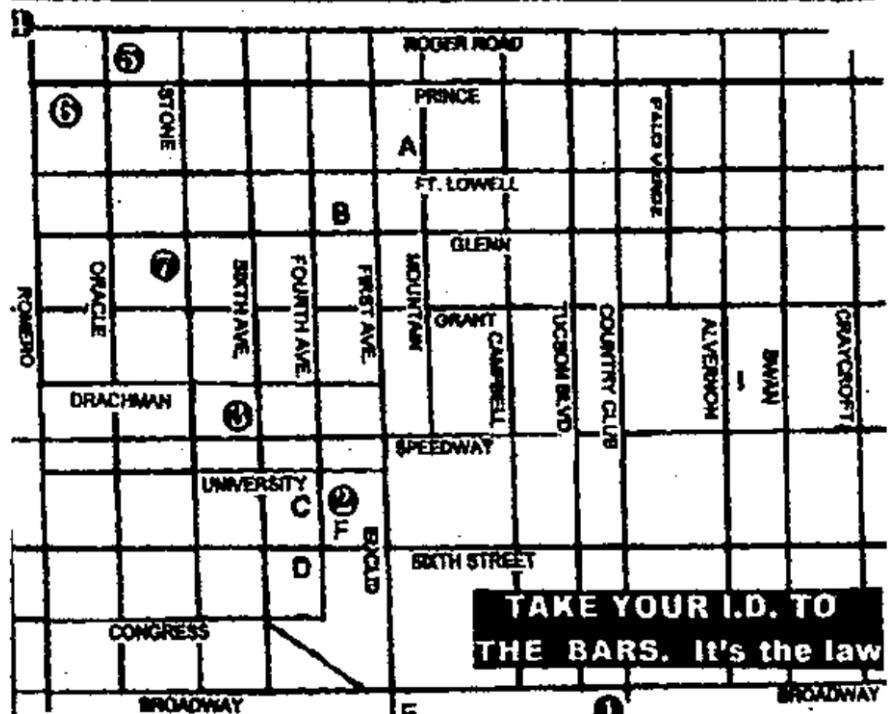
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by Lee Thorn

**CRANK LETTERS**

Long before D. Novello elevated the crank letter to the status of a literary art form with the publication of *THE LAZLO LETTERS* circa 1977, many lesser practitioners of crankiness appreciated the great cathartic value of the medium.

I know that Larry King is never personally going to see the letters in which I tell him what Y2K stood for, or that the Dalai Lama is not actually a Muslim, or that "hoi polloi" means just the opposite of what he thinks it means, or that the first i in vituperative is short, but I really need to get that stuff off my chest.

And while I was at it I told him, or whoever reads his crank letters, that it wouldn't be breaking any Federal Communication Commission rule if he or a member of his staff cracked a dictionary once in awhile.

But forgetting all about literary art, and forgetting all about catharsis, I can attest as a lifelong writer of crank letters that they sometimes have spectacular success in enormous venues. I can think of three of my own humble efforts, none of which got a direct answer, that changed the history of broadcast television.

Letter One: Jay Leno used to do a bit on a regular basis in which he'd round up women from his audience for a possible date with his bandleader, a guy named Kevin. The amazing thing was that the roundups would always include only black women. No hispanics, no Asians, no

whites -- ever. This was supposed to be a hip comedian in a hip new world. What was the deal?

I wrote Mr. Leno a letter asking if his use of only black women reflected his own racism, the racism of his bandleader, or a racism he presumed to belong to his audience. That was years ago and I haven't seen the bit one time, all black or otherwise, since I wrote. I seldom watch the show, so I can't be 100% certain, but I think the segregated roundup is dead.

Letter Two: My favorite baseball team used to have a commentator, maybe it still has him, who'd frequently make comments about players' butts. He seemed a little obsessive about it, but I saw nothing wrong with that.

One time he made a comment about the butt of a celebrity seated in the stands whose actual behind was never on camera. It didn't seem fair to the seated celeb or to the fans. Were we just supposed to take this commentator's word for the description offered? I can't remember the exact claim that was made about the butt in question, but I wanted to be able to see for myself whether the commentary was supported by the visual.

