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## Barney Frank Addresses Democratic Convention

BOSTON - Although openly Gay representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) addressed the Democratic National Convention in Boston on Monday afternoon, July 26, she did not talk about Gay and Lesbian rights. Cheryl Jacques, executive director of the nonpartisan Gay rights group Human Rights Campaign, spoke about GLBT rights on Wednesday, July 28, but apart from passing references to Gay people in other politicians' speeches, the only elected official to address the delegates at length about Gay and Lesbian equality has been openly Gay congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.), [advocate.com](http://advocate.com) reported.

Following is a transcript of Frank's remarks Thursday evening (July 29) from the podium of the Democratic National Convention:

"On behalf of the Stonewall Democratic Federation, the national organization of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Democrats, I want to apologize to some people whose peace of mind we seem to be disturbing.

"I want to apologize to the various self-proclaimed divine messengers who appear deeply troubled by a dark plot they label the 'Gay agenda.'

"Troubled as I am by the prospect of these pious men denied a good night's sleep by their need to be eternally vigilant against us, I have decided to break the silence, decode the cryptogram, unravel the mystery, and tip our hand. We have an agenda, and we hope to achieve it through the Democratic Party.

"Specifically, we want all people in the United States to enjoy the same legal rights as everyone else, unless they have forfeited them by violating the rights of others. We believe this should include some things that are, apparently, very controversial.

"They include the right to serve, fight, and even die on behalf of our country in the military; the right to earn a living by working hard and being judged wholly on the quality of our work; the right for teenagers to attend high school without being shoved, punched, or otherwise attacked; and, yes, the right to express not only love for another person but a willingness to be legally as well as morally responsible for his or her well-being.

"We also believe that we—and all Americans—should enjoy full access to health care; that strong environmental protection is fully

compatible with economic prosperity. We know that the free market is the best way to generate our national wealth; and that we need cooperation between the private and public sectors to be sure that we as a society and as individuals get the maximum benefit from the wealth by the quality of all our lives.

"We are also convinced that America must not only remain the strongest nation in the world, but that our strength is magnified, not diminished, when we work with other nations and institutions for common goals.

"Some of these things are especially important to us because we are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered. All are important to us as people.

"And taken together, it is why we are the national Stonewall GLBT Democratic Federation."

## G/L RigtsVote In Ohio Could Help Kerry

CINCINNATI - Democrats say a Gay rights ballot measure could send enough voters to the polls to ensure Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry wins Ohio, a key swing state, reported the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) network reported.

Democrats at the party's national convention told reporters a Gay rights ballot measure in Cincinnati could send enough voters to the polls to ensure Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry wins Ohio, which could determine the outcome of the election.

That's because no Republican president has won an election without winning Ohio.

At issue is a notorious amendment to Cincinnati's charter known as Article XII, which makes Cincinnati the only city in the country to prohibit its city council from passing Gay rights legislation. Voters approved the charter amendment in 1993 with a 62 percent margin. Boycotts soon followed.

Gary Wright, the co-chairman of the effort to repeal Article XII, told the Cincinnati Inquirer the charter amendment is "an outdated law that makes it perfectly legal to fire someone ... just because they're Gay."

Wright hand-delivered to the clerk of City Council enough petition signatures to ensure voters will have a second chance to consider Article XII during the November election.

Jennifer O'Donnell, a Cincinnati political activist and Kerry delegate, told the

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## Tori Steele Crowned Miss Gay Arizona 2005

TUCSON - Our state has a new Miss Gay Arizona-America and she's from Tucson again. Tori Steele won over a group of excellent contestants to take the crown. Bunny FuFu, also a Tucsonan, gave up her 2004 crown after the judges announced the winner. Bunny's farewell words can be found on page five of this issue and we can expect some additional information from Tori as soon as she comes back to earth!

The big event took place on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde. David Dawson the Pageant Promoter is to be congratulated for a very successful 3D Productions event. Miss Gay Arizona 2001, Phaedra, hosted the evening's entertainment. Also appearing and performing were Rachael Erikks, Miss Gay America 2004; Charity Case, Miss Gay America 2001; Angela Dodd, Miss Gay Arizona 2002 and Tucson's own Queen of Comedy, Lucinda Holliday Miss Gay Arizona 1994.

Sincerest congratulations to Tori Steele on her new title, We wish her well in the coming year of her reign. Congratulations as well to the rest of the contestants who made the evening a most enjoyable one,



TORI STEELE  
Miss Gay Arizona 2005

## Maine Couples Signing Up As Domestic Partners

AUGUSTA - Dozens of Gay and Lesbian couples filled out domestic-partnership forms in the Maine statehouse on Friday, July 30, as a state law creating a registry for those relationships took effect, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

"This is phenomenal. I wasn't expecting this kind of turnout," said Ralph Cusack of Portland, who registered with his partner, Butch Fenton, adding that the registration will add security to their 24-year relationship.

Besides creating a domestic-partnership registry, the new law says that if a domestic partner dies without a will, trust, or other estate planning, the surviving partner inherits the other's property. It says a domestic partner is considered next of kin, just as a spouse is, when determining who has the right to make funeral or burial arrangements. Also, a domestic partner is considered a guardian when the other partner is incapacitated. The law covers Gay as well as heterosexual couples.

Some partners already have wills spelling out their wishes, so signing up in the new registry amounted to making a statement. "The state is acknowledging we have some kind of relationship, so by God, we're going to do it," said Harold Booth of Hallowell, who registered with his partner, Daniel Kelley.

Gay and Lesbian couples lined up to

have printed forms notarized at tables in the Hall of Flags, which was decorated with flowers and where a guitarist serenaded the couples. Some couples posed for snapshots, and a few tears were shed. Later they marched in a group across the street to the Health and Human Services Department to file their forms.

The new law will help couples who have lived together for years or even decades and incorrectly assumed they had a common-law marriage, said Lynne Williams, an attorney who notarized registry forms Friday. "There is no common-law marriage in Maine," said Williams.

The event came at a time when many states are struggling with the Gay marriage issue and a little over two weeks after the U.S. Senate scuttled a proposal to amend the U.S. Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. Maine is among the states that have a Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as a union between a man and woman and prohibits the recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states. Maine's new Declaration of Domestic Partnership forms state that registration does not create a marriage between the partners. Partners must live together for at least 12 months in order to register. It also says that the form "is not a substitute for a will, a deed, or a partnership agreement." The state charges \$35 fees for the registrations.

# UPDATE

## Wingspan Dinner September 18

TUCSON - On Saturday, September 18, LGBT, people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as straight supportive individuals from the Old Pueblo, Southern Arizona, across the state and other points with gather at the Tucson Convention Center for the Wingspan Seventh Annual Benefit Dinner - an evening of celebration, socializing, and enlightenment.

Wingspan is honored to have Evan Wolfson as keynote speaker for the event. Evan is the Executive Director of Freedom to Marry, the Gay and non-Gay partnership working to win marriage equality nationwide. Before founding Freedom to Marry, he served as marriage project director for Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, and was co-counsel in the historic Hawaii marriage case, Baehr v. Miike, and the Vermont civil union case, Baker v. Vermont.

Three community awards will be presented during the dinner. The Godat Award, which honors a lifetime of service to the LGBT community, will go to Dr. Alan Storm, Assistant Superintendent for the Sunnyside School District. Among other contributions, Alan has improved the climate for LGBT students and faculty at Sunnyside immensely, and founded the local chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN).

The Community Ally Award is Wingspan's "thank you" to allies outside the LGBT family, and will be presented to Dr. Kevin Carmichael, Unit Chief at El Rio Community Health Center's Special Immunology Associates, who has been raising the standard of care for HIV patients in Tucson for 14 years.

The Steve Hall Award, named in memory of the past Wingspan board president, honors a person who demonstrates outstanding contributions toward the mission, values and work of Wingspan. This year's Hall award goes to David Eyde, a devoted, longtime Wingspan volunteer and past board member who passed away in June.

There will be a Silent Auction during the reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Items up for bid include entertainment packages, restaurant certificates, jewelry, artwork and accessories for the home in a variety of price ranges. After the Awards Ceremony there will be dancing with live music provided by the 16-piece Big Band Express.

Tickets for the evening are \$80 per person, or \$800 for a table of ten with recognition as a table host. For more information, call Wingspan (520) 624-

## Grant Will Help Pay For AIDS Housing In Tucson

TUCSON - The city will receive \$13.3 million from five Department of Housing and Urban Development programs to serve HIV-positive people.

According to the Associated Press, these grants will produce affordable housing, help the homeless, and provide low-income families with down-payment assistance to purchase a home.

"These funds will serve as a catalyst for low-income families trying to cross the threshold into home ownership and reinforces our commitment to rebuilding entire communities," said HUD secretary Alphonso Jackson.

## Tucson Pride Seeks Grand Marshall For October Parade

TUCSON - The organizers of Tucson's "Pride... On Parade" are currently accepting nominations for a Grand Marshall to preside over the October 10, 2004 parade.

Produced by the LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson, in cooperation with Tucson Pride Inc., "Pride... On Parade" will take place on the Sunday following OTOberfest, Tucson's annual LGBT pride festival. Tucson's first fall Pride parade will begin downtown, and proceed across downtown before turning north on 6th Ave, then cross to Fourth Avenue where it will head north to end between 4th and 5th streets with a block party to include dancing and entertainment, as well as a raffle drawing for a \$1000 Grand Prize.

In keeping with the theme shared by OTOberfest, "Everyone Under the Sun," the parade board seeks a community member to preside over the events who represents both Pride and inclusiveness. Nominations will be considered based on the individual's contributions to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community and to the city of Tucson as a whole. The final selection will be made by the LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson board based on community feedback and support.

