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Wingspan's New Offices Open For Business



TUCSON - Wingspan's new office building, pictured above, is open for business. Moving a Community Center in nine days is no mean feat, and the volunteers and staff are still in the process of putting the final touches on the new space. The official Grand Opening date is Saturday, August 6.

Tucson and Southern Arizona's GLBT Community Center's spacious new two story office building includes three meeting rooms, an expanded library, a bigger cyber center for the six computers. There are offices for all the programs Wingspan offers, as well as for the staff who oversees them. Plus with their facilities, Wingspan has more convenient parking spaces. The new offices are located at 425 E. 7th Street, a few steps East of 4th Avenue. Come on by for the Grand Opening!

Local G/B Men Taking More Risks

TUCSON - No longer deathly afraid of the virus that causes AIDS and yearning for a more carefree lifestyle, many Gay men in Tucson once again are risking unsafe sex - a trend blamed for rising HIV-infection rates, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

Also throwing fuel on this fire is the growing use of crystal methamphetamine, widespread use of the Internet to find multiple sex partners and a deep fear of aging and loneliness, a landmark study of the local Gay community has found.

Surprising to many is the finding that high-risk sexual behavior is occurring mostly among older Gay men - those most familiar with the true horror of AIDS - who buried and mourned so many friends during the early years of the AIDS epidemic two decades ago.

Those who should know better, as some say.

"I know how painful it was to care for someone with AIDS in those years. Back then, we lost as much as 80 percent of our social circle," said Floyd Meeks, HIV prevention coordinator for the Pima County Health Department and a leader of the study.

"So, after that experience, you have to ask, why are men in their 40s still getting infected? What is going on here? For a long time the 'safe sex' message worked, but at some point it stopped."

In fact, today, the thinking among many older Gay men is that contracting HIV is acceptable. New and effective antiviral drugs will keep them

alive at least until age 60, a decent lifespan, they told researchers.

Noting the extreme emphasis on "youth and beauty" in Gay culture, the study found: "Many say they simply did not want to live beyond 60 years old ... due to the pervasive belief that older men are not sexually attractive or valued. It would not be a tragedy if a man becomes infected with HIV in his thirties."

As Meeks put it: "No one wants to be the last old queen left on the dance floor. The rejection, the loneliness is such a fear."

These changing, and obviously dangerous, dynamics in Gay culture have emerged in a federally funded study of 40 U.S. cities, including Tucson, exploring why HIV rates have started rising in the last five years.

The Tucson study was conducted in 2003 and since has emerged as one of the top six studies of this issue now cited by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The unexpected increase reverses a decade-long trend of falling or steady infection rates after AIDS was identified in the early 1980s, when it was almost always quickly fatal.

While most U.S. cities have targeted minority populations as the site of the increase, in Tucson the problem remains centered among mostly Anglo Gay men - or "men who have sex with men

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Bush Nominates J. G. Roberts, For Supreme Court; Battle Expected

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Bush nominated John G. Roberts to fill the vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court, to fill the vacancy from the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, 365Gay.com reported.

Roberts currently sits on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He was appointed to that position in 2003 by President Bush.

Roberts attended Harvard College and Harvard Law School and was a clerk for Justice William H. Rehnquist on the Supreme Court.

A conservative and longtime Republican, Roberts served as Deputy Solicitor General. In 1990, he argued in favor of a government regulation that banned abortion-related counseling by federally-funded family planning programs. His brief to the court contained a note that the Bush administration's belief that *Roe v. Wade* should be overruled.

There is little on the record to indicate how he would vote on LGBT issues, but is considered by many to be a moderate conservative. He received bipartisan support as a nominee to the federal bench.

Roberts' nomination is the president's first chance to place a justice on the high court and he may not have as easy a time in confirmation hearings for the Supreme Court.

"All questions are legitimate," New York Democrat and Judiciary Committee member Charles E. Schumer said earlier this month. "What is your view on *Roe vs. Wade*? What is your view on gay marriage?"

Other Democrats on the Judiciary Committee agree that all issues, including same-sex marriage, should be put to a nominee for the high court. They include Patrick Leahy of Vermont, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Joseph Biden of Delaware.

And, Democrats are not discounting using a filibuster to sink a nominee they think too extreme. Democrats have been bracing for a showdown over the Supreme Court for more than a year. In May they agreed to allow three Bush judicial nominees to appeals courts to go to a vote in return for Republicans abandoning legislation that would have prevented the use of a filibuster.

The president said he wants the nomination confirmed before the Supreme Court begins its fall session in October.

Among the issues the court will consider when the justices return to work October 3 is a legal challenge to the Solomon Law which allows the government to withhold federal funds from universities that bar military recruiters. Some universities have refused to allow



Judge John G. Roberts, Jr.

recruiters on campuses because of 'don't ask, don't tell, the military's ban on openly gay people serving in the armed forces.

The nomination of came as a surprise to many - including those on the far right of the Republican Party.

Judiciary Committee chair Orrin Hatch of Utah has said he would probably hold confirmation hearings in September.

Hawaii Bans Some Discrimination Based On Sexual Orientation

HONOLULU - A new law prohibits Hawaii's landlords from discriminating against Gay men, Lesbians, or transsexuals, reported the Associated Press on Advocate.com.

Gov. Linda Lingle signed the measure into law Monday (July 11). The measure amends existing law to include sexual orientation and gender identity among the criteria that can't be used as the basis for denying housing. The amendments exempt housing owned and operated by religious institutions for church purposes or for church-run higher education housing programs.

Another bill passed by lawmakers that would have included gender identity as a protected category in a law banning discrimination in the workplace was vetoed by the governor. In her veto message the governor said the language of the measure was not clear enough in defining gender identity.



UPDATE

Arizona Together Update: Committee Meetings July 25

TUCSON (ON) - The Social Change and LGBT Outreach Committees will be having a joint meeting, July 25, noon to 1 p.m.

Committee members and organizers said the meeting will take place at Bentley's, 1730 E. Speedway, at the long 'S' shaped table in the middle of the establishment.

The purpose of the meeting is to get to know one another, and find what are individual interests and strengths can be brought, discussing a merger of the two committees, and planning the agenda for the next meeting.

For more information, contact Cathy Busha at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, Ext. 12, or E-mail: cathy@wingspan.org.

Azrad Party Fundraiser August 6

PHOENIX - The Arizona Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf (AZRAD) will be holding a Deaf GLOW pool party, August 6, 3 to 6 p.m., at 2424 S. Cottonwood Lane.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be served, along with a fun time. Cost: \$10 without a side dish, \$5 with a side dish. All proceeds go to help put on the 2006 Deaf GLOW Conference which will take place in Phoenix.

For more information, please email Carla or T.J. at AZGlow@gmail.com.

OnLine Observer Community Resources Link Page Launched

TUCSON (ON) - The online Observer, a list of community groups and links to their Web sites will be relaunched.

Presently on the new page there are now 25 listings and The Observer is very open to suggestions to add to this work in progress.

If you know of a group or Web site, please E-mail the Observer at: info@tucsonobserver.com, so that our community can be linked together via the Internet.

