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OUToberFEST Promises Great Entertainment

TUCSON - OUToberFEST is coming Saturday October 9. It will be a fun-filled day of entertainment, education and celebration. OUToberFEST is held in Reid Park in the Demeester Outdoor Performance Area. The entrance is on Country Club Road north of 22nd Street in central Tucson. The festival grounds will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m..

Admission to OUToberFEST is \$7. Coupons for \$2 off the admission price are available at Wingspan, Desert Pride, Antigone Books, IBT's, Woody's and Howl At The Moon. Children 7 and under will be admitted free.

For security reasons, organizers said attendees will not be permitted to bring coolers, beverages or food into the festival. Water bottles will be permitted. Back packs and other bags will be subject to search. For those who want to bring their own food and picnic at the festival, attendees will be permitted to leave the festival and return. There are ample places immediately outside the festival grounds to picnic.

The entertainment headliner this year is singer Paul Lekakis. Lekakis is best known for his top-ten hit "Boob Boom Boom-Let's Go Back to my Room" which also reached #1 in Australia and Japan. He appeared in the independent Gay-themed film, "Circuit," which contains a performance of his track, "Assume the Position." His debut album, "Tattoo It," includes the successful hit, "Come on Over to My House."

Back by popular demand are Lee Anne Savage, Mark Weigle and Yvonne Perea and their bands. Lee Anne Savage needs little introduction with a Tucson crowd and has performed her raucous rock at OUToberFEST several times. Weigle likes music that tells a story, and many of his songs deal with issues of LGBT life. Weigle's style is mellow and bold. Yvonne Perea has been writing music and playing the guitar since the age of 8. She stylizes her music as "White Girl Blues."

New performers for OUToberFEST this year are singers Lisa Otey, Tammy West and Namoli Brennet and comedian Rhett Harrison. Lisa Otey is a popular Tucson singer about whom the Jazz Review says, "Lisa has a jack-hammer left hand and she dishes out a boogie style that just won't quit." Tammy West's music is described as honest, moody, sarcastic, and sultry. Hailing from Kentucky, she has been in Tucson for 6 yrs and has been performing for 3, and is a member of a local band, 4 Chicas. Namoli Brennet refers to her style as "gender-variant indie-pop," and others consider her a soul singer with a future. Rhett Harrison is a new and popular lesbian comedian who has appeared in

several clubs and at Pride festivals, including Laff's.

The LGBT chorus Desert Voices is performing. Tucson T-Squares will present a demonstration of square dancing.

Entertainment Schedule:

10:15 a.m. - Rhett Harrison - Comedian
11:00 a.m. - T-Squares
11:45 a.m. - Desert Voices
12:30 p.m. - Tammy West
1:15 p.m. - Lisa Otey
2:00 p.m. - Namoli Brennet
2:45 p.m. - Mark Weigle & Band
3:30 p.m. - Yvonne Perea & Band
4:15 p.m. - Lee Anne Savage & The Audacity
5:15 p.m. - Paul Lekakis

The entertainment evening will finish from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with "Viva La Diva" drag show emceed by Miss Gay Arizona 2004 Bunny Fu Fu featuring the best of Tucson's celebrity impersonators.

About 100 food, retail and non-profit exhibitors will be present at OUToberFEST in the Pride Festival Marketplace. A variety of food will be offered by the food vendors including Thai specialties, pizza, gyros, hamburgers, hot dogs, Mexican specialties, popcorn, ice cream, coffee and much more. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about agencies and organizations serving the LGBT community from the many non-profit exhibitors.

Parking for OUToberFEST is available throughout Reid Park to the south and north of the festival grounds as well as at Hi Corbett field. There are three entrances to the festival. The main entrance is from the parking lots south of the bandshell. There are also entrances at the northwest corner of the festival grounds and at the northeast corner behind the bandshell.

The 2004 OUToberFEST sponsors are IBTs, Woody's, Budweiser, Howl At The Moon, SAGA, Wingspan, O'Reilly Chevrolet, Doubletree Hotel and Suites, Desert Pride Gift Shop, Natural Life Chiropractic, Tucson Weekly, Pronto Printing, Whitespace Design, Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Karyn Garvin & Associates, Centra Realty, Elbow Grease, Echo Magazine, Sun Mist Tanning, Instinct Magazine, IONAZ magazine and the Community Business Association. OUToberFEST is presented by Tucson Pride Inc., IBTs and Woody's.

If you have questions about OUToberFEST, call the Pride Line at (520) 622-3200 or see the web site at www.tucsonpride.com.

Estranged Lesbian Couple Fight Over Parental Rights

HOUSTON - A lesbian couple whose eight-year relationship ended in March are in a legal battle over whether the woman who adopted the child born to her partner should be recognized as the girl's parent, Advocate.com reported.

A Galveston County associate judge earlier upheld the adoption, approved in 2001, but a district judge is considering an appeal. The judge heard oral arguments earlier this week.

The 6-year-old's biological mother, Julie Anne Hobbs, claims the adoption by her former partner, Janet Kathleen Van Stavern, is void. She says among the requirements for a child to be adopted under the Texas Family Code is for the child's relationship with biological parents to be terminated or for the parent whose rights were not terminated to be married to the person seeking custody; same-sex marriages are not recognized in Texas. "The granting of this adoption was directly contrary to and in violation of Texas law and, therefore, void as a matter of law," Hobbs's attorneys, Marie Trefethern and Christine Mangle, argued in a legal brief. "The court had no authority to grant the adoption as Janet Kathleen Van Stavern could not be the 'spouse' of Julie Anne Hobbs nor the 'stepparent' to the child."

Van Stavern says it is too late for Hobbs to challenge the adoption. Van Stavern's attorney, Shannon Warren, said Hobbs could have challenged the adoption for six months after it was approved. Once that period is over, Warren says, Hobbs has no grounds to fight the adoption. "They should have attacked the adoption decree just like anyone else does," Warren said Wednesday. "Now it is years later. They just sat behind the law until the relationship ended and then came up with all these different positions."

Jerry Simoneaux, whose Houston law firm specializes in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender issues, said the issue before the court isn't a Gay rights issue but a parental rights issue. "I hope that the Galveston court doesn't even consider the Gay or Lesbian issue and just looks at this as two parents," he said, adding that he hopes the court "truly looks at what is in the best interest of the child." If the court agrees with Hobbs's position, Simoneaux said it could place adoptive parents who are not married to a biological parent on "shaky ground." "If this court decides that a second-parent adoption by a Gay or Lesbian parent is void, that is going to send a very chilling message to all those parents out there who are reliant on that relationship being kept stable," he said. "The Gay and Lesbian communities are going to be watching this case very closely."

Trefethern said Hobbs has had to

put some of her personal beliefs aside in order to do what she feels is best for her daughter. She said Hobbs doesn't necessarily agree with the laws in place but wants to ensure her daughter's parentage is protected. The rights of the man who donated the semen for the artificial insemination by Hobbs were terminated. Van Stavern legally adopted the girl when she was a 3-year-old. She has continued to provide \$400 a month in child support and visit with the girl since her split from Hobbs. "The fact that Janet Kathleen Van Stavern and Julie Anne Hobbs were in a homosexual relationship is not really the issue in this case," Trefethern said in a legal filing. "If Janet Kathleen Van Stavern had been the male boyfriend of Julie Anne Hobbs, the adoption would also be void, as no spouse or stepparent existed as intended by the legislature in order for the child to be adoptable."

Simoneaux said Texas allows for stepparent adoptions of children but doesn't have an option for people who are not married, sometimes referred to as a second-parent adoption. "Because there is no law in Texas on second-parent adoptions, these adoptions are vulnerable, and I am very concerned," he said. "We don't really know where we stand on it."

Register To Vote Deadline Oct. 4

TUCSON (ON) - It's simple, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS communities need to be registered and cast a ballot on November 2. There is no excuse not to register and vote, our rights, our lives are a stake in this election.

Monday, October 4, is the deadline to be registered for the November 2 general election. In addition to being able to register at the County Recorder's and other government offices, as well as the respective political parties local headquarters. Arizona residents can register to vote online at: <https://az.gov/webapp/evoter/>.

In addition, persons can go to the following locations and register to vote in Tucson:

Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, (520) 624-1779.

Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue, (520) 792-3715.

Desert Pride, 611 North Fourth Avenue, (520) 388-9829.

Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, 606 North Fourth Avenue, (520) 620-1770.

La Cocina Restaurant, 201 North Court Avenue, (520) 623-6024 or 622-0351.

Vote

UPDATE

A 'State Of Emergency' In Tucson October 7

TUCSON (ON) - On Thursday, October 7, 8:00 p.m., Margaret Cho will declare a "State of Emergency," at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall, 260 S. Church.

Cho, the stand-up comedian, writer and star of the concert films, "Notorious C-H-O," "Revolution," and "I'm the One That I Want," and proclaimed "ultimate fag hag," will be in Tucson with her self-produced tour.

In an interview with the Arizona Daily Star, Cho said her tour is more than just about George Bush but also about issues. "It's anti-bigotry; it's anti-arrogant cynicism. It's anti-prejudice. It's anti all of these things that are really anti-American," added Cho.

Cho's activism, she said in the interview, peaked this year after the Bush administration and some Republican lawmakers called for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Cho is an outspoken proponent of rights for Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

"The idea that the Gays can't get married, to me, is ludicrous and very wrong," she said. "There are numerous domestic issues that go beyond just health care. It's more about the social conservatism that irks me the most."

Tickets are \$29.50 and \$39.50 through Ticketmaster, (520) 321-1000; or the TCC box office, (520) 791-4266.

Desert Voices Shows Pride In Song

TUCSON - Desert Voices (DV), Arizona's only GLBT Chorus, will take the DeMeester Stage at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, for OUToberFEST

DV will present a program of Pride anthems and hysterical parodies designed to get the crowd up on their feet and waving their rainbow flags. The chorus will also feature a song by Namoli Brennet, "We Belong", which was arranged for the chorus by DV Director, Chris Tackett. Included in the program is a song entitled "Let's Get Out and Vote," one of the group's typically twisted comments on current events.