In addition to the Grand Marshall search, "Pride... On Parade" is also actively recruiting participants, sponsors, and volunteers. Interested individuals and businesses, as well as Grand Marshall nominations, can find more information at [www.prideparadeoftucson.com](http://www.prideparadeoftucson.com), by e-mailing [info@prideparadeoftucson.com](mailto:info@prideparadeoftucson.com), or by mail at LGBT Pride Parade of Tucson, c/o Desert Pride, 611 N. 4th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705.

## Donna Rochester Reinvigorates PFLAG

TUCSON - Having a Gay child isn't a cause for grief. That's the message Donna Rochester makes it her mission to spread as president of Tucson's chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

Since Rochester, 62, took the position 2 1/2 years ago, PFLAG has gone from a monthly support group to a more publicly active organization.

"In our meetings there used to be a lot of hand-wringing and sadness, but now we try to do positive things," said Rochester, whose 24-year-old son, Christopher, came out eight years ago.

"Our meetings now are cheerful places to come."

With membership up 25 percent, to 71 members, she said, the group has made celebrating part of its strategy to "love, nurture and support" Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered people.

PFLAG members still hold monthly meetings, man a 24-hour help line and informally counsel newcomers.

But they've added to their events calendar a February potluck for homosexual couples and a Thanksgiving dinner for youths.

In addition, Rochester said, they march in any parade and speak at any venue they can.

A \$2,300 grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona - with a matching donation from a PFLAG board member - has helped the group beef up its public presence since 2002, with billboards, bumper stickers and ads in the University of Arizona's campus newspaper.

It's all part of changing attitudes about sexual orientation, Rochester said.

"Being Gay in the past has been such a tragedy," she said. "When my son came out, I grieved for about six months. Parents are in a much better position now than five or 10 years ago to support a Gay child."

Elaine Woodland, a member of PFLAG for 15 years, said families can cope with sexuality issues better because help is more openly available from groups such as theirs.

Woodland sees advocacy and education among PFLAG's top priorities under Rochester's leadership. She cites the group's growing annual scholarship program for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered youth as an example.

"She has seemingly endless energy, followed by endless ideas," Woodland said. "She's been able to bring us into the public focus."

"We've had some pretty good leaders in the past, but somehow or other Donna's just been a spark that's gotten us off the ground."

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I don't know whether Gay marriage will have all the bad effects predicted by conservatives, but it's already having one they didn't foresee: driving them stark-raving mad.

They've set out to prove they can devise one remedy after another that is not only unnecessary but worse than the problem it's supposed to fix.

Their discombobulation began when the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court struck down the state's ban on Gay unions and ordered the state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Never mind that the ruling had no effect beyond the Bay State. From the reaction, you'd think same-sex marriage was going to be mandatory for all. The call went out that something, anything, had to be done.

First, critics of the decision offered a constitutional amendment banning same-sex unions anywhere in America. Despite being endorsed by President Bush, it blew up on the launch pad. Constitutional amendments need 67 votes to pass the Senate, and this one attracted only 48 supporters.

So conservatives promptly came up with another idea. If you can't amend the Constitution, you can make it irrelevant: They propose to take the whole issue away from federal judges.

In July, the House of Representatives approved the Marriage Protection Act, which effectively bars any federal court, including the Supreme Court, from hearing challenges to laws against same-sex unions.

Why is it needed? "This legislation ensures the people and the states will have

**COMMENTARY . . .** by Steve Chapman

**Gay Nuptial Foes Could Spawn Collateral Damage**

a say in marriage policy," declared House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner.

It may come as news that conservatives want the states to have a say in marriage policy. The constitutional amendment, after all, would have done exactly the opposite — forbidding any state from legalizing Gay marriage.

In fact, federal law already protects the right of the states to do whatever they darn well please. In 1996, Republicans were worried that Hawaii was going to allow same-sex marriage and, conceivably, force other states to accept Gay unions transacted there.

So, over the howls of Gay-rights groups, they pushed through the Defense of Marriage Act, denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages and ensuring each state the power to do likewise.

Back then, the marriage-defense law was championed by conservatives as a way to protect traditional marriage as well as democracy. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., described it as "a pre-emptive measure to make sure that a handful of judges in a single state cannot impose a radical social agenda upon the entire nation."

But now, having failed to get their constitutional amendment nullifying that law, conservatives want to make sure supporters of same-sex marriage can't persuade the Supreme Court to issue a decision nullifying it.

Barring judicial review of a category of laws is not exactly a conservative notion. Courts have taken responsibility for deciding the constitutionality of laws since the early years of the republic, as defined in the Federalist Papers. Stripping them of that power is a drastic step. Conservatives say we need to keep hyperactive judges from shoving Gay marriage down all our throats. But who says they're going to?

The Constitution has long been understood to protect state power over marriage — even in the dark days when Southern states refused to accept interracial marriages from elsewhere.

The marriage law reaffirms the point by stipulating that states are free to treat Gay weddings as the equivalent of Monopoly money.

Of course, it's theoretically possible the Rehnquist Supreme Court, dominated by Republican appointees, will suddenly discover a constitutional right to same-sex marriage.

But worrying about that is like worrying that Al Sharpton will take a vow of silence. The Marriage Protection Act amounts to a pre-emptive strike based on a preposterous fear.

It would do serious collateral damage, though. The bill would set a precedent that sooner or later will bite conservatives on the bottom.

Liberals could bar courts from using the Second Amendment to strike

down gun control measures or from invoking the Fifth Amendment's protection of property rights to block environmental regulations.

Once we start down this road, University of Chicago law professor Cass Sunstein says, "there's no place to stop." Court-stripping, he predicts, would become "an irresistible tool" whenever Congress gets the urge to pass a constitutionally dubious bill. This is worse than a zero-sum game. It's more like the old vision of nuclear war: Mutual Assured Destruction.

To react to one state's legalization of Gay marriage by mutilating the Constitution or wrecking the separation of powers is like elephants stampeding at the sight of a mouse. It's more sensible just to tolerate the little critter.

[Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune. This op-ed piece was reprinted from the August 3 edition of The Arizona Daily Star.]

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# Tori Steel Wins Crown Bunny FuFu Steps Down

by Mark Fetgatter aka Bunny FuFu

It seems hard to believe that my reign as Miss Gay Arizona 2004 has already come to an end. I guess it is true... "Time flies when you're having fun!" Needless to say...I have had a Blast! From the moment I was crowned on July 12, 2003 to tonight, the wonderful experiences, the everlasting memories and so many amazing people made me so very proud to represent our great state as your reigning Miss Gay Arizona 2004!

To Miss Gay Arizona America 2005... Tori Steele, I am so very proud of you. Throughout your reign, have fun, be yourself and soon you'll outshine the stars!

I would like to thank many, many wonderful people for their continued Love and support to me and our community! I couldn't have done it without you! First and foremost, Lucinda Holliday, Elektra Bleu, Felice Renard, Guera and Angela Dodd. I hold you gals personally responsible for becoming Miss Gay Arizona 2004!

To my Mom and Dad and brother Jason, for your love and support!

To my "Bunny Bunch" David, Becky, MaryAnn, Fred (Crystal), Paul, James (Dodd), Bryan, Tony Terrific,

Darian, Lisa, Robert, Jon, Robert, The "Bud Light Babes, Judy, Annie, Jalissa and the NCC Family and MANY more...

Thank you to all of the bars, businesses and show directors for giving me a chance and allowing me to entertain in your establishments and at your events! First and foremost, IBT'S... Dave, Frank, Q, Danny, Timmy, Jeff, Peter, all of the bartenders and security staff and of course Stan Jimmy and Ralph! Bee Bee, Bing Bing, Crysta Abrams and the staff at November Bar and Grill! You guys are too much fun!

Wink's Cabaret, Pookie's, Charlie's and Club Paco Paco in Phoenix. Thank you for welcoming me to your bars... I enjoyed every moment working with you all! A special thank you to Derrick at the Comfort Suites in Phoenix.

Thank you to Tucson Pride, Arizona Central Pride, Tucson Weekly Observer, Echo Magazine, John Jay & Rich at 93.7 KRQ, John & Ric at Colors Restaurant, the Stith Family at Savon-Flowers. You make our community and our world a better place!

Last and most important, Albert. I can't thank you enough for all of your love and support! It takes a strong person to contend with a "Queen" and you truly are a wonderful man! ... I Love You!

Until we meet again... Happy "Bunny" Trails to you all! Much Love,  
Mark- Bunny Fu Fu  
Miss Gay Arizona 2004

## COMMENTARY . . .

### GOP's Bad Marriage

Some Republicans in Congress can't seem to get enough of a bad thing. After conservatives in the Senate suffered an embarrassing defeat of their attempt to pass a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, the GOP House members last week decided to enter the constitutional battle.

Too bad their legislative weapon is aimed directly at the nation's federal judiciary. In an outrageous display of partisan shortsightedness, House Republicans voted to prohibit the federal courts from overturning parts of the Defense of Marriage Act.

While it would be easy to dismiss the move as ridiculous election-year grandstanding and obliviousness to the concept of separation of powers, the House's action is much more dangerous, barring the federal courts from considering the constitutionality of legislation. Moreover, it is a clear example of wielding

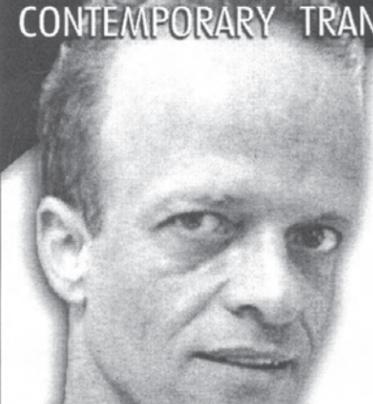
legislation to target one minority group.