Senior Pride Public Forum Committee Meeting July 27

TUCSON - On Wednesday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon, a planning meeting for a public forum relating to the concerns that older LGBT community members face, will take place at Wingspan, at the new location, 425 E. 7th Street.

Committee members have the goal to put on a Fall event focusing on Medicare, Part D: the drug benefit.

For more information, to offer suggestions or otherwise, contact Pat Woelke at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, E-mail: pwoelke@wingspan.org.

Sigma Phi Beta ASU's GBST Fraternity, Forms National Organization, Elects First National Officers

TEMPE - Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity officially adopted itself as a national organization Sunday, July 17, becoming the only national Gay-focused collegiate-based fraternity with a chapter recognized by a university.

Members of the founding chapter at Arizona State University, the only university nationwide to officially recognize both a Gay fraternity and a lesbian sorority, adopted the organization's national constitution and bylaws and elected four alumni members to national office at a constitutional convention held on the ASU campus.

The convention elected the following members: Sam Holdren, President and Chairman of Sigma Phi Beta; Carlos Galaz, Director of Expansion; Matthew Nelson, Director of Internal Affairs; and J.J. Johnson, Director of Finance and Estate.

Holdren graduated from ASU in December 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Galaz, Nelson and Johnson all graduated from ASU in May 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Bachelor of Social Work and a Bachelor of Music in Performance, respectively.

"This is a momentous day for Sigma Phi Beta and its members," said Chairman Holdren. "Forming our national organization brings us one step closer to achieving our vision. I look forward to Sigma Phi Beta establishing a national presence and expanding to other colleges and universities."

Ruben Grace, Sigma Phi Beta ASU chapter president expressed his enthusiasm around the formation of the national group: "I'm excited that we now have the opportunity to expand to other universities so that we can give other people the opportunities we have created for ourselves at ASU. We are bridging the gap between the traditional fraternity system and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community (LGBTQ).

Sigma Phi Beta's first chapter was founded in the Fall of 2003 at Arizona State University. The founding chapter is a member of the university's Interfraternity Council (IFC), which governs all member, traditional fraternities on campus. Sigma Phi Beta requires members to be enrolled in a two-year or four-year degree granting institution and maintain satisfactory academic standing. The purpose of Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity is to build character in Gay, straight, Bisexual and Transgender male college students through social and meaningful activities that will empower them in their future endeavors, while upholding the bonds and true meaning of brotherhood.

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What's Their Real Problem With Gay Marriage? (It's The Gay Part)

By RUSSELL SHORTO

ANNAPOLIS - Protesters in Maryland are lucky in that their state has one of the more elegant capitals in the nation.

A cluster of nicely tended Victorian and Georgian houses occupies the center of Annapolis; steeples and masts and gulls crowd the skyline along the harbor. On a chilly day in early March, a few hundred people gathered before the state Capitol to urge their legislators to approve an anti-Gay-marriage constitutional-amendment referendum. The Lawyers' Mall, with a statue of Thurgood Marshall as its centerpiece, is the logical place for such rallies, so you have to put it down to coincidence that the crowd was grouped around a figure of the Supreme Court justice most identified with the extension of rights to minorities. The national conservative evangelical leaders realize that the Gay-marriage issue is an opportunity to peel off layers of the traditional Democratic coalition, and the lineup of speakers in Annapolis was prominent with Latinos and African-Americans, who asserted over and over that Gay marriage has nothing to do with civil rights. "Because we live in a society today that is so sensitive, we use words like diversity and inclusion to hide behind, so that we can promote our own agenda," Bishop Larry Lee Thomas, president of the United Black Clergy of Anne Arundel County, told the crowd.

One spark for the rally — which also sparked Laura Clark's activism — was the lawsuit that the A.C.L.U. had filed against the state on behalf of Gay couples. Before attending the rally, I stopped in at the Baltimore home of the lead plaintiffs, Lisa Polyak and Gita Deane, a Lesbian couple who have been together for more than 20 years and have two daughters. (Polyak and Deane each became pregnant

via artificial insemination, with sperm from a cryolab.) Their quaint house is white-painted brick with a picket fence. The hardwood floors are covered with Oriental rugs; the living-room bookshelf is crammed with kids' books and photo albums. Both women are in their early 40's. Deane works part time as a learning specialist at Goucher College, and Polyak is an environmental engineer for the U.S. Army. As with Laura and Dave Clark and their children, church is important in their family. If the Clarks are a picture-perfect suburban family, this one is, in many ways, the urban equivalent. The difference, of course, is that Polyak and Deane are both women.

Polyak and Deane didn't set out to be activists anymore than Clark did. They have faced numerous difficulties as a nonstandard family, ranging from health insurance troubles to their children's growing awareness that they may be treated differently because they have two mothers. "We were never politically active," Polyak told me, "except that we belonged to a local support group, Families With Pride. They helped us get a physician." They never considered marriage until last year when, in the wake of Gay-marriage rulings in Massachusetts and San Francisco, they were approached by Equality Maryland and asked to think about filing a lawsuit against the state. They balked at the public attention it would bring to their family, but then decided that as a relatively upscale, stable family, they could serve as a positive role model: a poster family for Gay marriage.

If you are one of the many millions of people who are vaguely opposed to Gay marriage — who perhaps have no problem with homosexuality but also think marriage is simply a uniquely male-female enterprise — sitting in Polyak and Deane's living room might put

that notion to the test. Watching their kids play, listening to stories of how, for their family, small things like taking a child to the pediatrician can become huge headaches, you might come around to thinking that this is, after all, a matter of giving a particular minority certain basic rights and along with them legitimacy and stability.

But, of course, the Christian activists aren't vague in their opposition. For them, the issue isn't one of civil rights, because the term implies something inherent in the individual — being black, say, or a woman — and they deny that homosexuality is inherent. It can't be, because that would mean God had created some people who are damned from birth, morally blackened. This really is the inescapable root of the whole issue, the key to understanding those working against Gay marriage as well as the engine driving their vehicle in the larger culture war: the commitment, on the part of a growing number of people, to a variety of religious belief that is so thoroughgoing it permeates every facet of life and thought, that rejects the secular, pluralistic grounding of society and that answers all questions internally.

The speakers at the rally in Annapolis made it plain they were committed to squelching not just Gay marriage but civil unions and the extension of specific rights to same-sex couples. A few weeks later, however, when the State Legislature ended its session, it included some modest victories for the Gay rights forces. A bill passed allowing unmarried partners — Gay or straight — to make medical decisions for one another in the event of an emergency. So did another that would add sexual orientation to a list of punishable "hate crimes." And the central goal of the conservative activists, a state constitutional amendment, was tabled for the year.

When I talked with Laura Clark afterward, she was undeterred. "The purpose of the hate-crime legislation seems to be just to silence those of us who oppose homosexuality," she said. As to the medical-decision-making bill, she added, "We know it's a back-door way for the homosexual activists to get Gay marriage." She said that she was taking part in petition drives that would force referendums on both issues. "I'm collecting signatures from everyone I know," she said.

A few days later, the Republican governor, Bob Ehrlich, vetoed the medical-decision-making bill on the grounds that it created a new term — "life partner" — that "could lead to the erosion of the sanctity of traditional marriage." But some members of the Legislature said they had enough votes to override his veto in the future, and the governor declined to veto the hate-crime bill, so the conservatives' petition drives are going forward.

