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Nevada Board Considers Allowing Pharmacists To Deny Filling Prescriptions

QCARSON CITY - The Nevada Board of Pharmacy on Thursday (Oct. 27) began hearings on a controversial proposal that would permit pharmacists in the state to refuse to fill a prescription that violated their moral or religious beliefs, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Under the proposed regulation, pharmacists could refuse a prescription if they notify their employer in writing in advance, arrange "without delay" for another pharmacist to fill the prescription, and decline to discuss the reason for refusing the prescription. An attempt earlier this year in the legislature to pass the regulation was defeated.

Supporters say pharmacists should not be compelled to dispense drugs that conflict with their moral beliefs. "Nobody tells a physician he has to perform an abortion," said Louis Ling, board general counsel. "No other health care professional is forced to do something over her beliefs."

But opponents say pharmacists should not be able to deny patients medicines that are prescribed by their doctors. They question how patients in isolated rural towns with only one pharmacy would be protected if the measure passed. Pat Elzy, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood in Reno, said her group wants assurances that patients will not have to travel to another town to get medicine.

Lisa Lynn Chapman, 37, opposes the regulation. When she was 18 a Las Vegas pharmacist refused to fill the birth-control prescription Chapman needed for a health problem that resulted in a hysterectomy. "It would be very easy for somebody to make a moral assertion about AIDS drugs and, using that same moral assertion, to discriminate against somebody because they needed AIDS drugs," said Chapman.

Eleven states are considering bills that would protect pharmacists who refuse to fill birth-control prescriptions. Four states currently have such laws in place.

Supreme Court Nominee Alarms LGBT Groups

WASHINGTON, D.C. - LGBT groups Monday (Oct. 31) quickly criticized President Bush as pandering to the far right by choosing jurist Samuel Alito to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. They expressed particular doubt as to Alito's willingness to protect the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV-affected people, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Legal experts and activists from across the spectrum agree that Alito, 55, has been a consistently conservative voice on the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since he was seated there in 1990 by then-President George H.W. Bush. Some have nicknamed him "Scalito" and "Scalia Lite" because his judicial philosophy so closely mirrors that of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

"You can't get much more conservative than Sam Alito," legal scholar Jonathan Turley told the "Today Show" on Monday (Oct. 31).

Unlike Harriet Miers, who withdrew her nomination last week after strong opposition from conservatives, Alito has a long record of legal opinion and ideology — and 15 years of decisions that may be at odds with Gay and Lesbian equality, LGBT activists say.

Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese criticized Bush for choosing to "placate the far right instead of appealing to the fair-minded values of the American people."

"President Bush capitulated to the howling from the extreme evangelical right and threw them red meat in the form of U.S. Circuit Court Judge Samuel Alito," said Matt Forman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "The country will now be put through a wrenching, divisive and damaging confirmation process. One more travesty inflicted on this nation by the president and his right-wing allies."

Most of the harshest critics of the nomination have slammed President Bush for allegedly colluding with right-wing activists in choosing Alito. The Washington Post reported Monday that Bush consulted the conservative anti-Gay Concerned Women for America to ensure Alito was acceptable to them.

The revelation, and the likelihood that Bush consulted other anti-Gay organizations, should raise alarm bells for LGBT citizens, said Eric Stern, Executive Director of the National Stonewall Democrats.

"Americans need to know why right-wing activists, the same ones who rejected Miers for not being clearly conservative, are practically salivating over this nominee. These anti-Gay organizations are on President Bush's speed dial."

Lambda Legal agreed that being a darling of the right raised red flags about Alito, but the group's legal director, Jon Davidson,

told the PlanetOut Network that his group will carefully review Alito's 800-plus decisions on the bench before taking a position.

"We want to be fair and perform due diligence on nominees," Davidson said. "We are trying to figure out not just how he might rule on an issue but what his approach is. There are so many split decisions on the Supreme Court because they take difficult cases. You want someone who doesn't rule by gut reaction but will decide based on a commitment to core constitutional principles."

Lambda Legal opposed the nomination of John Roberts because of his refusal to answer crucial questions during his Senate hearing, but had not formed an opinion on Miers due to her lack of a legal paper trail.

Nevertheless, many LGBT activists and liberals worry that Alito will consistently decide against LGBT equality, oppose the rights of disabled workers and other minorities and even try to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Given the statements from Senate Democrats, it is possible that many groups will join together to fight the Alito nomination.

Said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.: "Rather than selecting a nominee for the good of the nation and the court, President Bush has picked a nominee whom he hopes will stop the massive hemorrhaging of support on his right wing."

And Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., criticized Bush and vowed close scrutiny of the Alito record. "Conservative activists forced Miers to withdraw from consideration for this same Supreme Court seat because she was not radical enough for them. Now the Senate needs to find out if the man replacing Miers is too radical for the American people."

Walgreens Accused Of Spreading HIV

CHICAGO - As a corporate sponsor of next year's Gay Games, the Walgreens pharmacy chain will profit from numerous HIV infections certain to be acquired at the Chicago event, according to a recent editorial by a member of the notoriously antiGay religious group the American t homosexual encounters will take place by the thousands, in bars, public parks, and shopping mall restrooms."

Sharp accused Walgreens, which has donated \$100,000 to the Games, of pulling off a marketing coup. "Walgreens must be salivating at the prospect of new customers this will create... Someone at Walgreens deserves a huge bonus for the idea to increase sales by helping drive events that result in the need for the company's drugs."