If the Senate were to pass the legislation — a highly unlikely event — it would stop the courts from guarding constitutional freedoms all Americans hold dear. One can only shudder to think what might have happened if Congress passed legislation blocking federal courts from ruling on racial discrimination issues during the civil-rights battles of the '60s. Similarly, other minority groups could find themselves singled out for legislative retribution if the measure became law.

By attempting to remove the judicial branch of government from challenges to the 1996 federal law that says states cannot be forced to recognize same-sex marriages from other jurisdictions, GOP House members are throwing a political wrench into the nation's system of checks and balances.

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# Important Information If You Are Sexually Assaulted

TUCSON - It is a sad fact that some members of the LGBT communities will be sexually assaulted by an acquaintance, a partner, a stranger, or during a hate crime assault.

The vast number of these assaults will never be reported to police or even be mentioned to another person. If the sexual violence was perpetrated by a woman against another woman the victim/survivor may feel no one would believe a woman could rape another person. A Gay or Bisexual male may not want to have his masculinity questioned if he didn't "fight off" the assault. For our communities these are serious hindrances. Lack of effective legal avenues and having to be out in a courtroom are certainly additional disincentives for reporting.

For these reasons and others, LGBT folks should know about the RESTORE Program, an alternative avenue for survivors of sexual assault that is based on a restorative justice model. The mission of the program is "To facilitate a victim-centered, community driven resolution of selected sex crimes that creates and carries out a plan for accountability, healing and public safety." It does not involve a trial or incarceration but uses a series of preparation meetings leading to a conference that involves the person who was assaulted, the person responsible, and a small support group for each of them that they select themselves. The conference focuses on voicing the harm that has been done and developing a plan to respond to the survivor's needs for redress. On the side of the offender, the conference seeks to facilitate appropriate counseling and acceptance of responsibility. Only certain types of sexual assault cases involving first time offenders are eligible for consideration.

LGBT folks might be interested in this because while a report is made to the police and is kept on file, no criminal charges are filed unless the offender does not follow through on his/her agreements. Offenders are followed through case management by RESTORE staff for a year. If you were sexually assaulted you could call RESTORE to discuss your options and find out how the program works. Police are willing to come to Wingspan or to the RESTORE office to take the report, and the case can proceed through the system earmarked for restorative justice. This knowledge might influence your decision whether to pursue a means of holding the perpetrator accountable.

RESTORE is a collaboration between the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, the Pima County Attorney's Office, the Tucson City Attorney's Office, and the University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman Arizona College of Public Health. RESTORE staff can be reached at (520) 626-1785.

## U.S. Psychologists Favor Marriage Equality

HONOLULU - The American Psychological Association (APA), the largest association of psychologists in the United States, said it will take a leadership role to help repeal laws that make marriage for Gay couples illegal, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The group said the fact that Gay couples can't marry could psychologically harm the couples and their relationships.

The APA made the announcement Wednesday, July 28, at its annual convention. In a resolution put together by the Working Group on Same-Sex Families, the group also affirmed its support for Gay and Lesbian parents.

"The APA recognizes the importance of the institution of civil marriage which confers a social status with important legal benefits, rights and privileges," said psychologist Armand R. Cerbone, chair of the Working Group and a private practitioner in Chicago.

"Discrimination of all kinds takes a toll on people's health and psychological well-being," Cerbone said. "In the context of the huge social and political debate that is currently going on, APA and psychologists had to grapple with the issue of what psychology believes is in the public interest in this controversy."

The resolution counters common arguments used by opponents of legal marriage for same-sex couples — Gay couples don't want long-term relationships, Gay relationships are dysfunctional or unhappy, or they're unstable. The resolution cites studies which suggest almost half of Gay people are in relationships, many of which are long-term, and that despite the discrimination Gay couples face, the number of Gay couples who consider themselves happy are about the same as the number of straight couples.

With that basis, the organization said it would take a leadership role to encourage "the repeal of all discriminatory legislation against Lesbians and Gay men" — including anti-marriage laws. The resolution also said it would provide educational and scientific research to better inform public discussion and to create better public policy.

The resolution also brought good news for Gay parents. The APA found that the parenting abilities of same-sex couples and straight couples were remarkably similar in their effectiveness.

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## GOP's Bad Marriage

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At the very least, the proposed legislation is probably unconstitutional. But there's little doubt that it's a supremely bad idea to strip the federal courts of their authority. This bill should be rejected quickly by the Senate

[The above is an editorial from the July 27 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle.]

## RightsVote In Ohio

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Cincinnati Post the measure could bring out more Gay and young people in the surrounding Hamilton County, which could perhaps give Kerry the edge he needs to carry Ohio, a key battleground state.

"Realistically, we know winning Hamilton County is a long shot, but moving Hamilton County even 4 points — from the low 40s to the high 40s — could be the edge Democrats need to win Ohio," O'Donnell said.

Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken, a delegate at the Democratic National Convention, told the Cincinnati post a 9 percent increase in voter turnout in Cincinnati would translate into about 10,000 additional votes.

"I think this ballot measure will bring out a lot of Democrats," Luken said. "Ohio can be so close that it wouldn't surprise me if it was decided by 10,000 votes or less."



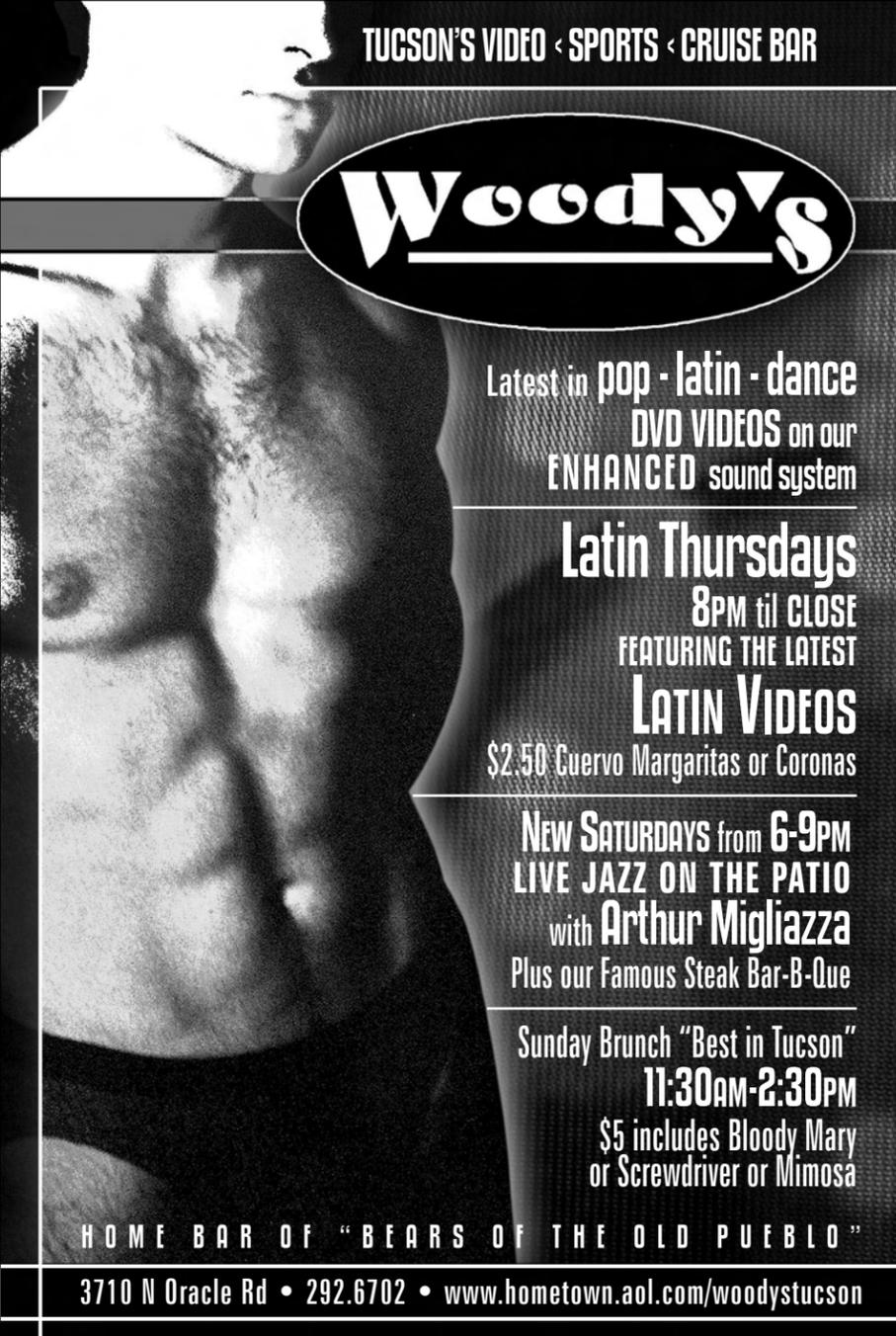
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## Bush Ignores Kerry Call Not To Use G.L. Marriages As Campaign Issue

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Less than 24 hours after John Kerry officially became the nominee of the Democratic Party and called for a campaign of ideals rather than the wedge issue of Gay marriage President Bush was on the campaign trail assailing "activist judges", 365Gay.com reported.

In a stump speech in Springfield Missouri Bush told GOP supporters that "Our conviction that every life matters and every life counts will not change. Our belief in liberty and opportunity and the non-negotiable demands of human dignity will not change."

"We stand for institutions like marriage and family, which are the foundations of society. We stand for a culture of life in which every person matters and every person counts. We stand for judges who strictly and faithfully interpret the law, instead of legislating from the bench. And we will work together to build a culture of responsibility. The culture of this country is changing from one that has said, if it feels good, just go ahead and do it, and, if you've got a problem, blame somebody else, to a culture in which each of us understands that we're responsible for the decisions we make in life.

In his acceptance speech in Boston, Kerry called on Bush to abandon attacks on Gay and Lesbian families.