When I last spoke with Lisa Polyak, she said she was pleased that the Legislature had shown courage in addressing the civil rights of Gay couples but sickened that conservative activists and the state's governor wanted to deny them those rights. Oddly enough, though, Polyak, who once thought of this whole issue as essentially about civil rights, says that she is now in it for something more profound: she doesn't want her children to grow up with a stigma. "I want to lift the psychic burden on my family," she said.

That means changing hearts. How difficult that will be was illustrated by a single vignette. When I met Polyak,

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New Instances Of Using 'Gay' As A Means Of Torture

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Interrogators called a suspected terrorist a 'homosexual' and subjected him to abusive and degrading treatment, forcing him to wear a bra, dance with another man and behave like a dog, military investigators reported Wednesday (July 13), saying that justified their call for disciplinary action, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

They said they recommended that army Maj.-Gen. Geoffrey Miller be reprimanded for failing to properly oversee of interrogation of the 9-11 suspect at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

But Gen. Bantz Craddock, commander of U.S. Southern Command, said he overruled their recommendation and will instead refer the matter to the army's inspector general. Craddock concluded that Miller did not violate any U.S. laws or policies, according to officials familiar with the report.

Investigators described their findings before the Senate armed services committee Wednesday. They were looking into allegations by FBI agents who say they witnessed abusive interrogation techniques at the Guantanamo prison for terrorist suspects.

The chief investigator, air force Lt.-Gen. Randall Schmidt, described the interrogation techniques used on Mohamed al-Qahtani, a Saudi who was captured in December 2001 along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

Al-Qahtani tried to enter the U.S. in August 2001 but was turned away by an immigration agent at the Orlando, Fla., airport. Mohamed Atta, ringleader of the Sept. 11 attackers, was in the airport at the same time, officials have said.

Schmidt said that to get him to talk, interrogators told him his mother and sisters were whores, forced him to wear a bra, forced him to wear a thong on his head, told him he was homosexual and said that other prisoners knew it.

They also forced him to dance with a male interrogator, Schmidt added, and subjected him to strip searches with no security value, threatened him with dogs, forced him to stand naked in front of women and forced him to wear a leash and to act like a dog.

Still, he said: "No torture occurred."

Al-Qahtani was provided food, water and medical care, he said. Together these techniques are degrading and abusive, he said. FBI agents raised their concerns about the techniques to Miller, and he should have monitored them, but he apparently took no action, Schmidt said.

"It is clear from the report that detainee mistreatment was not simply the product of a few rogue military police in a night shift," said Carl Levin of Michigan, the top Democrat on the committee. Bush administration officials have sought to portray the excesses elsewhere, including at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, as just that.

But committee chairman John Warner (R-Va.) said investigators found only three instances, out of thousands of interrogations, where military personnel violated Army policy. He did not immediately describe those incidents.

No officer of Miller's rank or higher has been officially admonished in connection with any of the abuse scandals. Former Brig.-Gen. Janice Karpinski, who was in charge of Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, is the highest-ranking officer to face punishment, despite calls from human rights groups to hold more senior leaders accountable.

Miller took command of the prison camp at Guantanamo in late 2002 with a mandate to get more and better information from prisoners. He later went to Iraq to oversee detainee operations there. He is now stationed at the Pentagon in a position unrelated to prisoners.

According to investigators:

A female interrogator in one case smeared what she described as menstrual blood - it was fake - on a prisoner, but they recommended no further action on the allegation because it happened some time ago. The woman was disciplined, investigators said.

A navy officer threatened one high-value prisoner by saying he would go after his family. This was in violation of U.S. military law, the investigation found.

Military interrogators impersonated FBI and State Department agents. This practice was stopped after the FBI complained.

Interrogators improperly used duct tape on a detainee. An FBI agent said a prisoner was bound on the head with duct tape, his mouth covered, because he was chanting verses from the Qur'an.

Interrogators used cold, heat, loud music and sleep deprivation on prisoners to break their will to resist interrogation. These techniques were approved at certain times at Guantanamo.

Chaining a detainee to the floor in a fetal position was not authorized; however, the investigation could not confirm an FBI agent's allegation that detainees were left in this position for long periods.

The report said the military should review how it determines the legal status of prisoners at Guantanamo, and decide what forms of treatment and interrogation techniques will be allowed.

Guantanamo holds 520 prisoners, while more than 230 others have been released or transferred to the custody of their home governments. Most were captured during the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks; only a few have been charged with any crime.

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Dykes In Name-Calling Dispute With Federal Government

SAN FRANCISCO - Many Lesbians have taken a term once commonly used to insult them and made it something of a badge of honor but they're having a tough time persuading the federal government that it's no longer offensive, 365Gay.com reported.

The "Dykes on Bykes" motorcycle club, which leads San Francisco's annual Pride Parade, has spent two years sparring with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in hopes of protecting the phrase.

The office has twice rejected the group's application, saying that "dyke" is a vulgar term.

"We self-identify as dykes on bikes," said Vic Germany, president of the group, whose official name is the San Francisco Women's Motorcycle Contingent.

The group has appealed the patent office's latest rejection to a trial panel within the government agency.

The Patent Office has changed with the times when it comes to other words last year it granted the Bravo Network a trademark for the hit television show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

But Jessie Roberts, a federal trademark administrator, says "dyke" remains offensive to the general public, including a significant number of Lesbians.

Pablo Manga, associate attorney at Brooke Oliver Law Group which is representing the group disagrees..

"What is striking is that USPTO failed to apply the correct legal standard for this case," said Manga.

"The USPTO is supposed to consider whether a substantial composite of the LGBT community would consider 'Dyke' disparaging as it is used in 'DYKES ON BIKES' in Pride celebrations. Instead, the USPTO claims to be protecting the public at large, without regard to the views of the LGBT community."

No Gays, No Ship S.F. Tells Navy

SAN FRANCISCO - The City has told the Navy that it does not want the U-S-S Iowa in the city because of the military's ban on Gays serving in the armed forces, 365Gay.com reported.

The Board of Supervisors has voted 8 - 3 against a proposal to berth the World War II era battleship on the city's historic waterfront and turn it into a museum and tourist attraction.

Anti-war activists in San Francisco on Monday (July 11) submitted a local ballot measure that would put the city on record as opposing the presence of military recruiters in public high schools and colleges.

While the city has rejected accepting the Iowa the Stockton says it would welcome the Iowa. The San Joaquin County city has announced it would support a bill that would authorize transferring the Iowa from the Navy to the Port of Stockton.

Senate Committee Flat Funds Most Ryan White Programs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies on Tuesday (July 12) voted to flat-fund virtually all Ryan White programs in fiscal 2006, approving only a \$10 million increase in spending for the nation's cash-strapped AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. The House version of the bill also contains only a \$10 million increase for ADAP, a tiny fraction of what AIDS activists say is needed for the program.

Carl Schmid, director of federal affairs for the Florida-based AIDS Institute, says ADAP needs a funding increase of \$300 million to treat all HIV-positive Americans who need drug assistance, but acknowledges that such an enormous funding increase is unlikely. His organization is instead urging Congress to boost ADAP spending by about \$100 million over the current \$787.5 million allocated to the drug assistance program.