As reported previously on Advocate.com, Walgreens is already taking heat for their involvement with the Gay Games. The Illinois Family Institute, an antiGay Christian group, is threatening Walgreens with a boycott if they don't rescind their sponsorship

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UPDATE

Observer Endorsements For Voting In Tucson General Election Nov. 8

As previously reported, the City of Tucson general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 8, and for two contested City Council races, as well as the two initiatives voters consider, are The Observer recommendations for Tucson's LGBT, HIV/AIDS and straight supportive communities for this important election.

Tucson City Council - Ward 3, Karin Uhlich (D).

Tucson City Council - Ward 6, Nina Trasoff (D).

Proposition 100 - No.

Proposition 400 - No.

It is important that every individual eligible to cast a ballot, make the effort Tuesday, Nov. 8 and vote, for themselves and for the community to make it a better place for all Tucsonans.

For more information, contact the Tucson City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213, or go online to: tucsonaz.gov/clerks/

Rainbow Build Party November 12

TUCSON - The Rainbow Build, in which the Tucson LGBT community and allies, working together to construct a Habitat for Humanity Home by raising the funds and labor will be holding a block party and volunteer recognition celebration, Saturday, Nov. 12, 1-4 p.m., at 2892 N. Balboa.

According to the Build organizers, the house is coming along well and work is wrapping up on the site, and are encouraging all people who worked or donated funds to join in at the build site to celebrate the completion of the house.

A coalition of LGBT and allied organizations formed under the name Rainbow Build Coalition to raise the funds and the labor to construct the Habitat for Humanity home. Currently, there are over 35 community groups and organizations that have committed to being part of the Rainbow Build Coalition.

This coalition decided to take on this project as a way of allowing the LGBT and allied communities to join forces and work together on a non-partisan, non-divisive project that will better the community. It is a way for LGBT and straight people to work together, learn from one another, and give back to our Tucson community.

The concrete slab for the Rainbow Build home was poured in January of this year. The home will be one of thirty-six Habitat houses built in the Balboa Laguna neighborhood near Oracle and Glenn. It takes \$60,000

and approximately 2,200 hours of volunteers labor to complete, and thanks to donations from the community, organizers said, close to \$60,100 had been raised as of the beginning of October.

For more information, go online to rainbowbuild.org.

Judge: Arizona Must Pay For HIV Patient's Liver Transplant

PHOENIX - A judge has ruled that Arizona's Medicaid program must pay for a liver transplant for an Arizona woman who has HIV, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Brenda Gwin, a 49-year-old resident of Phoenix, was diagnosed with end-stage liver disease in November 2004 - a result of Hepatitis C. Since then her condition has deteriorated rapidly and in June of 2005 her doctors determined that she meets the criteria for liver transplantation.

That same month Mercy Care, one of the plans within the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Medicaid), informed Gwin's doctor that the request for coverage had been turned down because she has HIV. In light of the judge's decision, AHCCCS has reversed course and will pay for the liver transplant. The ruling means that Gwin can begin the process of qualifying for a liver transplant through a national organ-donor network.

"The judge's ruling clears the way for our client to receive a life-saving liver transplant," said Jen Sinton, HIV Project Staff Attorney at Lambda Legal. "We're relieved that the judge saw that Medicaid's decision to deny this woman a transplant was not based on good medicine or sound science, and that the director came to understand that this procedure for our client is medically necessary and desperately needed."

Following the ruling the AHCCCS said that it would abide by the court's ruling. In a statement it said that it would examine its regulations for people with HIV/AIDS with a view of amending the procedures.

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money. Other corporate sponsors of the Gay Games, including Harris Bank and Kraft Foods, have also incurred the homophobic group's wrath, according to the Chicago Tribune.

As of press time, the IFI's threats had not yielded results. "They keep doing this, and corporate America keeps coming," Tracy Baim, co-vice chairperson of the Games, told the Tribune.

Chicago Games Inc., the corporation behind the Games, is scrambling to raise the \$9 million needed to hold the eight-day event, which is expected to bring more than 10,000 athletes and 100,000 spectators to Chicago next summer.

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Your friends and family at Howl at the Moon and all over Tucson.

Old Pueblo Rec. Volleyball Group Forming

TUCSON - The annual recreational volleyball group is starting up again for it's eleventh year of fun, spiking and digging out shots.

This group plays every Saturday, 11 a.m., at Himmel Park (northwest corner, Tucson Blvd., and 1st St). Adults of all ages, LGBT and straight are welcome to join the fun.

For information, contact Dan, (520) 850-1247.

All Soul's Procession Open House By

Puertas Abiertas Nov. 6
TUCSON - Please join Puertas Abiertas at Wingspan for an All Souls' Procession Open House on Sunday, Nov. 6, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy food, listen to music, and view the Wingspan Community Altar before the All Souls's Procession begins, and the Open House is free and open to everyone.

The All Souls' Procession creates a sanctuary for community members from all walks of life to express their grief and loss in a celebration of creative energy and rejoice of living.

For more information, contact Geovanna De La Ree (520) 624-1779, gdelaree@wingspan.org.

Volunteer At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan is looking for fabulous, compassionate, smart people to volunteer for their front desk, information referral service, and many other programs and services, Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT Community Center offers.

The next volunteer orientation will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Volunteer opportunities are open to people of any sexual orientation and gender identity. People of color, bilingual speakers, youth, seniors, people living with AIDS, people with disabilities, sign language interpreters, and people with computer skills are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Michael Woodward (520) 624-1779 or volunteer@wingspan.org.

How can I help?



You can make a difference by volunteering with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation!



Volunteer orientations are open to all those interested and are held once a month at our main office, located at 375 South Euclid Avenue.