About two thirds of the way through the speech Kerry looked squarely into the pool TV camera and challenged Bush not to use same-sex marriage as a wedge issue.

"I want to address these next words directly to President George W. Bush: In the weeks ahead, let's be optimists, not just opponents. Let's build unity in the American family, not angry division. Let's honor this nation's diversity; let's respect one another; and let's never misuse for political purposes the most precious document in American history, the Constitution of the United States."

The remarks led to some of the greatest applause in a speech that was interrupted continually by cheering supporters.

"My friends, the high road may be harder, but it leads to a better place. And that's why Republicans and Democrats must make this election a contest of big ideas, not small-minded attacks. This is our time to reject the kind of politics calculated to divide race from race, group from group, region from region. Maybe some just see us divided into red states and blue states, but I see us as one America red, white, and blue. And when I am President, the government I lead will enlist people of talent, Republicans as well as Democrats, to find the common ground so that no one who has something to contribute will be left on the sidelines."

Republicans have made no secret of their intent to use Gay marriage as a campaign issue. For the past year President George W. Bush has been pressing for passage of an amendment to the US Constitution to ban Gay marriage.

In the weeks leading up to the convention Republicans forced a Senate vote on the proposed amendment, only to see it fail partly due to infighting among Republicans.

A House vote on the amendment is likely this fall just before the election. Last week, the House voted to prevent judges from ruling on challenges to the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

Kerry is not in favor of same-sex marriage, but opposes amending the US Constitution saying marriage should be a state issue.

GOP sources say the President has no intention of dropping the marriage issue believing his call for a constitutional amendment to ban Gay marriage is resonating with voters.

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### L.A. Times Gets Heat For Running Anti-Gay Ad

LOS ANGELES - About 200 readers have complained to the Los Angeles Times for running a full-page ad on July 23 from Exodus, an anti-Gay group that claims to "cure" its members of being Gay or Lesbian, as reported by Times columnist Steve Lopez on Wednesday, July 28, reported advocate.com.

The ad featured an "ex-Gay" man named Randy, who said he became Gay because he had been abandoned by his father and "felt desperate for the physical touch only a father can give." When another male approached him for sex, he said, he was "putty in his hands." Randy now says, "Today I am an ex-Gay. No, wait... I don't define myself anymore with a sexual identity. I'm just...Randy."

"Shame on you," wrote one reader to the Times. Another reader wondered how the newspaper could accept money to spread hatred, according to Lopez.

The Times advertising department responded to Lopez that "advocacy ads must meet our advertising standards and communicate their points of view legally and responsibly. This particular ad met those requirements." It provided no further explanation of those standards.

Lopez also reported that the two men who founded Exodus in the 1970s eventually became romantically involved and left their wives. He contacted Exodus in an effort to locate Randy, but there was no response.

### U.S. Psychologists

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The APA concluded that a child's psychological well-being is unrelated to a parent's sexual orientation.

Gay rights organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign and the Family Pride Coalition, commended the APA for its endorsement of marriage equality.



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Now come the homophobes, spouting the same hate-filled rhetoric about a different minority group. "Homosexuality is immoral, unscriptural and unhealthy," we are told. It is a "sin," like theft and drunkenness, according to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

The Pitchfork Tillmans of today warn that the "homosexual lobby" wants to bring about the destruction of the American family. Just like their racist antecedents, they are trying to whip up hatred and intolerance in order to build public support for anti gay laws.

Sure, they can try to hide behind morality, but we all know a bigot when we see one. Think about it.

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# 'Simpsons' Take On Same-Sex Marriage

SPRINGFIELD - During a comic book convention, the creators of "The Simpsons" promised the show would take on same-sex marriage, and one of the characters would come out of the closet, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

"We have a show where, to raise money, Springfield legalizes Gay marriage," producer Al Jean said in a quote published by the BBC. "Homer becomes a minister by going on the Internet and filling out a form. A long-time character comes out of the closet, but I'm not saying who."

While the episode is set to air in January, fans are trying to guess who will come out of the closet. An easy choice is billionaire Monty Burns' sidekick, Waylon Smithers. In previous episodes, the audience has learned that Smithers has a Mr. Burns screensaver and has dreamt of Burns jumping out of a birthday cake — naked.

The Boston Herald handicapped a list of likely candidates. While Smithers was the favorite with odds of 1,200,037-1, there were other candidates worth noting, including Carl, Homer's co-worker at the plant who is inseparable from co-worker Lenny.

Throughout the show's 15 seasons, the show has often addressed GLBT issues. The prime-time animated series won an Emmy for an 11th season episode called "Homer's Phobia," in which Homer worries

that a Gay antiques dealer is making his son, Bart, Gay.

TV Tome, an online site of television information, claims "Homer's Phobia" was the most controversial episode in the show's history, causing thousands of complaint letters to flood the network and its stations.

Stephen Macias, entertainment media director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), said he's "thrilled" with the news of the upcoming "Simpsons" episode.

"The Simpsons' is a ray of light when it comes to Fox entertainment and Fox news," Macias said of the show's parent company.

Macias contrasted the positive message of "The Simpsons" with a show Fox pulled: "Seriously, Dude, I'm Gay." Macias said "Seriously" was about two homophobic guys brought into West Hollywood, and it traded in offensive stereotypes. Macias credited GLAAD with keeping the show from airing.

"I think 'The Simpsons' have consistently done a smart and fair job with controversial topics," Macias said. "What I like about 'The Simpsons' is they use humor as a tool to educate as well as entertain. They also reach millions of people across the country, and that cannot be underestimated."

## Araujo Case: Retrial Date Set; Man Gets Bail

HAYWARD - The three California men charged in the murder of Transgender teen Gwen Araujo will be retried next May, and one of the defendants will be freed on \$1 million bail, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Henry Sheppard announced the decisions during a court hearing on Friday, July 30, the Associated Press reported.

In June, the criminal case against Jason Cazares, Michael Magidson and Jose Merel ended in a mistrial, with the jury deadlocked on first-degree murder charges for all three men. The retrial date is set for May 9, 2005.

The judge granted bail to Cazares, who testified during the trial that he was not present in the house when Araujo was killed

on Oct. 4, 2002, in Newark, Calif. He did admit to helping the other two men bury Araujo's body in a shallow grave nearby 150 miles away. A prosecution witness, however, said Cazares helped plan the killing.

The 17-year-old Araujo was beaten and strangled at a party after the defendants learned that she was biologically male. Magidson and Merel had previously been sexually intimate with her.

All three men have been charged with first-degree murder with hate crime enhancements. Magidson and Merel remain in detention without bail.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, Sylvia Guerrero, the victim's mother, left the courtroom in

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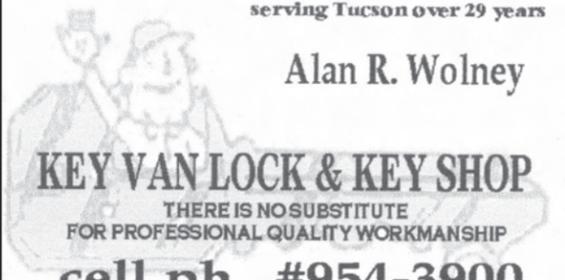
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## POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

### 'Three More Months, Three More Months!'

It was a great Democratic convention, with wonderful speeches by former Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, former Vice President and the man who was elected President in 2000, Al Gore, Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy, and Barack Obama - who delivered a powerful keynote speech which swayed those in attendance, the political know-it-all's, the television viewing audience (those tuned into the cable channels and C-Span), the Internet and Blogging audiences, and Republicans, who realize a new political star is born.

North Carolina Senator John Edwards, the next Vice-President, delivered a powerful address, expanding on his "Two Americas" talk he's given.

Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, officially the Democratic nominee and the next President of the United States gave a great address for him and yes, Gays and Lesbians were discussed when Kerry looked squarely into the television camera and challenged Bush not to use same-sex marriage as a wedge issue and abandon attacks on Gay and Lesbian families.

"I want to address these next words directly to President George W. Bush: In the weeks ahead, let's be optimists, not just opponents. Let's build unity in the American family, not angry division. Let's honor this nation's diversity; let's respect one another; and let's never misuse for political purposes the most precious document in American history, the Constitution of the United States," Kerry said to thunderous applause in the hall and at many house parties being held in conjunction with the convention and the next President's acceptance speech. More than 100 parties were held alone in Arizona, three of them sponsored by Stonewall Democrats members of which one in Tucson drew a great crowd at Gallery 410, raising funds for the upcoming presidential campaign for the Arizona Democratic Party.

On July 30, in a stump speech in Springfield, Missouri, Dubya replied:

"We stand for institutions like marriage and family, which are the foundations of society. We stand for a culture of life in which every person matters and every person counts. We stand for judges who strictly and faithfully interpret the law, instead of legislating from the bench. And we will work together to build a culture of responsibility. The culture of this country is changing from one that has said, if it feels good, just go ahead and do it, and, if you've got a problem, blame somebody else, to a culture in which each of us understands that we're responsible for the decisions we make in life."

According to sources, Dubya won't be dropping the issue and will continue the attacks on Gays, Lesbians and their families since according to the Republicans, Gays and Lesbians are a sure-fire "wedge issue" and not working, tax-paying, voting human beings. On Tuesday, August 3, voters in Missouri are voting on a proposed state constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in the Show Me State while several other states will consider similar measures thanks to the Republicans.

So the presidential campaign resumed after the great Democratic convention with Kerry received a "bounce"

in the polls. The political momentum and coverage by the So Called Liberal Media had shifted to Senator Kerry and then, another terror warning, for New York City, New Jersey and Washington D.C. (effective until November 2 - Election day) was issued on specific information that was four years old, prior to 9-11-2001 but there was nothing politically timed about that, since the Republican convention will take place in New York City, August 30 - September 2, right Karl or do we all remember the tale "The Boy Who Cried Wolf?"

