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Pride Blooms Around The U.S.

NEW YORK - Amidst the controversy of Gay marriage, civil rights and politics, the month of June comes to a close, taking with it memories of joyous, and at times turbulent Gay pride celebrations across the country, 365Gay.com reported.

Pride was celebrated in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Oklahoma City, St. Louis, Santa Fe, Atlanta, and Conway, Arkansas.

The words on participant's lips and minds this year were not "We're Here, We're Queer," but "Politics, Politics, Politics" no matter where in the U.S. you attended a celebration of Gay Americans and their supporters.

On Saturday, June 26, in New York City, Gay dads and moms carried their weary children on their shoulders, waving Gay marriage pins and stickers featuring a deceased elephant, the city's unofficial welcome sign for the upcoming Republican National Convention to be held in late August in midtown Manhattan.

"I feel more political because it's an election year," said John Sahs, who attended the parade with his partner, Brent Black, and the couple's 6-month-old foster son, Jonathan.

"I'm interested in political change in Washington in such a visceral way. It's really important that we mobilize as a community," Sahs told the New York Times.

Mixed in with the Gay parents were nearly a dozen married Gay couples, most having tied the knot in New Paltz, the college town 70 miles north of Manhattan, made infamous when the city's straight mayor Jason West began marrying couples two months ago.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg made his annual appearance, hinting to reporters he may be more sympathetic to Gay marriage than originally indicated.

"You'll have to see what comes out of some of these other things, whether or not that's the most effective strategy," the mayor said, referring to the New Paltz marriages.

Bloomberg had previously said he'll "enforce the laws" of New York state, statutes that ban same-sex marriages.

But not all cities proved to be as forward thinking as New York, as evidenced in Conway, Arkansas. On the morning of the state's one and only Gay pride parade outside Little Rock, organizers woke to find the parade route

smeared with cow manure.

Despite the smelly efforts of anti-Gay sympathizers, festival organizers cleaned up the mess and the parade of nearly 300 people proceeded with nary a hitch.

A gathering of local protesters from the nearby churches protested holding signs that read: "Sodomy is a Sin that God forgives If We Repent."

"What they're doing is an abomination to God," John Lauritzon, a parade observer told reporters.

Undaunted by the handful of protesters, the parade's organizers, locals John Schenck and Robert Lloyd, said, "We want to let people know that Gay people don't just live in cities."

Across the country, in San Francisco, pride celebration was less about direct politics and more about the "M word" - Marriage.

Wearing tuxedos and rainbow necklaces, newly married Gay marchers paraded before the hundreds of thousands who lined the streets for the city's 34th annual San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

An estimated 4,000 newly married same-sex couples marched in yesterday's pride, many dressed in full gowns and suits, a nod to their ceremonies held at the local City Hall, where mayor Gavin Newsom began marrying couples in February. The city approved 4,037 marriage licenses before the California Supreme Court forced him to stop. Serving as one of the parade's Grand Marshalls, Newsom was greeted with cheers and genuine emotion, a hero's welcome along the parade route.

Mixed in with the expected naked dancers, gym bunnies, and leather daddies, the tone in the City by the Bay was clearly marriage minded.

Signs for the parade read, "Engaged 13 years/Married Feb. 14"; "Partnered 22 years/Married 4 months"; "Sweetie, grab the kids and come to City Hall"; "I'm proud of my Lesbian daughter and her new wife"; "We love each other/We're human beings/We're married."

"I was crying," observer 25-year-old Martin Walker told the Chronicle. "All those (couples) were smiling - it looked like they were the happiest people on earth. When you see something like that, you get emotional."

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Congressional Study: G/L Marriage Good For Federal Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new study by the Congressional Budget Office concludes allowing same-sex couples to marry would have a positive impact on the federal budget, with a net savings of nearly \$1 billion per year, gfn.com reported.

Although the federal government currently does not recognize marriages of same-sex couples either for receipt of federal benefits or for tax purposes, using Census 2000 data, the Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, found that allowing same-sex couples to marry would boost federal income tax revenues by \$400 million per year through the end of this decade.

Social security payments would rise over time, as would spending on spousal health insurance benefits for federal workers, concluded the report. Other expenditure items would be much lower, however, since spending on Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income, SSI, would fall.

These findings, requested by Congressman Steve Chabot, were released as Senate Republican leaders have begun pushing hard for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Tennessee Republican, has scheduled a Senate debate and vote on the amendment for the week of July 12, two weeks before the Democratic National Convention.

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney told the Senate Judiciary Committee yesterday that unless the Constitution is changed, Gay marriages will spread across the country and "may affect the development of children" and "society."

Romney, whose home state approved same-sex marriage in May, did not offer specifics to back up his statements yesterday.

Economists, however, praised the CBO study Tuesday, June 22.

"Same-sex marriage makes sense from an economic perspective," said economist M. V. Lee Badgett of the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, IGLSS. "Strengthening same-sex couples' legal standing will reduce demands on federal and state budgets."

Badgett points to recent studies conducted by IGLSS and the Williams Project at UCLA Law School regarding the impact of granting marriage and domestic partnership rights at the state level. The

study showed California, for example, would have a net savings of \$22-25 million per year if same-sex couples could marry.

A 2003 study of New Jersey's Domestic Partnership Act, which goes into effect in July, predicts the state is likely to see a net savings of \$61 million per year by giving same-sex couples rights.

"Rather than relying on stereotypes about Gay and Lesbian couples, the CBO used the best data available on same-sex couples from Census 2000 to calculate their estimates," said Brad Sears, the executive director of UCLA's Williams Project and a co-author of the studies in California and New Jersey.

Another study released concludes American businesses will see very little impact on their benefits costs if same-sex couples are allowed to marry, concluded a report released Tuesday by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

Among the report's findings:

More than 96 percent of firms will have no additional costs for health care benefits as a result of extending marriage to same-sex couples. At most, only about 190,000 out of 5 million U.S. firms will even have one new spouse covered by its health benefit programs.

The vast majority of small businesses, those with 0-19 employees, will see no change in costs at all.

Large businesses (those with more than 500 employees) will see an average increase of just under \$25,000 per year for providing additional health benefits.

The report, *The Business Cost Impact of Marriage for Same-Sex Couples*, was produced jointly by the HRC Foundation and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies.

"When same-sex couples are afforded equal marriage rights, it won't affect the bottom line," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques. "Denying marriage to same-sex couples only serves to exclude them from the same rights and responsibilities as other families."

The report also looked at retirement benefits and found that employer costs for defined contribution plans won't be affected since employer contributions are not based on a family's status. Employer costs for defined benefit plans may increase slightly, the study found.

UPDATE

GLBT / Kerry Organizational Meeting July 12

TUCSON (ON) - An organizational meeting for the GLBT Kerry for President outreach effort will be taking place Monday, July 12, 6 p.m. at Pima County Democratic Party headquarters, 4639 E. 1st Street.

Mark Kvarre with the Arizona Stonewall Democrats will be at the meeting to discuss the national GLBT outreach the Kerry campaign is conducting. In addition, openly Gay state Representative Robert Meza, D-Phoenix will be at the Tucson meeting.

For more information, call (602) 454-8688.

Matthew Shepard Killer Loses Bid For Shorter Term

CHEYENNE - One of the two men convicted of murdering Gay college student Matthew Shepard Friday lost an appeal for a shorter sentence.

Russell Henderson contended that he was denied effective legal assistance during his trial. Henderson claimed that his court-appointed lawyers were ineffective because they did not discuss potential appeals.

Prior to the trial Henderson made a deal with prosecutors to void the death sentence and pleaded guilty to murder and kidnapping in Shepard's slaying of the Gay college student in 1998. He is currently serving two life sentences.

District Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell Friday rejected Henderson's argument.

The second man convicted of Shepard's murder, Aaron McKinney, also is serving two life sentences for the killing.

During their trial the court heard that Henderson and McKinney, both 21 at the time, kidnapped, pistol-whipped, robbed and left Shepard tied to a fence outside Laramie in October 1998. The 21-year-old University of Wyoming student died five days later at a hospital from massive head injuries.

The trial was told that the pair targeted Shepard solely because he was Gay.

Navratilova's Wimbledon Comeback Crashes

WIMBLEDON - Martina Navratilova lost to Gisela Dulko for the second time in a month, ending the 47-year-old American's comeback to Wimbledon in the second round, reported the Associated Press.

Dulko, ranked No. 59, rallied to the Lesbian tennis star Navratilova in straight sets in the first round at the French Open.