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Contact Wendy Ascione at 628-7223 or wascione@saaf.org



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Home AIDS Test Has Local Health Officials Worried

TUCSON - News that the federal government could approve the first rapid, at-home AIDS test this week has county health officials and some advocacy groups in Tucson concerned, the Tucson Citizen reported.

The OraQuick Advance test, which takes 20 minutes, is already used at the county health clinic and doctors' offices. The Food and Drug Administration's Blood Products Advisory Committee could make the test available over the counter by Thursday (Nov. 3)

"It's not ready to go," said Susan Eisen, HIV program coordinator for the Pima County Health Department. "While it's a very simple test, I worry that people couldn't do it accurately at home." For example, the test kits, which use mouth swabs, are heat-sensitive and could give erroneous results if mishandled, Eisen said. "We have to run controls to make sure the product we're using is still working," she said. "If you leave the test in your car in 100-degree heat before using it, your results could be invalid."

The Clinical Laboratory Improvements Act of 1998 requires that county lab workers pass an online exam provided by the makers of the HIV/AIDS kits, OraSure Technologies Inc., and follow guidelines to ensure the validity of results. Counseling is an important component of the rapid test, Eisen said, and involves asking people whether they are prepared to hear the results in 20 minutes and accept the potentially life-changing results.

Counselors also discuss how people can reduce their risks of contracting the disease.

Pima county gives about 6,000 HIV/AIDS tests a year. If the test comes back positive, the county sends a blood sample to

state labs to confirm the results. The county has the highest rate of reported HIV cases - 210 per 100,000 people - in the state. The number of HIV and AIDS patients in Arizona has grown 5 percent since 2004, to 10,196. The Tucson-based Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation received 170 new HIV-positive patients over the past year.

Some AIDS advocacy groups - such as SAAF and Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network - have reluctantly embraced the possibility of over-the-counter kits.

"If a home test is a way to get more people aware of their status, I support it," said Anne Maley, executive director of SAAF. Maley said at-home test kits could increase the number of people who get tested early for the disease and noted that 30 percent of HIV cases go undiagnosed. "We provide people with emotional support and accurate information," Maley said. "It's crucial that people know how to plug into support services. It can be a lonely disease." She said stigma and fear keep many people from getting tested early - if they get tested at all. "If people don't know their status, they won't seek treatment," she said. "When people come in with end-stage AIDS, doctors can't do much."

The Graying Of G/L America

SANTA FE - As LGBT baby boomers begin to reach retirement companies are rushing to meet the demand for seniors housing specifically designed for older Gays and Lesbians, 365Gay.com reported.

In Santa Fe the first 20 units of a full service resort community opened its doors. When the whole complex is complete there will be 146 units: 60 condos, 60 independent living rental units, and 26 assisted living rental

units.

The community is being built by RainbowVision of Santa Fe. All 60 condos already are sold and the company is accepting reservations for the independent living and assisted living rental units.

Under sunny skies today New Mexico Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish and Hilda Rush, the community's oldest new resident, cut a rainbow ribbon to formally open the community.

"Governor Bill Richardson and I believe that New Mexico, with its sunny weather and friendly atmosphere, provides a great place for seniors to retire," Denish said. "Though we welcome the economic benefits of this new retirement community, we are more excited to have these vibrant seniors make the Land of Enchantment their home."

RainbowVision President Joy Silver said that interest in the development has come from across the country and the units already sold were snapped up by people mainly from outside of New Mexico.

There already are seniors housing complexes in Florida, New York and California, but Silver says the Santa Fe project is the only LGBT total community for seniors in the country.

When fully completed next May, RainbowVision's 183,000 square feet will include not only the 146 units but also a variety of living options, a wellness spa and fitness center, healthcare services, dining, cafe, cabaret and lounge.

The will even be an onsite vet. Nearby there are shopping centers, and major medical facilities.

RainbowVision does not come cheaply. The 60 condominiums that were quickly snapped up sold for prices ranging from

\$250,000 to \$310,000.

The independent-living apartments, which range from 771-square-foot, one-bedroom units to 1,138-square-foot two-bedroom units, will rent for \$2,743 to \$3,260 a month. Assisted-living units will rent for \$3,105 to \$4,244 a month, depending on the size of the unit and the services sought.

LGBT Youth Out In The Cold Nov. 19

TUCSON - It is estimated that 20-40 percent of all homeless teens identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender. Out in the Cold is a powerful new documentary that gives a voice to youth that have been rejected by family and are forced to live on the streets.

Join folks surviving similar conditions in our community and their allies for a screening of Out in the Cold, Saturday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Skrappy's Youth Center, 201 E. Broadway. This event is open to all and is free, with a suggested canned food donation.

A discussion and performance by Eon youth and Teen Theater will follow the film. For more information, call (520) 620-6245, courtney@wingspan.org.





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Swoopes: The New Martina

By Cyd Zeigler

This is big. Real big.

Sheryl Swoopes is the most decorated, biggest-name athlete in American team sports history to come out of the closet. Period. And that's not over-stating it. Along with Martina, she is, overnight, one of our two biggest name in sports.

To say the Michael Jordan of women's basketball just declared that she's a Lesbian is no stretch. Swoopes won four consecutive league championships with the Houston Comets. She won her third league MVP award - more than anyone else - this past season. She is in the top five on the all-time WNBA playoffs lists for points, assists, steals and rebounds. She has won three Olympic gold medals. She was the college player of the year.

And, if all that's not enough, she has a Nike shoe called the Air Swoopes.