Other entertainers not to be missed include T-Squares, a square dance troupe that have been long-time volunteer ushers for Desert Voices shows, and local singer and composer, Namoli Brennet, who is also DV's accompanist this season.

Admission to OUToberFEST provides access to free entertainment for our community. Desert Voices would like to encourage everyone to come over to the DeMeester Center and support local GLBT Live Arts in Tucson.

See the OUToberFest ads for a complete line-up of performances, and please stop by to cheer and applaud and local GLBT artists lend their time and talent for your enjoyment. And check out the DV website for additional information, www.desertvoices.org. See you in the park!

1st Bi-National Conference For Ambiente Community Of Nogales, Sonora To Be Held October 2nd and 3rd

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER FROM ARIZONA TO GATHER WITH THE AMBIENTE COMMUNITY OF NOGALES, SONORA

TUCSON - Grupo sin Fronteras a Tucson-based advocacy organization for Latino's and Spanish speakers, and the Comité de Ambiente de Nogales, Sonora (similar to the U.S. LGBT community) will convene the Primer Encuentro Binacional (1st Binational Encounter/ Conference).

The Encuentro will provide an opportunity to meet or learn more about the community in their own setting, allowing for a better understanding of this unique community; often associated with the Latino LGBT community of Arizona; a community which tends to adopt U.S. terminology and its rigid identifiers.

The Nogales community de Ambiente functions somewhat different socially than its Arizona counterparts and the Encuentro will provide the opportunity for participants to "convivir" (socialize side-by-side) with the Ambiente Community through a variety of activities.

There will be a free theater performance of "Reunion", written by San Francisco playwright Edgar Poma and directed by Enrique Perez Gomez. The play involves a family who must come to terms with their only son's confession that he is in love ...with another man. The production is presented by Teatro Orgullo, a binational theater company. The performance will be followed by a Variety Show and Dance which will raise funds for FRENDOVIH, IAP, the only non-profit, non-governmental HIV/AIDS provider in Hermosillo, Sonora. The Encuentro will also provide the venue for participants to meet on a professional level, via an all-day conference on Sunday, October 3rd.

The conference will be held on a Sunday to accommodate maquila employees, many of whom have a six-day work week, and will touch on subjects as diverse as Sexual Rights, Justice and Human Rights, as well as Substance Abuse, Relationship Violence and HIV Prevention. The topics will be presented by a team composed of facilitators from Sonora and Arizona who excel in their field.

The Encuentro is open to health and social service providers from Arizona who have contact with this community. A goal of the Encuentro is for participants to learn about the multi-layer cultural nuances that exist within this community. For the participants from Nogales, an opportunity to learn from the expertise that the participants from Arizona can share as they begin their process in developing and implementing programs created by and for their own community.

The cost for the Encuentro is \$35 for one or both days and participants can register by email at gsfronteras@aol.com or by calling 520.906.8021 in Tucson. Also available is a two-day package for \$65 which includes travel from Tucson to Nogales, Sonora and back and includes a presentation on the bus on the historical context of the border, a tour of the maquiladoras (U.S. owned twin plants) and the colonias which have risen to meet immediate needs in housing; much of it due to the migration north by people who come to work in the

maquilas. Hotel accommodations are available for an additional \$45. All meals are included in the package.

The Encuentro is co-sponsored by the Comité de Ambiente de Nogales, Sonora, an emerging not-for-profit advocacy group for the Ambiente community of Nogales, Sonora; Wingspan, Tucson's LGBT organization; FRENDOVIH, IAP; and The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the oldest Latino Civil Rights organization in the United States.

Lesbian Health Survey Being Conducted

TEMPE - Linda Martinez is a registered nurse with a master's degree in counseling, has launched a rare health care survey of aging Lesbians.

The survey, part of her current master's thesis in a nurse practitioner's program, will run until December of 2004.

"If no one knows what our needs are," says Martinez, "We can't expect them to be met. We have to take the risks to talk about ourselves."

Few health care studies of older Lesbians exist because they remain one of the most closeted groups of individuals - the unknown and mysterious minority.

The largest study to date of Lesbians and women over 45 was conducted with only 100 women over the age of 60 in 1986.

Martinez hopes to exceed the number in the 1986 survey and create a larger study of health care needs with the help of community groups, more open attitudes, and by using the Internet as part of the academic research.

Surveys are anonymous. Take the survey at www.womenshealthsurvey.org or send for a copy: ASU Department of Nursing, Attn: Dr. Marianne McCarthy (Women's Survey), P.O. Box 872602, Tempe, AZ 85287. You will not be asked to identify yourself.

Transgendered Salvadoran Can Apply For Asylum

LOS ANGELES - A federal appeals court says a Transgendered person who fled El Salvador at age 17 after being kidnapped and raped should have another chance to avoid deportation, Advocate.com reported.

The ninth U.S. circuit court of appeals ruled Monday that Luis Reyes-Reyes, now 42, can remain in the Los Angeles area if he can prove to immigration officials that he would be subjected to antiGay bullying if deported. A unanimous three-judge panel said a deportation panel erroneously demanded that Reyes show he would be tortured by the Salvadoran government. The San Francisco-based appeals court said federal laws prohibit deportation if a foreign government tacitly approves of privately inflicted torture.

The appeals court said El Salvador's national police had been involved in hitting, threatening, and insulting Gay men with female sexual identities. Reyes-Reyes, of San Salvador, reportedly lives as a woman but has not had a sex-change operation. (No further information was available regarding Reyes-Reyes's gender identity.) Reyes-Reyes said a group of men kidnapped, raped, and beat him when he was 13 years old because of his feminine behavior and that they threatened more punishment. He fled to the United States four years later and managed to avoid being detected as an illegal immigrant for 25 years. He was ordered deported in 2002.

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Courts The Big Prize In November Elections

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The next president's most enduring legacy may be in an area little mentioned in the campaign so far: the federal courts, where rulings on such hot-button issues as abortion, Gay marriage and the death penalty could have lasting impact, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

With an aging Supreme Court, it's likely that over the next four years either President Bush or Democrat John Kerry will choose one or more new justices, along with scores or even hundreds of federal appeals court and trial judges.

Courts can have the crucial last word on important and contentious issues, as recent rulings on affirmative action and presidential war powers attest. But chances are most voters won't hear specifics about the kind of judges either candidate favors.

"As a campaign issue I think it's been almost invisible," said Supreme Court historian David Garrow.

That's a departure from the 2000 campaign, when both Bush and Democratic nominee Al Gore pointed to particular Supreme Court justices they admired and partisans on both sides spoke with certainty about an expected Supreme Court retirement.

Four years later, not one Supreme Court justice has left the bench. That makes it even more likely there will be an opening sometime soon, law professors and activists said.

Next month the current court begins its 10th term without a vacancy. Only one justice, Clarence Thomas, is younger than 65. Speculation about

retirements has focused on Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who will turn 80 in October, and Justices John Paul Stevens, 84, and Sandra Day O'Connor, 74.

"It's not that people were crying wolf last time, it's just that it didn't play out the way we expected," said Duke University constitutional law professor Erwin Chemerinsky.

The candidates may be wary of predicting any vacancies this time, and other more immediate issues are crowding out larger discussion of the court and judges, scholars said.

Bush did mention the issue in his acceptance speech at the Republican convention, criticizing judges he contends have gone too far in rulings declaring Gay marriage legal and a ban on certain abortions unconstitutional.

"I support the protection of marriage against activist judges," the president said, "and I will continue to appoint federal judges who know the difference between personal opinion and the strict interpretation of the law."

For his part, Kerry promises on his campaign Web site that as president he would try to "reverse damage done to civil rights laws by right-wing judges" and would "only appoint judges with a record of enforcing the nation's civil rights and anti-discrimination laws."

If Bush wins a second term, he could be on his way to naming more federal trial and appeals judges than either of the last two-term presidents. Bill Clinton appointed 367 judges, including two Supreme Court justices, and Ronald Reagan chose 357 judges, including three Supreme Court justices. Reagan also elevated Rehnquist from associate to chief

justice.

With 201 judges appointed so far, Bush is already ahead of the 187 his father chose during his one-term presidency — though many of the current president's nominees have had to weather a rocky confirmation process in the highly partisan Senate.

Picking a Supreme Court justice would be a bigger prize.

Supreme Court justices, like other federal judges, can remain on the job decades after the president who chose them. They serve for life or until they choose to retire.

Rehnquist is the longest-serving member of the high court, chosen 32 years ago by Richard Nixon. Stevens is still there 29 years after he was Gerald Ford's lone Supreme Court pick.

The nine-member high court is divided basically into three camps — conservative, middle-of-the-road and moderately liberal — and frequently lines up 5-4 on the most difficult cases. Depending on who is counting, the court is one vote or two away from overturning Roe v. Wade, the 3-decade-old ruling that affirmed the legality of abortion.

In an AP-Ipsos poll taken, 56 percent of those surveyed said they wanted the president to nominate a Supreme Court justice with conservative political views if a vacancy occurs; 37 percent said they preferred a justice with liberal views.

Both sides in the presidential campaign have raised the ideological issue among their own strongest supporters. A recent Democratic fund-raising letter on behalf of Democrats, for example, warned of the dangers of re-electing Bush.

"Are you ready for Chief Justice Antonin Scalia?" the letter said. Scalia and fellow conservative Thomas are the justices Bush cited in 2000 as models for future picks.

Voters should be aware of the importance of Supreme Court vacancies, said Elliot Minberg, legal director of People for the American Way, a liberal group that has opposed several of Bush's lower-court picks.

"It's not the next four years that is the issue," Minberg said. "It's the next 20, 30 or 40 and what people's rights and liberties are going to look like."



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Former UofA Professor Named Parade Grand Marshall

TUCSON - The Grand Marshall for Tucson's Pride... On Parade! has been selected by the organizing board, someone organizers said who represented what was best and unique about Tucson, and who has contributed directly to Tucson's GLBT community: Maurice Grossman, local icon, artist and activist.