Navratilova became the oldest woman to win a singles match in more than 80 years at Wimbledon when she trounced American Catalina Castano 6-0, 6-1 in the first round.

That was her first singles match here since losing the 1994 final to Spain's Conchita Martinez.

Newspaper Refuses To Run Ad Of Two Men Kissing

MINNEAPOLIS - The Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune—arguably the most influential newspaper in Minnesota—refused to run a Gay pride ad because it showed two men kissing, according to a Minneapolis 5 Eyewitness TV news report, advocate.com reported.

Ben Taylor, the newspaper's senior vice president of communications, told the station: "Our feeling was that this was an advertisement for an event, and two men kissing was clearly meant to be inflammatory. It was not in good taste in the context of what it was advertising."

However, Jim Kelley, president of GLBT Pride, told the station that "to say the image of two men kissing is inflammatory in the city of Minneapolis, where we have a nondiscrimination policy for sexual orientation, is just appalling." Pride organizers say the paper runs other ads that show people kissing or locked in an embrace.

According to 5 Eyewitness, the Star Tribune says it looks at each ad on an individual basis. The paper gave organizers a chance to submit a different ad, but they declined.

U.S. Mayors Table Vote On G/L Marriage Amendment

BOSTON - The United States Conference of Mayors failed to vote Monday, June 21 on a resolution opposing a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The annual conference was supposed to have included a Monday vote on the proposal, sponsored by Thomas Menino of Boston and Gavin Newsom of San Francisco along with the mayors of Providence, Seattle and Chicago, according to the Boston Globe.

The Criminal and Social Justice Committee unanimously approved the resolution on Saturday. However, the mayors voted 46-44 to table a vote on Monday. A second attempt to take the matter to a vote was shot down 47-45, reported the Associated Press.

Opponents argued that the purpose of the conference is to represent opinions on issues with broad support from mayors countrywide. Mayors in the organization "speak with a united voice on organizational policies and goals," according to the organization's Web site.

Newsom told KCBS that "mayors across this country feel that we should be focused on issues that truly matter in this country, not trying to discriminate against people to advance a political agenda.

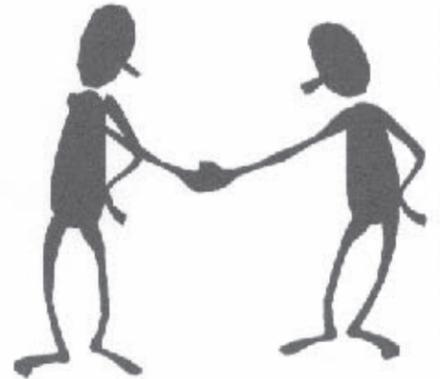
"We're hoping it gets out and sends a rather loud message to the president," Newsom added.

Stamford, Connecticut Mayor Dannel Malloy, who is running for governor as a Democrat, told the AP he believed many mayors were ducking the issue in an election year.

Republican Napa, California Mayor Ed Henderson agreed, telling the AP that putting off the vote was "a wimpy thing to do."

Both mayors are against a marriage ban.

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The Reality Of Hate Crimes

by Lori Girshick

With the two-year anniversary of the beating death of Philip Walsted we are reminded of the grim reality of hate crimes. On June 12, 2002 Philip, a 24-year old Gay man, was beaten to death with a baseball bat and robbed. Police were able to make an arrest and the murder was labeled a hate crime based on statements made by the man they arrested, David Higdon.

I have been asked recently about the number of hate crimes in Tucson and nationally. I have been questioned as to the meaning that the numbers are not very high and even seem to be dropping. What does it mean if there are 2 crimes labeled hate crimes in Tucson or if the numbers nationally are lower this year compared to last?

Truly the numbers do not speak definitively to the issue. The numbers do not capture attacks or murders where the assailants are never caught. We may never know if the assault against Mark Fontes on January 15th was hate-motivated, though we may have our suspicions. There is no way to factor in cases such as that one to the hate crimes numbers.

We also do not know of the many attacks that are never reported to the police. In a homophobic society where there is a history of distrust of the criminal legal system by many members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) communities there is a strong reluctance to report. In a homophobic society where being "out" as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender could cost you your job, loss of family support, or any number of harassments by others, it is a personal risk to come forward. The actual numbers of hate crimes in official records tells us little about what is really going on with crimes that are based on assault or murder of someone because they are LGBT.

Laws and penalties are passed mainly to apply some penalty to the perpetrator, hold them accountable and to give victims some sense of fairness. But laws are only one type of action that can be taken to respond to socially undesirable acts. This is another reason why the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project (AVP) does not only look at the numbers of legally-defined hate crimes.

The AVP looks more broadly. What is it about our society that creates the environment of hate, fear, and distrust? How can we spread more information about who LGBT people are rather than what stereotypes and myths hold? We are as concerned about homophobic jokes, verbal street harassment and lack of civil rights protections as we are about hate crimes in the sense that the hate crimes do not occur without the existence of the other forms of harm setting the stage. LGBT folks are not attacked unless they are seen as the "other"—that is, different and somehow deserving of injury.

The loss of Philip Walsted to family, friends and community symbolizes a painful contradiction: If he had the strength to confront societal homophobia is it too much to ask those of you who are not LGBT to be our allies and do all you can to support our rights as equal human beings and citizens, and to live without threat of injury or death?

[Lori B. Girshick, Ph.D., is the Coordinator of the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project. Call the Anti-Violence Project's 24-hour crisis line at (520) 624-0348 to report harassment, discrimination, a hate crime, sexual or domestic violence. Services are free and confidential.]

OBSERVER REVIEW: "FAHRENHEIT 9/11" A MUST SEE

More than 3,000,000 people went to 868 theaters across the country and Tucson to see a documentary movie that the radical right, Republicans and the Disney Corporation didn't want released in the U.S. "Fahrenheit 9/11" by film maker Michael Moore, opened to large crowds and rave reviews, taking in more than \$23,000,000, making it the number one film for the past weekend, a remarkable feat.

Moore's film, on the September 11th tragedy and George W. Bush, was seen in only a third of the movie theaters that big budgeted releases, such as the second place film, "White Chicks" - that was shown in more than 2,700 theaters nationally, taking in more than \$19,000,000.

In one weekend, Fahrenheit 9/11 became the biggest, money-making documentary film of all time, eclipsing his previous work, the Academy Award winning "Bowling for Columbine," that was seen in movie theaters for eight months.

Fahrenheit 9/11 almost didn't make it to the movie screens in this country, because the owner of the movie, the Walt Disney Company and it's Chair, Michael Eisner, would not release it. Eisner, according to FEC reports, has given \$2,000 to the re-election campaign of George W. Bush. Moore's documentary went on to become a sensation at the Cannes International Film Festival, where it won the Palme d'Or in May, and was picked up for distribution by the independent distributors Lions Gate and IFC Films.

Moore's film begins with a recap of the 2000 election/Florida recount and W's inauguration, which manages to

revive passions, fears and loathing that I for one had nearly forgotten under the debris of two years of the War on Terror, the Iraq War - how this nightmare began. Fahrenheit 9/11 goes through the pre-9/11 Bush days, and then to the day itself with the screen going dark, allowing the soundtrack of sirens, screams, and crying to summon up the memories already seared into the American collective unconscious.

The film recounts recounting of the tangled web connecting the Bush, Saud, and Bin Laden families for decades, through the ties that bind (i.e. the \$1.4 billion the Saudis have invested in companies with Bush ties, such as the Carlyle Group, Harken Energy, etc.). Some of the facts are familiar, some were new. During this portion of the documentary, with Moore pointing out that the W's presidential salary of \$400,000 pales in comparison to the money the Saudis have pumped into Harken Energy, the Carlyle Group, and other Bush-related enterprises, and the impact that may have on Dubya. "Is it rude to suggest that when the President wakes up in the morning he thinks about what's good for the Saudis, not for you and me? \$1.4 billion will buy you... a lot of love." Moore then cuts to a montage of Dubya, H.W. Bush, Rumsfeld and the others shaking the hands of, kissing the cheeks of, and generally smothering with love the Saudi royals while the soundtrack plays the bright strains of REM's "Shiny Happy People."