### Falwell In Hot Water With FEC Again

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A watchdog group claims that anti-Gay reverend Jerry Falwell violated campaign finance laws by endorsing President Bush and soliciting funds for a conservative political action committee on his ministries' Web site, advocate.com reported.

In a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission, the Campaign Legal Center said Jerry Falwell Ministries and a lobbying organization affiliated with Falwell were politicking for the president by endorsing him earlier this month, which they are barred from doing as nonprofit corporations.

The complaint follows a separate letter sent by a religious watchdog group to the Internal Revenue Service accusing Falwell of violating his ministries' tax-exempt status by endorsing a political candidate. In an e-mail newsletter sent to followers July 1, Falwell urged conservatives to vote for Bush and "flood Campaign for Working Families with financial help." The Campaign for Working Families is run by Gary Bauer, a conservative activist who opposes abortion and same-sex marriage. Falwell's newsletter appeared on the ministries' official Web site and also included a link to the contribution site for the Campaign for Working Families.

According to campaign finance law, corporations are permitted to endorse candidates only in publications sent to employees, shareholders, and their families. "They put it on a Web site that is available to members of the general public," said J. Gerald Hebert, director of litigation for the Campaign Legal Center. "That is blatantly illegal."

Falwell contends he was expressing his personal opinion. He pointed out that Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry spoke Sunday in a black church in Columbus, Ohio, where he received the endorsement of church leaders. "When [the Campaign Legal Center] starts going after the Jesse Jacksons and Al Sharptons, I might begin believing in their credibility," Falwell said Wednesday. "Right now they have none."

The Campaign Legal Center describes itself as a nonpartisan group on its Web site; it is headed by Trevor Potter, who was chairman of the FEC under President George H.W. Bush. The FEC is prevented by law from commenting on complaints after they have been received, said spokeswoman Kelly Huff. She said Falwell will have 15 days to respond once he is notified of the complaint.

### Araujo Case

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tears on Friday and declined to comment on the proceedings.

J. Tony Serra, the attorney for Cazares, said his client will be freed once the man's family can raise the bail money for his release.

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### Gay Teen Mourned At Vigil

MOBILE - A diverse crowd of about 150 held a candlelight vigil Sunday night, August 1, between light rain showers, for Gay Alabama teenager Scotty Joe Weaver, who was brutally murdered two weeks ago, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

"More folks came out than came out for Gay Pride," David Gary of Equality Alabama, a Gay advocacy group, told the PlanetOut network. "There was a cross-section of men and women, young and old," he said.

The gathering began with participants singing "This Little Light of Mine" and ended with "Amazing Grace" accompanied by harmonica, according to Rev. Helene Loper, a pastor in Tuscaloosa who attended.

"There was media with cameras, and people were not shying away," Loper said. "Here you seek publicity at your own risk."

Weaver, 18, of Bay Minette, 25 miles northeast of Mobile, was tied up, robbed, beaten, strangled and cut by his mobile home housemates, then set afire in the woods along a dirt road eight miles away. His severely burned, decomposed body was found four days later on July 22.

Weaver's unemployed housemates at the Dobbins trailer park, Christopher Ryan Gaines, 20, his girlfriend and the victim's lifelong friend, Nichole Kelsay, 18, along with Robert Holly Loftin Porter, 18, were arrested July 24. They are charged with capital murder and held without bail in Baldwin County's jail. No court date has been set.

The three plotted the murder for several days in advance, investigators said. The three suspects netted \$65-\$85 dollars in the robbery.

The nature of Weaver's wounds suggest he was targeted in part because he was known to be sexually interested in men, Baldwin County District Attorney David Whetstone told the Mobile Register, declining to elaborate. The number and location of wounds "indicates more than a mere robbery" he added.

"The Gay community did not fail Scotty Joe Weaver," Tony Thompson, a founder of Bay Area Inclusion, Mobile's Gay community center, told the PlanetOut Network. "The lawmakers who resist adding sexual orientation to hate crime legislation failed him."

The killing renews Rep. Alvin Holmes' fight for inclusion of sexual orientation in the state's hate crime statute, which he authored. Alabama is one of 19 states with hate crimes laws not covering offenses related to sexual orientation. Holmes, D-Montgomery, proposed such an amendment that passed in the Alabama House, but was filibustered in the Senate. He will reintroduce the amendment in the 2005 legislative session.

"He's been tenacious in trying to get that passed," said Thompson. "Even more now."

In a similar crime, Billy Jack Gaither was kidnapped, beaten to death and burned on a pile of kerosene-soaked tires on a riverbank in rural Coosa County in 1999. His killer and a cohort received sentences of life in prison without parole.

Equality Alabama is planning a hate crime vigil in remembrance of Weaver and another recent victim of an anti-Gay attack, Roderick George. George, 40, of Montgomery, was shot last Tuesday, July 27, and died the next day. His killer told police that the shooting was brought on by "inappropriate sexual advances" from George.

### Ruling May Force Canada To Accept G/L Marriage

WHITEHORSE - A Yukon Supreme Court Judge Friday, July 30, released the full written decision in his ruling that allowed a same-sex couple to wed in Canada's most northern area, and it will likely become the benchmark for extending Gay marriage rights across the country, 365Gay.com reported.

Justice Peter McIntyre based his finding on rulings by the high courts of three southern provinces, Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec which said that to deny Gays and Lesbians the right to marry violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Canada's Bill of Rights. For the past year same-sex couples in those provinces have been allowed to marry.

McIntyre also pointed to the federal government which said it would not appeal those rulings to the Supreme Court of Canada.

"It is legally unacceptable in a federal constitution area involving the Attorney General of Canada for a provision to be inapplicable in one province and in force in all others," wrote Justice Peter McIntyre, later adding "to fail to act now in the face of an acknowledged constitutional violation will result in an unequal application of the law."

The case involved a Yukon Gay couple, Stephen Dunbar and Rob Edge, who were denied a marriage license based on the federal law that defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Even though the government is not appealing the provincial rulings and has pledged to legalize Gay marriage, the ban remains on the books. McIntyre gave his oral decision earlier this month and Dunbar and Edge were married the following weekend.

McIntyre, who is an Alberta Supreme Court justice and a deputy justice in Yukon, criticized the government in his ruling for not moving faster to legalize Gay marriage across the country and for attempting to fight the case in the Yukon..

"In my view, with respect to the Attorney General of Canada, the approach it has taken is so fundamentally inconsistent with the approach it took in the other provinces and, indeed, with the approach that is acknowledges to be correct in the Supreme Court of Canada, that solicitor client costs should be awarded against the Attorney General of Canada," he wrote.

The written ruling is expected to be cited in cases in Canada's other seven provinces and two territories.

"The reasoning of the Court makes this a landmark ruling," said Laurie Arron, Director of Advocacy of Egale Canada's LGBT rights group.

"The decision means that provinces and territories that refuse to issue marriage licenses to qualified same-sex couples are breaking the law," he said.

It was the third Gay marriage case won by Toronto Gay rights lawyer Martha McCarthy, but could be the most significant. McCarthy said she never expected such a precedent from the Far North, where she came to argue the case last month.

"I've never been any where near Whitehorse before, not the jurisdiction I expected to fly into on four day's notice, get called to the bar and argue one of these cases, It was quite a rewarding thing to do," she said.

## China Launches First HIV Survey For Gays

BEIJING - China has launched its first survey of the number of Gay HIV-positive people in the country, in light of warnings that it must work hard to fight the virus, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

The country's Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the Heilongjiang Province will manage the survey, and has so far received 1,300 online questionnaires, Wu Yuhua, the deputy head of the provincial disease and virus control institute, told the country's Xinhua state news service.

The country's government decided to work with a Web site, since it was difficult to accurately research Gay people in the

closet, Yuhua said.

The project is part of a joint program with the United States to look at how China can better monitor, control and prevent the spread of the infection.

The country has been repeatedly identified as one of the global epicenters of HIV in the coming years, with a United Nations report suggesting as many as 10 million people could be infected by 2010.

Wu said the project would help fight the spread of the infection across China and promised that "those HIV carriers found in the survey would be given treatment and care."



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## NJ Schools Ordered To Toughen Policies Against G/L Bashings

TRENTON - A ruling by the state's top civil rights official is expected to hold school administrators to standards similar to those that employers must enforce in the workplace, reported 365Gay.com.

In overruling an administrative law judge's decision, State Civil Rights Director J. Frank Vespa-Papaleo said the Toms River Regional School District had allowed a "hostile school environment" to develop.

The ruling awarded \$50,000 to a boy who was slapped, punched and repeatedly taunted with homosexual slurs by his seventh-grade classmates.

"While there is merit to the observation that the immaturity of children may increase the likelihood that school students will be exposed to hurtful behavior, it is also important to recognize that schools are responsible for teaching children what types of behavior are and are not acceptable," Vespa-Papaleo wrote.

A lawyer for the district said it "absolutely" will bring the case to the Superior Court's Appellate Division.

"We strongly believe the school district acted appropriately, effectively and promptly for this young man," Thomas Monahan said.

However, Vespa-Papaleo said that a school is liable for bullying by peers if its employees "knew or should have known of the harassment and failed to take effective measures to stop it."

Students also do not have the option of quitting that employees in a workplace do, he said.

The district has been ordered to reprint its student handbooks so that they explicitly ban bullying on the basis of sexual orientation. Staffers - as well as middle- and high-school students - must be trained in those policies annually for at least the next six years.

While Vespa-Papaleo used the standards that state courts have developed to eliminate workplace bias in issuing his decision, Monahan argued that school officials would not be able to enforce the same rules on the playground that employers can in an office setting.

"You can't fire a student," he said.

