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FMA Loses First Battle In U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) will like never make it to a vote in the Senate Republican leaders admitted Tuesday, July 13, 365Gay.com reported.

With the party deeply divided and Democrats almost unanimously opposed, the GOP leadership in the Senate acknowledged it does not have the 67 votes required for passage, nor does it have the 60 votes needed to prevent a threatened Democratic filibuster.

The Senate began debating the proposed amendment, which would define marriage as between a man and a woman on Friday, July 9, and it soon became clear that a number of Republican senators did not support the measure. Though few, if any, in the GOP support same-sex marriage many in the party believe the Constitution is not the place to put social amendments, citing states' rights.

But, the clincher may have been a Sunday television interview in which wife of Vice President Dick Cheney said she believes that the issue of Gay marriage should be left up to the states. The interview, on CNN's Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer, showed how fractured the GOP was on the issue.

Monday, July 12, the debate in the Senate continued with a growing number of Republican's expressing misgivings. In a bid to shore up support for the amendment, the leadership tried to add a second amendment, in essence leaving open the door for recognizing same-sex relationships but making it unconstitutional to call them marriages.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), a supporter of amending the Constitution, told the Senate that same-sex couples should be able to live together like married people, should have insurance and estate benefits like married people, and should be able to visit and care for each other in hospitals like married people.

But Hatch said he draws the line at actually declaring same-sex couples "married".

"We ought to be able to solve those inadequacies in the law without changing a 5,000-year-plus definition of marriage."

Democrats refused to allow the second proposal to go forward, leaving Hatch and other supporters of an amendment frustrated.

The GOP leadership is now expected Wednesday, July 14, to postpone indefinitely a vote on the proposed amendment and attempt a procedural vote called cloture, an effort to limit the debate on the issue in an attempt to curtail a threatened Democratic filibuster.

The move would give the leadership a strong indication of how much support they might expect if the amendment actually comes to a vote.

But, political observers on both sides of the issue counted heads in the Senate Tuesday morning and believe there is not even the 60 votes needed for a cloture vote.

However, even in defeat the GOP is expected to use the vote as "a victory" giving them the opportunity to point a finger at Democrats accuse them of being weak on social issues.

Democrats, will also be able to declare victory saying that even many Republicans oppose changing the Constitution.

Two key Democratic senators will not be on the Hill for the procedural vote: Presidential candidate John Kerry and his running mate John Edwards. On the weekend Kerry said he would return to Washington to vote against the amendment but he said that if the issue became enveloped in procedural wrangling he would not be there.

By staying away, it removes Kerry, to a large extent, as a target for a further GOP attack. This week the RNC began running ads accusing Kerry of being soft of Gay marriage.

"The situation remains fluid," Human Rights Campaign spokesperson Steven Fisher told 365Gay.com.

"We have to send a message that our community will not be used as an election pawn. The larger the margin the clearer the message will be that the politics of discrimination will fail."

Fisher said Gays still need to contact their senators to voice their opposition to any attempt to amend the Constitution.

HRC launched "The Cheneys" a television ad featuring clips of Vice President Cheney and Lynne Cheney outlining conservative reasons for opposing federal law banning Gay marriage.

The ad shows the dissenting opinions of the Vice President and his wife. The ads will run in Lincoln, Hastings, North Platte and Omaha, Neb.; Manchester, N.H.; Cleveland, Akron, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio; Denver, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction; Colo.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Washington, D.C.

With the Senate set to deliver George W. Bush a serious defeat and potential embarrassment over the Federal Marriage Amendment the Republican in the House say they are continuing to move ahead on the issue that would insert a ban on Gay marriage in the Constitution.

GOP Supporters of the proposed amendment are setting their eyes on a vote just prior to the November election.

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Court: Oregon Must Recognize G/L Spouses

PORTLAND - The Oregon Court of Appeals refused on Friday, July 9, to halt an order requiring the state to officially register the more than 3,000 same-sex marriages that took place in Multnomah County earlier this year, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The marriages were supposed to have been registered last month in accord with a ruling last April, but the appellate court had temporarily stayed the ruling while it considered the state's request more thoroughly.

That consideration ended Friday with the court's refusal to grant a restraining order against recognizing the same-sex marriages. The move is expected to give the Gay and Lesbian couples the same state benefits that heterosexual married couples have.

Basic Rights Oregon (BRO), the state's leading advocate for GLBT rights, praised Friday's ruling.

"These couples have already done what any other couple seeking to

marry has already done to marry in the state of Oregon," BRO spokeswoman Rebekah Kassell said. "It's only fair that the state register those marriages — and that they are afforded the same protections and responsibilities of marriage that any other Oregon couple is afforded."

According to an Associated Press report, Ken Neely, a spokesman for Attorney General Hardy Myers, said the state might appeal the ruling to the Oregon Supreme Court.

In April, Multnomah County Circuit Judge Frank Bearden ruled that Oregon's marriage laws violated the state constitutional rights of Gay and Lesbian couples.

Bearden suspended the same-sex weddings that had been taking place in the state during several weeks in March and April and said he would allow the Oregon Legislature to try to resolve the situation. But he also ruled that the 3,022 same-sex couples already married in Oregon must have their marriages registered by the state — a condition that was reinforced by Friday's decision.

New Jersey Partner Law Takes Effect

TRENTON - New Jersey joined a handful of states in recognizing same-sex unions with a new domestic partnership registry that many agree is a positive step forward, but one that doesn't go far enough for advocates of same-sex marriage, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"The new law has taken us from third-class citizens to second-class citizens," Steven Goldstein told the New York Times.

Goldstein and his partner, Daniel Gross, have been together 12 years and moved to Teaneck, N.J., from New York City just to become eligible to register under the new law.

The new law allows couples to file joint state income tax returns, to inherit property without paying state property tax and gives them power to make medical decision on behalf of a partner who becomes incapacitated.

It does not guarantee a surviving partner can inherit property if the deceased partner dies without leaving a will, makes no provision for custody of children born during the domestic partnership and does not require private employers to offer domestic partner benefits.

"This will be the first time New Jersey pays any attention to us, but it's not nearly enough," Darcy Conaty told the Burlington County Times. "We're very much being treated differently from couples who are similarly situated."

Conaty and her partner, Melissa Robinson, have been in their relationship for 20 years.

Some same-sex couples also did

not like the fact that law also allows unmarried heterosexual couples who are 62 to register as domestic partners.

Still, more than 400 Gay and Lesbian couples lined up to register under the new law in Maplewood on Saturday. The mood was notably upbeat, with the crowd singing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

"There are two parts to today's celebration," Steve Mershon, a member of Rainbow Families of Maplewood-South Orange, told the Times. "One is the advancement of civil rights. The second part is celebrating the love and commitment of the couples."

TUCSON SIDEWINDERS BENEFIT FOR TIHAN SUNDAY, JULY 18

TUCSON - The Fifth Annual Tucson Sidewinders Benefit for TIHAN is coming up this Sunday, July 18th, 6:00 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a baseball game as the Tucson Sidewinders take on the Sacramento River Cats. Enjoy the game from the air-conditioned press box suite directly behind home plate! \$30 admission includes the game, a hamburger/hot dog buffet with chips, cookies, and soda, and support of TIHAN (\$15 of each ticket is tax-deductible donation to TIHAN). There is also a cash bar in the suite.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m., and the game begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the TIHAN Office, 492 North Alvernon, (520) 299-6647, IBT's, 616 North 4th Avenue, or by calling Dave Locke, (520) 326-1952. Come join us for one of our TIHAN's more unique benefits, and watch the boys of summer!

UPDATE

County Attorney Names Craig Cramer Civil Chief

TUCSON - A deputy Pima County attorney has been appointed to take the helm of the office's civil division, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

Amelia Craig Cramer has been chosen as the Pima County attorney's new chief civil deputy, making her responsible for the department that advises county offices and handles personnel issues. She replaces Katharina Richter, who retires at the end of July.