I wrote this commentator a letter in which I pretended to be a fellow butt devotee and asked him to comment on what I thought was the most interesting butt on the team's roster. I went into considerable detail about what this butt had that others lacked.

In the several games I heard the commentator work after I sent my letter, he never made a single reference, however oblique, to anyone's butt.

Letter Three: By watching C-Span in the wee hours, I learned that James Woolsey, former CIA Director, was a partner in a company that was collecting \$10,000 a month from the famous Iraq politician called Chalabi. No problem with that. Everybody's got to make a living.

On the other hand, Woolsey was all over every television channel posing as an independent expert on the Middle East. There were never even any passing mentions of what side Mr. Woolsey's bread was being buttered on.

I wrote Mr. Woolsey a letter asking, since he was posing as an independent expert while he was collecting a big chunk of change from one of the major players, why shouldn't the American public regard him as a gigantic fraud.

Mr. Woolsey didn't bother to answer my letter, but I only saw him on one TV appearance after I sent it.

On the Woolsey thing I'd been a little surprised that *THE NEWS HOUR* had presented him as an independent expert. I wrote to the show's main man, Jim Lehrer, asking him if they'd been had by Woolsey or if they were having us, their faithful audience. Mr. Lehrer didn't answer my question directly but he said, regarding Woolsey, "I hear you."

Crank letters can be an art form, a means of catharsis, a wonderful fuel for delusions of grandeur - or all three at once.

To anyone contemplating writing a crank letter to me, be assured that I will  
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# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5**

IBTS - 8:30 p.m. It's the FuFu Revue! hosted by Bunny FuFu - Drag Survivor Contest Third Week! Who goes on to the finals between Veronica Halliwell, Tori Steele and Crystal Abrams.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

IBT's - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). 8:00 p.m. it's Sissy Bingo hosted by Ajia Simone with great prizes and lots of laughs. 9:00 p.m. Special guest DJ from Phoenix DJ Tim B.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Crystal Abrams and Diana Flair.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - "Showtime here with "The Crystal Cabaret" hosted by Miss NCC 2004 Crystal Abrams and starring Lucinda Holliday, Miss Gay Tucson America Janea Starr with special guest Miss Teen Tucson Teri Akki. 8:45 p.m. sharp. Dinner special before the show: Steak, Jumbo Shrimp and Fries (Two meals for \$11.99)!

# NON-BAR CALENDAR Groups & Clubs

**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 reservations and directions, please call David or Daniel at 579-9763.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5**

#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.

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 Funtasticks. 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. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

**SUNDAY, 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.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

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 16**

#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 - Breakfast 9 AM The Egg Connection, 3114 E. Ft. Lowell & Country Club (SE Corner)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

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 "9 Dead Gay Guys". For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

#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 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 Steve at 664-2076.

#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Arlan for Pizza Night. \$5.00 will get you pizza, salad, and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414

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

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 21**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**

#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 23 #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 Richard for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Richard at 579-7291.

# NON-BAR CALENDAR Groups & Clubs

**SUNDAY**

HOWL AT THE MOON — Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11 am-8pm. Smimoff Sunday- \$2 Smimoff 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 Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11 am-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-

**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. 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. 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/Relro '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 Holliday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY**

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

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. 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 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GoGo Boys and Dance Party with DJ 'T.C. Wildman' 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well 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. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

**SATURDAY**

HOWL AT THE MOON — Open at 10:30 am. Kitchen open 11 am-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 Daquaris. 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 11 am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panels available. General meetings monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Desert Girlz MTF Support meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Desert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0883 for more info.

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**COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY!** St. Philip's in the Hill 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.

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

**DESERT VOICES**, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org) or call 791-9662.

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Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**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).

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**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.

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

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**TUCSON 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 - 8am - 5pm Mon. - Fri.

**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.

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

**ROOMMATES**

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

**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.

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

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**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.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact **TEAM ARIZONA** at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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**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.

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

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**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.