"We are extremely disappointed in the Senate subcommittee's action," says AIDS Institute executive director Gene Copello of Tuesday's vote. "Just weeks after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced there are now as many as 1.185 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States, the Senate subcommittee decided to give the smallest increase ever to the program that our nation's poor rely on for their care and treatment. We call on every senator to stand up for reversing this situation as the full Senate Appropriations Committee and full Senate moves forward on the fiscal year 2006 budget. The time to act is now."

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Local G/B Men Taking More Risks

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(MSM),” a classification the study uses to include also married or Bisexual men who shun the “Gay” label.

Although MSM account for only about 5 percent of Pima County’s population, they comprise nearly 60 percent of those currently infected with HIV, according to state figures. And within that group, some 70 percent are aged 30 to 50.

“We tried to understand what is going on in this group. We wanted to know where we can intervene to change what’s happening,” said Halley Freitas, a local medical anthropologist who designed the study. It included interviews with 300 male members of Tucson’s 11,000-strong Gay community as well as surveys, focus groups and observation of Gay hangouts.

“The answers are very complex,” she said. “Nothing is simple when you are trying to understand what motivates people to make sexual decisions.”

The answers also are unsettling to those fighting to hold on to hard-earned, and now endangered, civil rights for Gays.

“Some of the findings in this report may be used as proof that Gays lead an unhealthy lifestyle, so they must be denied their rights,” said Kent Burbank, executive director of Wingspan.

“Is it true, what the study shows? Yes. There is a cohort of Gay men who do lead unhealthy or unsafe lives. Crystal meth is a huge problem now. But there are hundreds of Gay men coupled up and leading very moral lives, and no one will read about them. Instead, this may be used to inflame bigotry and violence against Gays.”

Weeks pointed out that infection rates “are being fueled by a small percentage of men who are HIV-positive and continue to be sexually active.”

“The vast majority do not want to give this virus to other people, and they actively try not to,” he said.

But many admit - and the study documented - a growing feeling of “condom fatigue” among Gay men, after so many years of hearing that condoms and monogamy are the keys to staying healthy. It signals a deep weariness after years of vigilance and restraint trying not to

contract AIDS.

As one unidentified Gay man stated in the report, “Let me just become (HIV)-positive, start my drug regime and then I can enjoy my sex life like I used to when I was young. A lot of older guys are tired of worrying.”

“Condom fatigue” was one of the top three reasons why MSM are taking sexual risks now, the study showed. Also cited were drug abuse and the “belief that treatment is an easy option.”

But this whole idea that popping a few daily antiviral pills is an easy price to pay for unsafe sex is woefully misleading, said Scott Davey, with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

“The regimens are complicated, and the effects often don’t last,” he said. “You might have to try dozens of drug ‘cocktails’ before finding one that works.

“And the side effects can be devastating - horrible diarrhea, fat deposits forming on the body,” he said. “The drugs may keep you alive,

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POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

'Lies About PMAA'

In the Center for Arizona Policy's (CAP) "Family Facts Arizona" newsletter, dated July 14, 2005, Lynden Munsil writes in section three, entitled "Lies About PMAA (Protect Marriage Arizona Amendment)," that "I will be addressing some of the false arguments being made to scare people into not signing the PMAA petitions." Munsil adds that "... much of the rhetoric you will hear from opponents is pure politics, scare tactics and fiction."

Lynden continues, giving a list of "some of the things the PMAA does not do" that included hospital visitation, inheritance rights, medical decision making, "other benefits," providing for each other in their last will and testament, preventing government from enforcing "domestic violence laws against domestic partners who become violent," "private businesses providing benefits to whoever the business wants to provide with benefits," for which these claims by Munsil have been proven otherwise, shown to be fiction in this column for this publication in previous editions.

Munsil didn't stop there, writing that, "... the amendment simply reserves the special status of marriage in our laws to people who are actually married."

More Munsil fiction because of the following:

On January 13, 2005, in a written statement from Munsil from CAP announcing the initiative, Lynden said the PMAA will be "... a comprehensive, constitutional marriage amendment ...";

The PMAA's language, filed with the Arizona Secretary of State, May 16, 2005 that states, "to preserve and protect marriage in this state, only a union between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage by this state or its political subdivisions and no legal status for unmarried persons shall be created or recognized by this state or its political subdivisions that is similar to that of marriage."; and,

Cathi Herrod, lobbyist for the CAP said in the May 17, 2005-Arizona Daily Star article, entitled "Gay Marriage Supporters, Foes Framing Debate for 2006 Vote," that "... the amendment, if approved, would outlaw that registry (City of Tucson Domestic Partner Registry). That is because it gives unmarried couples the same access as families to city services, as well as the same visitation rights at hospitals within the city." In the June 18, 2005-East Valley Tribune, entitled "Same-sex Marriage Fight Looms," Herrod said "If it gives a legal status to unmarried individuals, ... 'it would not be allowed.'" Does this mean then that Herrod is lying about the PMAA?

In their January 13 CAP announcement statement, Munsil wrote that "marriage, the foundation of our society, is too important to politicize." Even more fiction and pure politics since on May 17, the day after that Len, Cathi and their minions filed the paper, they launched their campaign with press conferences in Tucson, Flagstaff and with a political rally in the mall between the Arizona House and Senate chambers, "the epicenter of Arizona politics."

In the May 17, 2005-Arizona Daily Star article, entitled "Gay Marriage Supporters, Foes Framing Debate for 2006 Vote, Munsil is quoted as saying "'You never know where the next activist judge is going to strike," and that "... courts here have never been asked to

decide whether Arizona has to recognize the marriage of a Gay couple legally performed in another state."

More Munsil fiction and convenient memory loss because of Standhardt v. Superior Court, 206 Arizona 276 (Arizona Appeals Court 2003) that upheld Arizona's statute prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying (A.R.S. 25-101) as well as the statute (A.R.S. 25-112) prohibiting that ensures marriages from other states prohibited through A.R.S. 25-101 won't be recognized in Arizona that Munsil and the CAP acknowledge in their issue brief, "Civil Unions and Gay Marriage."

It gets even better since in the same position paper, it goes on to state that "one of CAP's first successfully drafted and lobbied laws was Arizona's 1996 ban on same-sex marriage." In an interview in the April 10, 2005-Arizona Daily Star article, entitled, "Len Munsil Wants to Convert You," as well as his biography on CAP's Web site, azpolicy.org, that "he personally drafted (SB 1038, creating A.R.S. 25-101 and A.R.S. 25-112)" the "... prohibition on same sex marriage," which was written "in the basement of the House late in the session."

Paraphrasing Audre Lorde, the great African-American Lesbian poet, teacher and activist, our silence will not protect us. So we as a community must get involved in every way possible since we shouldn't assume that people know how our families and rights are under attack from Munsil, Herrod, CAP, and their minions. Call Arizona Together at (602) 650-0900 or (520) 624-1779, Ext. 21 or go online to www.arizonatogether.org to sign up, and to donate, either online or by check to fight the rhetoric, pure politics and fiction being espoused.