Fahrenheit 9/11 then get into the Iraq invasion, recounting through archived footage: Dubya and the gangs greatest hits: Rumsfeld saying we know where the weapons of mass destruction (WMD) are; Continued on Page Four

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Powell at the U.N.; Cheney talking about Saddam reconstituting his nuclear capability; Condi recounting the title of the August 6, 2001 Presidential Daily Brief to the 9/11 Commission; Richard Clarke recounting W's insistence on linking Al Qaeda to Saddam; "Mission Accomplished", etc. Moore gets into his more familiar, standard satire - interviewing average citizens harassed by the FBI under the Patriot Act; clips of Ridge and Aschcroft warning darkly of impending attack; satirizing the terrorist alerts and the under funding of Homeland Security, with the wonderful interviews with a part-time, Oregon state trooper who had guard, alone, more than 100 miles of the coastline.

Fahrenheit 9/11 builds with footage of interviews with troops in Iraq, troops on patrol on Christmas Even 2003, house to house raids. Moore intercuts interviews with wounded soldiers - some with no hands, others with no legs, all of them in pain - with shots of Bush joking at a formal dinner, calling the well-to-do crowd "the haves and have-mores." He juxtaposes interviews with soldiers questioning their presence in Iraq with clips from a seminar helping defense contrac-

tors get a share of the Iraqi pie. "There are billions and billions of dollars to be made," they are reminded.

The most effective segments, at least for their emotional impact, involve mothers. First we see a mother in Iraq who lost family members in a U.S. bombing attack. Then we meet a mother in Michigan whose soldier son was killed in Iraq. reaches one of the many powerful, emotional points when he interviews Lila Lipscomb, a self described "conservative Democrat" from Moore's hometown, Flint, Michigan who believed in the military, telling her two kids, a son and daughter to join up for a better life and the government till the day she and her family find out, through a phone call from the military, that her son, Michael Pedersen, had been killed in Iraq.

Fahrenheit 9/11's strength is in its retelling of many facts, moments, and stories that have already been told. But by weaving them together in a single film, Moore has created something more powerful than the bombshell from any one news cycle. A cinematic masterpiece that must not be missed.

Theater Reverses Course After Pulling G/L Ad

PARAMUS - A movie theater reversed course Tuesday June 22, just hours after it said it would no longer run filmed advertisements for a group of parents supporting Gay rights because of complaints.

The Loews Cineplex told the group Tuesday afternoon it had changed its mind regarding the ads, which feature a rainbow background overlaid with the phrase "Someone you know and love is Lesbian or Gay." While the company did not disclose its rationale regarding the reversal, the decision drew praise from the Bergen County chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. "This morning, when they pulled the ad, I felt like I'd been hit in the stomach with a fist," Ellen Schwartz, the Gay rights group's former president, told The Record of Bergen County. "But they just called and told me they were reversing themselves, and now I feel wonderful!"

The public relations firm for Loews said corporate officials had no comment on the matter. And Screenvision Direct, the company that handles advertising for Loews, confirmed the change of heart but did not explain it. The

advertisements feature the support group's logo and its hot line phone number. The 20-second ad began running June 11 and is to continue for 56 weeks at a cost of \$7,932. Under the contract it is to cycle through three times before each screening in each of the theater's 10 auditoriums. The ad's copy is identical to one the group displayed on billboards four years ago.

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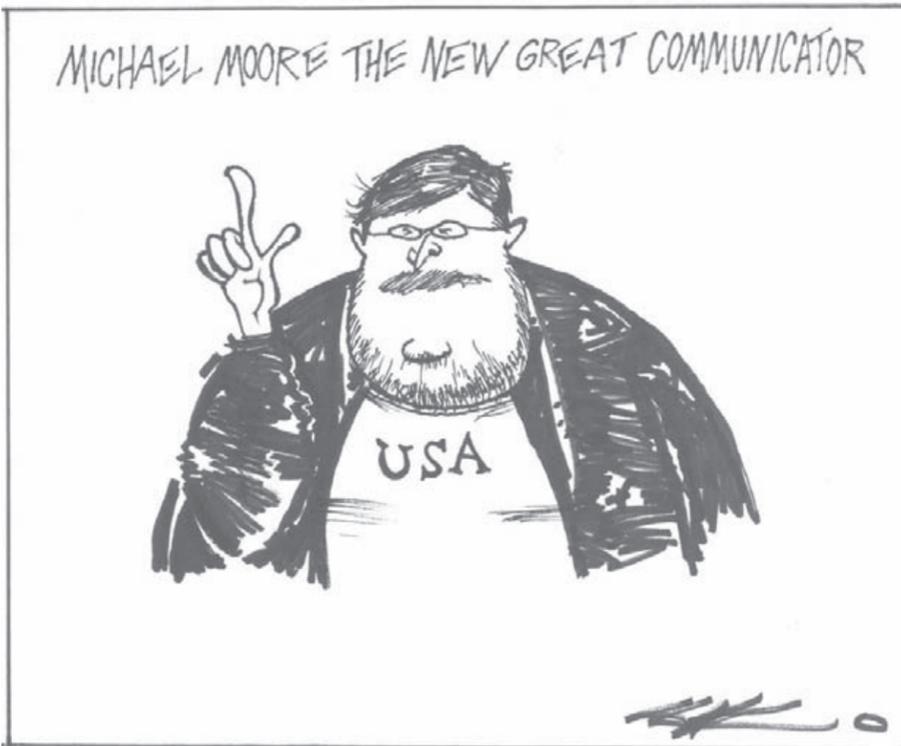
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POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

'Nothing Accomplished Defeat Bush!'

As previously reported in this column, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, had begun his national outreach effort to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) voting community for the November general election to defeat Dubya.

Mark Kvale of the Arizona Stonewall Democrats (ASD), the statewide GLBT Democratic political organization, is currently coordinating Kerry's effort here in Arizona, one of the eighteen battleground, swing states in the upcoming presidential campaign. The next organizational meeting for Tucson will take place Monday, July 12, 6 p.m. at Pima County Democratic Party headquarters, 4639 E. 1st Street. What follows is an interview with Kvale on the outreach effort for Senator Kerry in Arizona:

Why should GLBT Arizonans support Senator John Kerry for President?

Where do I begin? I think the most important reason to support Senator Kerry comes from developing an awareness of the direction George Bush is leading this country that we don't much talk about. We know how extreme and offensive their articulated position for a Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) is. As extreme as the FMA is, it is what George Bush and his ilk don't talk about, regarding their agenda, that we all need be much more aware of. Does anyone really think that the extremist religious elements that George Bush has sold out to, will stop at with the FMA? What sort of an agenda would they push if they had the majority of congress and no re-election to temper them? This weekend, I attended the AHRF [Arizona Human Rights Fund] dinner and heard from Rev. Mel White, the founder of Soulforce. In his remarks he related a conversation he had with a right-wing minister about the book of Leviticus and this ministers belief that the passages of Leviticus is God's word for allowing state sponsored punishment for same-sex relationships. This minister represents the sort of lunacy that has our President's ear.

There are so many positives in Senator Kerry's record for the Arizona GLBT community to support him, the most important being the sharp departure from the current agenda of hate, denomination and bigotry represented by George Bush. Senator Kerry believes in the fullness of GLBT equality.

What is it about Senator John Kerry, (qualities/record/etc.) that personally motivates you in this effort?

There are two things that motivate me to work for and support Senator Kerry. First, his GLBT record is the most progressive and promising of any Presidential candidate in American history. One of Senator Kerry's first acts as a U.S. Senator in 1985 was to introduce a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. He has received a 100% rating from HRC for the last decade. He will lift the ban on Gay service in the military. Senator Kerry support civil unions, state rights relative to marriage and opposes FMA.

Second, I am extremely impressed with his service in Vietnam. He was in a position to avoid service like George Bush

and Dick Cheney but he served and served valiantly. The story of how he won his purple heart and saved his boat crew on the delta, is a story all your readers should learn. They don't give you a purple heart for seeing a dentist in Alabama. Sen. Kerry is the real deal.

Why is this election important to the Arizona GLBT community?

As ASD Chair Mary Temm said: "It's now or never for our community. If we don't participate in the electoral process, the GLBT community is at risk of losing all the hard-fought civil rights that currently exist, to say nothing of dashing any hopes of expanding our civil rights to include same-sex marriage. What every poll taken underscores is that the votes are there to win this election. In some ways, this is not so much a referendum on George W. Bush, but in many ways it is a referendum on our community to stand up and be counted." Mary is absolutely correct. The GLBT vote represents nearly 1 out of every 10 votes needed by Senator Kerry to win Arizona. If we as a community perform how we are capable, we alone can make the difference.