Craig Cramer has volunteered thousands of hours to the cause of equal rights for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgender individuals, as well as people with HIV/AIDS. She's helped found four organizations that target discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Craig Cramer was executive director for Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston, an associate in a Washington, D.C., law firm and worked here for the law firm of Brown and Bain.

Wingspan Anti-Violence Training July 19-24

TUCSON - The Wingspan Anti_Violence Project (WAVP) is a social change and social service project that works to address and end violence in the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people.

WAVP provide 24-hour crisis intervention, information, referrals, support groups, emergency shelter, and advocacy to LGBT victim/survivors of all forms of violence. Additionally, we offer extensive outreach and education programs. We provide outreach and services for victim/survivors of domestic violence, hate/bias crimes and incidents, harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of violence.

WAVP will hold a free, engaging, interactive, and informative training for potential volunteers, service providers, students, and interested community members on the following dates: July 19, Monday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., July 21, Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., July 22, Thursday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., July 24, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (with an hour lunch break).

To volunteer, WAVP asks that you attend each of the four training sessions. If you'd like to volunteer, but are unable to attend each training session, please email to: heather@wingspan.org. WAVP may be able to accommodate your schedule. WAVP would not be able to sustain our 24 hour crisis line without volunteers just like you. We ask our volunteers to commit to just one night a month!

If you are interested in attending the training, please email: your name, address, and phone number to: heather@wingspan.org or call Heather, (520) 624-1779. We will send you a volunteer application and more information about the training.

Ohio State University Approves Domestic Partners Benefits

COLUMBUS - Ohio State University's board of trustees has extended full benefits to same-sex domestic partners of faculty and staff members and their children, advocate.com reported.

The plan is expected to cost nearly \$1 million annually. Ohio State executive vice president Barbara Snyder said the school has not determined how it will pay for the benefits but that no state money will be used. Snyder said she expects 50 to 100 people to take advantage of the benefits, which include medical, dental, and vision plans. The university will pay 85% of the cost, as it does for other university employees. "It was a brave step. Whether or not you are

in favor of Gay rights, this is great for the university," said Douglas J. Whaley, an Ohio State law professor and Gay rights activist.

Students and their same-sex domestic partners as well as the children of those couples also will be eligible for coverage. The university will not pay for that coverage. In late June, Miami University and Ohio University became the state's first public colleges to offer full health benefits to domestic partners. Since then, Cleveland State University has announced plans to add domestic-partner benefits. Snyder said the move Friday was necessary to keep Ohio State competitive with other schools. Board chairman Tami Longaberger said President Karen A. Holbrook talked with board members individually about the issue and that it was discussed in the past by student and faculty groups. "We have already heard from a variety of people on this," Longaberger said, adding that she was sure faculty and staff members support the move.

Miami Beach Protects Transgendered People

MIAMI BEACH - The Gay-friendly resort city of Miami Beach, Fla., voted unanimously on Wednesday, July 7, to include Transgendered people in its anti-discrimination ordinance, advocate.com reported.

The city commission changed the definition of gender in its ordinance to include "gender-related self-identity, self-image, appearance, expression or behavior, whether or not such gender-related characteristics differ from those associated with the individual's assigned sex at birth." Before the vote, the law banned discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, and sexual orientation.

More than 50 cities, 11 counties, and four states have similar laws protecting Transgendered people. Key West and Monroe County had been the only two areas in Florida to ban discrimination against the Transgendered. "It was the right decision to make, the right thing to do," Miami Beach mayor David Dermer said. "Miami Beach continues to be in the forefront of human rights legislation. There is no room for discrimination in Miami Beach."

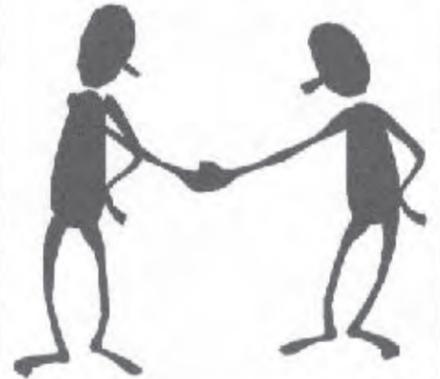
Federal Court Rules In Favor Of Removing Anti-Gay Banners

MADISON - A federal judge has ruled that police in Madison, Wis., did not violate a minister's free speech rights by ordering the removal of anti-Gay banners from highway overpasses, reported advocate.com.

U.S. district judge John Shabaz said Wednesday, July 7, that police had ordered the banners, which read "Homosexuality Is a Sin," removed from the pedestrian overpasses along the city's Beltline not because of their message but because they caused potential traffic hazards to drivers. The Reverend Ralph Ovadal of Monroe, chairman of Wisconsin Christians United, had sued the Madison police department in May, alleging it violated his free speech rights by ordering him to remove the banners last year. Police ordered Ovadal on September 2 and October 11 to remove the banners from pedestrian overpasses near Verona Road and near Park Street.

Shabaz denied a request for a temporary injunction that would have barred Madison police from ordering the removal of the banners. The judge said such a ban would have been overly broad and would have prevented police from acting to ensure public safety. In order to grant the injunction, Shabaz said he would have had to find that the lawsuit had a reasonable chance of success on its merits. But the judge said that without making a better case it has very little chance to succeed. Ovadal said the case will go forward. "We think that the pedestrian overpasses are a safe and effective way to conduct our message," the minister said.

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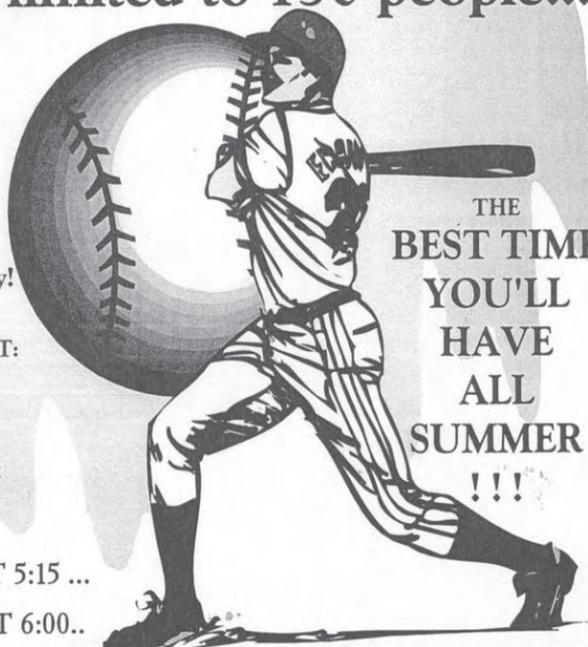
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1st U.S. G/L Health Spa Resort Opens In Tucson

TUCSON - Four years after inspiration struck, Joe Studer is ready to open Coyote Moon Health Resort and Spa, a Gay-owned and operated resort and spa, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

The University Medical Center nurse dreamed of a resort in Tucson that would provide holistic healing and relaxation for Gays and Lesbians in an open, uninhibited setting.

Studer hopes to attract "older, more financially stable" Gay and Lesbian tourists, he said.

"Coyote Moon Resort and Spa offers Gay and Lesbian travelers the chance to fulfill their maturing desires for a high-end spa vacation," Studer said.

Nationally, more than 53 percent of Gay and Lesbian travelers spent at least \$5,000 per person on vacations last year, and 32 percent plan on increasing spending next year, according to a study by Community Marketing Inc., a San Francisco-based marketing research firm.

Beginning in November, Coyote Moon will begin offering fitness activities, holistic health education, daily lectures, entertainment and a host of outdoor activities to Gay and Lesbian guests.

"We seek harmony of the mind, body and spirit," said Studer, the owner and general manager. "That's really what it's all about."

Studer, 40, jumped at the opportunity to lease La Tierra Linda Guest Ranch Resort, 7501 N. Wade Road, last September, with an option to buy.