Recently turned 77, Maurice is a constant and consistent presence in Tucson's GLBT community. Be it organizing the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats as Co-Director, contributing a piece of art for a fundraiser for SAAF, Wingspan, TIHAN, or AHRF, or just going out for a turn on the dance floor at IBT's, Maurice's is a genial, welcoming, and comforting presence to find.

Throughout a 50 year career as a professional artist, which included a 34 year tenure as Professor of Art - Emeritus at the University of Arizona, Maurice was instrumental in the creation of the University's three-dimensional Arts Program, receiving the notice and recognition of fellow artists around the world. Among the several awards Maurice has garnered in his professional career are a Fulbright Scholarship to Japan, a National Endowment for the Arts award, Creative Teaching Award from the U of A Foundation, and Arizona Art Award from the Southern Arizona Foundation.

But it is Maurice's current involvement in Tucson's GLBT community which has led the board to select and honor him. While many of us struggle to balance our personal and professional life, let alone volunteer occasionally, Maurice dedicates himself to several efforts on the behalf of his community. In addition to his

efforts for the Stonewall Democrats, you can find Maurice volunteering for Wingspan, participating in Mens Social Network activities, registering voters for the Arizona Democratic Party, demonstrating for peace, serving on the Tucson Museum of Art's Advisory Council, or even, on a recent Sunday, working the crowd at IBT's to sell raffle tickets to raise money for the Pride Parade.

It is this kind of tireless dedication to community which has earned Maurice the respect and admiration of those who know him, and which make him both a role model and representative for Tucson's community. In a community that doesn't always honor or even recognize our Elder's, his spirit, energy, and passion represent that which is best about Tucson, and serves as inspiration to us all on how we can affect change in our city and world.

Organizers hope that you will join them to honor Maurice at Pride... On Parade! October 10, 2004, as they march from downtown at Franklin & Stone to a rally on 4th Ave. between 5th & 4th Streets. The parade will begin staging at 4 p.m. at the parking lot at Franklin & Stone, and begin promptly at 5 p.m. Great entertainers and performers will begin at the parade's conclusion at 4th Ave & 4th St., and the Parade Raffle's \$1000 Grand Prize winner will be drawn. Complete Route, entertainer, & sponsor information can be found at our website below. Help organizers support the parade by purchasing raffle tickets from volunteers and board members, or at Desert Pride and Antigone's on 4th Ave., and find more information on how you can participate at www.prideparadeoftucson.com.

Keyes Refuses 'Gay Daughter' Question

CHICAGO - GOP Senate Candidate Allan Keyes Monday night (September 27) refused to answer questions about a growing number of rumors that his daughter is a Lesbian, 365Gay.com reported.

Keyes, a Marylander who was parachuted into the race for the seat from Illinois, has been on the constant attack against Gay issues and specifically same-sex marriage.

At the Republican National Convention in New York Keyes said that homosexuality is "selfish hedonism." He made the remarks in a radio interview conducted by 365Gay.com's Michelangelo Signorile.

Signorile then asked Keyes whether he considered Mary Cheney, the daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney a "selfish hedonist."

"Of course she is," Keyes replied. "That goes by definition. Of course she is."

He then went on another talk show to say, "If my daughter were a Lesbian, I'd look at her and say, 'That is a relationship that is based on selfish hedonism.' I would also tell my daughter that it's a sin, and she needs to pray to the Lord God to help her to deal with that sin."

But for more than a week Web blogs have been filled with reports that Keyes' 19 year old daughter Maya is Gay and out. One blog has what is reported to be entries by Maya Keyes. But, so far she has not publicly stated the entries are indeed hers, or that she is or is not a Lesbian.

At a Town Hall meeting Monday night on Chicago's Southside reporters were almost as numerous as members of the black community members who came to hear him speak.

Keyes did not mention the growing attention his daughter is receiving but did attack his Democratic opponent Barack Obama's recent clarification that he was opposed to same sex marriages, but opposed to the Federal Marriage Amendment and would accept civil unions.

Keyes took questions from the audience but rebuffed questions from the media.

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Attack Ad Links Kerry, Same-Sex Marriage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The largest U.S. Gay political group, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), is criticizing what it calls the first television political attack ad to use same-sex marriage in the presidential election, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

The ad, showing nothing but clips of Sen. John Kerry during the Democratic National Convention, asks: "How liberal is John Kerry? Here are the facts: John Kerry opposed efforts to stop Gay marriage in Massachusetts, even signing a letter supporting it. And as a U.S. senator, John Kerry voted against the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman. That's liberal. That's John Kerry. John Kerry — too liberal for America."

Former presidential candidate Gary Bauer announced the new ad campaign Saturday, September 25, saying in a press release the ads would target viewers in Michigan and Pennsylvania. "Marriage in the United States must be preserved as the union of one man and one woman," Bauer said in a prepared statement. "We believe it is important for the American people to know which candidates will defend traditional marriage."

Bauer's organization, Americans United to Preserve Marriage, paid \$500,000 to run the ads.

Phil Singer, a spokesman for the Kerry campaign, told the New York Times the ad was misleading, claiming the Massachusetts senator "thinks marriage is between a man and a woman." The New

York Times noted Kerry voted against the Defense of Marriage Act because Kerry thought the law, signed by President Clinton, was "unnecessarily divisive."

"This tears at families with Gay loved ones, like the Cheneys," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques in a prepared statement. "This ad is nothing but an effort to divide the American people and promote discrimination against some families. President Bush should focus on issues the American people care about most, like jobs, health care costs and the war in Iraq."

But some Christian conservatives believe same-sex marriage is the hot-button item that will turn the presidential election in their favor.

"The Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) will be an important issue in the states it's on the ballot," Roberta Combs, president of the Christian Coalition of America, said in a quote published by the Associated Press (AP). "It will have an impact on us getting out the vote." (The FMA is not on state ballots this fall, but a similar measure in some states will be decided by voters.)

Voters will cast ballots on constitutional amendments regarding same-sex marriage in 11 states, including the swing states of Arkansas, Oregon, Michigan and probably Ohio. The Christian Coalition hopes to recruit those people likely to oppose same-sex marriage. According to the AP, the coalition not only hopes to re-elect President Bush; its long-term goal is changing the makeup of U.S. Supreme Court and the federal judiciary.

Idaho Court Denies Gay Dad Custody

BOISE - The long-running custody battle by a Gay father in Idaho Falls came to a close Tuesday, September 21, as the state Supreme Court ruled in favor of his ex-wife, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Theron McGriff was contesting a lower court decision that gave his former spouse primary custody over their two daughters.

After their 1997 divorce, Theron and his ex-wife Shawn had shared custody of the girls, who are now 13 and 9. But once Theron's partner, Nick Case, moved in with him, Shawn petitioned the court for a change in the arrangements. Eventually, the court agreed, ruling among other things that Theron had not fully appreciated the possible harm that the girls might encounter in their conservative community.

The court also ruled that Theron could not have visitation if Case continued to live in the house. And as a final gesture, Theron was ordered to pay hundreds of dollars a month to cover his ex-wife's legal fees.

Theron appealed with the help of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), basing his argument on the generally acknowledged idea that custody decisions may not be governed by sexual orientation in the absence of any harm to the children involved. Indeed, in this case, a court-appointed counselor had recommended that the 50-50 custody continue, observing that both parents "have shown positive nurturing" and both children "have a positive relationship with both parents and with each other."

In Tuesday's 4-1 opinion, the majority agreed that sexual orientation could not be used as determining factor in custody

decisions, but then, in a turn of events, the majority announced that the lower court had not, in fact, based its ruling on Theron's orientation at all. Instead, the high court wrote, the magistrate had found Theron was not as cooperative as Shawn, and that the girls themselves were rattled by the constant change in households.

The high court also agreed that alleged hostility between Nick Case and the girls' mother justified the ban on Case and McGriff's living arrangements, and although the justices ordered the lower court to revisit the amount of the ex-wife's legal fees, they did not dispute the principle of the payments.

In a two-page dissent, Justice Kidwell noted that Shawn McGriff's original petition for a change in custody spoke almost exclusively of her former husband's sexual orientation. The lower court, wrote Kidwell, "reached for reasons to help Shawn succeed in her claim," knowing that the sexual orientation of the father was "not a legally permissible consideration." As such, the justice concluded, the magistrate abused his discretion and deserved reversal.

According to Shannon Minter of the NCLR, Theron McGriff was too upset to talk to the press after the decision. "He's devastated," Minter told the Associated Press.



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Churches Risk IRS Trouble Over Politics

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Some religious leaders may be defying the IRS by telling churchgoers how to vote on certain candidates and issues, including same-sex marriage, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Despite Internal Revenue Service rules separating churches from the electoral process, some religious leaders may be defying the IRS by telling churchgoers how to vote on certain candidates and issues, including same-sex marriage.

"It's a very disturbing trend," said Barry Lynn, executive director for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a watchdog group dedicated to keeping the government free from religious influence.

Lynn told the PlanetOut Network there is "a tremendous amount of envelope-pushing" this year.

Violators risk losing their tax-exempt status and facing fines and back taxes.

Americans United complained to the FCC over a sermon on July 4 by Rev. Ronnie Floyd of the First Baptist Church in Springdale, Ark. Lynn said the sermon amounted to an endorsement of President George W. Bush.

Lynn said television evangelist Rev. Jerry Falwell has also been on a "national crusade" to enlist the religious community to back the re-election of President Bush.

These incidents prompted Americans United to send a mailing to Southern Baptist denominational leaders, warning them that electioneering by churches could result in the loss of their tax exemptions.

This past Sunday, September 26, during a broadcast a service to 1 million television viewers nationwide, Rev. Floyd's church endorsed a ban on Gay marriage. One of the people speaking during that service was Rep. Tom Delay, R-Texas.

Fear and bigotry over same-sex marriage has been a major factor in some religious circles, according to Laura Montgomery Rutt, director of communications for Soulforce, an interdenominational movement dedicated to ending religious bigotry against the LGBT community.

"Zealousness, misinformation and fear are driving churches to get into the electoral process," she said.