In Their Own Words

Republican National Committee Chairman, Ken Mehlman on CNN's Late Edition, July 17, broadcast at noon Eastern Time, "... The NAACP unfortunately in the 2000 campaign likened the president to James Byrd, who was a racist killer in east Texas, who the president brought to justice."

On June 7, 1998, three white men chained James Byrd Jr. to the back of a pick-up truck in Jasper and dragged him for several miles down the country roads near Jasper, Texas. Byrd died a painful, excruciating death, and he died because his murderers hated black people. President Bush opposed the hate crimes law that was offered in Texas in honor of Byrd, so it's understandable why Mehlman can't get his facts straight.

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Santorum's Communications Director Comes Out, Supports Senator

By Michael Rogers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a phone call recorded by Page One Q and blogactive.com, Robert Traynham, Director of Communications for United States Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) has said he is an out Gay man who completely supports the Senator.

When asked how a Gay man could speak for one of the nation's most notorious homophobes, Traynham, left, protested that has "been with the Senator for eight years." Traynham went on to say "Senator Santorum is a man of principle, he is a man who sticks up for what he believes in, I strongly do support Senator Santorum."

When pressed on whether he supported the Senator's stands on Lesbian and Gay issues, Mr. Traynham abruptly ended the phone call by saying "Senator Santorum is a family man. I have been with Senator Santorum for eight years and I am very proud to be with him."

An attempt to follow-up with a question was met with Mr. Traynham hanging up the phone.

Santorum has been a staunch opponent of Lesbian and Gay rights and one of the Senate's strongest supporters of the Federal Marriage Amendment. The amendment would prohibit Lesbian and Gay couples from ever achieving marriage equality in the United States by requiring that all marriages be between one man and one woman.

"Isn't that the ultimate homeland security? To defend the sanctity of marriage?" asked Senator Santorum during last year's debate on the cloture motion to



Robert Traynham

force a vote on the Amendment. The statement was seen by many Gay and Lesbian community members as a way to tie the struggle for Lesbian and Gay equality to the President's "war on terror."

In an interview with the Associated Press, the Senator suggested that the government has the right to prohibit Gay and Lesbian individuals from expressing love for each other physically. "The idea is that the state doesn't have rights to limit individuals' wants and passions. I disagree with that," said the Senator, "I think we absolutely have rights because there are consequences to letting people live out whatever wants or passions they desire. And we're seeing it in our society."

S.F. Gay Bar Cleared Of Discrimination Charge

SAN FRANCISCO - State investigators have cleared a controversial San Francisco bar owner of allegations of racial discrimination, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Demonstrators have held weekly protests in front of SF Badlands, claiming the owner of the Castro bar, Les Natali, discriminated against African Americans.

In April, San Francisco's Human Rights Commission ruled that Natali enforced a stricter dress code on African Americans, demanded multiple forms of I.D. from them, and discouraged them from entering his bar.

In June, San Francisco's Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution urging city and state agencies to take action against Natali.

But on Thursday (July 14) the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) ruled that Natali did not discriminate.

According to John Carr, a spokesman for the department, ABC conducted a year-long undercover investigation at two bars owned by Natali.

"We received complaints ... investigated the complaints and were not able to substantiate the complaints. So that is the conclusion of the investigation," Carr said in a quote published by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The state investigation started after Natali applied for a liquor license for a third bar. The Pendulum, across the street from Badlands, is popular with African Americans.

"And Castro for All," the organization leading the protests, worried Natali would discriminate against the Pendulum's clientele.

Since Natali has been cleared of discrimination, he can obtain a license for the Pendulum, but with three conditions: that he not discriminate, that his employees undergo discrimination training and that he hang a sign by the door saying the business does not discriminate.

But that may not matter, since Natali's attorney says his client plans to sell the Pendulum. "And Castro for All" hopes the new owners will comply with the conditions anyway.

Don Romesburg, a spokesperson, for "And Castro for All," told the PlanetOut Network, "I am outraged that the ABC chose to do nothing more than force Natali to put anti-discrimination signs. I think it's important to note that those conditions imposed that while it failed to find the fire that the city discovered, ABC recognizes there is smoke."

"On Monday we expect Natali to enter into mediation," Romesburg said, alluding to the mediation Natali agreed to undertake with former San Francisco mayor Willie Brown. "[Natali] said he would undergo mediation once the ABC findings came out. It's time," Romesburg added, promising the picketing of Badlands would continue.

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
Dupnik's Rhetoric by Lee Thorn

Sheriff Dupnik, our beloved grandfatherly sheriff in perpetuity, recently wrote a guest editorial in my favorite Tucson daily where he argued against the legalization of marijuana for medical use. Never having seen an objective quantitative analysis of the performance of his department as compared to similarly situated departments, I have little basis for knowing how good a sheriff Dupnik is. Based on his guest editorial, he leaves a lot to be desired as a rhetorician.

But so what? Why does it matter? The reason his little essay continues to annoy me weeks after I first read it is that it raises some questions that I honestly can't answer. Has the sheriff's education been so sadly neglected that he believes he's making valid arguments in this piece, or is he counting on the sad state of the current educational system to prevent his readers from recognizing the obvious fallacies he's bent on committing? And isn't he concerned that his friends who are educated will read this twaddle and make fun of it and of him?

Dupnik's first substantive argument is that "much-ballyhooded initiatives...have pushed the cause of 'medical marijuana' to pave the way for decriminalization of all pot and the eventual legalization of more potent drugs." Leaving aside the sociological absurdity of this claim (both sides — cops and pushers — would stand to lose billions under legalization), and leaving aside our having to love a sheriff who uses words like "ballyhooded," what we have here is the old and obviously fallacious "slippery slope" argument.

The easy refutation lies in pointing out that the slippery slope didn't obtain in analogous cases. Morphine is legal as a medicine, is highly desired by junkies, and continues to be illegal for non-medical use. Heroin is legal for medical use in England and is used extensively in hospice care there. It is highly desired by English addicts. It continues to be illegal for recreational use. I could go on and on with the new drugs like oxycontin, the same story over and over again.

Is the sheriff really unaware of all this? Does he lack access to a television set? His second argument is that "research has not demonstrated that smoked marijuana is helpful as medicine." With tens of thousands of doctors and patients affirming the benefits of medical marijuana, what need is there of research to prove the point? Nobody's done a study to show that if a doctor stops massive bleeding with the use of a tourniquet he may save a patient's life. Does that mean that tourniquets should be illegal?

The sheriff goes on to say that pot couldn't be useful as medicine because it has harmful side effects. Clarence, Clarence, Clarence! What about radiation for cancer? What about chemo? What about 101 other medical treatments with harmful side effects? Have you been living in a cave?

Next the sheriff asserts, without supplying any evidence whatsoever, that "the only beneficial component in pot — THC — exists in the form of a legal pill." No evidence offered that THC is the only beneficial component. No evidence offered that the pill works. This is known to rhetoricians as the fallacy of "argument by assertion."