Earlier this summer, Vespa-Papaleo ruled that ruled that taverns cannot offer discounts to women on "ladies nights," agreeing with a man who claimed such gender-based promotions

## Once-A-Day Dosage Gets FDA Approval

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Food and Drug Administration has granted accelerated approval of Gilead Sciences' once-a-day anti-HIV medication Truvada, reported 365Gay.com.

Truvada combines 200 mg of emtricitabine and 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in one tablet, taken once a day in combination with other antiretroviral agents.

Truvada works by blocking reverse transcriptase, an enzyme crucial for viral replication. When combined with other anti-HIV medication, Truvada can help lower the amount of HIV, or "viral load" in a patient's body and increase the number of immune system cells. Both of these changes are associated with improving a patient's health and decreasing the likelihood of AIDS-related illnesses.

"We're making great strides in the treatment of HIV infection, but improvements are still needed," said Joel Gallant, MD, MPH of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

"Making therapy easier is likely to improve patients' ability to adhere to therapy. This fixed-dose product - a once-a-day treatment as part of combination therapy - will make it easier to construct convenient combination regimens."

The pill will be a dark blue tablet in the United States, Canada, and Europe. In 68 "least developed" countries, where Gilead has a no-profit program to sell HIV medications Truvada will be a light blue tablet.

Emory University, which owns the license to Emtriva, and the inventors of both Viread and Emtriva have agreed to waive their royalty rights on Truvada sales in the 68 countries, Gilead said.

"Truvada represents an important

step forward in our company's ongoing commitment to developing therapeutics that advance patient care around the world," said John C. Martin, PhD, President and CEO of Gilead.

"We are pleased by the FDA's rapid review and approval of this HIV therapeutic and will work quickly to make it available to patients, including in those resource-limited countries where the HIV epidemic has hit the hardest through the Gilead Access Program."

## Court Rejects Petition From Shepard Murderer

CHEYENNE - The Wyoming supreme court has rejected Russell Henderson's attempt to regain his right to seek a reduction of his two consecutive life prison terms for the murder of Matthew Shepard, advocate.com reported.

The court, in a brief order issued Wednesday, July 28, refused to review a decision by district judge Jeffrey Donnell rejecting Henderson's claim that his state-appointed lawyers failed to discuss potential appeals with him.

Henderson and Aaron McKinney were convicted of killing Shepard, a 21-year-old Gay University of Wyoming student, in October 1998. Henderson pleaded guilty to felony murder and kidnapping and was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences on April 5, 1999. Henderson argued that his trial attorneys never told him of his right to appeal the sentence or to seek a sentence reduction.

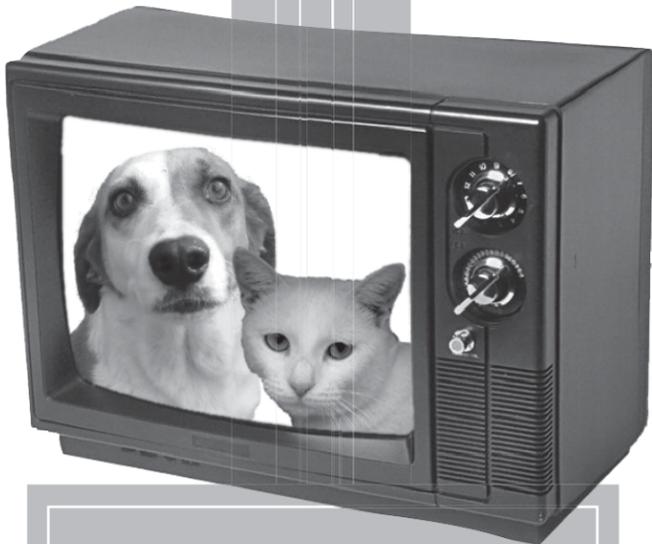
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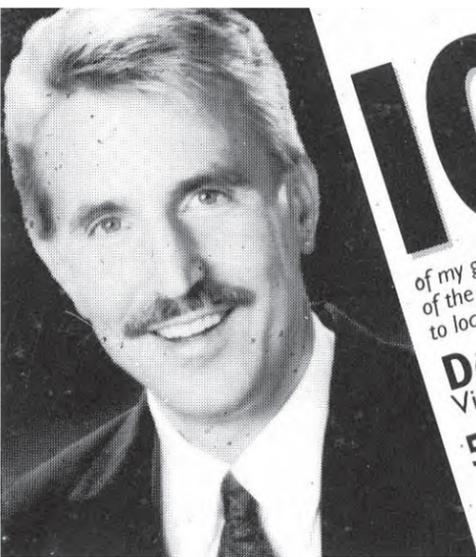


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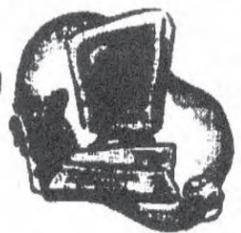
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This week will prepare you for a changeable breeze that cools every square inch of hot and heavy August. Four planets in Virgo and three more in the other three mutable signs encourage your mind, actions and hands to roam free. Will you get caught probing the cookie jar? We can only hope so!

### ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Gay Rams mark the advent of August with the knowledge that if they put in the sweat, they will reap the equity. Oh goody; boatloads of hard work thanks to a bunch of planets in tireless Virgo. This may not be the way you envision roasting the shank of your summer but it can set the course for a very profitable, successful, easy autumn. Tote that barge now. Ride the train later.

### TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Love struck queer Bulls find themselves howling at the harvest moon. Whoo-hoo. The lusty planets mix up a potent combination of romance, intrigue and several pas de deux. You dance through the month in a happily delirious fog. Be sure that you do not stub your toe when the cruel harsh light of reality turns on. Who is that drinking from your morning coffee cup? Argh!

### GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

You will have quite an active August Gay Twin. A cluster of Virgo planets settles comfortably in your backyard and invite the immediate world to your door. Haul out the party mix, grab a keg and buy extra groceries. Long unresolved family issues come to the fore and can be solved or at least settled for the time being. Remember – don't compromise on what is most important to you.

### CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

The true measure of a person is how they behave under intense pressure. Will you measure up? Like a ruler, pink Crab! Just be as cool as a cucumber and twice as long starting today through all August. Remember, if folks don't hear you the first three times you emote don't say it louder, say it slower. Eventually the world catches up to you and all of your great ideas. Eventually.....

### LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Proud Lions may max out their gold cards when the August spend-fest gets underway. Every little trinket that you have ogled over the past months become a "must have" at any price. Anyone we know?? There is a slight (very slight) chance that you can use this fiscally interesting time to get finances under control and plan for the future. I wouldn't bet on it though.

### VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

As we enter August, take note of the cluster of planets in your sign. You emerge as a social force with whom to be reckoned. Queer Virgins cannot simply fade into the background and view events from afar, as much as they would like to do so. People seek you out and push you into center stage. Dominate and make all the decisions. Who knows, you may just like it....

### LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Give as good as you get as August gets underway. Proud Libras must step up and volunteer for a community effort. It is never too late to get off the fast track, reflect on the bigger picture and get on a path to creating good Gay karmic energy. Of course there is a little something in it for you. Any effort can have great ramifications for your future happiness. Apply the oil and start cooking, bud.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Don't even think of spending some quiet time alone this August - it just won't happen. The fates amass a friendly but persistent crowd. The pride parade marches right through your front door and carries you Out on a wave. Queer Scorps have more social commitments than they can cram into their schedule. Be sure that you keep tabs on the who, what, when, where and how. Why? Because.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Do you envision yourself ensconced in some rarified corner office, cashing the big paychecks and bossing others around? Let your dreams catch fire, Gay Archer. This August gives you plenty of opportunity to put your what ifs into why nots. But if you are simply going to dream on and not ply your trade, start enjoying the various perks of middle management. Are there any?

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Pink Caps cannot seem to stay put this August. Blame the cluster of mutable planets for your restlessness and consider escaping to some vast, exotic and exciting locale to recharge your engine. There are some lucky things in store for you in a lost corner of the world. Make your travel itinerary list and check it twice. Travel with the naughty and send a postcard to the nice.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Otherwise cool and collected Aqueerians find that their August becomes steamy hot to the boiling point. Before your stewpot boils over, take a cue from the earthy Virgo cluster of planets and be a bit more discerning in your choice of amours du jours. Love may sweep you off your feet in a "wilde" frenzy but who will be around to take out the trash? Any volunteers?

### PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Relationships become much more important now. All these planets in practical Virgo encourage you to find someone who you can pamper and fuss over. You will have your choice of candidates but before you cast your vote, check out their track record. You don't want to toss your pearls before any old swine, do you Guppie? Or maybe you do. Oink, oink.