Some will try to discount the impact of Swoopes' public declaration because she's a woman. Because of the uneducated notion that "every woman who plays sports is a Lesbian," some will try to say that this is not a story at all. Even Queerty, a Gay blog, says, facetiously, "Big shock."

While it may not be surprising that a Lesbian plays in the WNBA, what is surprising is that one of the game's most recognizable personalities, and it's best player, has decided to share her homosexuality with the rest of the world. That is shocking. People are always surprised when I tell them that (until now, of course) only two WNBA players have ever publicly come out: Michele Van Gorp and Sue Wicks. Both of them mentioned their homosexuality to the press and now neither will discuss it. While they're out in the sense that their sexuality is a matter of public record, they are locked in a closet of secrecy in all other regards.

While she's only the third WNBA player to come out of the closet, Swoopes is the first one to embrace it. She's endorsing Olivia Cruises, which plans cruises for Lesbians. She's doing interviews with tons of media outlets including ESPN, ABC and, on Outsports.com. She is talking about her life, her partner, and what it is to her to be Gay.

While she is the Michael Jordan of the WNBA, she, of course, is not Michael Jordan. If Air Jordan himself was Gay and came out of the closet, the impact would creep into every household in America and would be felt around the world. Given the place of women's sports in our culture, Swoopes' declaration won't have quite that impact. What it will do, though, is take the conversation about Gays in sports to the next level. Despite the protests of many that an American professional sports team can't operate with an openly Gay player, Swoopes' Comets will get the chance to prove all of those people wrong next summer.

For that matter, Swoopes' timing couldn't have been better. Many have said the "media circus" that would erupt around an active player coming out would be detrimental to their team. Swoopes' timing makes playing with her team the final act of the show, not the main event, with the season still over seven months away. And besides, Air Swoopes attracts significant media attention anyway; a couple more reporters asking for comments from her partner wouldn't be any more of a distraction.

The most important impact of her coming out will be felt in the high schools and the colleges of this country. Homophobia lurks in the locker rooms of most institutions; it's no different for the women than the men. The last few weeks have seen the emergence of one of



Sheryl Swoopes

these stories. Penn State head women's basketball coach Rene Portland has a long history of anti-Lesbian policy on her basketball team, according to the National Center for Lesbian Rights. NCLR has recently brought complaints against Portland, who is accused of kicking a star player off her team in the last couple of years because the player is a Lesbian, and is prepared to file a lawsuit against her and/or the University if something isn't done about it. NCLR sports guru Helen Carroll, a former collegiate head basketball coach, has told me many stories about anti-Lesbian collegiate coaches and "negative recruiting," in which a coach will tell recruits that a competing program is a "Lesbian program."

Hopefully, what these coaches and programs will start to realize is that they may be scaring off the next Sheryl Swoopes.

What Swoopes' declaration can do is offer the young Lesbian athletes some hope and encouragement. While Swoopes' courage could lead to more Lesbian WNBA players sharing their own stories, the real impact will be on the younger players who just saw one of their idols tell the world about her partner. If that doesn't give them the courage to be themselves, then probably nothing will.

What some may be worried about are Swoopes' quotes that position herself squarely on one side of the nature versus nurture argument. "Do I think I was born this way? No," she tells ESPN the Magazine. "And that's probably confusing to some, because I know a lot of people believe that you are." To me, it's the sensible conclusion of someone who was married and obviously feels that love and marriage were as valid as her relationship now. Frankly, I don't think I was born this way, either. And I'm thrilled to see another Gay person say the same thing.

Swoopes' story is now one of the biggest stories in the history of Gay sports. She joins a select few professional athletes who have decided that they've had enough hiding; and she's one of the even fewer who have done so while still playing. Some people say that WNBA games are just jam-packed with Lesbian fans. This season, when Swoopes and the Comets come to Madison Square Garden, there will be at least one Gay man there, too.

[Cyd Ziegler is the editor of outsports.com, from which this is reprinted.]




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'Star Trek' Actor Reveals He Is Gay

LOS ANGELES - George Takei, who played Mr. Sulu in "Star Trek," has revealed he is Gay in Frontiers magazine, which covers the LGBT community, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Takei, 68, told the Associated Press that his current stage role as the "very contained but turbulently frustrated" psychologist Martin Dysart in "Equus" was part of what motivated him to disclose his sexuality. The play opened Wednesday in Los Angeles.

The other aspect Takei considered was the current political climate.

"The world has changed from when I was a young teen feeling ashamed for being Gay," he said. "The issue of Gay marriage is now a political issue. That would have been unthinkable when I was young."

The actor said he has been in a relationship with his partner, Brad Altman, for 18 years.

Takei likened prejudice against the LGBT community to racial segregation, saying he grew up feeling ashamed of both his ethnicity and sexuality.

When Takei was 4 years old, he, along with thousands of other Japanese-Americans, was moved into internment camps while the United States battled Japan in World

War II.

"It's against basic decency and what American values stand for," he said.

In 1966, Takei joined the "Star Trek" cast as the starship's helmsman, Hikaru Sulu, a character he played for three seasons on TV and in six films. In 1986, he received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Star Trek fans, such as Martha Fischer, have posted their feelings on the Internet.

"I have to admit that when I read this story I actually experienced a sharp intake of breath, accompanied by a hand raised to my mouth. Yes, it was a horrifyingly stereotypical female reaction of shock," she wrote on cinematocal.com. "George Takei? Gay? Holy crap!"

"Mr. Sulu is, along with his ship-mates, really sort of an icon; like it or not, in our weird culture of fandom, what Takei does has a huge impact on 'Star Trek' lovers around the world," she added.