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

**SERVICES**

**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](mailto:TucsonSources@aol.com)

**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.

**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)

**'98 MERCURY GRANO MARQUIS LS**. Loaded, excellent condition. 61k. No sales tax. Below Blue Book. \$8000. 888-7264

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

**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](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

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

**SENSUOUS FULL BODY MASSAGE**. 8-year experienced veteran. Satisfaction assured. Best deal in Tucson. \$35/hour. Evenings and weekends. John 327-3135

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

**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.

**"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

**FULL BODY SWEDISH MASSAGE FOR MEN**. Best rates in Tucson! Speedway and Swan area. IN and OUT calls. 7 days. 548-6314

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

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN)**, a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

**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 Magpie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

**SACRED HEALING TOUCH**. Be smoothed, touched and nurtured by strong, yet gentle hands. In & Out, Days & Evenings, sometimes at a moment's notice. Call Glen, CMT 907-2551 for the touch you so richly deserve. Experienced, intuitive, athletic and kind.

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at [www.btopop.com](http://www.btopop.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 Borita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

**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.

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

**ENJOY A NICE TOUCH**. Attractive man offers a sensuous, relaxing massage. 10am - 8pm. 745-0231

**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

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabel at 325-0892

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

**COMPUTERS EXTRAORDINAIRE**: Your old system giving you trouble? Upgrade it for a reasonable price, or allow us to tailor make a system just for you. For home or business, we come to you with friendly, quality installation, instruction and service. Call Carl today @ 977-2572 and get a free quote!

**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 581-8830 or Ronn 968-2384.

**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.

**LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment**. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

**END BACK PAIN**. The back solution, massage and bodywork. 15 years experience. Tension Erasure - Stress Reduction - Relax for Health. Abe 294-4810

**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

**AZlykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [lykes@their.com](mailto:lykes@their.com) and request guidelines.

**NEW TUCSON SOCIETY OF SOBRIETY** - Secular Organizations for Sobriety - Sundays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at 739 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Contacts Rick R. 520-792-2604 or Gary S. 520-323-1969. More information at [www.secularhumanism.org/](http://www.secularhumanism.org/) soa/ This group is an alternative to 12-step programs.

**BASIC TIAL DEEP TISSUE OR RELAXING MASSAGE** by a trained, caring male. Often at a moment's notice. First Time Discount! (520) 730-7966.

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

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

**MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP** (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older). 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at [www.deserddominion.org](http://www.deserddominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

**TENSE? STRESSED OUT?** Relax for an hour with a full body rub by Frank. Private studio, off-street parking. 548-7019 days, evenings.

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

**HAVE A BOLD TANTRIC MASSAGE**. Enjoy the best quality of 22 years professional experience. Call Marc - 881-4582 from 1 to 9 p.m.

**ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS**  
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**FOR THE REAL SIDE**

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

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# Pride in the Pines



Saturday, June 12, 2004

Wheeler Park : Downtown Flagstaff

For Presale Ticket info and where to stay and what to do visit [www.flagstaffpride.org](http://www.flagstaffpride.org) or call (928) 213-1900



Beat the heat and enjoy an exciting weekend in cool Flagstaff!

**Tiffany** : 80's Pop Star: "I Think We're Alone Now"

**Gioia Bruno** : formerly of Pop Dance group EXPOSE "Free to Be" and "You're Workin' My Nerves"

**Suzanne Westenhoefer** : Nationally acclaimed lesbian comedian from HBO and Comedy Central

**Friday, June 11** Cabaret Show | 8pm - 1am : Monte Vista Lounge  
Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer, Poetry and Singing | The Orpheum Theater  
Launch Party w/ DJ Sister Sin | 8pm : 3am Joe's Place

**Saturday, June 12** Pride Festival | 11am - 8pm : Wheeler Park  
Queer as Folk Dance | 8pm - 4am : The Orpheum Theater  
Underage Party | 8pm - 1am : TBD

**Sunday, June 13** Saturday Party | 8pm - 1am : Joe's Place

Breakfast with Tiffany benefitting local non-profit organizations with live entertainment | 10am - 2pm : Hotel Weatherford