The sheriff saves his most egregious logical fallacy for last: "The fact that the demand for Marinol (the pot pill) has been minimal adds to my suspicions regarding the ulterior motives behind...campaigns to legalize marijuana." Leaving aside the problem that the

sheriff's suspicions are based on a non sequitur, and leaving aside the fact that the sheriff is ending his piece by conflating (intentionally?) the very different issues of legalizing medical marijuana with legalizing marijuana generally, this attack on the motives of his opponents would get the sheriff a failing grade on any paper he might have written for a course in freshman English. (I make this claim based on having taught several such courses on a variety of campuses.)

An attack on the motives of one's opponents is a common variety of what's known as "ad hominem" argument, widely regarded as one of rhetoric's sleaziest fallacies. In general terms the ad hominem argument says, "This must be wrong because a bad person asserts it." Hence, if Hitler say, "Two plus two is four," two plus two must not be four. If Stalin says, "The peasants are getting a raw deal," they must all be living on easy street.

I come back to my original nagging questions about our Dup: Did Clarence go to college? Does he hope that his readers didn't? Doesn't he have friends who did?

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754. Email: Doid3@aol.com.]

Local G/B Men Taking More Risks, Study Says

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 but there is nothing easy about them."

Along with new medicine has come new technology that allows more risk-taking, most notably the Internet, where MSM can cruise dozens of Web sites to find willing sex partners.

Favored by more than 50 percent of those in the study, it was described as "convenient ... like going shopping." "It's almost like having a pizza delivered," one man said.

In Tucson, about 25 percent of Gay men suffer such severe addiction, depression or other psychiatric problems that they will never be persuaded to change their sexual behavior, Freitas said. Another 25 percent are completely safe - not taking risks, staying HIV-negative.

"But for about 50 percent, the right message in the right place can change lives," she said.

"This is a prime opportunity to reach them."

Statistics - Current HIV/AIDS infections in Pima County: MSM (men who have sex with men): 59.4 percent. IDU (injected drug users): 16.2 percent. MSM/IDU: 8.2 percent. Heterosexual: 8.1 percent. Other (transfusions, transplants): 8.1 percent

New HIV/AIDS cases by age among MSM in Pima County: Under 20: 1 percent. 21-30: 20 percent. 31-40: 42 percent. 41-50: 26 percent. 51-60: 9 percent. Over 60: 2 percent.

Rising HIV/AIDS infection rates among MSM in Arizona: 1995-2000: 59 percent of cases. 2001-2003: 71.5 percent of cases.

Source: Arizona Department of Health Service

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SATURN conjuncts the Sun, setting off sparks and brush fires in different areas of our lives. Some of us like fiery brushes while others prefer tamer adventures. Whatever your slice of paradise is, prepare to expend a lot more energy corralling it. Ah, but don't they say exercise is beneficial?

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
Proud Rams have an opportunity to look at their personal surroundings with fresh eyes when Saturn pushes the Sun. Do you like what you see or is your home in dire need of rejuvenation? Tackle home based projects now and that also goes for nagging family issues from nagging family members. Sweeping things under the rug now makes a rather lumpy rug.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
Despite the fact that most queer Bulls are deliberators rather than gossipers, you feel quite Out front and mouthy when Saturn rubs the Sun. Got something to say? Say it cousin! Spill the beans and tell 'em what you really think. Of course, your intuitive political sense will keep your more vicious barbs from drawing blood, unless of course that's the plan....

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Lucky pink Twins can reap their fiscal rewards when careful Saturn conjuncts the Sun. Go for the big bucks by taking calculated risks and doing your monetary homework. But all that glitters is not gold; this is also the time to reassess what you truly value in life. Be willing to toss off what is no longer affirming and defining. Believe me, you won't miss it.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Saturn and the Sun make you a social force with whom to be reckoned. Just like a super nova, you burst on the scene and demand attention. However, just like a super nova, proud Crabs run the risk of exploding and dissolving. Instead of rushing in to make an impression, take things slowly and deliberately. Why make a smudge when you can make a gorge?

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
Proud Lions experience a spark of genius and perceptive intuition when Saturn pokes the Sun. Savor the moment before it all fades away. As long as you are all fired up, spread a little elbow grease on volunteer efforts for a worthy Gay charity or political cause. Actions that you undertake now have lasting impact and benefit. Hurry before you can no longer filibuster, buster.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
Just when you feel that you need a jolly crowd around you, Saturn and Sun start a pride parade for your enjoyment. Queer Virgins become the social directors of the zodiac and are in demand. Seek connections, build bridges, join new clubs and groups and meet new folks. Someone may even help you get a leg up in your career. Don't settle for just a toe hold.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Saturn and Sun engage in corporate imperialism and Gay Libras are ready to take advantage of the situation. Plot your professional ascent and be ready to grapple for control and power with worthy competitors. Be on your toes and keep a beady eye on hidden opportunities. Clever maneuvers can backfire though and you may be forced into positions that are not your style. Prone?

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Proud Scorps are anxious to expand their global reach when Saturn hits the Sun. Maybe it's time to launch a blog complete with assorted photos and interesting (to some) personal factoids. That may not be enough. For those who prefer open space rather than cyberspace, maybe an excursion to some new and exciting vista will do the trick ... and be a real treat.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Getting hungry, Gay Archer? Temptations abound that increase your sexual appetite. Try the open buffet but remember that eating out will have a greater than usual impact on any serious one-to-one relationship. For those who are grazing the field on their own, use this time to sample a few different tastes. Develop a more sophisticated pallet while it is hot ... and bothered.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
There is a time for commitment and there is a time to reassess the situation. When Saturn conjuncts the Sun, pink Caps are poised for some type of action or reaction in their partnerships. Go or stay? Build or destroy? Whatever you decide to do, you have courage and conviction, if not always the common sense. This is a reckless time. Don't be reckless.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
You're a whirling dervish at work thanks to Saturn and Sun. No project stands in your way and you are buzzing to become one of the most efficient worker bees in the office. Is this the prima donna, credit taking, Aqueerian that we all know and love? Roll up your sleeves and get to work while you have the excess energy. Then you can rest on your laurels later this month.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Even seriously shy Guppies can't help but feel emotionally and creatively charged up when Saturn rubs the Sun. You yearn to hop on the party train and chug a lug with the crowd. And why not? It's a good time to let loose; the crowd has no inhibitions and neither should you. Of course, there may be some who should not let it all hang out. No names please!

It's The Gay Part

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she told me how, when she first testified before a legislative committee, an anti-Gay-marriage activist, a woman, confronted her with bitter language, asking her why she was "doing this" to the woman's children and grandchildren. Polyak said the encounter left her shaken. A few days later, as I sat in Evalena Gray's Christmas-lighted basement office, she told me a story of how during the same testimony she approached a blond Lesbian and talked to her about the effect that Gay marriage would have on her grandchildren. "Then I hugged her neck," she said, "and I said, 'We love you.' I was kind of consoling her to some extent, out of compassion."

I realized I was hearing about the same encounter from both sides. What was expressed as love was received as something close to hate. That's a hard gap to bridge.

[Russell Shorto is a writer for the New York Times Magazine, from which this is reprinted from their June 19 edition.]