"It took a lot of balls to do what Takei did," Fischer concluded. "More power to him, and hearty congrats to the man. Warp speed and all that."

Methodist Panel Orders Lesbian Minister Defrocked

PHILADELPHIA - The United Methodist Church's top court has ordered a lesbian minister defrocked, overturning a lower panel's ruling that had reversed the penalty, the church announced on Monday, Oct. 31, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Elizabeth Stroud "was accorded all fair and due process rights" and an appeals committee that reversed her removal from the ministry in April erred in saying church officials had failed to define what a "practicing homosexual" was in terms of church law, the ruling said.

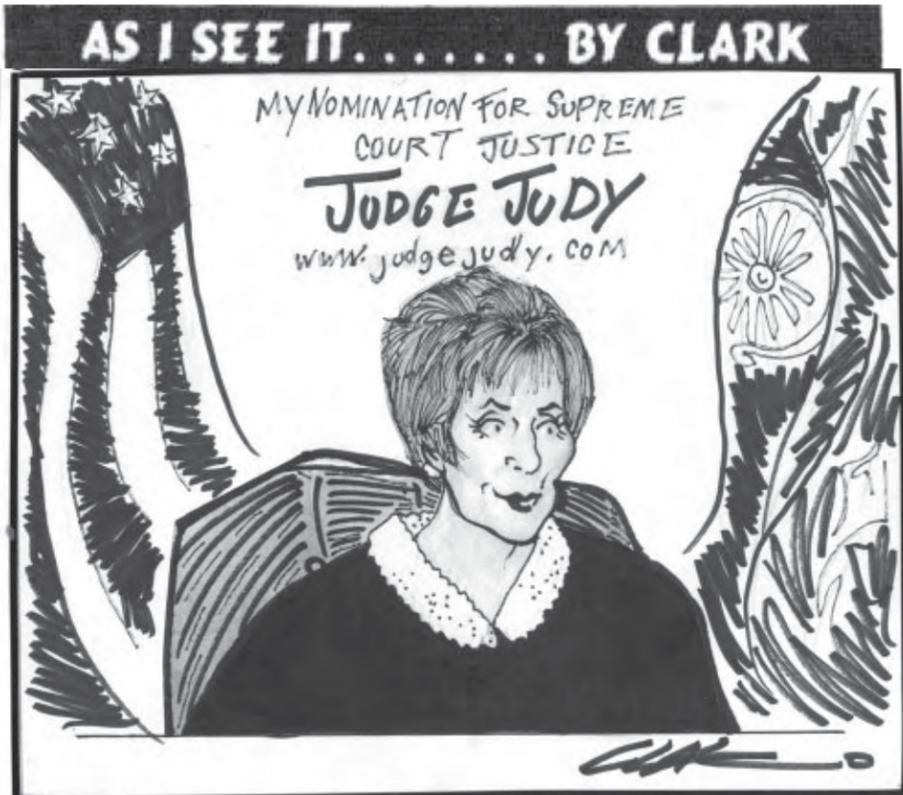
The decision by the nine-member Judicial Council is final. A church spokeswoman said Stroud could ask the panel to reconsider, but the quest would be heard by the same panel, and only two members dissented. The ruling is the latest development over an issue that has divided Christian denominations. The ordination of an openly Gay man as a bishop in the U.S. Episcopal church continues to strain relations between liberals and

conservatives in that body and with the worldwide Anglican community.

The Vatican has been conducting an investigation of U.S. Roman Catholic seminaries to determine if there is a problem with homosexuality.

In December 2004 a lower church court stripped Stroud, 35, of her credentials as a minister at the First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, saying she violated the church's Book of Discipline, which forbids the ordination and appointment of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals." Stroud was allowed to have a lesser role in the church but could not perform ceremonies such as baptisms and weddings.

Stroud told the initial hearing she was in a committed relationship with another woman and had decided to be open about her sexuality because it was the honest, Christian thing to do. Her stance was backed by many members of her Philadelphia congregation.





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Alaska Governor Calls For Amendment To Block G/L Benefits

ANCHORAGE - Gov. Frank Murkowski said Monday that he will push for an amendment to the state constitution to block court ordered benefits for the same-sex partners of public employees, 365Gay.com reported.

On Friday (Oct. 28) the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that it was unconstitutional to bar the benefits.

Murkowski said he was "outraged by the state Supreme Court's decision". The governor said that the only way to override the court ruling would be through an amendment. The state already bars same-sex marriage.

State Sen. Fred Dyson (R- Eagle River) said he will introduce the legislation to amend the constitution. "This ruling reveals how out of touch some of our courts are with the people of Alaska," Dyson said.

"Similar lawsuits have challenged 'Defense of Marriage Acts' in other states. The people in those states have quickly passed additional constitutional language amendments to make it clear that the courts may not confer benefits that the people, through their elected officials, do not intend to confer. We are putting together constitutional amendment language similar to that of Virginia and Ohio and plan to have it ready for the legislature's consideration by the beginning of the legislative session in early January."

In overturning a lower court's ruling, the Alaska high court said "the public



Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski

employers' spousal limitations violate the Alaska Constitution's equal protection clause." Nine Gay or Lesbian government workers and their partners joined the Alaska Civil Liberties Union in 2002 in appealing the lower court ruling. It stemmed from a 1999 lawsuit filed against the state and the city of Anchorage after voters passed a constitutional amendment blocking state recognition of Gay marriage.

While state Republicans line up behind Murkowski the city of Anchorage said that it will abide by the court ruling. City attorney Fred Boness said his office will look at same-sex benefits plans offered in other cities across the country.