The 30-acre resort at the base of Sombrero Peak in the Tucson Mountains includes 16 guest rooms, stables, a yoga and Pilates studio, a pool and a whirlpool spa.

"Coyote Moon is about balance and holistic care," said Studer, who has

been in the health industry for 20 years. "It's a different type of healing experience when people actively seek it out."

Coyote Moon's target market will be 50 percent male and 50 percent female, with an average age of 45.

Studer feels strongly that this is the type of vacation that will attract Gays and Lesbians.

"It's not about being segregated or separate," said Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan. "But it can be very uncomfortable for us sometimes, even though we are doing what a lot of heterosexuals do."

Studer is advertising in national Gay and Lesbian travel magazines such as the OutTraveler and Curve.

"It's easier than regular marketing," he said. "The media sources are so focused."

Studer expects that almost 75 percent of guests will be Gay and Lesbian couples.

"We are going to appeal to couples," Studer said. "We want couples to be able to walk around holding hands."

A relaxed setting is the resort's selling point.

"It's nice to go somewhere and not have to worry about other people and what they think about what we are doing," Burbank said.

But Studer is quick to point out that while the resort is marketing to a homosexual audience, "any and every open-minded" person is welcome.

"A lot of Gay men travel with their friends and family," he said. "And they are more than welcome here."

Coyote Moon isn't alone in trying to capture the business of Gay and Lesbian consumers.

A lot of companies are jockeying for a portion of the Gay and Lesbian market, said Matt Skallerud, vice president of the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association. "Travel is the largest segment that companies are pursuing."

The Gay and Lesbian travel market represents \$54.1 billion annually in the United States, or an estimated 10 percent of the travel industry, according to a Travel Weekly survey.

A stay at Coyote Moon could cost as much as \$3,000 a week per person, but that hasn't deterred vacationers.

"People are lining up," Studer said. "It's been overwhelming."

Coyote Moon will also include a day spa offering massages, holistic medicine, body treatments and facials.

"We're very pleased that this is opening in Tucson, but not just for the site," said Wingspan's Burbank. "It will bring more tourists to Tucson who go visit sites and restaurants. It's good for the economy."

The property's owner, a private investor from Chicago, put \$1 million into the resort before leasing it to Studer.

Studer spent \$400,000, mostly on interior renovations. He has worked to preserve the historic feel of the resort from the 1930s, when it was expanded into a dude ranch to host the Hollywood elite.

Coyote Moon will double the number of guest suites and triple the size of the spa and salon in the next 18 to 24 months, Studer said.

"We probably won't get much bigger than that," he said. "I want keep that small, quaint feeling."

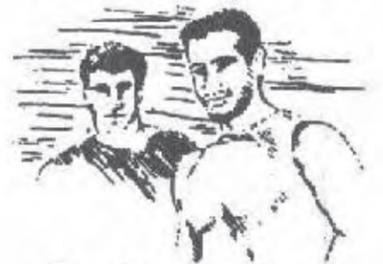
Tucson LGBT Kerry / Edwards House Party July 29

TUCSON (ON) - On Thursday, July 29, people will be gathering at thousands of parties held across the nation to hear Senator John Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee (at that time), to give his acceptance speech, as well as taking part in a conference call with the next President of the United States.

Gay and Lesbians in Tucson will be converging July 29, starting at 4:30 p.m., at Gallery 410, 410 E. Ft. Lowell, for a local party being hosted by the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats (SASD). This party is a fund raiser for the Arizona Democratic Party's Get Out The Vote effort, an important part of the campaign since the Grand Canyon State is one of the battleground states in the upcoming general election campaign.

Hors D'oeuvres and drinks will be served and as a added bonus, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano will be taking part in a conference call before Senator Kerry's. To RSVP, call (520) 743-4320 or 323-2293 before July 25. If one can't attend, make a checks payable to "Arizona Democratic Party," put in the memo line "GOTV" and mail them to: c/o Jesse George, 3350 W. Sandalwood Drive, Tucson, Arizona, 85745.

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Congressional Outings Unfold In Light Of Amendment Debate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A full-page ad that ran in a Gay newspaper on Friday, July 9, is adding to what local Gay rights activists are calling an "outing craze," in which some Gay activists are threatening to out staffers working for congresspeople who support a proposed federal constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, advocate.com reported.

The ad, titled "Final Call to Conscience," appeared in the Washington Blade on Friday, July 9, the same day Republicans in the U.S. Senate began debate on the Federal Marriage Amendment. "For Years Our Silence Has Protected You. Today That Protection Ends," the ad read.

According to The Washington Post, the ad was paid for by the Web site DearMary.com, named after Mary Cheney, Vice President Dick Cheney's openly Lesbian daughter, who has remained silent on the FMA. It was similar to "Call to Conscience," an ad that ran in the Blade in 1996 when Congress was deliberating the Defense of Marriage Act. John Aravosis, national cochairman of DearMary.com, told the Post that like the previous ad, this one seeks to highlight the "hypocrisy within Gays and Lesbians on the Hill who work for antiGay members of Congress."

A number of Gay rights activists in Washington have been arguing that there are Gay men and Lesbians on the Hill who lead "closeted" lives at the office, supporting the "homophobic" stance of their bosses, then go to Gay bars and attend functions with their Gay lovers after work, the Post reports. Asked to explain what sounds like an ultimatum in the ad, Aravosis said, "there is no quid pro quo here. What we're saying is, we

won't tolerate this anymore." Aravosis, 40, a political consultant, said DearMary.com has raised \$23,000 since February and has used the money to run DearMary.com ads online for the past three weeks. "The Gay community needs to have a debate: Is it OK for members of our community to help our enemies attack us? This is a big Gay town. Lots of Gays, who work for both Republicans and Democrats."

Local fund-raiser and consultant Michael Rogers, 40, is leading his own outing campaign, the Post reports. Two days ago he started a Web log that lists the names of congressional staffers who he and his network of a dozen volunteers say are Gay, based on tips from "Hill staffers" and "organizational staffers," he said yesterday. "We're working on a lot of leads, two of them elected members of Congress," said Rogers, who says he has received death threats since launching the blog. "Fact is, a group of congressmen have declared war on Gay people, and we're fighting back. We need to expose the hypocrisy of Congress."

The Human Rights Campaign and the Log Cabin Republicans have both come out against the "outing tactics." "Our enemies are the enemies on Capitol Hill and in the White House who are trying to write discrimination in the Constitution," HRC spokesman Steven Fisher told the Post. "The outing of staffers is counterproductive," added Log Cabin executive director Patrick Guerriero. "It takes the focus away from changing the hearts and minds of legislators on Capitol Hill.... The reality is, there are a lot of courageous Hill staffers having heart-to-heart discussions with their bosses to get them to be on the right side of the FMA issue. Coming out is a personal journey, not one dictated by others."

Gay Bishop Urges Gays & Lesbians To Return To Church

BURLINGTON - The Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire, who has drawn both admiration and opposition because of his homosexuality, urged Gays, Lesbians, and Transgendered people to return to the church, advocate.com reported.

Bishop V. Gene Robinson delivered a sermon on Saturday, July 10, at St. Paul's Cathedral in Burlington, Vt., as part of the Gay pride celebration. Robinson told some 300 worshippers at the service that many churches have become more accepting of Gay men and Lesbians. "You and I have spent a lot of time with folks that don't know a God," Robinson told the congregation, many of whom sported Gay pride buttons, stickers, and T-shirts worn earlier at a downtown parade. "You and I have to come out to our homosexual brothers and sisters as well about God."

Robinson blames the church for those who turned away from it. Religious traditions have told Gays and Lesbians that being who they are is a sin. Because the church is responsible for turning so many away, it is now responsible for bringing even more back to God, he said. "An awful lot of people left their churches for very good reasons," Robinson said earlier Saturday in an interview. "Not leaving would have been like staying with an abusive spouse. Some of the churches, including the Episcopal Church, are changing."