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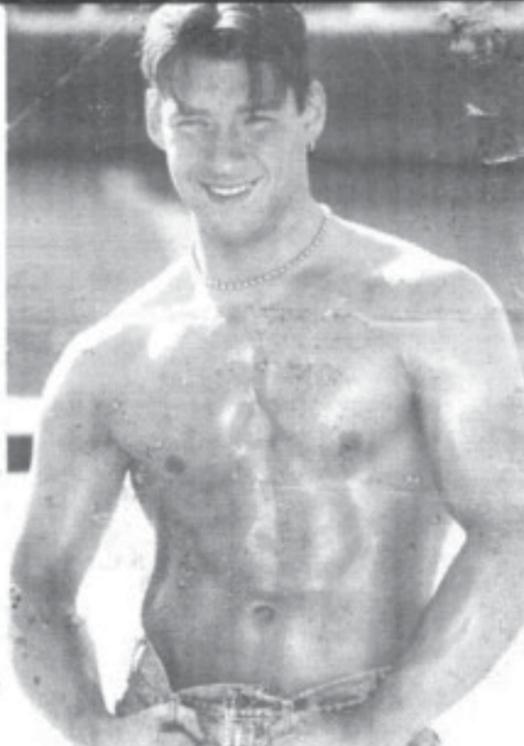
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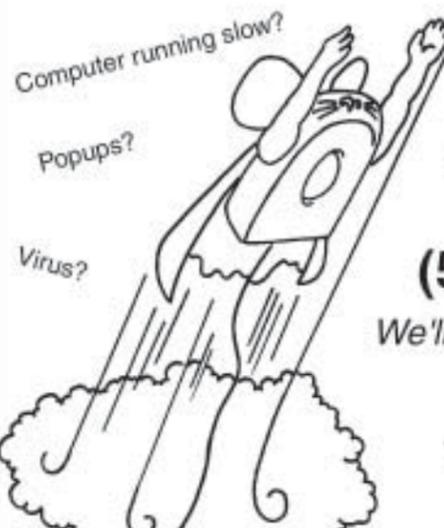
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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Thursday, July 21
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, July 22
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Robert as he hosts Pizza and Game night. For just \$5.00, come and enjoy a night of Pizza, good conversation and your favorite board /card games. For reservations and directions, please call Robert at 400-1376. Please reserve your spot by noon on Thursday, July 21st.

Saturday, July 23
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, July 25
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the "putting out the Newsletter" Night. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.
#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Prom Queen, The Marc Hall Story" (after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

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

Tuesday, July 26
#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. Terry 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 Terry at 577-3545.

Wednesday, July 27
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard & T. Jay for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay and Richard at 881-7919.

Thursday, July 28
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Saturday, July 30
Miss Gay America Pageant being held tonight at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde, 4550 S. Palo Verde. 7:00 p.m. Pre-Judging 5:00 p.m. Tickets: VIP \$20 in advance / \$25 at door. General \$12 in advance / \$15 at door. Miss Gay America 2005, Raquel Chevallier will be performing as will Tori Steel Miss Gay Arizona 2005 who will give up her crown this evening and 7 other Miss Gay Arizonas.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Steve at 664-2076.
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Domestic Partner Bill Introduced In Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Legislation was introduced in the House on Wednesday (July 13) that would allow non-married employees of the federal government to apply for benefits for their long-term partners - the same rights already given to married employees.

The Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, introduced by Rep Barney Frank (D-MA) has more than 50 cosponsors.

It would allow non-married partners of federal employees to apply for benefits such as health insurance, retirement benefits, life insurance and compensation for work injuries.

"The time has come for the federal government to recognize the changing workforce and value its employees," said Frank.

"Corporate America is way out in front of the government because they know it is good business. The federal government needs to understand this and allow unmarried employees the ability to take care of their families."

Frank estimates that the cost of the measure will be low because most insurance companies now charge the same rate for domestic partners as they do for legal spouses.

"This is an issue of fairness," the Congressman said. "Non-married people working for the federal government should be given the same right as their married counterparts. There is simply no good reason to discriminate among employees in committed relationships."

At the end of 2004, roughly 45 percent, or 234 companies on the Fortune 500 were providing domestic partner coverage — a tenfold increase from 1995 when just 21 Fortune 500 companies offered the coverage. Nationally, at least 8,277 employers voluntarily offer domestic partner benefits for their employees.

Earlier this month legislation was filed in the Senate to eliminate an extra tax burden on thousands of same-sex couples who work for companies which provide partner benefits. A similar bill died in the Senate in the last session.



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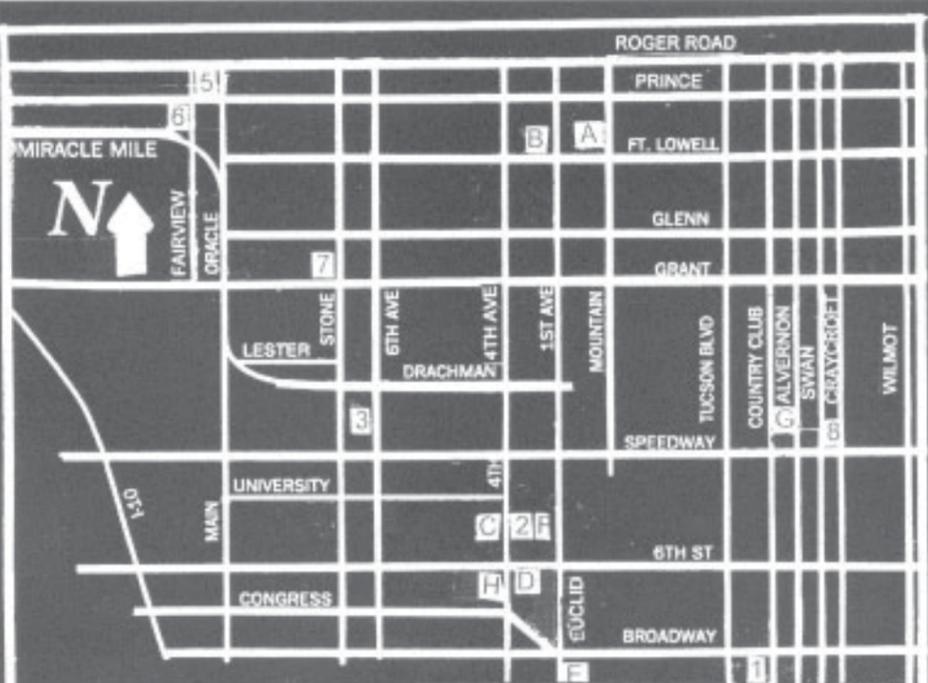
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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

sunday

COLORS - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$2 skyy Cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half price appetizers. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 11am - 1:30pm, - Scrambled eggs, hash brown, biscuit & sausage gravy and your choice of Bloody Mary, Screwdriver or Mimosa. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney at 4 and 7pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

IBT's -Open Noon. \$1.75 Bloodys, or mimosas. til 4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 5:30-7:30 Beer Bust. 2-4-1 drink specials and DJ Mike Lopez 10pm to close. (Some restrictions apply).

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. Brunch \$5, 11:30 - 2:30. Patio open 1pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7p. \$2.50 Sirlain Burger or Chicken w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

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

monday

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

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 - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points.