WNBA's Swoopes Reveals She Is A Lesbian



Houston Comet Forward Sheryl Swoopes

people's faces. I'm just at a point in my life where I'm tired of having to pretend to be somebody I'm not," the 34-year-old Swoopes said. "I'm tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about. About the person I love."

A release from ESPN The Magazine about the story did not disclose the identity of Swoopes' partner. A five-time All-Star and three-time Olympic gold medalist, Swoopes is the WNBA's only three-time MVP. She played for the Comets during their run of four championships from 1997-2000, but missed the 2001 season with a knee injury.

She said her biggest worry about her revelation is that people will be afraid to look up to her.

"I don't want that to happen," she said. "Being Gay has nothing to do with the three gold medals or the three MVPs or the four championships I've won. I'm still the same person. I'm Sheryl."

Swoopes led the WNBA in scoring last year, averaging 18.6 points. She also averaged 4.3 assists and 2.65 steals while making 85 percent of her free throws and playing a league-high 37.1 minutes a game.

She said it "irritates" her that no one talks about Gays playing in men's sports, but that it's become an issue in the WNBA.

"Sexuality and gender don't change anyone's performance on the court," she said. "Women play just as hard as guys do. We're just as competitive."

NEW YORK - Houston Comets forward Sheryl Swoopes is opening up about being a Lesbian, telling a magazine that she's "tired of having to hide my feelings about the person I care about," reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Swoopes, honored last month as the WNBA's Most Valuable Player, told ESPN The Magazine for a story on newsstands now that she didn't always know she was Gay and fears that coming out could jeopardize her status as a role model.

"Do I think I was born this way? No," Swoopes said. "And that's probably confusing to some, because I know a lot of people believe that you are." Swoopes, who was married and has an 8-year-old son, said her 1999 divorce "wasn't because I'm Gay."

She said her reason for coming out now is merely because she wants to be honest. "It's not something that I want to throw in



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Federal Anti-G/L Marriage Amendment Moves Forward

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) announced Friday that the Senate Sub Committee on the Judiciary will meet to markup the so-called Marriage Protection Amendment, 365Gay.com reported.

Brownback, the sub committee chair, said he expects to hold a vote that day on the proposed amendment, which would ban same-sex marriage, and then send the measure on to the full committee.

Brownback said that he hoped the amendment would come to a vote in both the full Senate and House prior to the 2006 mid term elections.

"This has been and always will be about cynical politics," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"Political games in Washington are common, but when the lives of millions of American families are at stake, these hearings are an affront to American values."

The sub committee held hearings on the proposed amendment earlier this month in a new attempt to pass the measure.

Supporters of the amendment told senators during the hearing that judges are writing their own laws and only a constitutional amendment would "preserve the sanctity of marriage."

Among those speaking in opposition to the amendment was Christopher Harris, an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Harris, who is a Gay African-American, has a 3-year-old daughter and has been a pediatrician for almost 20 years.

Harris told Senators the American



Kansas Senator Sam Brownback Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) found that there are no relevant studies of the effect of parental sexual orientation on children that show any measurable effect on the quality of parent-child relationships or the children's mental health and successful socialization.

Attempts by Republicans to pass the amendment that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman failed last year.

The measure was reintroduced in January. A House version was reintroduced in March.

"It's time for Congress to stop placating right-wing extremists and get back to helping all American families," said Solmonese in a statement on Friday (Oct. 28). "The American people want fairness and this amendment would not only ban marriage for same-sex couples, but it would also threaten basic protections like domestic partnerships and civil unions. While some try to cloud the issue, the amendment will not affect religious institutions' established right to decide their own rules on marriage."

Tucson 'Wildfire' Tryouts or NWFA Nov.5

TUCSON - The National Women's Football Association is pleased to announce that the Tucson Wildfire has been accepted into the league.

Tucson Wildfire is gearing up to entertain the Tucson community and Southern Arizona with the highest level of women's tackle football in the nation. "Our successful first year in the 2005 season has proven that the Tucson community supports the Tucson Wildfire team in women's pro football," states Jennifer Flanders-Doland, Tucson Wildfire team co owner. "As we move into our second season, we are honored to be a part of the National Women's Football Association (NWFA)."

"The NWFA has been our ultimate objective since 2003 because it is the most professional league in the nation for women's full contact, tackle football. When we started this team in the 2005 season with IWFL, we wanted a short-term commitment, to see if the Tucson community would support a home team in women's football. After finishing a successful season with a 4 win - 5 loss record, with very little marketing and an average attendance of 350 fans per game, we feel confident, with the NWFA, that the Tucson Wildfire will bring more awareness and more support to women's pro football, not just in Arizona, but nationwide," states Flanders-Doland.

"We're delighted to have the Tucson Wildfire as part of our NWFA family of teams. They are an experienced team and will make a wonderful addition to our West Coast expansion. It's our hope that other experienced teams will see what Tucson is doing and follow them to our league," states NWFA CEO,

Catherine Masters. ...

So it's that time again, ladies. Time to burn up the football field and the Wildfire are starting yet another fantastic season of women's pro football. So strap on those cleats, because this year's going to be hotter than last! The team looking for healthy female athletes who have the determination and desire to play pro football and a positive attitude, who are team players. Tryouts are \$35 and will be held at Tucson Sports Park, 6901 Casa Grande Highway, with registration at 7 a.m., tryouts 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Athletes will be completing the following drills and tests: Timed 40 yard dash, bag drill, ladder drill, 100 yards sprints, jumps, big M, big W, ropes, punt, pass, kick, snap, line drills, back drills, receiver drills, quarterback drills. Come prepared in workout clothes (Sneakers, gym shorts, t-shirt, etc). You must bring a readable copy of your driver's license (front + back), and copy of your health insurance card (front + back). If you are offered a position with the Tucson Wildfire Football team, all that the teams require is that you purchase your safety equipment and uniforms. This will cost between \$300 and \$400 depending on the quality of equipment you choose to purchase. When traveling each player will be responsible for her own meals. Then we ask each player to sell a minimum of 25 tickets per home game.