Opinion in the worldwide 77-million-member Anglican Communion, of which the American Episcopal Church is a part, was divided last year over Robinson's consecration as bishop. Many worried it would push members out of the church. Some Anglican congregations had threatened to break away, but the controversy seems to have abated. Robinson officially took over as bishop in March. Robinson said he has not seen throngs of churchgoers leave his parishes

in New Hampshire; in fact, he said, the opposite has occurred. New members have joined the church, including Gays, Lesbians, former Catholics, and Episcopalians who had left the church. The politics in the Episcopal Church over accepting homosexuality have spread outside the church as well. Robinson said Republicans are using the issue of same-sex marriage to divert attention from the economy and the war in Iraq. Robinson said he supports marriage for same-sex couples but believes churches should get out of "the marriage business." Instead, he said, legal marriage should be a government function, and churches should bless marriages.

Mario Cantone To Star In One-Man Broadway Show

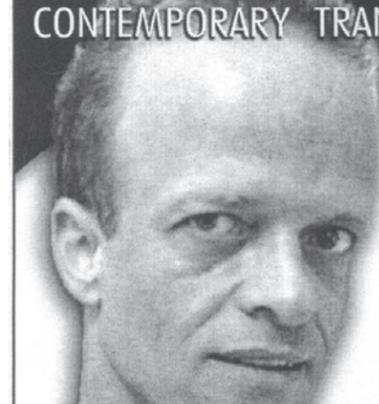
NEW YORK - Mario Cantone, best known as the acid-tongued Anthony Marantino on HBO's Sex and the City, will arrive on Broadway this fall in a new one-man show, Laugh Whore, advocate.com reported.

The production, directed by Tony-winner Joe Mantello, opens October 17 at the Cort Theatre, with preview performances expected to start in late September, it was announced Wednesday, July 7.

Cantone is a veteran stand-up comedian and will offer his acerbic views on current events plus his take on celebrities old and new. Cantone is now appearing on Broadway in the Roundabout Theatre Company revival of Assassins, the Stephen Sondheim-John Weidman musical.



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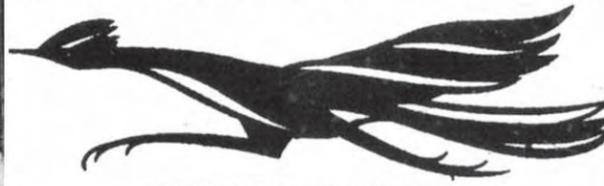
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by Mark R. Kerr

'This Won't Go Away'

As this nation has Dubya at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, as the "Occupier & Thief" and Republicans control both chambers on Capitol Hill, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and HIV/AIDS bashing won't go away and the real problems that best the United States won't be dealt with anytime soon.

As the Senate version of the Federal Marriage Amendment (S.J. Res. 26), as of press time, appears headed for a defeat, since a majority of Americans, newspapers as well as Senators, don't support amending the U.S. Constitution enshrining and codifying discrimination against Gay and Lesbian citizens, Republicans are continuing their Gay and Lesbian bashing for votes, especially in this election year.

Homophobic U.S. House Majority Leader, Tom DeLay, R-Dubya, said that the House version of the Federal Marriage Amendment (H.J. Res. 56) will be taken up, debated and voted on, despite what has transpired in the U.S. Senate, to "put it on the record for voters," wonderful code words for Gay and Lesbian election-year bashing.

In addition to the House proposal, DeLay has two bills pending that would restrict access to the judicial branch of government for Gays and Lesbians, when it comes to relationship issues, since it would be illegal for judges to consider cases and that any other relationship than a marriage between a man and woman, wouldn't be recognized in the District of Columbia, which has one of branches of the U.S. Court of Appeals, part of the judicial branch of the federal government.

Current Senate Majority Leader, Bill Frist, R-TN, has said, trying to save face, said that the FMA will be brought back next year, and if they're in charge, this will be back, along with the removal of the "Sunset Clause" from their proposed

amendment - meaning instead of seven years to get 38 states to approve their proposed amendment of hate, they would have an indefinite period of time to get the necessary approval - just like the most recent (27th) amendment, dealing with Congressional pay raises, proposed in 1789 and approved in 1992, that is, if the Republicans have control of things or if the GLBT and HIV/AIDS communities have something to say and do during this campaign.

As previously reported, Senator John Kerry, the soon-to-be Democratic presidential nominee's campaign has started their GLBT outreach effort, targeting Arizona as one of the battleground states in the general election campaign. More than three-dozen people attended the initial organizing meeting, held July 12, in Tucson, and a house party is next up on the schedule, July 29, when GLBT Tucsonans will gather to hear Senator Kerry's acceptance speech from the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

Meetings and get-together's aside, phoning, walking, GOTV (Get Out The Vote), in addition to other activities will take place over the next three plus months and GLBT Arizonans, as well as those living with HIV/AIDS, must do their part in this endeavor. To volunteer, help, or for more information, in Tucson call David Higuera, Kerry's Pima County Field Director (520) 326-3716 or Mark Kvale, the GLBT Kerry-Edwards Outreach Coordinator in Arizona, (480) 233-8082, or E-mail him, mark.kvale@msn.com. In addition to this effort, several GLBT groups, organizations and businesses have united in a effort to register 5,000 GLBT voters statewide. This endeavor, "Vote For Unity," will be having a slew of events and activities as well. For more information in Southern Arizona, contact Kristen Felan, (520) 245-9009 or E-mail Kristen, kfelan@ahr.org.

New Drugs Block AIDS, But A Vaccine Remains Elusive

BANGKOK - Two decades into the AIDS pandemic the world has two dozen drugs to fight the virus, and researchers have high hopes for new classes of medicine that block the virus before it can enter human cells. But an effective vaccine—the best hope for the developing world, where drugs remain out of reach for millions—is still only a distant hope, advocate.com reported.

Pharmaceutical makers shared their latest advances at the International AIDS Conference. Joep Lange, president of the International AIDS Society, expects a focus on experimental compounds that stop HIV from entering cells rather than fighting it once inside. Such drugs may keep patients healthy for longer with fewer side effects. "The inhibition of HIV entry is the field with the most promise at the moment," said Lange, a professor of internal medicine at the University of Amsterdam. "One of the main problems with current drugs is their long-term toxicity and particularly their metabolic side effects. It is very unlikely that the entry inhibitors will give those sort of side effects."

Switzerland's Roche and U.S. biotech group Trimeris last year launched the first drug of this type, known as a fusion inhibitor. Now Pfizer and Schering-Plough are racing to develop a different kind of entry inhibitor that blocks a cellular doorway called CCR5 and can be given as a pill. Schering-Plough reported promising early-stage results with a compound called SCH-D in February, and Pfizer is expected to report in Bangkok that its rival drug, UK-427,857, is at least

as effective as existing antiretrovirals in short-term tests. Pfizer aims to start final Phase III tests later this year, putting it ahead in the race to develop a drug that, if successful, could generate sales of \$500 million to 700 million a year, according to Cathay Financial analyst Sena Lund in New York.

Little concrete news is expected to be presented in Bangkok on a safe and effective HIV vaccine. Trials of 30 vaccine candidates are currently under way in 19 countries—but there is only one pivotal Phase III trial, and hopes for this project, involving 16,000 volunteers in Thailand, are not high following the failure of a related study last year.

"An effective AIDS vaccine promises to end the epidemic," said Seth Berkley, president and chief executive of the nonprofit International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. "A 50% effective vaccine given to two thirds of the adult population could reduce infections up to 60%." To get there, Berkley wants to see 10% of global AIDS spending devoted to finding a vaccine, up from between 2% and 3% now.