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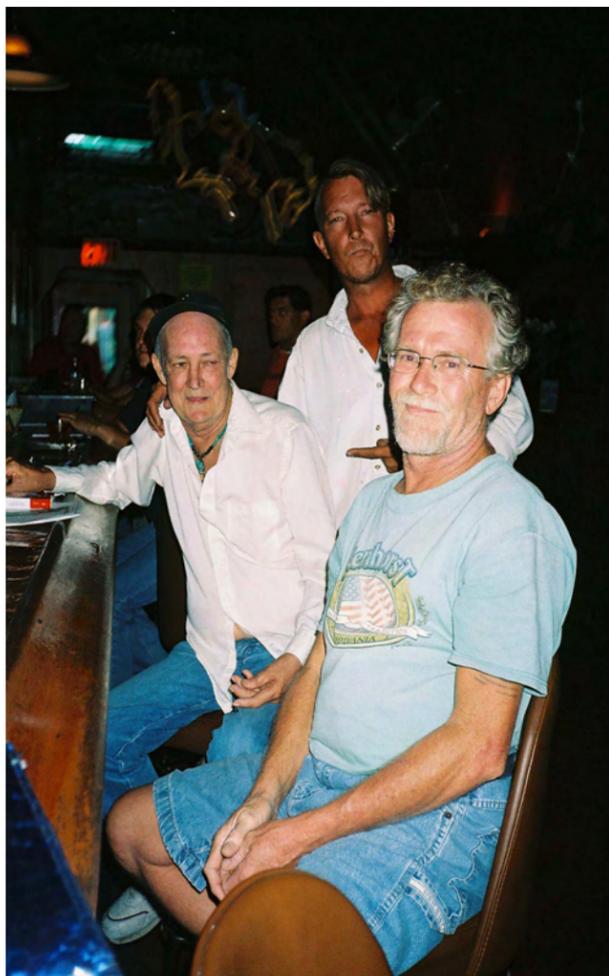
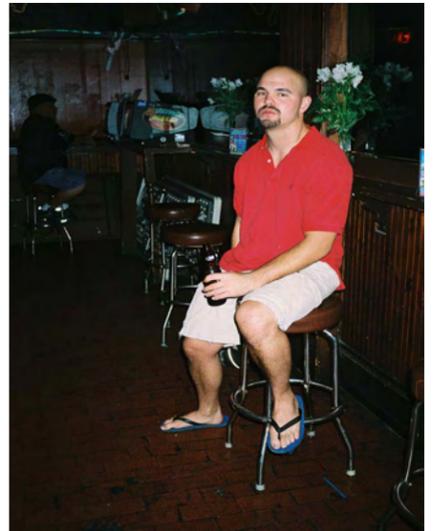
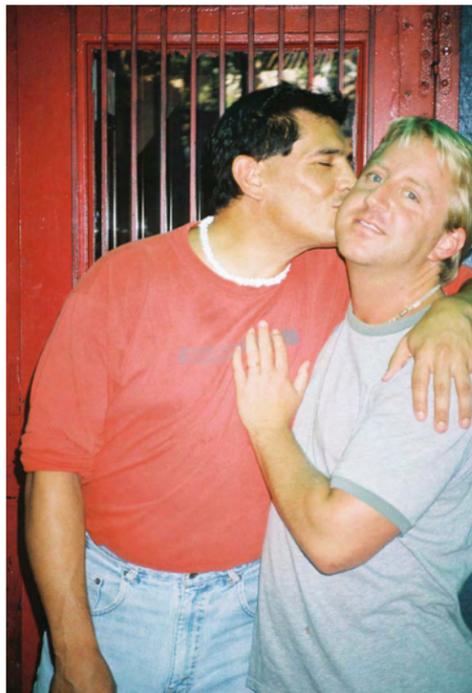
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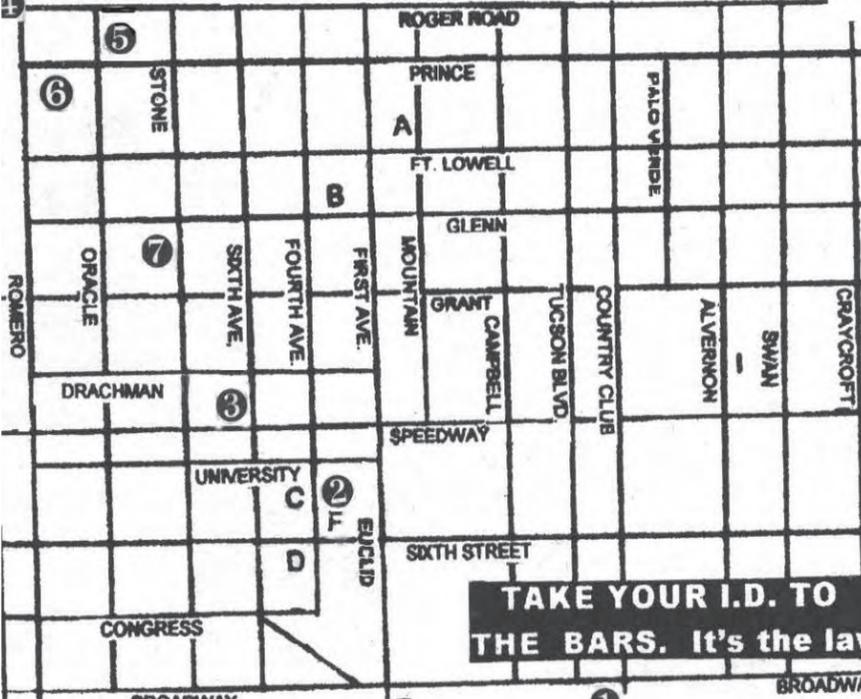


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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

by Lee Thorn

**Summer Doldrums**

Tucson's art scene slows down in the summer. Private galleries tend to cut back their hours or close altogether. UA's Center for Creative Photography has closed its gallery for renovations. The Tucson Museum of Art (TMA) is showing a hodgepodge from its permanent collection.

The good news about TMA is that, even if you're very familiar with their stuff, any given hodgepodge they put up is likely to include at least one or two surprises. My surprise in their current show was an absolutely brilliant oil painting I'd never seen before.

"Santa Fe, New Mexico," by Forrest Moses, turns about a dozen rocks and a tiny bit of stream into an exciting study of light and water whose strong design elements create a sense of rapid motion and a feel for the fleeting moment.

The piece's color is beautiful, subtle and complicated. One's first impression is of a quiet palette, but lingering inspection reveals a wide range of lights and darks.

Unusually large brush strokes, sometimes straight lines a half inch by six inches, give the work an abstract quality even as it celebrates natural light and movement, a neat trick well beyond the bag of most painters.

The University of Arizona's Museum of Art had a wonderful exhibit of "Three Arizona Sculptors." The artists are Don Reifz, Curt Brill and Nobuhito Nishigawara. This is the only sculpture show I can remember seeing where I found every single piece interesting.

Nishigawara does polished porcelain works of female body parts cobbled together in impossible configurations. It sounds grotesque but it looks whimsical and funny. The features of his figures are finely chiseled and elegant, whether they're toes or noses.

Brill does cast bronze human figures, often much larger than life. He takes a casual impressionistic approach to representing actual human anatomy. The limbs of his figures look soft, even melting. The poses and postures he puts them in typically have interesting languorous qualities.

Reifz ceramics repeat a few basic shapes with endless subtle variations. The earthy colors are also repeated with subtle variations. The fun of these works is that each emerges with study into a distinctive character. You first notice the family resemblance and then the individual comes waltzing out.

I've criticized the museum for lighting work ineptly in the past, but with their subtlety of shape and color I don't see how Reifz's works could properly be lighted without absolutely flooding an area with light. A sculpture garden might be their ideal venue.

The UA show's title, "Three Arizona Sculptors," is interesting in view of the fact that Arizona artists haven't always been eager to be identified as such, not wanting to be thought of as rubes or regionalists. Could the title be evidence that the local creative community has acquired some self-confidence?

Tucson has been a magnet for artists and writers at least since the 1970s and probably well before that. Wouldn't it be a gas if we all started coming out of the woodwork and maybe even got ourselves organized?

How about a Tucson Artists' Union? Open it up to graphic artists, performing artists, literary artists, the works. Actually, I'm not even sure if artists would form a viable community of interest, but it's a jolly notion to contemplate.

Would an artists union want to lobby for arts education in the public schools? Would it want to lobby for public funding for the arts, not just sculpture in public places but theatrical projects and poetry readings?

Would it support a city ordinance against the erection of hideously ugly buildings within the city limits? Some recent Tucson architecture inflicts cruel and unusual punishment on anyone unfortunate enough to drive by it.

Perhaps an artists union could encourage the protection and preservation of artistically and culturally important local landmarks.

Perhaps it could encourage press coverage of the arts.

Such is the stuff of summer daydreams.

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

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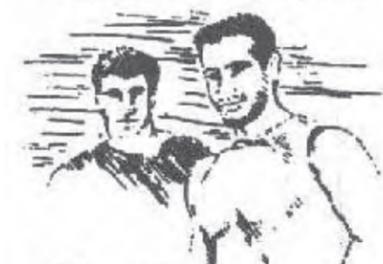
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# Pulse Update

By Jerry D.

Pulse holds its latest forum this Thursday, August 5th at 6:00 pm. The forum will take place at Flash Gallery, located at 312 E Congress. There is no charge for this or any other Pulse event. Along with the after hours parties, the forums give a space and time for education and information regarding Ecstasy & Club Drugs and how they affect our community. Come down on Thursday and get questions answered. The focus on this forum will be on Ecstasy. Pima County has had an increase in the amount of cases seen in emergency rooms, as well as correctional facilities in regards to Ecstasy. Pulse's goal of educating the population when it comes to club drugs is at its priority when it comes to Ecstasy, or E as it is more commonly referred. The following is a description of what Ecstasy is, taken from www.ecstasy.org, which was mentioned in a previous article here in the Observer:

Pills sold as ecstasy might contain other psychoactive substances, commonly amphetamine (speed). LSD (acid) has been found on occasions in a small number of pills. 2-CB has appeared in 'ecstasy' but is more often sold under its own name. Caffeine is frequently found in fake

ecstasy.

Ephedrine, used as an ingredient in 'herbal ecstasy', has side-effects similar to those of MDMA, such as a racing heart and dry throat, which remind a user of being on e. However, just because it is legal does mean that it is necessarily safe

You can look to that website, or contact Pulse at our own site: www.pulstucson.org, for more information regarding this and other club drugs.

Pulse's own Jerry Diaz and Alejandro Granillo headed west to attend San Diego's Pride festivities. San Diego was a gracious host and information was abundant regarding safe partying. Pulse hopes to share information with the San Diego version of Pulse in the future, so we can better inform the community here in Tucson. The parties held during Pride week were energetic and had the same culture as our own events here in Tucson.

You can contact Pulse at the website mentioned above, or at (520) 624-1779 for information and any questions you may have. See you soon!

# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

By Pastor Paul Chambliss

It's true, don't you think 'Everybody Needs Somebody Sometime'. After all, no one really ever chooses to be alone. Actually studies have shown that we really do need each other. Babies held several times a day and cuddled versus those held only to feed and diaper change turn out to be more well adjusted and more nurturing. Those held only to feed and change were more anti social and had a higher instance of emotional dysfunction.

So, it seems at one time or another we place all our hopes and dreams in another person. We expect that person to meet all our needs and when they don't we are hurt and even crushed.

Why do we get ourselves into these no win situations? I have put people on a pedestal in my life and ended up crushed, bewildered, devastated, and feeling totally alone because we had

expected this person to fill such a spot in our life.

But then I met someone really special. Someone who makes great promises to me and keeps them. Someone who always shows up. Someone who's love I never question I can share joy with this person, great disappointment, or just be quiet and alone with him.

His name is Jesus. He is my best friend. He provides all my needs and he never fails. He is my all in all and He is the Lord of my life, and He is my Savior. The Good News is that He is available to everyone Jesus said to His disciples in John 15 V15 I no longer call you servants, Instead I call you friends". If Jesus is not your friend, go to a bible study where the truth is taught and I promise that when He becomes your savior, He will become the best friend you have ever had. Trust Him and you will never be alone again. He will heal your wounds, heal your broken heart, and bring joy back into your life.

# Vatican Opens New Anti-G/L Marriage Front

VATICAN CITY - The Vatican is set to release a new treatise on the family in advance of the US election that calls Gay marriage "unchristian" and says working women are neglecting their families.

"God wanted a Christian marriage, a marriage between a man and a woman," and not between people of the same gender, the document says.

It attacks the "ideology of gender" and stresses that a woman "is not a copy of a man," and repeats the prohibition on women becoming priests.

The 37-page document, released by the Vatican on Saturday July 31, also calls on governments "to manage conditions so that women do not need to neglect their families if they want to pursue a job."

It was written by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the guardian of church orthodoxy as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

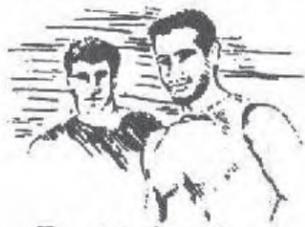
The new document comes a year

after Ratzinger prepared a scathing attack on same-sex couples for the Vatican that was distributed to every parish around the world.

Titled Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons, it called Gay couples "deviant and a threat to society".

In June President Bush met with the Pope asking the Vatican to ratchet up the church's opposition to same-sex marriage in this election year.

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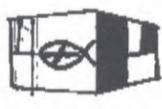
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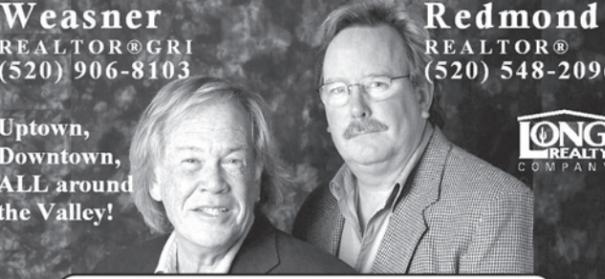


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**ASK DR. X**

Dear Dr. X,

I'm thinking of getting my penis pierced (a Prince Albert). I am concerned about sex after it's done. Will the metal tear or break a condom?

Signed, Dickie

Dear Dickie,

There are many variables. The type of ring or bar you use will have a big impact. Using extra lubricant inside the condom can help and will add sensitivity as well. I would avoid extra thin condoms, but the bottom line is if it isn't sharp there is not much to worry about. My question for you is why do you want this piercing? We seem to be in a piercing frenzy. Is it a fad or a long time passion? Remember that you will have two holes in your penis now instead of just one (some men have to sit down or put a finger over one hole when peeing). Follow the guidelines from the piercer and make sure they are reputable and use sterile tools. I am sure you don't want some ugly infection, which would be really gross. I would consult some guys who have them and get the pros and cons. I would also ask some perspective bottoms how they feel about insertion of pierced penises inside of them. I haven't seen any documented cases of PA's tearing a condom but that doesn't mean it can't happen. You may want to experiment with a condom called Pleasure Plus that has an extra pouch in the underside of the head. The pouch is made to increase sensitivity, but I have

been told it is great for accommodating jewelry without feeling too tight. Good luck, and be careful not chip any teeth.

Dear Dr. X,

Most of my friends are cutting edge and into getting tattooed, pierced and branded. It all looks real cool now while we are young but what if any are the long-term effects? Could you also give me some basics on what to look for? My friends have been giving me conflicting information.

Signed, Body Art

Dear Body Art,

I read an article the other day that had a cartoon in which a 90 year old grandmother was dressed like Britney Spears talking to her great grand children. I had to laugh because it's true. What are we thinking about when we get tattooed, pierced or branded? I guess times change and when we get older it will probably be normal for a grandfather to have a 2-gauge earring and a pierced septum, or a 90 year old woman with a navel ring and a butterfly tattoo on her ankle. Though there are no real "long-term effects" if everything is taken care of and heals properly, think twice and then a third time before having anything done. Even Dr. X thought long and hard before getting his tats and piercing because tats (like herpes) last forever. If you do decide to go for it, go to a reputable shop. Decide beforehand what you want. Listen to what the piercer/tattooist is saying to you. Make sure the needles are new and sterile and never, ever get pierced by a gun. You can contract Hepatitis C from used ink and un-sterile/used equipment. Quality shops will explain their safety procedures to you and make sure you understand them and are comfortable. If you feel uncomfortable don't do it. Most importantly follow the cleaning and care instructions to the "T." If you do develop an infection, don't remove the jewelry! Once the piercing closes it will seal the infection inside your body and make it harder to treat. Go back to the shop and follow their advice. I know that there are now ways to remove tattoos. These procedures cost quite a bit of money and are painful and very time consuming. It can also lead to scarring and discolored skin. Know the facts and be safe.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at [gmp@saaf.org](mailto:gmp@saaf.org) or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at

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## BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

IBT'S - The DivaLicious Show hosted by Veronica Halliwell and starring Venecia, Angelique Houston and Crystal Abrams.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

IBT'S - 8:30 p.m. "An Evening With Ajia Simone" with this week's guests: Miss Gay Arizona 2005, Tori Steele, Teri Aki and the Queen of Karaoke Dana.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Karaoke Party with Michael D. on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. 8:00 p.m. Sissy Bingo hosted by Ajia Simone with great prizes and laughs. 9:00 p.m. Guest DJ Kevin Brown from Phoenix.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., the "Diva-Licious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday, starring Tori Steele, Diana Flair and Amanda Nicole

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - The official Miss Latina Arizona National Capitol Cities 2004 Regional Preliminary Pageant. 7:00 p.m. sharp. For more information call Crystal Abrams, (520)409-0134 or in Phoenix call (602)486-6182.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

VENTURE-N - Get ready for the annual Jungle Party!

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## DAILY BAR CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

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

IBT's - Open Noon \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas.. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ "T.C. Wildman". 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament with Chad 5-7pm. Surf & Turf w/baked potato & salad \$6.90

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Dinner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

### MONDAY

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, 'Theme Dance Nite' with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Free Pool all day. \$3 small pitchers.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Monday Nite Football. Free Hot Dogs.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. In House Karaoke.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls It drink specials..

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

### WEDNESDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8, \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Special prices on draft beers from 7-close. Free pool all night. Country music & Dancing 7-close

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Latiino Night. VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry (Pot Matched) Special prices for players.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

### FRIDAY

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8 \$2 well, domestic pints & longnecks. Kitchen open 3-8pm. Beginner country dance lessons 7:30-8:30. Current and Classic Country from 8:30 to close. Reverse Happy Hour 11:30 - close with 50¢ off all drinks.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GoGo Boys and Dance Party with DJ "T.C. Wildman" 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

### SATURDAY

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

IBT's - 10am-5pm \$4 Martinis and Daquaris. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Steak Dinner with Fries and Salad \$5.99 5-8 p.m. Super Disco Dance Music 8:30 p.m. to close.

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

WOODY'S - Open 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. Kennel open 5pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [tyan@theriver.com](mailto:tyan@theriver.com) and request guidelines.

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

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

**NOTICES**

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.

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](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

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](http://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!"**

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**LIKE TO READ?**

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

THE MANTO 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.

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

TNTucsonMEN, a nudist Gay men's club. We are a social and recreational group. By the way, the TN means Totally Naked! Drop an e-mail at [TNTucsonMen@nethere.com](mailto:TNTucsonMen@nethere.com)

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"We do not support discrimination against the GLBT community—via legislation or otherwise."

**Let's be clear. We don't support amending the Constitution.**

That attitude is in keeping with our actions since 1978, when we adopted an inclusive nondiscrimination policy that recognized the rights of GLBT applicants and employees. We took another important step forward in 1988 and provided corporate support to important GLBT community groups. Today, we're proud to back the efforts of the HRC, GLAAD, GPAC and numerous AIDS organizations.

And we've continued our efforts to be not only a better corporate citizen, but a better place to work as well. More than 10 years ago, we created our Lesbian and Gay Employee Resource Council (LAGER) to provide an employee support network and regularly advise our senior management. We even made history in 1995, when Coors became the first major brewery in America to offer same-sex partner health benefits.

Many people have responded positively to these efforts. In 2001, we received the Colorado Human Rights Campaign Award. And we just received the highest score possible from the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index—100. So, while we're not perfect, we're clearly working hard to be a better company.

It's simple. At Coors, we believe supporting the rights of the GLBT community is good for our customers and our employees. And, above all, it's the right thing to do.

**Coors<sup>®</sup>**  
**Now's the time.**

Thanks for listening.

Give us your feedback: [str8talk@mergemediagroup.com](mailto:str8talk@mergemediagroup.com)