Churches entering the risky political waters are not endorsing only Republican candidates, said Lynn, who described a recent church service in Florida as a "blatant pep rally" for Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate.

Lynn said his organization would likely send out more warning letters to religious leaders.

"The government is supposed to be based on the Constitution, not the Bible," he said. "This is not Iraq, Iran or Afghanistan — at least not yet."

G/L Doctors Petition Against Michigan Bill

SAN FRANCISCO - The nation's largest LGBT medical advocacy organization announced Tuesday it plans to petition nationwide against a proposed Michigan law that would allow doctors and other licensed medical care providers to not treat patients on "ethical, moral or religious grounds," the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

In a prepared statement, the San Francisco-based Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) said the petition was created to allow health care providers both in Michigan and across the country to "voice their opposition" to House Bill (HB) 5006, or the Conscientious Objector Policy Act, which passed in the Michigan House of Representatives in April.

Speaking to the PlanetOut Network on Wednesday, September 22, GLMA Interim Executive Director Joel Ginsberg said LGBT people have "faced disparities" when trying to access health care, and he feels the broad language contained within the bill could be used to place a "potentially high burden" on LGBT people.

"This [bill] has the potential to hurt a lot of people," Ginsberg said.

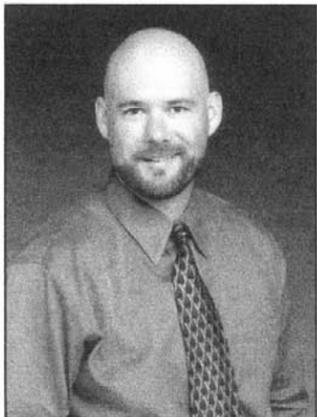
Michigan is one of more than half a dozen other states that has considered similar legislation this year, and GLMA and several organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force (NGLTF), Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), have argued these bills could significantly change the way doctors, pharmacists and other licensed health care providers treat their LGBT patients.

Locally, groups like Michigan Planned Parenthood and the Detroit-based Triangle Foundation, a statewide LGBT activist group, have continued to

speak out against HB 5006, which was first introduced by state Rep. Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, late last year, and are actively lobbying members of the state Senate and Gov. Jennifer Granholm to vote against it.

Describing HB 5006 as the latest in a series of bills introduced by "right wing, anti-Gay and anti-choice" members of the Michigan Legislature who want to "make life difficult for a lot of people," Jeffrey Montgomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation, said many people across the state have expressed concerns about the potential impact of this bill, and added his organization will continue their efforts to defeat it as it works its way through the state Senate.

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Cynthia Nixon's Same-Sex Relationship Makes The Papers

NEW YORK - Sex and the City has taken on a whole new meaning for Cynthia Nixon. The actor, who just won an Emmy for her role as Miranda Hobbes in the hit HBO comedy, is in a relationship with another woman, a source who works with Nixon told the Associated Press and Advocate.com on Friday, September 24.

The New York Daily News and the New York Post reported Friday that Nixon has been dating a woman since January. The woman is neither in the public eye nor living with Nixon. "My private life is private," Nixon told the Daily News. "But at the same time, I have nothing to hide. So what I will say is that I am very happy."

Nixon split in June 2003 with

photographer and high school sweetheart Danny Mozes, whom she'd been with for 15 years (but never married). They now share custody of their two children. If Sex and the City were to be believed, the revelation would have been more expected from Kim Cattrall's character, Samantha, whose many, many TV conquests included one woman. Nixon's lawyer character was the cool professional of the bunch, although her boss mistook her for a lesbian in the first season and set her up with a woman, resulting in a single kiss. But Miranda never dallied further and ended up married to her bartender boyfriend. After two previous nominations, Nixon, 38, won an Emmy this year for her performance on the HBO show. She is working on Tanner on Tanner, a Robert Altman and Garry Trudeau miniseries for the Sundance Channel, set to premiere in October.

Nielsen Moves To Track G/L Viewer Habits

LOS ANGELES - For the first time, the television viewing habits of the Gay community may officially be counted. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and Nielsen Media Research, the television ratings company, are teaming up to work on monitoring the Gay community's viewing habits, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

When searching for families to track what they watch on TV, commonly known as Nielsen Households, Nielsen tries to include a representational demographic of the viewing area. Families that become Nielsen Households are asked about their age, income, education, gender and ethnicity. What the survey does not ask is a person's sexual orientation.

If a particular advertiser wanted to sell its products to the Gay community, it would have to rely on strictly anecdotal evidence to find a particular program that may appeal to a Gay audience.

"Information is power, and with this information the LGBT community, a community that has been largely defined by stereotype or misinformation, will benefit," Stephen Macias, GLAAD's entertainment media director, said. "Until you define what the Gay market is you can't program to it, and you can't solicit the support of advertisers for programs that appeal to a Gay audience."

GLAAD and Nielsen have held a series of meetings on both coasts to discuss different ways of counting Gay and Lesbian viewership in Nielsen's ratings

research. "The short answer is, we don't know how we'll keep track of this community," said Jack Loftus with Nielsen Media Research. "But the long answer is GLAAD will help us figure out a way to accurately do that."

The two said they would continue working on a process to include Gay people in Nielsen households.

Richard Kravits of the TV Gay Guide said the pairing of GLAAD and Nielsen is an interesting combination.

"Having LGBT demographics for your show is considered good for marketing because we supposedly have disposable income; and that's what advertisers are after — people who will spend money," Kravits said. "It'll be interesting to see once advertisers find out that the LGBT community is watching if the shows then get higher-end advertising, say for luxury cars as opposed to Pampers and toothpaste. It will also be interesting to see if shows add any more Gay characters."

GLAAD's Macias said Nielsen's inclusiveness of Gay households is an important step. It could make the portrayal of Gay people on television more accurate and inclusive.

"We're an important market, and yet we don't have the same representation and benefits as everyone else," he said. "This is an important way to show that LGBT family viewing habits really do count."

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On the subject of same-sex marriage, the Federal Marriage Amendment and the dozen or so measures on the ballots in the states barring government recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships for example in North Dakota, Louisiana, Michigan and Ohio, as well as the law in Virginia passed by their assembly, has there been any substantive coverage on the ramifications of such measures to the people affected or for that matter, the economy, instead of the stock footage or pictures of Gay and Lesbian weddings in San Francisco being run over and over?

In regard to the voter registration effort going on in Ohio, have you seen, heard or viewed anything about hundreds of thousands of residents of the Buckeye state who have signed up to cast a ballot November 2, have had their registration thrown out because according to the Republican Secretary of State, Kenneth Blackwell, it's not valid because these forms were on paper that "was too thin?"

Also consider the ongoing legal battle in Massachusetts over out-of-state residents wanting to have their nuptials in the Bay State, but can't because the Republican Governor, Mitt Romney, has blocked these attempts, citing a 1913 law that was passed to prevent people of different ethnic backgrounds from marrying?

What of the literature mailed out to voters, from the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C. to Arkansas and West Virginia, two battleground states, in which the literature "demonized" homosexuals and predicted the liberal agenda would "ban" the Bible and "allow" same-sex marriage if the Democrats won in November?

Continuing, did you know that the Republicans are running radio ads in several states, which blather the following: "There is a line drawn in America today. On one side are the radicals trying to uproot our traditional values and our culture. They're fighting to hijack the institution of marriage, plotting to legalize partial birth abortion, and working to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance and force the worst of Hollywood on the rest of America. Are you on their side of the line?"

Then there is Florida, which has

had intimidation by the Republican-controlled state government of citizens who want to cast ballots and Democratic elected officials who publicly support Kerry? Also, there's the touch screen voting booths by Diebold, for which the head of the company has said he will do whatever it takes to get Dubya elected this year?

How about the "Occupier and Thief" and his junta trying to take away the rights of Gay and Lesbian federal employees so that they could be fired for being "out of the closet?"

In the Grand Canyon State, where is the massive voter fraud that proponents of Proposition 200, the "Protect" Arizona Now Initiatives say has happened so that it is necessary to require two forms of identification, one pictured, to be able to cast a vote or for that matter, providing two forms of identification, not using a driver's license or Social Security card to register or change your address on the rolls?

Unless your surf the Internet like there's no tomorrow, you probably haven't read about these stories since the mainstream television, cable, network and print media either has not reported these items, glossed over them with stories buried or put out biased articles in their attempts to make sure the public doesn't have a clue and views ongoing events through rose-colored glasses, just like the "Occupier and Thief."

Monday, October 4 is the deadline to be registered to vote in Arizona for the upcoming general election and for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS communities, this is a date to remember and for those who aren't registered to vote yet, to go and register because the starting place is your vote on November 2 to end the right-wing reign of terror by the real leader, Dick Cheney and his minions, changing the government for the better (because anything would be an improvement at this point), which will have the result of changing the Federal Communications and Federal Elections Commissions to respond to the citizens, not the corporations and having society finally remove those rose-colored glasses after these four long years.

Sexual Harassment Claims By Men On The Rise

by Stephanie Armour - USA Today

Men are increasingly claiming they're victims of sexual harassment an issue that's gaining more attention, in light of New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey's resignation amid claims of sexual harassment by a male former aide.

Sexual harassment claims filed by men with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has grown from 9 percent of all charges in fiscal 1992 to 15 percent in 2003. Many of those claims involve male-on-male harassment; harassment of men by women is rarer, according to legal experts.

"There are more people complaining about it because there's more attention to it," says Caroline Wheeler, assistant general counsel with the EEOC. "It's often the men who are not gay who pick on someone. They pick on men who seem effeminate or not aggressive enough."

In recent years, employers have faced lawsuits alleging same-sex harassment by men.

Among the EEOC cases:

- Last year, Babies R Us agreed to pay \$205,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by a male employee in New Jersey who said he was mocked and made the target of derogatory comments by other men.

- Burt Chevrolet and LGC Management an auto chain in Colorado, paid \$500,000 to settle a claim by 10 former salesmen who said they were harassed by male managers. They said their genitals were grabbed, they were subjected to crude sex jokes and a manager exposed himself.