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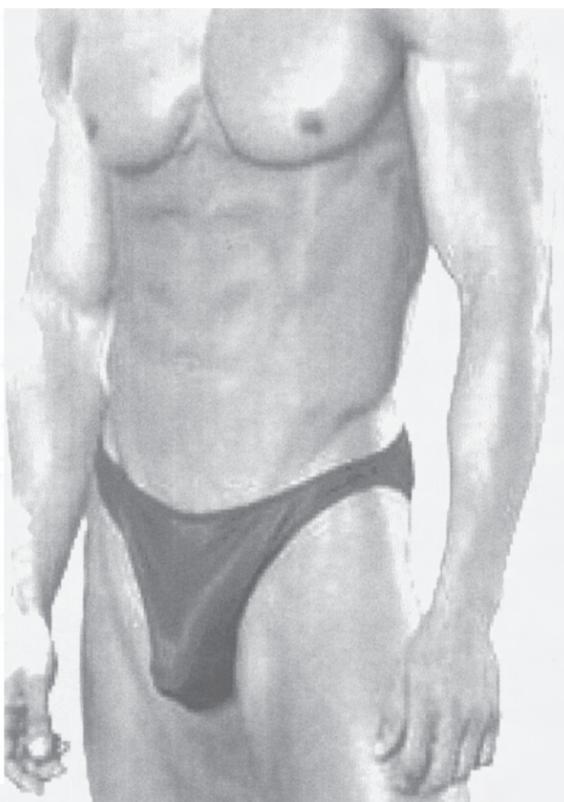
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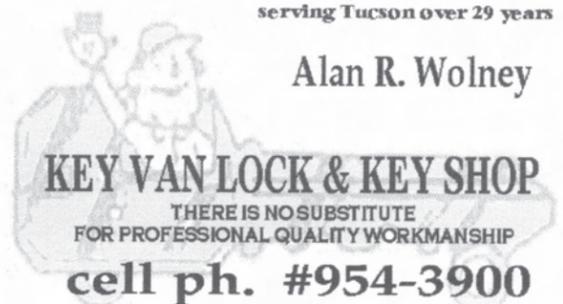
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REPORT SAYS FEDERAL SCIENTIFIC PANELS PACKED WITH IDEOLOGUES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A report released Thursday, July 8, by the Union of Concerned Scientists, a group of more than 4,000 researchers, including 48 Nobel Prize winners and 127 members of the National Academy of Sciences, accuses the Bush administration of distorting and suppressing science to support its political goals, including packing dozens of scientific panels with political ideologues, reported advocate.com.

"Across a broad range of policy areas, the Administration has undermined the quality and independence of the scientific advisory system and the morale of the government's outstanding scientific personnel," the scientists said in a letter.

The report, titled "Scientific Integrity in Policymaking: Further Investigation of the Bush Administration's Misuse of Science," lists a number of areas where the Administration either flatly ignores scientific evidence or rejects scientific advice to suit its political purposes, including abstinence education, condom use, stem cell research, and contraception.

The report also says the Administration has denied some scientists appointment to advisory panels because their political beliefs don't mesh with the White House's positions. For example, Gerald Keusch, former director of the National Institutes of Health's John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences, says the Administration rejected 19 of 26 candidates for the center's board, including a Nobel Prize

winner, because the candidates did not share many of Bush's political views. One center board nominee was allegedly rejected because she supports abortion rights; another was rejected because his name was printed in a letter criticizing the Bush administration for manipulating science for political purposes. Other nominees say they were asked a number of "leading political questions" by Health and Human Services staff members after being nominated for the board, only to have their appointments ultimately rejected by the White House. Nominee Richard Myers of Stanford University told Reuters he was even asked his personal opinion of the president. "There is no doubt in my mind that these questions represented a political litmus test," he said.

Some scientists say the Administration's rejection of scientific research and political manipulation of scientific agencies may ultimately force government scientists to abandon their work and enter the private sector, a move that could cripple government-backed research for years.

The White House rejected the report's conclusions, calling them "sweeping generalizations based on a patchwork of disjointed facts and accusations that reach conclusions that are wrong and misleading," said White House science adviser John Marburger. He also said the Administration "strongly supports" science and has increased federal funding for scientific research and development by 44% since 2001.

Experts Urge Condom Use To Stop AIDS

BANGKOK - Condom use has been a hotly debated topic at the international AIDS conference in Bangkok, Thailand, with several experts dismissing U.S. President Bush's emphasis on abstinence-only programs as a setback for HIV prevention worldwide.

In many Asian countries, including Thailand, condoms are promoted as the first-line defense against HIV infection. In fact, a campaign to enlist Thai sex workers to insist on condom usage led to a more-than-sevenfold reduction in HIV rates over 13 years, the Associated Press reported.

But other countries, such as the United States and Uganda, promote a three-prong prevention strategy that emphasizes abstinence as the main priority. The strategy is known as ABC: Abstinence, Being faithful and Condoms, in that order.

Ugandan officials have praised the success of the ABC approach in slowing HIV infection rates in the country.

U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., was one of the delegates at the conference who urged wealthy nations to spend more on condom distribution.

"In an age where 5 million people are newly infected each year and women and girls too often do not have the choice to abstain, an abstinence-until-marriage program is not only irresponsible, it's really inhumane," she said in a quote published by the Associated Press.

Advocates for Gay people with

HIV add that such programs also ignore the reality that people in the GLBT community cannot legally marry.

The emphasis on abstinence "sends a very clear negative message to the Gay community," said Ronald Johnson, associate executive director of the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis. HIV infection rates remain high among young Gay and Bisexual men and among Gay men of color in the United States.

Infection rates are also higher among Gay men in other parts of the world. Thai Gay men, for example, are 17 to 20 times more likely to contract the AIDS-causing virus than the general population, according to a Thai Ministry of Public Health study.

Various news outlets reported that protesters outside the 15th International AIDS Conference, which opened on Sunday, also urged more spending on condom distribution and education programs, among other demands.



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George W. Bush On The Federal Marriage Amendment

[The following is the text of George W. Bush's Weekly Radio Address to the Nation July 10.]

Good morning. The United States Senate this past week began an important discussion about the meaning of marriage. Senators are considering a constitutional amendment to protect the most fundamental institution of civilization, and to prevent it from being fundamentally redefined.

This difficult debate was forced upon our country by a few activist judges and local officials, who have taken it on themselves to change the meaning of marriage. In Massachusetts, four judges on the state's highest court have ordered the issuance of marriage licenses to applicants of the same gender. In San Francisco, city officials issued thousands of marriage licenses to people of the same gender, contrary to the California family code. Lawsuits in several states, including New Jersey, Florida, Nebraska, and Oregon, are also attempting to overturn the traditional definition of marriage by court order.

In 1996, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Defense of

Marriage Act, and President Clinton signed it into law. That legislation defines marriage, for purposes of federal law, as a union between a man and a woman, and declares that no state is required to accept another state's definition of marriage. Yet an activist court that strikes down traditional marriage would have little problem striking down the Defense of Marriage Act. Overreaching judges could declare that all marriages recognized in Massachusetts or San Francisco be recognized as marriages everywhere else.

When judges insist on imposing their arbitrary will on the people, the only alternative left to the people is an amendment to the Constitution -- the only law a court cannot overturn. A constitutional amendment should never be undertaken lightly -- yet to defend marriage, our nation has no other choice.

A great deal is at stake in this matter. The union of a man and woman in marriage is the most enduring and important human institution, and the law can teach respect or disrespect for that institution. If our laws teach that

marriage is the sacred commitment of a man and a woman, the basis of an orderly society, and the defining promise of a life, that strengthens the institution of marriage. If courts create their own arbitrary definition of marriage as a mere legal contract, and cut marriage off from its cultural, religious and natural roots, then the meaning of marriage is lost, and the institution is weakened. The Massachusetts court, for example, has called marriage "an evolving paradigm." That sends a message to the next generation that marriage has no enduring meaning, and that ages of moral teaching and human experience have nothing to teach us about this institution.