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POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

THE LAST DEMOCRATIC ELECTION SHOW

For those readers of this column and publication who are registered voters within the city limits of Tucson, who decided not to either vote early or by mail for the upcoming Tucson general election and want to go to their polling place to cast their ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 8, you can enjoy the last general election in Arizona under the old democratic rules.

As previously reported numerous times in this column and in articles for this publication, on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, Arizona voters approved Proposition 200, a ballot measure that dealt with illegal immigrants getting state services at taxpayers' expense and changing the rules pertaining to registering to vote and casting a ballot at the polls.

Under Proposition 200, to cast a vote at the polls for people, one would need to have a valid government photo I.D., a driver's license or non-operating state government identification card, with your picture, name and current address that has been issued after Oct. 1, 1996.

People may not have updated either the license or identification in a long while, since the state has been issuing drivers' licenses that expire when one turns 65 years of age for ten plus years or so - the picture or information may be old but they are still valid.

An interesting "Catch-22" but if one who is currently registered, wants to cast a ballot at their polling place, starting in 2006 and their

driver's license or photo identification card doesn't have the current information or was issued prior to Oct. 1, 1996, it isn't valid and unlike Visa, it won't be accepted.

Proposition 200 was challenged in court to no avail and very recently, the U.S. Justice Department controlled by Dubya and his minions, conveniently ignored the state's history in regard to voting and minorities for which Arizona must follow under the rules set down by the federal Voting Rights Act approved the new guidelines pertaining to voting that was drafted by Arizona's current Secretary of State, Republican Jan Brewer, a major supporter of Proposition 200.

Since the Justice Department approval came after the publication of the legal documents on Tucson's general election though, it will not be in effect for the Nov. 8th general election, so Tucson voters who choose to go to their polling place (precinct) to cast their vote don't need to take multiple forms of identification or their water or electric bills to get a ballot - the last democratic election to be held in the "Theocratic Wannabee State of Arizona."

Only through another legal challenge though and with none pending as of press time or another vote by the people, Proposition 200 will be a part of all Arizona elections, starting in 2006 and for the foreseeable future when Arizona invokes its modern day "poll tax."

FDA Approves HIV Pill

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Food and Drug Administration has given approval to a pill form of Abbott's protease inhibitor Kaletra, reported 365Gay.com.

The company says that the tablet will allow patients to take fewer pills with or without food as part of their treatment regimen. Additionally, the pill does not need refrigeration, something most other HIV/AIDS meds do. Abbott said that the new pill should replace the old Kaletra capsules. The standard daily doses of new Kaletra tablets and capsules provide similar drug levels in the blood. Kaletra is prescribed for the treatment of HIV worldwide and has been taken by hundreds of thousands of patients since the capsule form of the drug was introduced in 2000.

"Kaletra tablets respond to physician and patient needs by combining the new benefits of fewer pills per day, without food or refrigeration restrictions, with a drug that has a well-established clinical track record," said Calvin Cohen, M.D., research director, Community Research Initiative of New England and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, Boston.

Kaletra is always used in combination with other anti-HIV medicines to treat people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Kaletra is a combination of two medicines. They are lopinavir and ritonavir. The film-coated tablets are similar in size to the capsules. The color of the new Kaletra tablets in the U.S. is yellow. The old Kaletra capsules are orange. The FDA approval of the Kaletra tablet formulation was based on data from pharmacokinetic studies in 141 non-HIV infected, healthy individuals. The studies demonstrated that Kaletra tablets provide similar drug levels in the blood to the capsule formulation. In these studies, Kaletra tablets were generally well tolerated, the company said in a statement.

But use of Kaletra comes with a

warning. It should not be used certain drugs, including dihydro.ergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, and methylergonovine such as Cafergot, Migranal, D.H.E. 45, Ergorate Maleate, and Methergine, as well as Halcion, Hismanal, Orap, Propulsid, Seldane or Versed. Kaletra should also not be taken with rifampin, also known as ..Rimactane, Rifadin, Rifater, or Rifamate), Flonase, Mevacor, Zocor) or products containing St. John's wort (Hypericum perforatum). Once-daily Kaletra should not be taken with Agenerase, Sustiva, Viracept, Viramune, Dilantin, Phenobarbital or Tegretol. Particular caution should be used when taking Viagra, Cialis or Levitra), the company said, since the interaction with Kaletra may result in an increase in their related side effects.



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LGBT Denomination Installs New Leader Amid Threat By Christian Conservatives

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In a ceremony marked by tears of joy, a Florida minister was installed Saturday (Oct. 29) as the new Presiding Bishop of the Metropolitan Community Churches, but the just hours before the service began a Conservative Christian group threatened to take the Church to court, 365Gay.com reported.

Washington's National Cathedral was filled with worshipers as the Reverend Nancy L. Wilson was installed in her new role as leader of the world's largest predominantly Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Christian denomination. Wilson succeeds veteran human rights activist, the Reverend Dr. Troy D. Perry.

The Washington National Cathedral is a unique institution. It is not a parish nor does it have a congregation. It is also where the nation has come to mourn tragedies, the loss of national leaders and also to celebrate great national moments. Wilson said Saturday's ceremony was the start of a new era of growth for the church, which includes 250 congregations in 23 countries.