The Issue has garnered more attention since the Supreme Court ruled in 1998 that same-sex harassment by men may violate federal civil rights law.

Since then, federal officials say they have seen more same-sex harassment claims - more than 2,000 such EEOC claims a year, compared with fewer than 1,000 a year from fiscal 1990 to 1992.

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"What can explain the Court majority's decision? Only the newly faddish approval of homosexual conduct among the elite classes from which the Justices come and to which most of them respond." - Judge Robert Bork on *Romer*

Reading these two passages, it's hard to believe that each was written by a nominee for the same spot on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was ultimately confirmed, would later affirm the equality of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community in the landmark cases of *Romer v. Evans*, which declared that Colorado could not disadvantage Gay people in its political system, and *Lawrence v. Texas*, which struck down state sodomy laws.

Robert Bork, President Reagan's first pick for this position on the Supreme Court who was denied confirmation in the Senate, probably would have come to very different conclusions. An outspoken opponent of GLBT rights, Bork was critical of the *Romer* and *Lawrence* decisions.

As leaders of two of the nation's most significant GLBT advocacy groups, we know that the selection of judges has a profound effect on our community.

But too many people in the GLBT community don't know that when we vote for candidates, we're also helping to shape the judiciary for years to come. In other words, when we choose to stay at home on Election Day, we're choosing to let someone else put together a branch of our government that will directly affect our

lives. Our votes for president and senators directly affect the composition of the courts, which in turn can make the difference between equal justice under law, as exemplified by *Lawrence*, and being branded as criminals, the shameful legacy of *Bowers v. Hardwick* that *Lawrence* put to rest.

Since Lambda Legal's heroic victory in *Lawrence*, we've seen unprecedented attacks on the courts by anti-Gay forces. They are advocating for the appointment of extremists who will not recognize, as Justice Kennedy did, our basic rights as citizens.

They are pushing the unprecedented and unconstitutional "Marriage Protection Act," which would close the courts to our community by preventing federal court challenges to the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act."

They are even attacking the judges themselves. On Sept. 8, anti-Gay forces in California requested the recall of Judge Loren McMaster, who upheld California's domestic partnership law over the objections of the extremists who sued to have it invalidated.

This last effort - in which the anti-Gay forces were actually asking a judge to strike down popular legislation - exposes the truth about complaints that judges are "activists." It's simply an effort to diminish judges who put the Constitution ahead of anti-Gay ideology.

Case in point: The same people who label Justice Kennedy as "activist" hurled no such accusations at an Alabama judge who defied a federal court order to comply with the First Amendment and remove a monument to the Ten Commandments from public property. Opponents of equality want judges to promote an agenda - their agenda.

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by Anne Maley

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On October 17, AIDSWALK participants will be gathering at Rillito Park in memory of those who have died, in support of people living with HIV/AIDS, and with determination to make HIV prevention our constant commitment. Walk with us in the reminder that AIDS is still an acute problem for our community and world.

This year we are privileged to have Cleve Jones join us. In early 1987, Cleve sewed together a 3' x 6' quilt as a memorial. In June of that year, he and several other people gathered at a San Francisco storefront to commit to a project that would guarantee that their loved ones who had died from AIDS would not be forgotten: The National AIDS Quilt Memorial Project. Twelve panels containing a total of 69 quilts will

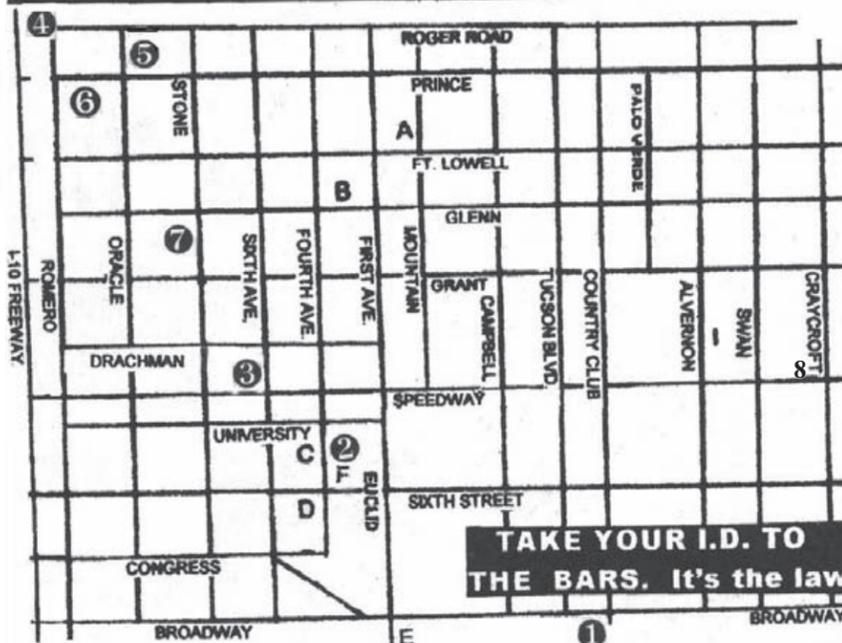
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Seven different HIV prevention programs are also integral parts of SAAF's mission. Together, they provided outreach to 19,026 people in the community. These programs work collaboratively with other community agencies to target a specific population that is recognized to be at-risk for HIV infection. Pulse for Life was added this year, a new program addressing substance abuse prevention and harm reduction for Gay men with an emphasis on club drugs.

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Bid Dropped To Remove Protections For Federal G/L Workers

WASHINGTON - Three days after 365Gay.com was first to report (September 21) that the Bush Administration was trying to remove protections for Gay and Lesbian workers from civil service labor contracts the effort has been abandoned.

The Social Security Administration Friday, September 24, said it will no longer attempt to remove sexual orientation from the Administration's non-discrimination policy.

Bush-appointed SSA administrators had proposed to rollback Gay and Lesbian rights by striking protection based on sexual orientation from their contract with union workers, an act which would have allowed discrimination, including job termination, based solely on sexual orientation.

The abrupt change came after the SSA was swamped with protests from angry Gays and a denouncement from the Democratic National Committee.

The decision was made by Jo Anne Barnhart, head of the SSA.

"This is a victory for the Democratic Party, but more importantly a victory for Gay and Lesbian Americans against discrimination," DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe said Friday, after being told of the change by 365Gay.com.

"In contrast, John Kerry has a

plan to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act because he knows no American should be discriminated against because of his or her sexual orientation," McAuliffe said.

The attempt to change labor contracts came six months after the office of Special Counsel which investigates and prosecutes federal government employment discrimination came under fire for saying it would not investigate claims of sexuality harassment.

Special Counsel, Scott Bloch, a Bush appointee, said in February that his interpretation of a 1978 law intended to protect employees and job applicants from adverse personnel actions is that Gay and Lesbian workers are not covered.

Bloch said that the while a Gay employee would have no recourse for being fired or demoted for being Gay, that same worker could not be fired for attending a Gay Pride event.

In his interpretation, Bloch made a distinction between one's conduct as a Gay or Lesbian and one's status as a Gay or Lesbian.

After intense pressure from Federal Globe, an organization for Gays in the federal workforce, and from Democrats on The Hill, the White House said it would honor an Executive Order signed by President Clinton that has been used to defend Gay workers.

Companies Becoming More G/L Accepting Study Shows

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Corporate America is becoming more accepting of LGBT workers a new study from the country's largest Gay civil rights group shows, 365Gay.com reported.

In its third annual report card on corporate America's treatment of LGBT workers the Human Rights Campaign says that the number of companies that scored 100 percent doubled in one year.

HRC rates Fortune 500 and other major companies on a scale from 0 to 100 percent on seven key indicators of fair treatment for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees. These include policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and health care benefits for employees' partners.

Fifty-six companies were given perfect scores while eight companies had the worst records.

"Corporate America knows that fair treatment for employees is not just the right thing to do, it's good for the bottom line," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques.

"These aren't movie ratings. An imperfect score could mean an unfair firing or families without health care."

One of the companies which received a perfect score was Ford Motor Company.

"This rating acknowledges Ford's deep commitment to building and nurturing an inclusive and respectful culture in which all employees feel encouraged, and able, to contribute to their fullest potential," said Jim Padilla, chief operating officer and chairman of automotive operations at Ford. "Not only is this the right thing to do, it is essential to the future of our business."

The eight lowest-scoring companies include Little Rock, Ark.-based ALLTEL Corp., a long-distance and wireless telecommunications firm serving more than 12 million customers in 26 US states, the only company to receive a score of zero in 2004.

The other seven, each receiving a score of 14 percent are: BB&T Corp., based in Winston-Salem, N.C. and one of the state's oldest banks and operates more than 1,100 branches in the US; Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's second-largest oil company and based in Irving, Texas; International Steel Group Inc., based in Richfield, Ohio, the largest steelmaker in North America serving the automotive and construction markets; Meijer, Inc, which sells everything from french toast to power saws in nearly 160 stores in the Midwest; New NGC, Inc., based in Charlotte, N.C., the second-largest gypsum wallboard manufacturer in the United States; Perot Systems Corp., founded by 1992 Reform Party presidential candidate Ross Perot, provides consulting and information technology services; and, Shaw Industries, Inc., based in Dalton, Ga., sells ceramic tile and hardwood flooring and is the world's No. 1 carpet manufacturer.

The complete list of company scores can be found at the HRC website.

The Corporate Equality Index is based on a survey sent to the Fortune 500, the Forbes 200 largest privately held companies and any company with at least 500 employees that asks to be rated or for which HRC has enough information to derive a score. The 2004 report rated 379 companies.



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Let's celebrate the arrival of National Coming Out month with reckless abandon. There is a blissful Grand Trine that launches our dreams into the Outer limits. Grab on tight comrades. October is the month to swing on a star or even a minor celebrity.

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
October begins with a bit of domestic stress but ends with everyone kissing and making up. How will you balance the spiritual, the sexual and the mundane aspects of your existence? Timing is everything, proud Ram. You want changes now but there are still a few surprises in store that can upend your applectart. By mid-month you have everything in balance.... oops!