For ages, in every culture, human beings have understood that traditional marriage is critical to the well-being of families. And because families pass along values and shape character, traditional marriage is also critical to the health of society. Our policies should aim to strengthen families, not undermine them. And changing the definition of traditional marriage will undermine the family structure.

On an issue of this great

significance, opinions are strong and emotions run deep. All of us have a duty to conduct this discussion with civility and decency toward one another. All people deserve to have their voices heard. And that is exactly the purpose behind the constitutional amendment process. American democracy, not court orders, should decide the future of marriage in America.

The process has now begun in the Congress. I urge members of the House and Senate to pass, and send to the states for ratification, an amendment that defines marriage in the United States as a union of a man and woman as husband and wife.

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Queer As Folk Tackles Same-Sex Marriage

NEW YORK - While the issue of Gay marriage has received its share of television news and talk-show time, it has been largely absent from TV series until now, advocate.com reported.

Showtime's Queer as Folk charges into the debate in the season's last two episodes, in which partners Michael and Ben (Hal Sparks and Robert Gant) ponder marriage and decide it's right for them. But their joyful, legal Canadian wedding founders on the U.S. prohibition on same-sex unions. The scene in the July 11 episode in which Ben proposes is superficially mundane, with familiar words of commitment and a ring. Whether the gesture is seen as promising or unsettling is up to the viewer; those involved in the show hope it's the former.

"Michael Novotny, you are the man I've been looking for all my life," college professor Ben Bruckner says. "I'm so very blessed to have found you, which is why I am asking you to do me the honor of accepting my hand in marriage." Michael, a comic book creator who's usually an optimist, is unsettled and shares his feelings with a friend, Brian (Gale Harold). "It wasn't a story I told myself, the way straight kids did," Michael says, "that one day I'd meet that special person, and we'd fall in love and have a big wedding. For me, it was never real." When cynical Brian derides the idea of Gays needing marriage or society's blessing, Michael protests: "It's also our God-given right to have everything straight people have. Because we're as much human beings as they are." "You're a writer. Rewrite the story," Brian replies.

Series producers Ron Cowen and Daniel Lipman are eager to do some revision of their own on attitudes toward Gay marriage in America, especially as the stakes rise with proposal of a constitutional ban. They created the story for this Sunday's episode (along with Shawn Postoff, who wrote the teleplay) and wrote the July 18 finale in which Michael poignantly questions whether his Canadian marriage, discounted back home in Pittsburgh, meant anything. Michael's entrenched view of marriage as unattainable reflects real-life Gay attitudes, Lipman said. But that's changing with explosive developments such as the Massachusetts court ruling allowing same-sex marriage. "All of a sudden someone says, 'Yes, this could be part of your history....' It really is a profound thing for Gay people," Lipman said. Added Cowen: "All these very large social, political, religious issues ulti-

mately boil down to the lives of two people who want to get married. I just can't get it into my head that two people wanting to get married, two people wanting to say 'I do,' could threaten a country."

FMA Loses

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In the meantime, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas) is pushing two pieces of legislation that would strengthen the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

One bill would prevent the Supreme Court from hearing challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act. The other would stop the District of Columbia from recognizing Gay marriages performed in other states.

"If DeLay has his way, no federal court would ever be able to review one of the most important laws affecting the rights of married couples and their families," the American Civil Liberties Union said in a statement Tuesday, July 13.

"DeLay and Republican leaders do not understand the word 'no.'" They are now considering a proposal that would take away the right of the District of Columbia and its 600,000 residents to make their own decision on whether to recognize the marriages of Gay and Lesbian couples married in other states. If his proposal passes, Congress would be forcing discriminatory marriage policy on to the District of Columbia."

But, that may not be last of the amendment if it gains support in the House. Should the amendment pass the House, a companion bill could be reintroduced in the Senate. The same scenario could also occur if DeLay's bills make through committee and passage.

The Human Rights Campaign Tuesday warned that even though the amendment appear likely to fail, Gays should not abandon lobbying.

"The larger the margin the clearer the message will be that the politics of discrimination will fail," HRC spokesperson Steven Fisher told 365Gay.com.

Fisher said that a resounding defeat in the Senate would also send a message to the House leadership.

New Mexico Supremes Reject Same-Sex Marriage

SANTA FE - The New Mexico supreme court on Thursday, July 8, rejected a county clerk's request to issue more marriage licenses to same-sex couples, advocate.com reported.

The court, in a one-page order without comment, unanimously denied a request from Sandoval County clerk Victoria Dunlap to lift a temporary restraining order that prevents her from handing out more licenses to Gay couples. Dunlap issued more than 60 same-sex marriage licenses on February 20 but stopped that same day when Attorney General Patricia Madrid declared that Gay marriages were not legal under state law. Dunlap contends New Mexico laws support marriage for same-sex couples and that she should be allowed to resume issuing licenses to them. The attorney

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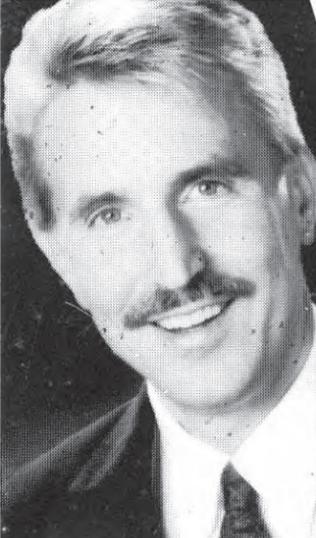
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Mercury and Mars conjunct this week which means that our thoughts become actions in rapid time. Never a slip betwixt the mind and the lip. Just don't trip on your tongue, comrade. Oops!

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
Gay Rams find sun, fun and frolic over the top and uncontrollable this week when Mars and Mercury meet. Your best party plans are upended and tossed into the cuisinart of chance. This has its advantages if you are willing to be carried along with the tide. If not, bury yourself in work. It may be lonely at the top but at least you'll have a secretary to ...ahem... take dictation.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Sexual miscommunication pales next to the havoc that is created between various family members or in your home life. Queer Bulls have full personal plates this week and are advised to keep their jolly sense of humor as the fates scramble their assorted eggs. Why not take that long awaited vacation? By the time you return, the dust will settle and be pushed back under the rug.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
They say that actions speak louder and prouder than words but now your words and actions carry a pretty powerful punch. Pink Twins should choose their moves carefully when Mercury and Mars tangle every nuance and set the scene on fire. All will go well if you can probe the hot issues a little more deeply and meaningfully with a small group of athletic-looking supporters.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
If money is a little tight and the job feels like a never ending mind game, blame Mercury and Mars for the worker discontent. Pink Crabs feel the urge to rebel and toss off the chains of their economic oppressors. I'm all for a good fight but why not wait before you react and possibly overreact; soon you will see the beauty of a little green in your lavender and will no longer be blue.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Mars and Mercury lockstep in your own sign. Proud Lions become an uncontrollable force, like a tornado or an earthquake. Channel your dreams, desires and even your frustrations into beneficial action like lifting weights or running a marathon. Too much undirected energy can wreak havoc with your landscape and cause you to scuttle otherwise well established plans.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Your imagination runs amok and your intuition can be way off base when Mars conjuncts Mercury. Queer Virgins can be all mouth and no thought. If you cannot concentrate on just being the former, zip the lip and reflect dispassionately without reacting, especially around family. Happily, this means that you can spend some quality time alone. No one will call. Believe me.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
A friend in need becomes excessively cloying. Gay Libras are apt to come off a little flinty when compadres come knocking. Avoid the temptation to wag a finger when Mercury and Mars conjunct. Opinionated commentary backfires while compassion rules. Simply keep an open mind and a closed wallet when the sob stories begin. Pretend to be moved. Carry an onion in case.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Proud Scorpis question their direction in life when Mars pushes Mercury. How much is the all corporate strain and pain worth? How much do you have to compromise for professional success? These questions can be posed but not adequately answered now. Stay on track and keep an eye on that open corner office before cashing in your chips and leaving the table.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Gay Archers are liable to blurt out all the wrong things to folks they do not know well when Mars and Mercury collide. So what else is new? First impressions certainly have lasting impact. (Sort of like a car accident.) If you trip on your lip, follow this simple sequence - smile, apologize, leave. Otherwise, hang around folks who know you very, very well, warts, farts and all.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Even randy pink Caps may make a fatal misstep in the dance of love this week when Mercury and Mars tango and turn your golden carriage into an overripe pumpkin. Before you find yourself without your royal consort, stop, look, listen but don't react to idle trashy gossip. Events conspire to put your face on page one. Smile darling. The show must go on and so will you.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
Maybe it's the little things that you do that drive partners and compadres so darn crazy now. Aqueerians may simply prefer to spend a few days on their own to avoid any possible flare-ups when Mercury and Mars collide. You are tempted to implement changes without consulting the "changee". Why bother right now? If you are going to push and pull, let it at least be mutual.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)
If long and short term employment prospects are found wanting now, blame the economic downturn on Mercury and Mars. Guppies burn the midnight oil and no one seems to notice. You propose great ideas only to have them co-opted and bastardized. Don't despair comrade; thank goodness you still have many wealthy pals who are willing to support you...emotionally.