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Mike Lopez 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour prices til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

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

tuesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. 1st Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner and a Concert" shown on 52" projection system. Full menus served until 10pm.

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 Debbie from 8 - midnight

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Q playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 80s Nite 9-close. \$1 off to those wearing 80s concert t-shirt. (Excludes draught & schnapps).

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

wednesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/ Bunny Fu Fu. HiNrgy dance with DJ Q,

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Underwear- fetish-leather nite \$1 off for those wearing underwear-fetish or leather. (Excludes draught & 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 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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 Debbie from 8 to midnight.

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

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 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool all day. NTN Game Nite w/prizes 9-close. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon. Patio bar open 8pm-close

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

friday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Reservations suggested.

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. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm,, Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm-2am.

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am.w/Special Happy Hour til-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/ DJ Jeff 9-close.

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

saturday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Amber Norgard sings originals and cover tunes 6:30-9:30pm. Reservations suggested.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 11am-1:30pm, \$4.50. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$4.00 Cheeseburger & Fries all day. DJ playing your favorite country songs 8:30 - midnight, then "anything goes" requests until close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. \$5 Steak or Fish w/all the trimmings 5-9. Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz w/Arthur Miguazza on the patio 6-9. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

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

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BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

WOODY'S - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) celebrates Underwear Night starting at 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

COLORS FOOD AND SPIRITS - 6:30 to 9:30 Hot Jazz and Cool Martinis with Susan Artemis at the grand piano in the comfortable arm chair section follows by Guys and Dolls with Lucinda Holliday at 10:00 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - DJ Shawn will be playing for dancing or listening on the air-cooled patio beginning at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

HOWL AT THE MOON - It's "Moonglow Night" here from 8:30 to 10:00. It's a paint party - black lights and body paints - need we say more? Also Captain Morgan Tattoo Promo from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come and show off your body art!

YARD DOG SALOON - Mexican Dinner being served up beginning at 7:00 p.m. by Frank and Jeff.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

VENTURE-N - Steak Nite here from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$6.00. They say "You Cant Beat Our Meat" Try it out!

FRIDAY, JULY 29

IBT'S - 8:30 p.m. - Miss Gay Arizona America 2006 Pre-Pageant Show.

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

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

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(and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.btop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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 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.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

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 til 9pm. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Desert Girlz MTF Support meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Desert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

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

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

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to provid-

ing 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 us. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday, at 6:30 p.m. Reading selections include Gay-themed novels, bios and other nonfiction. For location or more info, email Bryan at Bryansct@aol.com

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

LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, a reading from a Buddhist religious text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Meets every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Contact Sean Seeba at 622-8759 for more information.

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) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Get Map at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

SUN WORSHIPERS OF TUCSON (SWOT) is a local men's nudist organization for men of all ages. Events feature swimming, hot tubbing and socializing in a relaxed, intimate setting. Check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swot/> - weekly meetings every 2nd Thursdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm. Call (520)388-9829 for more info and upcoming dates.

DESERT PRIDE - Your store for Gay Pride and more!

611 N. Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705 (Across from IBT's, Next to Magpies. Come See Us!)

Perry Apologizes To Jewish Community, But Not Gays

AUSTIN - Texas Gov. Rick Perry has issued an apology over the way his office handled the signing of a bill that sends to voters a proposed amendment to the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage, 365Gay.com reported.

Perry apologized to the Jewish community for inviting the leader of a so-called Jews for Jesus group to the event to represent the Jewish community, but he has not apologized to Gays for saying that if they want to marry they should get out of Texas.

The governor's signature was not needed on the legislation, but Perry's office organized an "official signing" ceremony anyway and decided to hold it at a Christian school in Fort Worth so the event could become a photo opportunity for Perry.

Representatives from the major church groups and religions were invited. Among those asked to attend was David Stone, the leader of a group that calls itself the Beth Yeshua congregation in Fort Worth. But, Stone's group is no synagogue. It's a Christian Church that seeks to convert Jews to Christianity.

Stone was introduced as a rabbi and representative of the Jewish community. The nature of Stone's ministry was not known, Perry's office says, until he gave the benediction at the event.

The Anti-Defamation League immediately complained.

Perry apologized for having Stone represented as a rabbi, but dismissed the organization's complaint that the signing should not have held at a religious school.

But while Perry has apologized for the fake rabbi he is not taking back remarks he made to reporters about Gays following the signing.

Following the signing the governor was asked at a press conference how he would tell Texas Gay and Lesbian war veterans that they cannot come home from the war in Iraq and get married.

"Texans made a decision about marriage and if there's a state that has more lenient views than Texas, then maybe that's a better place for them to live," Perry replied.

The remark prompted a demonstration at the capitol on July 1 by former Gay servicemembers.

The proposed amendment will go to voters in November. The Lesbian & Gay Rights Lobby of Texas unveiled its battle plan to fight the initiative. Meanwhile, the group formed to promote the amendment is being run by two indicted associates of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Jilted Wife Sues Ex-Husband's Boy Friend

DURHAM - A spurned wife has sued her husband's Gay lover, accusing him of wooing away the woman's husband, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Pamela Lavone Putjenter alleged in a lawsuit filed in Durham Superior Court that Stephen Glenn Barefoot of Durham began to "willfully and intentionally seduce, entice and alienate the affections" of her husband in January 2002.

She said her husband, Ronald Joseph Putjenter, eventually admitted to the alleged affair. As a result, the couple separated in March 2004, said the lawsuit, which seeks compensatory and punitive damages of at least \$10,000 each.

North Carolina is one of a handful of states that still allow scorned spouses to file lawsuits and collect money damages for alienation of affection and criminal conversation, the term used in civil lawsuits to refer to sexual intercourse between a defendant and the plaintiff's spouse.

Successful plaintiffs have won awards ranging from \$1 to more than \$1 million. Alienation of affections lawsuits are rare and same-sex complaints are even more obscure.

Barefoot said Thursday (July 14) he knew nothing about the complaint against him. "It's news to me," he said.

Gay Themed Shows Tied For Emmy Nods

LOS ANGELES - Prime-time TV soap operas rarely bring home Emmys. "Dallas," "Knots Landing" and "Dynasty" never won best-series awards. "Dynasty" set a record as the biggest also-ran in Emmy history, with 24 losses and no wins. But "Desperate Housewives," a dark satire about life in suburbia, may have found a way to finesse the system, reported the Associated Press on PlanetOut Network.

ABC's freshman hit — which cleaned up Thursday (July 14) with 15 Emmy nominations — asked to be considered in the comedy series category, usually home to half-hour sitcoms.

The ploy worked for another so-called dramedy, the legal farce "Ally McBeal," which was named best comedy

series in 1999 on its second try. "The proof of how sneaky those 'Desperate Housewives' really are is they pulled an 'Ally McBeal,'" said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys" and host of goldderby.com, a Web site that handicaps the Emmys and other awards.

ABC's show is competing in a field that includes last year's winner, the quirky "Arrested Development," and "Will & Grace" — which matched "Desperate Housewives" with its 15 nominations Thursday.

Ossie Davis received a posthumous nomination as guest actor in a drama series for his appearance on "The L Word." The actor, director and civil rights activist died in February at 87.

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