What political activities are being planned in Arizona for the LGBT outreach?

The first really big thing Arizona Stonewall Democrats have done is to bring full time staff to this election to help organize our community. We are working with all parties to organize, mobilize and energize the Arizona GLBT community like never before. We have started organizing ASD-Tucson to bring a grassroots GLBT Democratic organization to Pima county. We will meet again on July 12th and encourage everyone to join us. We have joined with other GLBT organizations for a statewide voter registration program to register over 5000 new GLBT voters. We will be hosting house parties, starting an issue awareness campaign and we are planning a massive GLBT community meeting in Tucson and Phoenix the week of August 2nd. We have much planned and encourage people to visit our website for more information and opportunities at www.AZStonewallDems.org

How did the "Pride in the Pines" event go in Flagstaff?

Pride in the Pines was great and not just the weather. I have never seen such energy, passion and commitment from people to do something during any election. We registered literally over a 100 voters and provided information to several hundred. I think at least one of every 4 people in attendance was wearing a John Kerry button by days end. It was amazing.

What is being planned for Phoenix and Tucson, in conjunction with what took place in Flagstaff?

Like we did in Phoenix in April and Flagstaff in June, we will have a huge presence to raise awareness in both Phoenix and Tucson for the festivities in October. Voter registration will be over by then. In October and through the election the push will be on for a massive get out the vote effort and to raise awareness about the stakes in this election.



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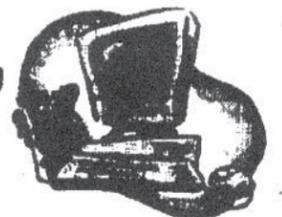
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Lesbian Couple Faces Adoption Challenge

HOUSTON - An out Lesbian who serves as Houston's city controller says that on the day she was set to adopt two foster children, the juvenile court judge refused to allow anyone in his court to preside over the adoptions. "[The judge] didn't think Gays should adopt and that I ought to find another judge," Annise Parker said. She did, reported the advocate.com.

National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families. The Chronicle said Judge John Phillips of the 314th district juvenile court, who Parker said refused to let anyone in his court hear her case, did not return calls requesting an interview. Phillips could not be reached by telephone early Friday by the Associated Press.

Thirteen-year-old Daniela and 9-year-old Marquitta had been in and out of foster care for years. Children's Protective Services had already approved placing the girls with Parker and her partner, Kathy Hubbard. Whether other openly Gay Harris County residents have gone through a similar experience is difficult to gauge. Adoption records are sealed. But while Texas law neither prohibits nor protects adoption by Gays—leaving the matter to local courts—Gay rights activists say juvenile court judges in Texas have interpreted the law conservatively, giving the perception they discriminate against Gays and Lesbians. "Gays and Lesbians have to jump through more hoops than heterosexuals, despite no proven scientific study that says [they] have any negative consequence on children," Randall Ellis, executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, told the Houston Chronicle for its Friday editions.

The 314th is one of three Harris County juvenile courts that handles adoption cases forwarded by CPS. The judges in the other two courts—Kent Ellis of the 315th and Judge Pat Shelton of the 313th—also did not comment. All three judges are Republican. A local GOP official said the party officially opposes Gay adoption. "I hope that's how [the judges] interpret the law," said Court Koenning, executive director of the Harris County Republican Party. "I would think a vast majority of the Harris County population [that] elects these judges [does not want them to] place adopted children in a family with those types of situations."

Connie Moore, a Houston family lawyer, encourages her Gay and Lesbian clients to not disclose their orientation in Harris County juvenile court or adopt in cities such as San Antonio and Austin. When Hubbard takes her turn to adopt, in a process known as second-parent adoption, she plans to go outside Harris County. Gays and Lesbians who adopt local foster children, however, must work through Harris County's juvenile court. Seana Willing, executive director of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, said no one has filed discrimination complaints against Harris County adoption judges. "If it's happening, it's a subtle thing," Willing said.

Opponents of such adoptions say Gays are incorrectly portraying the legitimate concerns of judges as discrimination. "We exercise judgments in being concerned about giving adoptive children to single [heterosexual] parents for the same reason we do for Gays," said S. Michael Craven with the Dallas-based

Gay Inmate Drops Prison Discrimination Lawsuit

JOHNSTOWN - A Gay federal prison inmate has dropped a lawsuit that sought to force prison officials to allow him to send letters to his partner, who is jailed in the same prison.

Shotsberger and his lover aren't legal family members under federal law any more than two heterosexuals in a long-term unmarried relationship, he said. Pesto also said Shotsberger is free to try to persuade the legislature to sanction same-sex marriages, just as an inmate who wanted to correspond with several other inmates could seek to have laws banning polygamy changed. Pesto noted that the issue is a political hot-button issue and that the court file reflects that.

Kerry Dean Shotsberger, who is serving a sentence at the federal correctional institute in Loretto, Pa. for bank fraud, sued twice this year challenging federal prison rules that keep inmates from corresponding unless they are married or immediate family. Shotsberger claimed that his 18-year relationship with his partner was the same as being a common-law couple or immediate family. He initially sued warden Tracy Johns in March but withdrew that lawsuit after a federal magistrate ruled against him. A month later he filed another suit naming Johns and the federal Bureau of Prisons, claiming he was being discriminated against because he is Gay.

Earlier this month Pesto called Shotsberger's second lawsuit frivolous and denied the inmate a court-appointed attorney. Pesto ruled that Shotsberger couldn't sue federal officials because states define who can marry; Pennsylvania doesn't recognize Gay marriage. Rather than challenge the magistrate's second ruling, Shotsberger withdrew the lawsuit on June 22. In his withdrawal notice, Shotsberger said he planned to file another lawsuit when he was released.

U.S. magistrate Keith Pesto in March rejected Shotsberger's contention that his partner is immediate family and that he is being discriminated against. "The legal question is not heterosexual versus homosexual but family member versus nonfamily member," Pesto said.



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TKO Celebrates 25 Years

TUCSON - In April 1979, a group of men got together at the Hair Tiz bar in the Mac Arthur Hotel and were discussing the possibility of forming a gay men's club. In May 1979, a meeting was called, chaired by Dale McKissack and Murray Lorenzen. Everyone gave ideas on club colors (the club logo). By July 1, 1979, Tucson Knight Owls was born, with club colors, a constitution being written, approved and those signing to be forever known as Charter Members of the Tucson Knight Owls.

At that time a couple of the founders pooled their money together and had red t-shirts silk-screened with the club logo on them. Everyone in the club paid for their own shirt and wore them around town proudly announcing that finally Tucson had its own club and didn't have to rely on clubs in Phoenix.

The very first run was held in Sabino canyon and you would of thought you were at the Red Sea with everyone wearing their red TKO shirts. Later that year TKO made its first out of town run to Phoenix where they joined the Thunderbirds for some fellowship and bar hoping and singing of Christmas carols.

Then came time for the second elections and Lee Ridinger was elected President. Lee put TKO on the map by starting the clubs first Spring Fling and making the first official club colors banner.

Since then the Constitution has had many changes and the original structure of the club has changed; today allowing women into membership. Through the years the officers in TKO were added or changed many times. The newest office is our Activities Captain.

The club took on a few more projects and activities such as their annual Closet Ball (after the closing of the Hair Tiz which first started it). The annual Christmas Tree raffle, helped organize and held the very first Arizona Brotherhood Run during Thanksgiving weekend (now known as the Arizona Fellowship Run), made the City of Rocks run into New Mexico their official Brotherhood Run with their Brotherhood Club Hi jos Del Sol, out of Albuquerque.

TKO over the years have made runs not only to Phoenix, but have gone on Sons of Apollo's Grand Canyon Run, trips to San Diego, Los Angeles, Denver, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Palm Springs and other cities.

Since 1989, TKO has continued to change and endure. TKO's annual run "Spring Fling", (held over Memorial Day Weekend) was carried on and staged and fun was always present.

During the last 15 years, these runs took members to the local zoo, asking questions about both the animals and zoo itself, to Nogales, giving each member \$1 to purchase something for one of the games played. The club also camped at Gammons Gulch movie set, (an 1880's western town), poker runs between the bars here, camping in the Tucson desert, and the Owl Express, (bus trip to the Phoenix bars).

When it came to the annual Arizona Fellowship Run, (held Thanksgiving Weekend), TKO joined in and did their fair share of the work. Even with small membership numbers trophies were won and everyone knew TKO was here to stay.