New Mexico Supremes
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general says state law limits marriage in New Mexico to a man and a woman.

The supreme court, in a March 31 action, extended a restraining order that had been granted by a district court after Dunlap threatened to resume issuing same-sex marriage licenses. The same-sex marriage dispute remains pending in a case before state district judge Louis P. McDonald. Dunlap, whose term expires at the end of the year, had asked the court to dismiss the temporary restraining order, arguing that it had been in place longer than allowed under procedural rules. Madrid, in written arguments filed with the court earlier this week, said the supreme court's March 31 order was not subject to time limits governing district court procedures for restraining orders in civil cases.

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Wingspan launches the Anti-Violence Project – a community initiative to assist lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender victims of discrimination, domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes.

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Coors Seeks To Head Off G/L Boycott

CHICAGO - Faced with a threatened boycott by Gay consumers Coors Brewing Company is launching a major ad offensive to further distanced itself from Pete Coors, the company's Chairman, who is on a leave of absence to run for the US Senate on the Republican ticket from Colorado, 365Gay.com reported.

Pete Coors said he supports amending the US Constitution to prevent Gays from marrying, and has been consistently using the issue to garner support among Colorado conservatives.

But, the company which bears his family name, and to which he would return if he is unsuccessful in his bid for the Senate, says it does not support the amendment.

Coors Brewing is launching a million dollar ad campaign this month in the Gay press touting its LGBT civil rights efforts.

"We want to make our position perfectly clear," Coors CEO Leo Kiely says in the ad. "We do not support discrimination against the GLBT community - via legislation or otherwise."

In bold type the ad says "We do not support amending the Constitution."

The full page ads go on to outline the company's progress at being Gay inclusive since 1978 when the company was faced with its first boycott after supporting efforts in San Francisco to deny Gays civil rights. San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk launched the boycott of Coors products that spread across the country.

Ironically, it was Pete Coors who ended the company's involvement in anti-Gay political efforts.

The ads say that the company "made history in 1995 when Coors became the first major brewery in America to offer same-sex health benefits."

They also note that this year the company received a perfect score from the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index.

A group of bar owners in Chicago is calling for a boycott of Coors products over Pete Coors stand on the Gay marriage amendment.

New Book Details Increase In Anti-Gay Violence Worldwide

LONDON - In some countries Gay pride marches are mainstream and Gay politicians, actors, and pop stars are out and proud, but homophobia is growing across the world, with increasing numbers of countries making homosexuality punishable by death, advocate.com reported.

A new book published by human rights group Amnesty International says that despite widespread acceptance of Gays and Lesbians in some countries, violent persecution of Gays is on the rise and has reached "epidemic" levels. "Lesbian and Gay people who form or join organisations, be they political or social, are being violently persecuted in many parts of the world where before they might have been unnoticed," writes Vanessa Baird, the British author of Sex, Love and Homophobia." She singles out Uganda, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, El Salvador, and the rest of Latin America in particular, where she says "the targeting and killing of Transgender people has become an epidemic on streets."

The book offers an overview of the experiences of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgendered people around the world and provides a snapshot of their status in various societies today. One British Gay man interviewed describes how he was subjected to "aversion therapy" as a teenager in the 1960s because his mother could not accept that he was Gay. "I was locked up alone in a mental institution for 72 hours with supposedly Gay pornogra-

phy and given drugs to make me vomit and become incontinent," he said.

In the United States, Baird notes an increasing polarization of attitudes. "While San Francisco boasts the largest openly Gay community of any city in the world, anti-homosexual movements in Kansas, Ohio and Colorado advocate as a 'Christian duty' the rejection, and in some cases even killing, of Gay people," she writes. "And this is not all just a small group of nutters in the Midwest," she told Reuters. "This kind of evangelism is growing, and unfortunately a substantial part of it is homophobic and says homosexuality is a sin or a disease."

Baird's book also focuses on countries where homosexuality is punishable by death, including Iran, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Mauritania, Sudan, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, and northern provinces of Nigeria. Baird quotes Iran's 1991 Islamic penal code, which states "sodomy is a crime" and "punishment is death if the participants are adults, of sound mind and consenting." South African archbishop Desmond Tutu condemns homophobia as "every bit as unjust as that crime against humanity, apartheid," in a foreword to the book. "I could not have fought against the discrimination of apartheid and not also fight against the discrimination homosexuals endure," he wrote. South Africa became the first country in the world in 1996 to include a clause in its constitution to guarantee freedom from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

By Linda Davis,

When we face trouble in our lives, we often wonder how God could let these things happen. We blame God, and we question Him. In reality, we need to look to Him and to remember that He is sovereign. Oddly enough, this will help us to have faith. In Isaiah, chapter 55, verses 8-9, the word says:

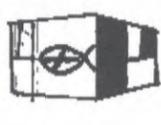
"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways. My ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are

higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (NIV)

Jesus tells us in the book of John that we indeed will face troubles in our lives but that we can have peace because he has overcome the world (John 16:33). In the 14th book of John, Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." Are you facing trouble in your life now? Do you have peace in your life? Take all of your troubles to the Lord, and trust in Him. He will give you peace.