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
There is a Grand Trine hovering in your social sphere this October so let's see how glib and gracious you can be even when the heat is on. You are filled to the emotional brim and need to pour your heart Out. Clever Bulls seem to know just what to say to friends and partners that bring everyone to the same place. Let's hope that place is not Scranton.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
How long must you wait before your true talents are recognized in the office? It seems like an eternity. Pink Twins feel entitled to a little respect, recognition and remuneration this October and are primed and ready to push ahead and grab it on their own. Do what you need to do to create a corporate buzz as the Grand Trine weaves its magic. What is up your pinstriped sleeve?

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
National Coming Out month is ready and waiting for your appearance. There is a Grand Trine highlighting anything that puts you in front of an adoring crowd. Are you prepared for primetime? Hot pink Crabs have their work cut out for themselves. First upgrade your look. Second unleash your latent artist. Third make a social splash. Everyone into the pool!

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Heaven is swirling in your cup all through October, proud Lion. Every little thing you do has a certain beauty from your high minded thoughts to your basest instincts. Expect some happy surprises in love, contentment at home and an opportunity to do a truckload of good Gay deeds. A Grand Trine shakes a little sugar on your crust. Spread it around and eat it up.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Any type of compromise required between your friends and partners are handled deftly this October. Queer Virgins seem to know just the right thing to say to make everyone feel included and appreciated. Let the good vibes flow with the Grand Trine. Peace is at hand but don't sacrifice your ideals and very essence of self to achieve it. There are some things worth fighting for.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
If the daily job is beginning to get under your skin, look at your particular grindstone from a different angle this October. There is something that you have been missing that will make every effort count without any waste. The Grand Trine brings every drone their just rewards. It's a hard climb to the top of the heap but Gay Libras are now given a head start. Use your elbows.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
You may be inclined to stay close to home but October is the month to get Out and explore the world. There is a Grand Trine

and a grand scheme brewing where you are being groomed for a stellar international social rise. Prepare for your debut proud Scorp and expect a few surprises along the way. There is something of interest in every sordid corner. You lucky thing.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Changes in your domestic agenda will have its share of surprises this October. And yet, anything the fates dole out to you will inspire rather than rattle you. Seems that there is a Grand Trine hanging around the house that has all Gay Archers achieving nirvana even if their bathtub is overflowing. Make your home a pink palace and rule it with a benevolent royal hand.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
Usually politic pink Caps may forgo the niceties around friends and partners this October. There is a great deal of social activity going on as you try to make yourself heard among the general clatter. Somehow things can get out of hand and you will take it upon yourself to be the cowpoke who reins in the little doggies. In fact, some of them really like it that way. Yeeha!

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
How ambitious are you this October? The Grand Trine concentrates all your energy on money - what it can buy and how it can be used to get you exactly what and who you want. Aqueerians become veritable corporate wheelers and dealers. You think that you are quite a sharpie. Well, perhaps.... But before you buy a pig in a poke, be sure that you are in the mood for pork.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
If Guppies burst Out like a supernova this October, chalk it up to the fantastic Grand Trine that lights their fuse. The stars are aligned and everything points to new exciting adventures on the international stage. Travel and spread your good Gay cheer. Pour some perspiration on your inspiration and create something wonderful. Let's see who you can impress. Press this.

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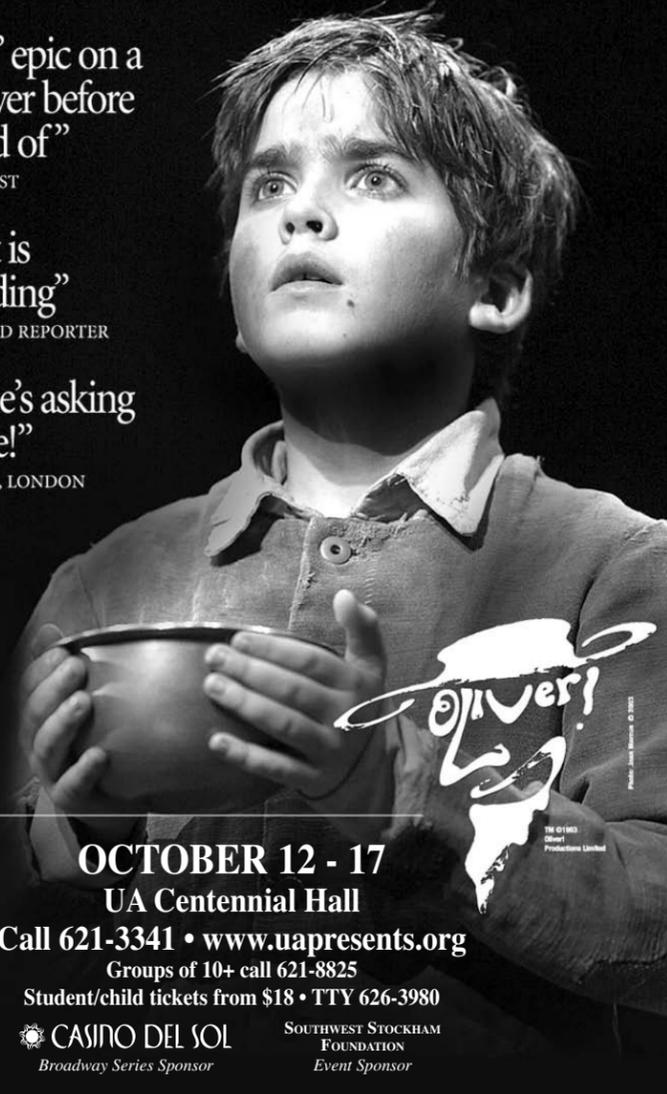
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Of Water And Impact

Mystery sentence: "A policy to require non-city property owners to agree to annexation to get city water was put on indefinite hold Monday after the City Council could not agree whether its justified."

I got my mystery sentence from the ARIZONA DAILY STAR and, although it's been a long time since I found Tucson water very interesting, the sentence raised a fundamental question in my mind about the essential nature of cities.

The last time Tucsonan non-experts like me got interested in the water was when the Central Arizona Project, a concrete ditch bringing water here from Phoenix, made our local water come out brown and stinky. Brown and stinky water may not be all that interesting in itself, but it became both fascinating and hilarious when the local water authorities started a public relations campaign to get us to drink it.

They made commercials with perfectly serious looking people saying that, while the water was indeed brown and stinky, it was still perfectly safe to drink. These ads didn't run long, perhaps because they caused Tucsonans to laugh so hard they fell down and rolled around on their living room carpets.

Coming back to my mystery sentence, the question it raises for me is this: Why would a city in the desert ever give water, or any other scarce resource, to anyone — developer, land owner, butcher, baker or candlestick maker — who lived outside the city? Figuring that there must be some compelling rationale behind any behavior that seemed so counterintuitive, I read the whole article but failed to find any such rationale.

That failure got me thinking about what cities are and how they got started in

this part of the world. According to Western movies, cities out West got started when people got together and passed the hat to raise some money to hire a sheriff.

Why did they want a sheriff? According to the Westerns, cowboys would come to the local bar and get drunk and fights would break out and folks would get hurt or even killed. If you had a sheriff who'd stroll through the bar once in awhile, maybe drunken cowboys would be less inclined to start fights and fewer people would get hurt and killed.

Think of those old TV sheriffs as a scarce and costly resource, like today's water, and ask yourself if the town fathers would let them go stop fights out of town on their nickel. If the city of the American West is really about people coming together to jointly purchase services, what could a rationale be for a city giving those services away to outsiders?

One that springs to mind is the case of a service that couldn't be purchased without there being a permanent surplus of it. If there were something about the inherent nature of our water supply that would cause it to continually be in surplus forever, wouldn't it make sense to sell off the surplus to non-city customers at a profit and return that profit to city taxpayers?

By this point of my discourse the cynical reader will recognize that I'm writing here on a level of abstract logical principles, not on the level of which actual developers have what actual politicians over whose metaphorical barrels.

The same newspaper article on water had a section on impact fees, taxes on new construction for the purpose of developing its infrastructure. It said that the City Manager recommends an impact fee of \$2.15 per square foot for new homes and that the builders' lawyer said the fee should

be \$1.74.

What the article doesn't say is how those figures were arrived at. Are we to assume that the gentlemen in question simply pulled these numbers out of thin air, or were there formulae with variables and values attached to those variables which were then mathematically manipulated to come to the final figures?

It matters. If the figures simply came from the ether, how does one argue about them? If formulae were involved, there are all kinds of issues to debate. Were the variables the most appropriate ones for the city's overall purposes? Were the values attached to those variables factually accurate? Were the mathematical calculations performed correctly?

If the City Manager would provide his formula and his data to the newspaper and the newspaper would design to provide the same to its readers, any old Tucsonan with a pocket calculator could whip it out and see whether somebody was trying to get him to drink brown stinky water again.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 65571, Tucson, AZ 85754. e-mail Doid3@aol.com]

Commentary

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Already, we're seeing evidence that judges nominated in service of a right-wing agenda will deliver the goods when they get the opportunity. On July 21, 2004, a federal court of appeals upheld Florida's discriminatory adoption ban by a one-vote margin. Who sat on that bench? Judge William Pryor.

Pryor has an abysmal record on GLBT issues and recently received a temporary judicial appointment in a move that circumvented congressional approval. His temporary appointment expires at the end of this year. It is in the interest of our community to insure that Pryor, and judges like him, do not receive lifetime appoint-

ments to the bench.

When it comes to the Supreme Court, the stakes couldn't be higher. Four of the justices are older than 70. With many cases decided by the narrowest of margins, who appoints the next Supreme Court justice will change life for GLBT Americans - for good or for bad.

That's why the Human Rights Campaign Foundation recently released "Justice for All," a publication explaining the role every vote plays in shaping the judiciary in years to come (www.hrc.org/justiceforall). It's why Lambda Legal educates about the effect one judge can have on millions of lives, while exposing the truth behind rhetoric about so-called "activist judges" (www.lambdalegal.org/judgingdiscrimination).