In celebration of this club's 25th year, TKO will be the host the annual Arizona Fellowship Run in Tucson. (Just a

little trivia, at one time there were 8 to 9 clubs participating). TKO and the Arizona Rangers are the only 2 remaining clubs who have supported this run since the beginning.

TKO is proud to be celebrating 25 years. It has outlasted all many clubs, and witnessed many come on strong, only later to fold and disappear.

And as for TKO itself, yes it also has gone through many changes both in format and activities. The original Constitution was retired and has been replaced with new By Laws guiding the club through these changing times. And looking at the meetings, membership has once again risen and TKO is going strong.

TKO continues to have its annual Christmas benefit for T.I.H.A.N., with the club supplying complete Christmas turkey dinners for T.I.H.A.N clients affected by HIV.

Over the years the club has staged shows to raise money to help with the expenses. Some of these were at Stonewall Eagle ("TKO's Twisted Christmas Show"), Flamingo Hotel and ("Hits Way Off Broadway") and ("Holiday Magic Show") Venture-N (Silent Christmas Auction), and the Clarion Hotel, downtown ("Holiday Magic Show"). Without the community's support, this would not have been possible.

This year, on Thursday July 1st, TKO celebrates 25 years with a spaghetti dinner from 6 to 8pm and a cocktail party from 7 to 9pm, at TKO's home bar, Yard Dog Saloon. TKO's newly elected officers, Merlin Cummins, Chairman, and Hilary Madrid, Secretary/Treasurer will be sworn into office.

On Friday July 2nd, TKO will be at Howl At The Moon from 7 to 9pm for hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail party.

On Saturday July 3rd, TKO will be at the Venture-N from 5 to 7pm for hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail party.

Sunday July 4th, TKO will be hosting a beer bust at the Yard Dog Saloon from 3 to 6pm.

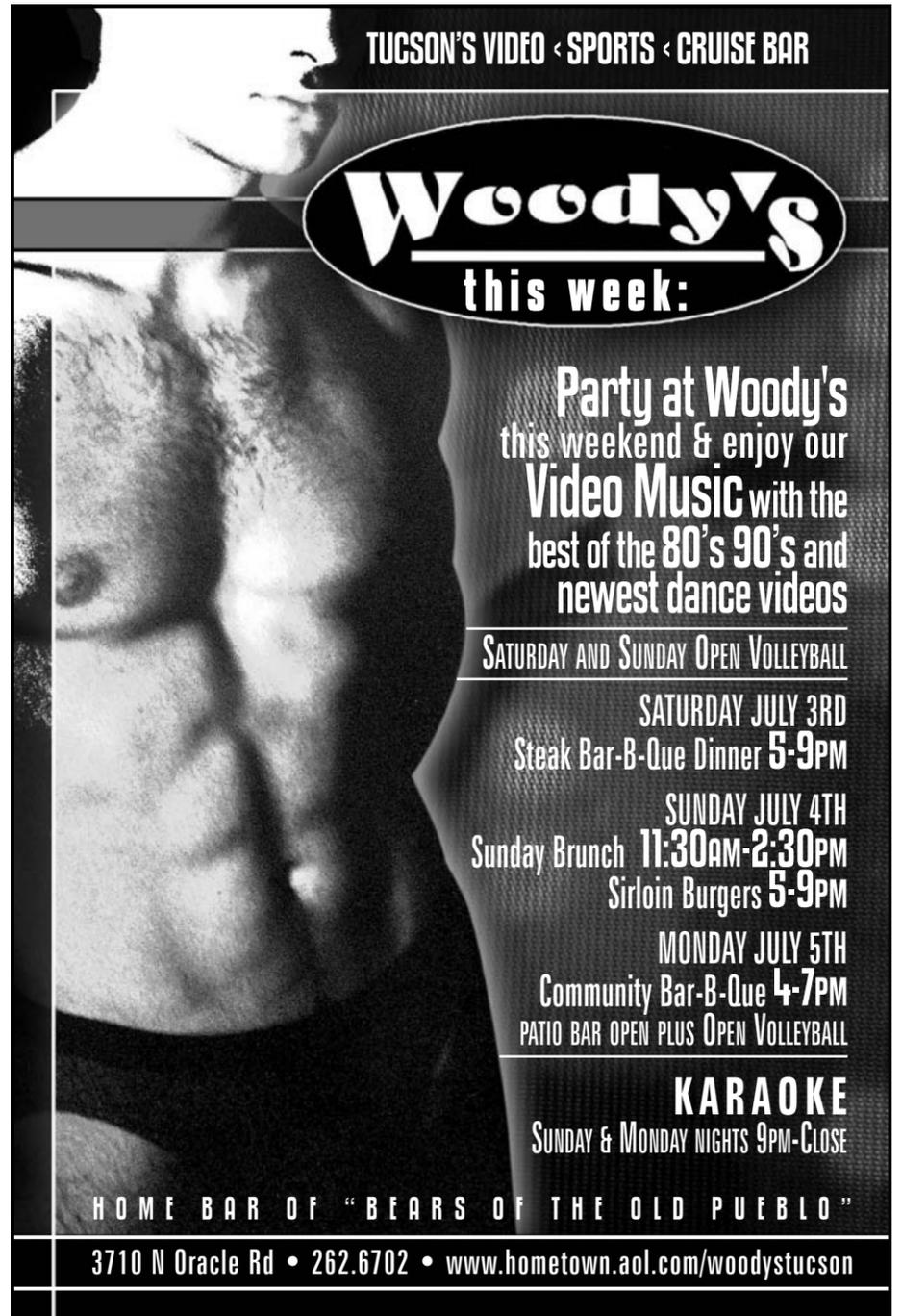
The public is invited to stop by during these events and say Hello and see the clubs photo albums and photo boards over the last 25 years.

As always, this club has maintained a community support theme, sponsoring different benefits for needy organizations in our community. They have strived to support other clubs both in Tucson and around the Southwest.

TKO would like to Thank the Tucson community for your continued support over the last 25 years.

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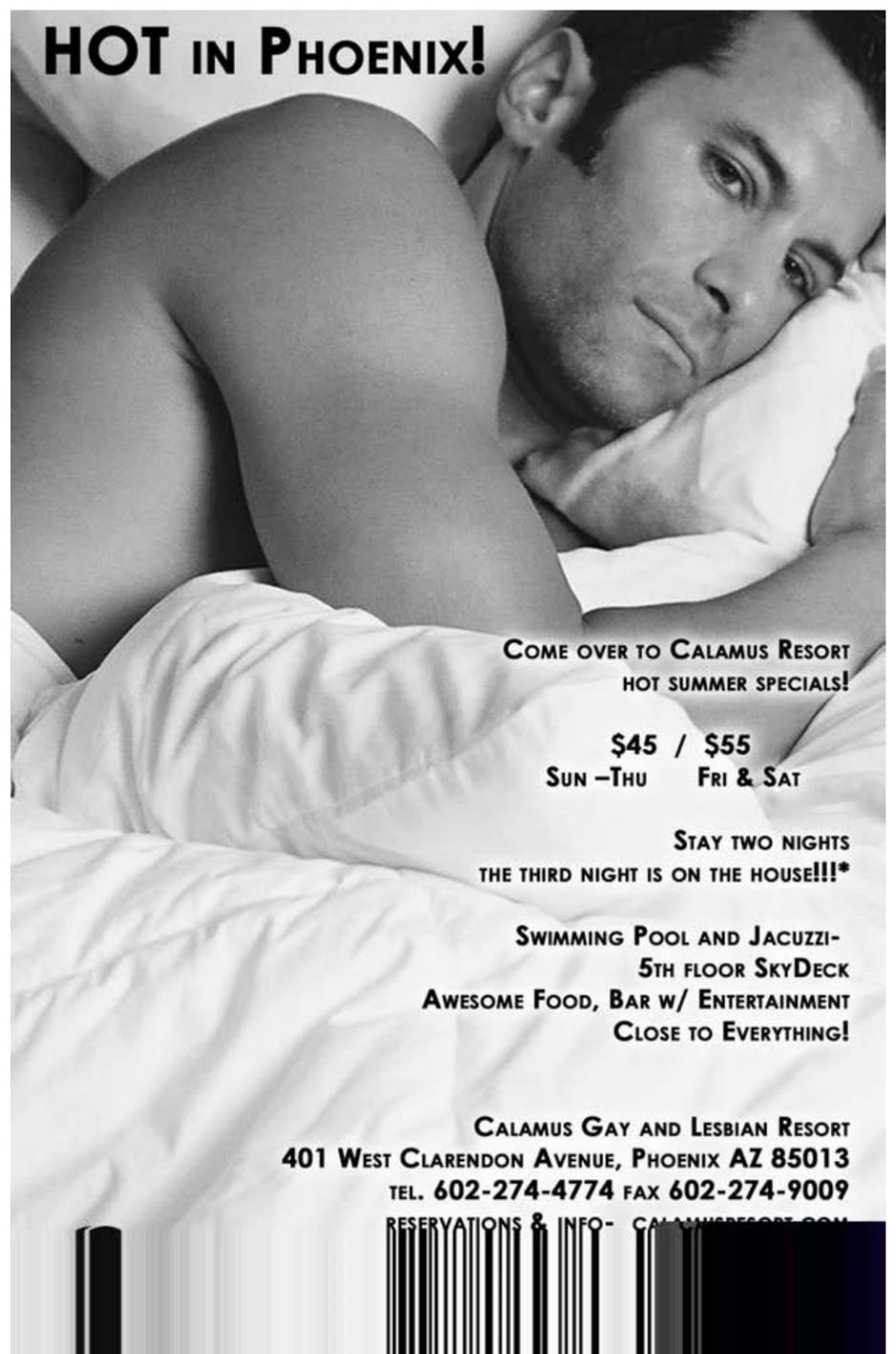
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I remember someone telling me when I first opened, that if I heard anyone (my employees or customers) talking badly about any bar, that I should stop them from doing so as in one way or another it reflects badly on all of us (personally and business-wise).