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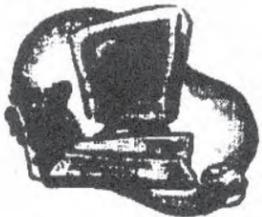
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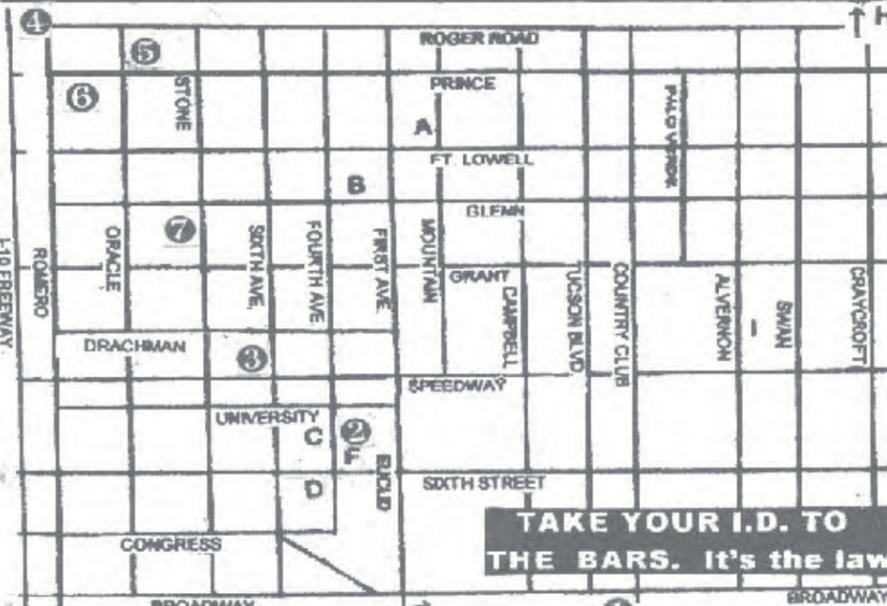
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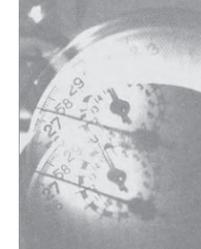
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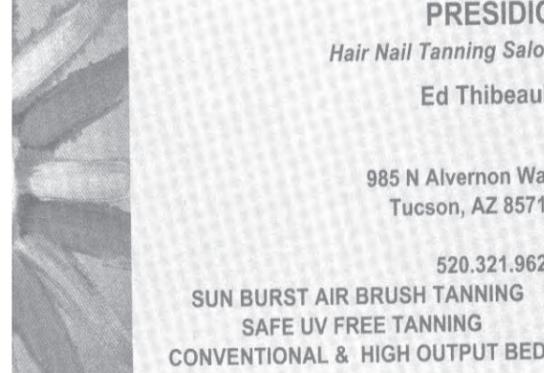


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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

C. P. Snow

At this particular moment, when the political season is red hot and the columnists of every stripe are in a frenzy of election-related opining, I thought it might be nice to offer the reader a small refuge from the onslaught in the form of a column devoted to considerations as far from today's political concerns as possible, for that matter as far from today's prevailing state of mind as possible.

To that end I present my fellow scribbler, C. P. Snow, one of the very few writers of whom I can honestly say, "I've read every damn book he's written." And of course I wouldn't be troubling you with him if his writing hadn't substantially enriched my existence.

Don't feel bad if you've never heard of him. Most folks haven't. Most grad students of English literature haven't either. He's one of those guys who've never quite made it into the official academic literary canon, and that in itself gives him considerable credibility with me.

One compelling reason to recommend Snow to a reader of today is that he operates from a mind-set that is so completely different from our own. We tend to believe that the most important thing in the cosmos from moment to moment is how we're feeling from moment to moment. Snow would have found that degree of self-centeredness literally unbelievable.

In his cognitive universe there was a real world out there and it was at least

partially knowable. Since the world was real and knowable, it was up to humans to try to know as much about it as possible. He never said these things. They were so much a part of his own thinking and the thinking of his friends that they would have seemed too obvious to say.

Snow and his friends would have found our current obsession with ourselves and our feelings both laughable and contemptible. They would also have laughed at today's extremely popular superstition that one can change reality by changing the way one feels about it. Oprah and Dr. Phil would not have impressed them in the least.

Snow's extreme skepticism and extreme empiricism led him to become a spectacularly accurate observer. Other novelists of his day typically had theories about such things as homosexuality and depression that caused them to create distorted pictures when dealing with those subjects. Snow's writing, particularly on these two subjects about which popular thinking has changed so drastically in the past 50 years, can be taken completely seriously by the sophisticated modern reader.

The reason for his amazing prescience is that he realized the insufficiency of his data for coming up with a decent theory, so he contented himself with superbly scrupulous observation, observation that ran about 20 to 40 years in advance of the official scientific variety that occurs outside of novels.

Snow was trained as a physicist in the early part of the last century and worked much of his life in government. His novels often have academic or bureaucratic settings. The subject of much of his work is how to think. Given this or that situation, what are the intellectual possibilities and how can they play themselves out?

His situations and his characters are so real that it's sometimes hard to believe he made anything up. There's a consistent lack of sleight of hand in his work. He doesn't want to surprise us, to dazzle us, to put on a magic show. He wants to show us how things really work in the world.

If he comes to a real mystery, he wants to isolate it and say, "This is as far as we can go with our inquiry because of A, B and C." His style of thought, though deliberately not flashy or dramatic, is reminiscent of that great fictional logician Sherlock Holmes.

Another delight of Snow is the care he takes with language, care for being both precise and concise. He was once criticized for being overly cute in describing one of his characters as "the opposite of hypochondriac." The opposite of hypochondriac would be a person who always believed himself to be well when he was in fact sick. If you count the syllables in Snow's phrase and the syllables in my explanation of his phrase, you'll find that he's found the more concise way to express his thought.

Snow is not for everybody, but if Oprah ever starts to make you nauseous you might check him out.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 86671, Tucson, AZ 85754.]

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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.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Second Skin"(after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.
Tucson Prime Timers, Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

MONDAY, JULY 26

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

TUESDAY, JULY 27

#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.

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#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Richard at 881-7919.

FRIDAY JULY 30

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Trivia Night. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you; it's an easy game to pick up. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017.

SATURDAY, JULY 31

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

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., the "Diva-Licious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday, starring Teri Aki, Veronica Halliwell and Flexx.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

IBT'S - Live jazz on the patio 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; with this weeks guest performer Arthur Migliazza.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Crystal Cabaret "Night of Illusions" starring Miss NCC 2004 Crystal Abrams, Miss Gay Arizona America 2004 Bunny FuFu and Tucson's Queen of Comedy, Lucinda Holliday. Entertainment begins at 8:45 p.m. sharp. Also from 5:0-0 to 8:30 p.m. Fish and Shrimp Fry \$5.99 or Oysters \$3.99.

SATURDAY, JULY 17

IBT'S - The "Bunny FuFu Revue". The 6th chapter of 'Drag Survivor'. Hosted by Bunny FuFu with this week's contestants: Veronica Halliwell, Poyzien Miles and Tabatha Lovell.

WOODY'S - Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Prime Rib Dinner is being served beginning at 7:00 p.m. Only \$8.00! Plus you get a free glass of champagne

SUNDAY, JULY 18

IBT'S - Sunday Party Lineup: 11:00 a.m. Troy's Recovery Bar and Bloody Mary Buffet. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Michael D. 5:30 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust to benefit Gay Men's Health Project. 8:00 p.m. Special Benefit Show for Tori Steele, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona -America. 9:30 p.m. Post Sidewinder's Game Party and dance with DJ Eric Vandebelle.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. a special 'DivaLicious Show' - a two woman show starring Lucinda Holliday and Bunny FuFu.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 24 & 25

YARD DOG SALOON - Arts and Crafts Sale on the Patio from 10:00 a.m. until 16:00 p.m. each day. Leather, artistic eggs, fresh produce, glass, leather bears and much more.

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON - ChuckWagon Breakfast Menu 10:30am-1:30pm. Kitchen open until 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.

MONDAY

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. 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. Karaoke with David Z 8pm - Midnight. IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 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 Tourney 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.

NOTICES

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

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

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

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.
YOUNG AND GAY? GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and info call 529-2269, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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

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

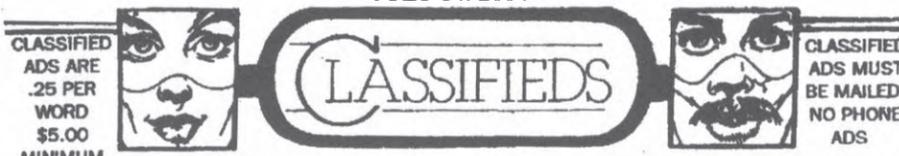
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

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

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

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



NOTICES

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.

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; Dezert Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

NOTICES

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)

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

"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. Contributions are appreciated, but not required.

HOUSING/FOR RENT

VERY PRIVATE, COZY HOUSE FOR RENT. One bedroom, large privacy yard. Glenn/Palo Verde are. Off-street covered parking. Must be quiet, responsible people. \$400/mo. Plus utilities. Jim 312-9283 1041..

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