In the end, though, it's not up to us. It's up to you. Your vote can make the difference between giving a lifelong job to someone who spouts the rhetoric of Bork or someone as fair and impartial as Kennedy. It's your vote. You be the judge.

[Cheryl Jacques is the President of the Human Rights Campaign and Kevin Cathcart is the Executive Director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.]

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Around The Gay World

Elton John Stands By His Opinion Of The Taiwan Press

TAIPEI - British rock star Elton John ended his whirlwind tour of Taiwan unrepentant about calling the local media "rude, vile pigs." John had been caught unprepared at Taipei airport on Thursday, September 23, when he emerged from a lift before passing immigration only to be greeted by a solid wall of flashing cameras, Advocate.com reported.

Many countries do not allow media into restricted areas, but Taiwan reporters, notorious for aggressively chasing celebrities, can obtain special passes for the Taipei airport. "The television [reporters] and photographers at the airport were the rudest people that I've ever met, and I've been to 60 countries," John, 57, told fans at a concert on Thursday. "You know it. They are a disgrace to your country. They shouldn't be allowed access to people just getting off planes like that," he said, sitting behind a piano in a bright purple shirt, dark blazer, and his trademark matching sunglasses. Television crew and photographers had waited for John outside an elevator in the restricted area of the Taipei airport, where the local media usually greet celebrities. But John lost his

temper when he saw them. "Rude, vile pigs!" he shouted at the photographers, kept at bay by bodyguards who surrounded the star. "Do you know what that means? Rude, vile pigs. That's what all of you are." The journalists were bemused. "He looked very unhappy and started cursing at us when the elevator doors opened. We were only doing our job and had no idea why he was so angry," said one photographer at the scene.

It was not the first time Western entertainers have been shocked by the aggressive Taiwan media. British singer Robbie Williams was chased through the airport terminal when he arrived for a concert in 2001. In 2003, Corsican singer Alizée had to hide in a bathroom to evade reporters—she canceled her schedule the next day and returned to France. The news about John's outburst was splashed over local newspapers on Friday and debated in Internet chat rooms. "Go back home, English pig," said an Internet user named ibookboy2000. "Everyone should stop buying his albums." Others were more sympathetic. "Taiwan media basically have no manners," a user called Boki_ng said. "No matter who he is, he still is an ordinary person and is entitled to his privacy."

Johannesburg Pride Marches Despite Threats

JOHANNESBURG - Police Saturday, September 25 ignored demands from an ultra conservative Gay political group to arrest anyone in drag during the city's Pride march, 365Gay.com reported.

Two weeks ago police said they would arrest anyone in makeup that disguised their face.

A law that dates back to apartheid and still on the books states, "No person shall at any gathering or demonstration wear a disguise or mask or any other apparel or item which obscures his facial features and prevents his identification".

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance later said that they had called on police to

enforce the law, calling drag degrading and anti-Gay. The drag attack was immediately denounced by mainstream GLBT groups and following a hastily arranged meeting between Pride parade organizers and police, a spokesperson for the Johannesburg Metro Police said the parade would go on with the drag queens.

As marchers and drag queens made their way Saturday through Rosebank members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance approached police calling for arrests. Officers politely refused their demands.

This was the 15th Pride festival in Johannesburg. The parade stretched for several blocks along Jan Smuts, up to Oxford road, and back through Rosebank, ending up at Zoo Lake where a festival began.

Another Canadian Province Okays G/L Nuptuals

HALIFAX - Nova Scotia became the sixth Canadian province or territory to allow Gay couples to marry on Friday, September 24, when the province's high court ruled that banning same-sex marriage was unconstitutional, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Justice Heather Robertson ruled the definition of marriage in the province will now be "the lawful union of two persons to the exclusion of all others," and that the marriages of same-sex couples who wed outside Nova Scotia would be recognized in the province.

"I'm very pleased," said Chris Ambidge, a spokesman for Integrity Canada, a national network of LGBT organizations within the Anglican Church of Canada.

Ambidge told the PlanetOut Network that 82 percent of Canadians now live in areas where Gays can marry.

Nova Scotia follows Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and the Yukon Territory in legalizing same-sex marriage. Saskatchewan's high court is expected to follow suit.

And next month, Canada's federal Supreme Court is scheduled to

rule on reference questions from the Minister of Justice, a move that is expected to set a national legal standard on the validity of same-sex marriage.

Ambidge said only in Alberta, with a more conservative population, is he expecting a legal challenge to any future court ruling in favor of Gay marriage, and he expects such a challenge to fail.

Supporters of same-sex marriage in the United States, facing a much broader struggle at home, applauded developments north of the border.

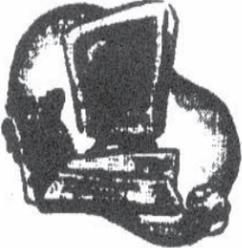
"Canada should get credit for leading the way," said Molly McKay, associate director of Equality California, an organization working to gain marriage rights for Gays and Lesbians.

In May, Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to allow Gays to wed. But in recent weeks, Missouri and Louisiana residents voted to amend their state constitutions to ban same-sex marriage, and several other states will have similar measures on their ballots in November.

McKay said efforts in the United States, Canada and elsewhere make the battle for marriage rights "a civil rights movement that's truly international." She called same-sex marriage "inevitable" in

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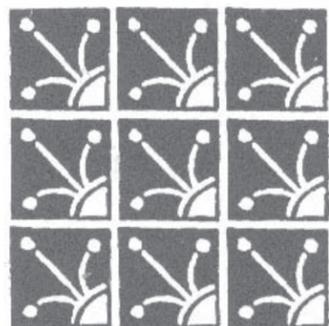
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the United States and called the backlash by anti-Gay forces "the dying cry of the wounded beast."

"We are on the radar screens," she said, "so people should not be discouraged."



City In Iowa To Make Anti-G/L Discrimination Complaints Public

BURLINGTON - The city will face no legal problems under a rule to make public the names of people and businesses that allegedly discriminate against Gays and Lesbians, the city attorney said, Advocate.com reported.

"I don't believe they could sue the city for slander because a third party files a complaint with the city," Scott Power said Wednesday, September 22. "I've never seen that happen.... Legally, I don't believe you could sue a city over a complaint that's filed." The city's Human Rights Commission voted unanimously to approve a new procedure to address sexual orientation discrimination.

Following the vote, Brad Cranston, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, said he was concerned that the new policy opens the city up for slander lawsuits. "What the Human Rights Commission proposed on Tuesday (September 21) night is nothing less than an unveiled end run around the assumed refusal of the city council to pass a Gay rights ordinance," Cranston said Wednesday. "In an attempt to bring their definition of justice to bear without the legal authority of an ordinance, they have proposed open-ended investigations by who knows who, and the public printing of the names of anyone who is accused of the Human Rights Commission's definition of unjustifiable discrimination."

The procedure allows residents who believe they were discriminated against in housing, credit, employment, education, or public accommodations because of their sexual orientation to fill out a complaint form with the commission. The four-page form includes the name of the complainant, the name of the person who allegedly discriminated against them, the name of the company, and a statement explaining how they believe they were discriminated against. The name of the person or entity accused of discrimination becomes public information after the form is submitted, which worries Cranston because he believes it could make some people look bad even if they did nothing wrong.

Power said there's nothing in Iowa law that prohibits the commission from implementing the procedure or from making public the names of those accused of sexual orientation discrimination. Upon receiving a complaint form, the commission plans to screen the matter. If it appears discrimination took place, the commission would try to resolve the issue by then attempting to hold a mediation session between the complainant and the person or entity accused of discrimination. "What we want to avoid is somebody filing a frivolous complaint or a groundless complaint with the hope of making it public to deter some sort of conduct," Power said. "That would be a misuse of the process. That's why we have to screen these things to make sure they have some merit to them."

Gay Gives Partner Gift Of Life

LONDON - A Gay man has received the greatest gift he could from his partner, a kidney, in what is believed to be the first transplant of its kind in the world, 365Gay.com reported.

Patrick Callaghan, 43, had been on a waiting list for a new kidney for more than year. Callaghan suffered from hereditary polycystic kidney disease. His mother and two brothers died of the disease, and his other brother and three sisters are also sufferers.

With blood relatives unsuitable for a match, no other matches coming up, and with time running out, his partner, Richard Lo, decided to see, if on the off chance, he might be a match.

Doctors said the likelihood was good as winning a lottery, but conducted the test anyway.

In what Callaghan's surgeon describes as "nothing less than a miracle," Lo was a match.

The surgery was done in an 11 hour operation two years ago but details are just now emerging.

Callaghan's doctors say the transplant has been a complete success. Surgeon Geoff Koffman said it was their first operation with Gay partners, although similar transplants have been done with heterosexual couples.

Landmark G/L Parent Ruling In France

PARIS - A French Lesbian couple has been recognized as the joint legal parents of their three children, the first time that a French court has ruled in a co-parenting case, 365Gay.com reported.

The couple chose an unorthodox method to challenge the law the prevents co-parenting.

The birth mother of the three girls, aged between five and ten, gave up her legal rights allowing her partner to adopt the children.

The birth mother, identified only as Marie-Laure, then applied have her "parental authority" over the children restored, jointly with her partner, Carla.

In court the government argued that two women had deliberately set out to skirt the law.

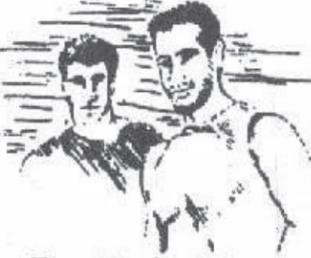
After hearing testimony from social workers, doctors, and the children's teachers, a family court judge ruled that the girls were happy and well-adjusted and regarded both women as their mother.

The trial judge said that to allow

the women to co-parent was in the best interests of the children.

Legal experts say the decision could have far-reaching consequences for same-sex couples. But, Justice Minister, Dominique Perben, disputed that saying no firm precedent had been set.