However the following is what I have heard, and continually hear, about my establishment: 'November's is for sale'; 'November's cook spits in the food we serve', that I only pay tips (not an hourly wage); and the controversy of having a transgendered work behind the bar (which I personally think is interesting and beautiful, behind anyone's bar).

Remember the phrase GLBT? So, in closing, I would like to ask those

who never stop talking cruel things about November Bar 'n Grill, to please refrain from doing so. Apart from having bad mouths you are losers, miserable, unhappy and have no self respect. Or are you just being vindictive and want to discriminate against me because I am Filipino and owner of a Gay bar? How can we talk about Gay people being discriminated against? Thank you

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The world is full of surprises as we wend into July. A troika of planets retrograde and cause general mayhem. Don't settle for mediocre, comrade. Just when you thought that things were settling down, things begin to percolate and spurt. Let's resolve to dance to our own tune or to the beat of a different drummer.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
They say travel is broadening. They say that there is nothing quite so thrilling as the lure of the chase. Well put two and two together this July Gay Ram and see how it all adds up. There are three outer planets retrograding and they stir up a veritable pea fog of intrigue, murky secrets revealed and faraway excitement. Pack a toothbrush cousin and a sleeping bag for two ... or more.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
July brings an orgy of choices and decisions. Vague professional opportunities are not what they seem and you may be required to compromise. How much is up to you. Frankly, queer Bull, you are too busy surveying your vast array of sexual riches to give a damn about your career. By the end of the month the only thing you compromise is your virtue. So what else is new?

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Pink Twins will learn to balance relationships with their professional goals this July. Three outer planets retrograde and plant a few shocking surprises in your office routine. What you have always thought was true, is not. These after shocks may jostle your domestic agenda. Things will rock and roll. I suggest that you dance along. But please, not the Lambada: it is forbidden.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
What do three retro planets have in store for you this July? Gay Crabs may find that there are major discoveries in the minor details. Rather than rack your brain to discern the big picture, become more myopic. But while you are concentrating on one thing, don't be surprised if you are tossed for a romantic loop. It's a trip to the moon on gossamer wings so pack a soft pillow.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
Proud Lions are in for a "wilde" time as three retro planets chart your zesty course this July. Stop, look and listen to your Gay muse and get creative before the heat of the summer dries you like a mental prune. And spread all the energy around, lover. There is also ample opportunity to get a few sexy jolts when you increase your voltage. Plug in and shine your pink light.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Bring on July and all its sizzly excitement! Queer Virgins should expect a few surprises in their closest relationships and in their home life. Three slow moving retrograding planets see fit to throw your best plans into a cuisinart of fate. Avoid over doing it and becoming too fatigued. My advice: mull over all the changes from the comfort of a beach chair in Maui.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCTOBER 23)
If you find that you are less diplomatic and are tempted to call it as you see it this July, chalk it up to the pressure of three retro planets. Gay Libras usually cannot abide by deception and outright lies especially on the job and now you are at the tipping point. Rather than bite your tongue, let it

run amok. You will surprised at how eloquent you can be when you are all fired up.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
If there was ever a time to hold on to your cash and be a bit stingy, July is that time. There are three retro planets that are angling to squander all your hard earned dough on nonsense. Well, maybe not nonsense but on trifles. Gay Scorps are on a tear: feckless fun, hard charging antics and monstrous mornings after. Will they give you cab fare in the morning? Let's hope so.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
You play the happy homemaker this July when three retro planets plant your garden. What will sprout proud Archer? It will shock you. There are seeds of revolution that will set you off on a new and exciting direction later this summer. But don't implement anything now. Allow yourself to glide the tide and ride the waters. All hands in the boat - beware of sharks!

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Three Outer planets retrograde this July and unleash anything and everything that you try to stuff in your closet. Open up the door, pink Cap and release your gremlins. Better have a yard sale while you are at it. Money has a way of seeping into dreams without becoming realities. It costs a lot to launch a dreamboat these days not to mention the docking fees....

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Several of your friends may surprise you this July. Did I say surprise? I meant shock. But Aqueerians have a way of taking it all in stride. After all, they are going through a few shocking changes on their own thanks to three retro planets. Planning a personal makeover? Wait until the fall, cousin. The new fabulous wardrobe you buy now will be used for party bunting later.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)
You are a patient soul and have worked too hard and long not to reap your just rewards. But take a summer break while three retro planets grease your corporate pole. Guppies are apt to slide a few pegs down as they voice their displeasure and frustration. You will be given plenty of opportunity to right a few wrongs later this summer. For now, chill out and pass the tanning oil.

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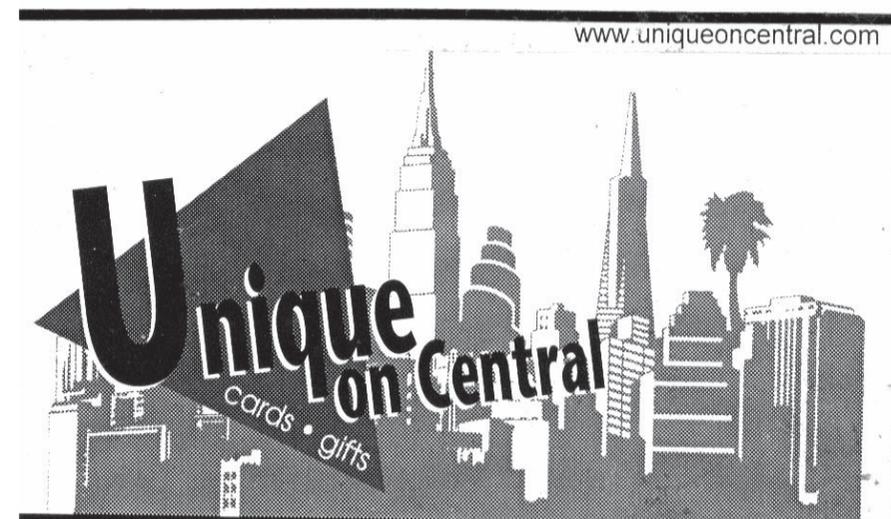
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Will it guarantee me popularity? Once again the answer is Probably not.

What about good looks? Probably Not. I have seen some pretty good looking Christians and I have seen some pretty unattractive Christians and I have seen some pretty average looking Christians. So Probably not.

Does becoming a Christian mean I will no longer have troubles? Probably Not. Christians are not immune to any of the troubles that anyone else has.

What about power? If I become a Christian will I have more power? Probably Not. Even though God has all

power, most Christians are plain ole every day folk just like you and me.

If Christianity doesn't guarantee us money, popularity, good looks, or the absence of problems, what's in it for me.

Well, there was something really lacking in my life. I call it my "God Spot". I knew there had to be something that I did not have and that my spirit longed for. I believe all our hearts are restless until we find that place in God where we belong. That place can only be found through a belief in Jesus Christ and that was the very place I found it. Since I found that I know what true peace is. I know what it is not to have a sense of urgency about everything. I know what it is not to have try and figure everything out because it has already been figured out. I know what it is to have the fellowship and security of a support group of people known as other believers I know what it is to have a personal relationship with God.