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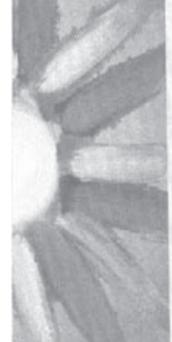


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This week I have decided to take a break from the usual Q & A format of the Ask Dr. X column and speak to all of my brothers and sisters in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community.

Freedom. This word has been scrutinized, analyzed, defined and redefined many times over in the last couple of years. As Americans, we have peace, freedom and justice on many, many levels. Most importantly we have the right to fight for these things in a peaceful and productive way. We can march, pray, sing, carry signs, have candlelight vigils and publish newsletters. Our freedom allows us to do all of these things, even when we are fighting against injustices within our own system.

The tragedies that occurred in our country on September 11, 2001, brought together many people who may have felt isolated or lonely in today's society, and allowed them to experience a sense of belonging and togetherness that I am privileged to feel all of the time being a member of the GLBT community. Despite our varying viewpoints, we are a family—a huge, beautiful, diverse family full of color, light and brilliance. I am proud to be a part of this truly wonderful community and look forward to celebrating our freedom with all my GLBT friends, families and supporters at our community picnic on October 9, and at the GLBT pride parade on October 10th. I trust the

weather will be fine, and hope everyone brings a light and loving heart. We as GLBT people have always had a special mission as healers, teachers, leaders and artists. Let us be at our best and together we will shine brightly. Let us admire and honor our special diversity as GLBT people in a free and open society. Let us heal ourselves so we will be able to take our brilliance out to a broader community in a time of confusion and uneasiness.

Please take the time to explore the many organizations that exhibit at the picnic and learn something new about our community in the process. Learn about ways that you can make a difference somewhere in either the local community or nationally. Attend or march in the parade, and make sure others know that you are not ashamed of who you are, and will not hide away and be unrecognized anymore. If you are not already, get registered to vote. Voting is one of the most coveted freedoms we enjoy, and now is the time to exercise it. And as always have a safe, honest, respectful and proud time. I think the camaraderie will do all of us a world of good. I look forward to that feeling of togetherness, this year more than ever, due to our raised awareness about what freedom really means. We all deserve a celebration.

So get out there, see some old friends, meet some new ones and feel the wonder of what it means to live in America. Oh, and by the way, I can't let you get away without offering some health advice, so remember to party responsibly and slather on the sunscreen. The calendar may say it's Fall, but here in Tucson it still feels and looks like Summer.

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NON-BAR CALENDAR Groups / Clubs / Organizations /

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack & Mike & Ed for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack/Mike at 881-5733 or Ed at 407-5733.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Robert at 400-1376.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 pm. We're dusting off an old favorite; Backgammon Night. For information, directions and reservations, call Karol, 744-9017

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): Movie Night. John hosts the screening of "Hijacking Catastrophe" about how the Bush administration uses 9/11 as a way to make policy and instill fear in the country. Please call John for time and directions. Limited to 10 people

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join David and Daniel for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call David and Daniel at 579_9763.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 pm - join Karol for a night of Poker. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For details and directions, call Karol at 744-9017

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of Miniature Golf at Funstastics. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Hearts Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

OUTOBERFEST 2004, Tucson's Pride Festival at Reid Park Demeester Outdodor Performance Center. Entrance on Country Club Road North of 22nd Street. Produced by Tucson Pride Inc., the event runs from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission \$7.00 Food, refreshments, entertainment, booths, dancing, shows, and thousands of people enjoying the festivities. It's the Big Pride Bang of the year. Don't miss it!

#1 Men's Social Network -Outoberfest —8 AM Please help man the MSN booth at the festival. Please call Curt at 877-9161 for more info and to sign up.

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

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

"Pride On Parade" Tucson's annual Pride parade begins at 5:00 p.m.. It starts downtown at Toole and Stone and ends at 4th Avenue and 5th Street with a block party afterwards. For more information www.prideparadeoftucson.com

Show your pride, Dance All Night at the Club Congress in the Congress Hotel, 311 E. Congress. 2:30 a.m.until 7:00 a.m. Sponsored by GMHP, PULSE, and QJ Events. Tickets exclusively through PULSE (520)628-7223. Featuring Quinton "DJ Qntesyntial" Jenkins. Pulse is a collaborative effort of Wingspan, Pima County Health Department and SAAF.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): Last day to RSVP for 10/16 Yard Sale. Call Jon or Noel at 881-5988

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): - Join us for an evening of Charades at 7:00 PM. For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jack for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Jack at 887-3736.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jim hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 AM YARD SALE —get rid of all that stuff just taking up space in your attic or come and pick up some treasures. For more info and directions, Jon or Noel at 881-5988

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack & Mike & Ed for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack/Mike at 881-5733 or Ed at 407-5733.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

IIBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

YARD DOG - Join Merlin and Daryl at 9:00 p.m. until closing. Wear military attire and a yellow ribbon for drink specials.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

IIBT'S - 8:30 p.m. An "Evening with Ajia Simone" with special guests Lucinda Holliday, Veronica Halliwell and live vocals by Mark Iozia and Firefly.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

IIBT's - 11:00 a.m. Troy's Recovery Bar and Bloody Mary Buffet. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Michael D. 5:30 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. 8:00 p.m. Benefit show hosted by Janee Starr for Miss Gay America with special guests. Hi NRG Dancing follows.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

COLORS - Fabulous Brunch 11am - 2pm with complimentary mimosa. Dinner 5-10pm..

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, includes Bloody Mary or Mimosa. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. DJ Jake playing country favorites 8:30 pm to close.

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

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 4pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm. \$1.50 Hamburgers / \$1.00 Ten Ounce. Draft. Drink Specials available.

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

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

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 3pm.

MONDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5pm for dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Domestic beer and well cocktails \$2.25

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Monday Munchies 3 - 8 pm with reduced prices on appetizers. Pool Tournament 6:30 pm - \$3 entry fee, bar matches pot. Draught Beer Specials for players.

IIBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Free Pool all day. Drink Specials Available.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Free Hot Dogs.

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

TUESDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch, 5pm dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Domestic beers and well cocktails \$2.25. Karaoke 10:30pm to close w/Johnny DJ.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke 8 - 11:30 pm

IIBT'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. Karaoke with Smiling Julie. Drink. Drink Specials available. Happy Hour 4-7.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls It drink specials..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WEDNESDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5pm dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm Domestic Beers or Well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Free Pool all day. Draught Beer Specials all day. Beginning couples dance lessons with Amanda 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Country DJ Jake plays 8:30 - close

IIBT'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 events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7 Karaoke w/Kim 8pm-12am. Drink Specials all night. Kitchen open until midnight for finger foods.

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

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm Beer Bust 3-7pm.

THURSDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch, 5pm dinner. 4-7pm Happy Hour Domestic Beers or Well cocktails \$2.25. Karaoke 10:30 - close with Johnny DJ.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$2.00 Mexican Beers all day. Karaoke with David Z from 8 to midnight.

IIBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR/GRILL -Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7 Kitchen closes 8:30 p.m. Drink specials available.

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

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

FRIDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch. Dinner 5-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm domestic beers or well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. .

IIBT'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 & Shrimp Fry Noon to 8:30pm only \$5.99. Happy Hour 4-7. Drag Show every Friday with Crystal Abrahms and Bunny FuFu and guests. Disco dancing with DJ Paul after the show.

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

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel open 9pm.

SATURDAY

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5-10pm full dinner.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$3.00 Cheese Burger & Fries all day. Country DJ with the best in country dance music 8:30 to close

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NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

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

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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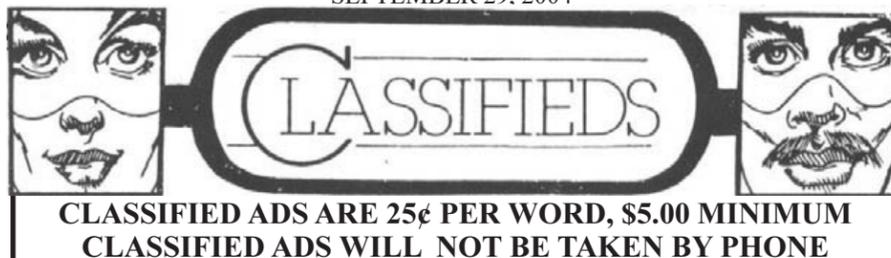
LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 888-5541

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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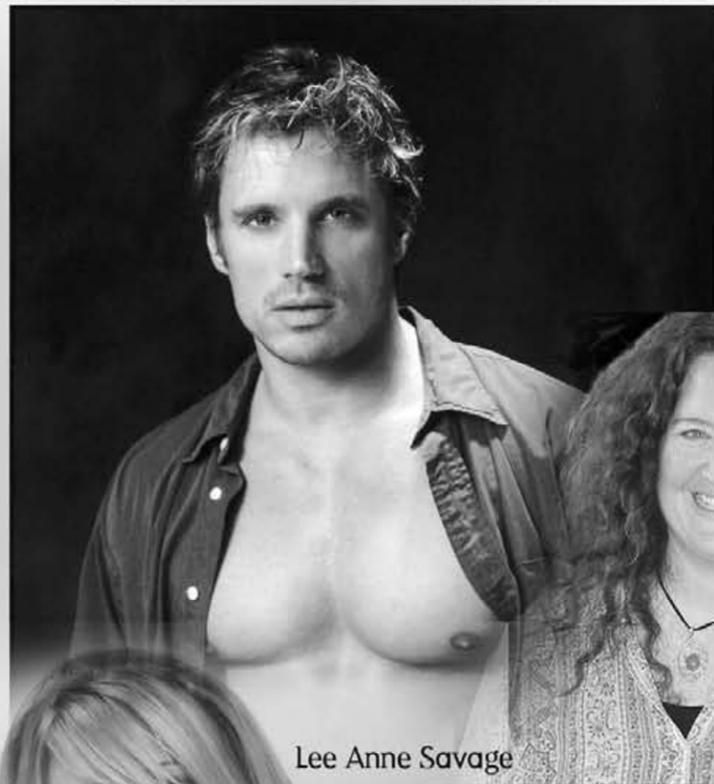
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