Matthew 16 verse 26 says "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his own soul?"

If you want to fill that place in you that is empty and you have tried many things then all you have to do is accept the place that God has for you in His kingdom and ask Jesus Christ to come in to your life. You will have peace, assurance, and victory over life.

Pulse Update

By Jerry D.

Pulse held its latest party last week to wind down Pride festivities in Tucson. The after hours affair kept to the formula of a safe place to party and learn about club drug intervention with help from the Pulse gang. As Saturday night winded down throughout the regular bar scene, the Pulse crew, along with help from volunteer and staff of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), got to work to get the party started. Special thanks to Jack Rice for keeping the drinks cool and stocked. Also thanks go to Gary Rhine, Jose Munose, Rob Payton, Peter Stailineassis, Jack Norwood and Steve McInnis, all who worked security and party detail.

This time the event was held at The Flash Art Gallery, 312 E Congress, in the heart of Downtown. Pulse wants to thank Crissy Goral for the use of the space. As in previous parties, it was an invitation that got you into the door of the gallery to be a part of the festivities. The Pulse members had no problem finding willing participants, and as 1 a.m. approached, there was a line in front of the door to be a part of the fun.

The gallery kept its artwork on the walls, which gave party goers a chance to see the local artisans work Lights, smoke machines and DVD clips covered the bare walls in the dance area located at the rear of the gallery. Participants were treated to information and safe party items that are available from Pulse for the asking.

Once in the dance area, the music took over your body as the thumping beat had everyone wanting to get on the floor. T.C. Wildman was the return Deejay as he took the stage with his equipment and electrified the audience with his dancing. The participants' dancing followed the

rhythm, and became as intense as T.C. could make it with the music. The lights worked with the beat to make the space a total club experience for anyone who attended.

The choice to have the event downtown seemed to be a plus with the entire event. There was room to walk, sit, cool down and talk to one of the Pulse members. Plenty of the participants were overheard thanking those who helped make the event possible and no one seemed to want to leave once they entered the space. This was definitely one of the parties that Pulse is going to remember for a long time. Those who were there have a great story to tell of the night downtown was taken over by Pulse.

Look for the date of Pulse's next forum in coming articles. The next forum will follow the progression of club drugs and the culture. As mentioned in this article, the forum will give you the chance to get questions answered and walk away with information you may not have known. Dates and locations will be announced and like all of Pulse's events, it will be free of charge. You can also support the program by completing the Pulse Survey. The data collected will be used to determine what type of information; education and/or services are needed on Tucson's MSM community. To participate on the survey call Pulse at (520) 628-7223 and ask for any of the team members to set up a lunch or dinner appointment.

Pulse is here to give you options when you go out to party. They have the information available to answer questions about club drugs and the scene it encompasses. You can contact Pulse either at the number above, or contact Jerry, (520) 624-1779, or at jerry@wingspan.org. Have a great week!



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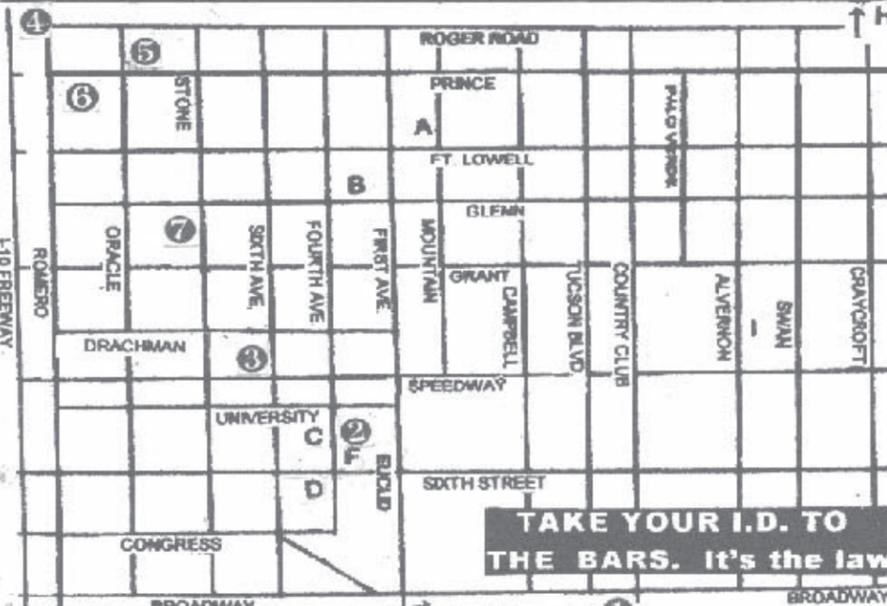
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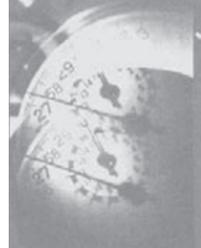
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Hero Worship

After the recent week-long orgy of Reagan worship, it's not easy to choose which parts of the record most deserve to be set straight. The mind has been truly boggled by such things as a biographer who once characterized Reagan as having "encyclopedic ignorance" but who now says that the former president was a closet bookworm with a taste for obscure French economists.

As usual, I guess I'm most disappointed with the journalists, people who know the truth about Reaganomics but who dare not speak it in a time of national mourning, folks who not only refuse to explain what happened but who create elaborate mysteries to conceal it.

But there's nothing mysterious or difficult to explain about Reaganomics. Reagan as president was like a kid with very rich parents who put him on an absolutely strict allowance of \$100 a week. At the same time that these parents enforced this admirable allowance discipline, they permitted him to borrow literally any amount of money he wanted without making any commitment to ever paying it back.

Wonder of wonders, in eight years this great kid borrows millions of dollars but never once requests an increase in his allowance. Such restraint! How does he do it?

Of course the parents, just like the journalists who've been lavishing praise on Reagan this past week, are delighted. They point out to each other that their son has always managed to be well dressed, to drive

a respectable car, to give them appropriate and quite generous gifts on their birthdays. He's just been wonderful in every way. Where in the world do kids like this come from?

The bottom line of Reaganomics, the line that our journalists are having such a hard time finding just now, is that a president who is prepared to borrow an infinite amount of money can pretty much shape the economy in any way he chooses to shape it. Nobody seems to want to make the achingly obvious point that a president who does this is the exact philosophical opposite of a conservative. Where's James Carville when you need him?

The point of the past week's coverage that I agree with is that Reagan deserves lots of credit for winning the Cold War. I've been driving my liberal friends crazy with this idea but I think I've got them boxed in.

They ask, "How can you give a man credit for winning the Cold War when he literally couldn't distinguish what had actually happened from what he'd seen at the movies? How can you give a man credit for winning the Cold War when he's so completely deluded that he thinks the Star Wars strategy is operational before it's left the drawing board?"

I say, "Simple. I'm a proponent of giving a president credit for the major good things that happen on his watch if you can show that he was working for them to happen. Take good ole Abe Lincoln. He may have been the most incompetent wartime leader in American history. No one has ever figured out why he didn't fire McClellan for consistently refusing to fight, just to mention one spectacular example of presidential misfeasance, but everyone gives Lincoln credit for winning the Civil War, primarily on the basis of his stubborn refusal to give up.

When Reagan came to office a bipartisan tradition dating from World War II of "peaceful coexistence" was in place. It was an extremely precarious tradition because it could have led at any moment to "mutual assured destruction" and the end of our planet as we knew it.

Reagan decided that we ought to forget about peaceful coexistence and focus instead on whipping some butt. He explained that we could simply outspend the enemy in a mega arms race. No need to worry about cost. We'd just charge it.

As improbable as this sounded to everybody, as improbable as it still sounds to those of us who lived through the Cold War, it just happened to work. Give it up to the Gipper, people.

The bedrock principle of conservatism, whether you're running a household, a business or a country, is that you try not to spend more than you take in. What you're conserving when you follow this principle is your long-term economic viability.

From Reagan's day through the present, the media have called any president who demonstrated loyalty to the rich and corporate "conservative," whether his actual policies were conservative or anti-conservative. The president who actually practiced the most conservative economic policies in modern times was...

No, I won't say his name. I want no strokes or heart attacks on my conscience.

NON-BAR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

#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 - Lunch — 12:30 p.m. La Fuente Restaurant, 1749 N. Oracle Rd.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

#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 400-1376.

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

MONDAY, JULY 5

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

TUESDAY, JULY 6

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 Coffee House. 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, JULY 7

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 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 Terry at 577-2396.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

#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 China A Buffet. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#3. 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, JULY 10

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 12

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

TUESDAY, JULY 13

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. 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, JULY 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 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, JULY 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Les for Hearts Night. This viciously fun game is easy to learn if you've never played before. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack and Ed 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 or Ed 407-0938.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 19

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

TUESDAY, JULY 20

#1. 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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. 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, JULY 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the "putting out the Newsletter" Night. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday starring Bunny FuFu, Ajia Simone and Amanda Nicole.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

NOVEMBER BAR 'N GRILL - Drag Show 'Night Of Illusions' with Crystal Abrams, Bunny FuFu and Friends. Fish and Shrimp Fry \$5.95. Now serving fresh oysters only \$4.00.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

IBT'S - 4th of July Weekend begins this morning with Saturday Morning Cartoon Party from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with Troy Drink Specials. 8:30 p.m. "The Bunny FuFu Revue" Drag Survivor 5th Week. Hosted by Buny FuFu, with this week's contestants Veronica Halliwell, Tori Steele and Poyzien Miles. 9:30 dance party with DJ Q.

NOVEMBER BAR 'N GRILL - Latino Nite with DJ Eduardo.

VENTURE-N - 4th of July Weekend gets underway with Bucky's Omelettes served from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. a salute to TKO's 25 years with hot snacks. Drink Specials.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

IBT'S - Troy's Recovery Bar 11:00 a.m. Bloody Mary Buffet. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio with Michael D. 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Community Bar-B-Que. 9:00 p.m. Fireworks on the Mountain and Guest DJ Tim B. from Phoenix plus Door Give-Aways.

VENTURE-N - A Super Soaker Party on the Patio starting at Noon!! Prepare to get wet! Drink Specials.

MONDAY, JULY 5

VENTURE-N - Holiday BBQ served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Chicken and Brisket. Drink Specials

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

NOVEMBER BAR 'N GRILL - Latino Nitre. Benefit Latino Drag Show with Bunny FuFu, Terri Akki and Friends. All tips go to SAAF.

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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

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 4pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament 5pm. Surf & Turf w/baked potato & salad 5:30-8:30

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-?. \$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 - 3pm. Dinner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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. Happy Hour 4-7. Free Pool all day. Transgender Nite with Tranny Sabrina. White Russians \$3. Finger Foods til midnight.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. 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. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

TUESDAY

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7. In house Karaoke/Open Mic 9pm w/Tranny Sabrina. Finger foods til midnight. Come and see Leonard.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. 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 Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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. Happy Hour 4-7 Karaoke w/Kimberly 8pm Finger Foods Til 12am. Come and see Julie

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 Beer Bust 3-7pm.

THURSDAY

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Come and see our sweet bartenders Dennis & Leonard. Finger foods till 12am.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tournery 7pm. \$3 entry (Pot Matched) Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$5.

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. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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. Happy Hour 4-7. Fish Fry & Shrimp Fry Noon to 8:30pm. Drag Show every Friday with Crystal Abrams and Bunny FuFu 8:45 pm No Cover. Now serving fresh Oysters oly \$4 3-5pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 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. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel open 9pm. DJ 9-1

SATURDAY

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

IBT's - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and 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 with Fries and Salad \$5.99 5-8 p.m. Latino Nite every 'first' and 'second' Saturday of the month, w/DJ Eduardo. 3rd and 4th Saturday is Super Disco Mix with DJ Bing Bing

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel Open 9pm.

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

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

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TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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



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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Desert Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Desert Boyz

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(FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

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.

"OUT ON THE TRAILS - EQUESTRIAN FUN!" Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

LIKE TO READ?

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

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

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.

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

NEW TUCSON SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP. Secular Organizations for Sobriety - Sundays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at 739 N. 4th Ave. Contacts Rick R. 520-792-2604 or Gary S. 520-323-1969. More Information at www.secularhumanism.org/sos/ This group is an alternative to 12-step programs

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify male and are 18 or older). 7pm at Desert Dominion, 3843 e. 37th St., Tucson (Map available www.desertdominion.org.) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee. Contributors are appreciated, but not required.

TNTucsonMEN, a nudist Gay men's club. We are a social and recreational group. By the way, TN means totally naked! Drop us an e-mail at TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com

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Study: 1/3 Of Businesses Ready For Same-Sex Health Benefits

NEW YORK - A third of U.S. employers would extend health benefits to same-sex spouses but only 15 percent would be willing to offer retirement benefits to Gay and Lesbian couples, a survey of human resource officials at over 200 companies found recently, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The new poll, conducted by Aon Corporation, an international company that advises firms on employee benefit issues, found that 33 percent of respondents would approve an employee's request that a health benefit plan recognize a Gay or Lesbian partner. About 40 percent said they do not intend to honor such requests, and about 28 percent said they didn't know what they would do if faced with the situation.

The survey, which was conducted anonymously by the Chicago-based firm over the past two weeks, was conceived in the wake of legalized same-sex marriages in Massachusetts and San Francisco's issuance of marriage certificates to Gay couples earlier this year. Thirty percent of responding companies had 500 or fewer employees, and 14 percent of respondents were from companies with more than 10,000 employees, the firm reported.

About 11 percent of the companies polled currently provide health coverage for same-sex domestic partners, but 51 percent said they had not reviewed their benefit plans

to determine whether the term "spouse" could include someone of the same gender.

"When considering the impact of the same-gender marriage decision in Massachusetts, the largest factor that seems to drive behavior for employers is how these plans are treated by the Internal Revenue Code," Paul Sullivan, an assistant vice president with Aon, said in a statement.

"Federally qualified retirement plans apparently do not want to run the risk of losing their 'qualified' status, and this is a distinct possibility if these plans recognize same-gender spouses in violation of the federal Defense of Marriage Act."

The Senate is slated to begin a debate July 12 on a proposed amendment to the Constitution that would ban Gay marriage. President Bush asked Congress to approve such an amendment in February after Massachusetts' highest court decided that Gay couples had the right to marry.

Pentagon Admits Anti-Harrassment Policies Spotty

WASHINGTON - Four years after the Pentagon issued an Anti-Harassment Action Plan to address anti-Gay harassment, and a full year after a Congressional inquiry into the matter, the Department of Defense has issued its first formal review of its efforts to curb anti-Gay harassment in the armed forces, reported 365Gay.com.

In a letter to Members of Congress, Under Secretary of Defense David Chu said implementation of the policy "varies" by service.

"The Department of Defense's response is feckless," said C. Dixon Osburn, Executive Director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN). "In four years, the Pentagon has failed to produce evidence of full compliance with its own Anti-Harassment Action Plan, and it has failed to measure and report the level of anti-Gay harassment in the field."

The Pentagon adopted the Anti-Harassment Action Plan after the July 1999 murder of Private First Class Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The two soldiers who killed Winchell thought he was Gay. Soldiers later testified that Winchell endured daily taunts for four months prior to his murder. The resulting plan calls for annual, rank-appropriate training for all military personnel, a clear definition of harassment, accountability for those engaging in or condoning harassment, and annual reporting on each Service's implementation of the plan.

In his letter to Congress, Under Secretary Chu states that "measuring the true outcomes of a policy or training is difficult," despite the DOD Inspector General having done just that in 1999. In December of that year, the Department of Defense Inspector General conducted a survey of 72,000 troops to assess level of anti-Gay sentiment in the field. The Inspector General found that 80% of respondents had heard derogatory, anti-Gay remarks during the past year, and that 37% of respondents had witnessed or experienced targeted incidents of anti-Gay harassment. It also found that nearly 10% of respondents reported witnessing or experiencing anti-Gay physical assaults.

Last March the SLDN issued its won report showing that "none of the individual services have implemented the training requirements spelled out under the AHAP," that "no service has properly instructed personnel on how to safely report anti-Gay

harassment," and that "The Pentagon has failed to issue a single Department-wide directive on harassment."

Nevertheless, Chu describes the existing Service policies and programs as "sufficient to address" harassment.

"We applaud the Pentagon's commitment to training personnel on harassment, but training must be comprehensive and, above all, must produce results" said Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA), a member of the House Armed Services Committee. "Despite Undersecretary Chu's praise for Pentagon policy, the evidence supporting such endorsement is lacking in his report and should be made available. A single death threat is one too many."

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