Church officials said holding the ceremony at the cathedral is especially symbolic of the increasing acceptance of Gay and Lesbian people of faith. Dr. Perry had been kept out of a ceremony at the National Cathedral 30 years ago. During the ceremony Wilson unveiled a 10-year international program of social and spiritual transformation for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and the Transgendered.

The program, Wilson said, will feature ministry to women and children with HIV and AIDS, compassionate care for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender senior adults, a focus on issues of infant mortality caused by the global HIV pandemic, and an educational program to create understanding about Gay and Lesbian people of faith.

But, it has raised the hackles of Focus on the Family, a right wing Christian political organization often at the forefront in battles against LGBT civil rights. FOC objected to the name the MCC program was using: "Focus on the Human Family." Late Friday Wilson and the MCC were served with papers threatening legal action unless the name were changed. Lawyers, acting for FOC leader Dr. James Dobson, said that the MCC program name was too similar to its own and would lead to confusion. The letter demanded immediate cessation of the use of the name "Focus on the Human Family."

"It's sad that Dobson's group apparently felt threatened by the name of our proposed campaign," said Wilson.

"It's a Goliath versus David situation," said Wilson. "As a relatively small Christian denomination, we don't have the financial resources to go up against one of the largest Right Wing organizations in existence, and quite frankly, we wouldn't want to invest our funds to fight them. We'd rather put those monies into our ministry programs that provide faith and hope for people."

Wilson said MCC would select a new name for the program, but said that the whole dispute was puzzling. "The ministry of Metropolitan Community Churches is so different from that of James Dobson," she said. His group tends to focus on one kind of family, what they often mistakenly call the 'traditional family'. In Metropolitan Community Churches, we believe that God's people find many ways to create family, and that includes Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender families.

Wilson has had a distinguished career within Metropolitan Community Churches. In 1976, she became the youngest person ever elected to the MCC Board of Elders and has served as an Elder since that time. She attended Boston University School of Theology with a Rockefeller Fellowship, also holds an M.Div. from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, served as Vice-Moderator of MCC during 1993-2003 and has pastored MCC congregations in Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, and California.

Wilson is the former senior pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Los Angeles, the Founding Church of the MCC movement. She currently serves as senior pastor of Church of the Trinity MCC in Sarasota, Florida.

From 1979 to 1999, she served as MCC's Chief Ecumenical Officer, representing MCC at the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. In 1987, she represented MCC as an ecumenical observer at the Bilateral Dialogue of the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches in Columbia, South Carolina, where she met Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, becoming one of the first LGBT leaders to meet the man who is now Pope Benedict XVI. In 1979, she participated in the first-ever meeting of Gay and Lesbian religious leaders at the U.S. White House during the Carter Administration. She is also the author of several books and is a contributing author to Poems and Prayers in Race and Prayer.

Wilson resides with her partner of 27 years, Dr. Paula Schoenwether. They both actively work for same-sex marriage equality. Prior to beginning her MCC ministry, Rev. Wilson was active in the United Methodist Church.

Singapore Clamps Down On LGBT Web Sites

SINGAPORE - The government dealt another blow to the city-state's LGBT community on Friday (Oct. 28) banning one Gay Web site and fining another, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The government controls the internet through its Media Development Authority. The MDA said that both sites - one based in Singapore, the other overseas - contained offensive material. It said that it acted after receiving complaints about the two companies. An MDA investigation found what the agency called content "promoting a promiscuous homosexual lifestyle."

Both sites contained information on dating and hookups and had nude photographs. The offshore site, which was not publicly named, was also accused of trying to recruit underage boys for sex - a charge often leveled by the government against Gays. Homosexuality is illegal in Singapore. In addition it bans nude images on the internet. The government cannot prosecute the offshore company, but the local Web site, identified as "Meet Gay Singapore Friends", was fined \$3,000 (US) and warned it would be closed down if it did not remove the offensive material. The company said on Friday it would comply.

Despite the criminalization of homosexuality Singapore's government has made continued statements that it does not discriminate against Gays. High-ranking Singapore officials have blamed Gay events for rising HIV infections. The country also has banned Asia's largest Gay-themed party, Nation '05, from its shores. The event has been moved to Thailand. In August the The government issued a warning to Gays traveling to Singapore that they could face imprisonment if they are caught having Gay sex.

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ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

by Anne Maley

AIDSWALK 2005 And The Jerôme Beillard Festival For Life

Fall in Tucson is a time of great energy! There is so much going on that it could exhaust the most robust of individuals. Wingspan's annual dinner occurs in September. The Outoberfest celebration at Reid Park happens early in October. Pride Parade follows Outoberfest. And two very significant fundraisers for SAAF occur: AIDSWALK and The Jerôme Beillard Festival For Life. Below is a brief report on AIDSWALK followed by an invitation to you to attend the Jerôme Beillard Festival For Life.

The weather on Oct. 16, fantastic. Over 3,000 people came out in support of the fight against AIDS by participating in AIDSWALK TUCSON, the 17th year. Over \$218,000 has come in so far with contributions still continuing.

Looking across Rillito Park on Sunday, one could see an incredibly diverse crowd. People from a wide spectrum of lifestyles, ages, and ethnicities were gathered to walk or run as part of this major fundraising event. The message was clear: everyone is touched in some way by AIDS. The opening of nine quilts from the National AIDS Quilt Project and the presence of several quilts from the Tucson AIDS Quilt Project at the event made that point very clear.

Special thanks goes to TIHAN for offering a well-attended Interfaith Service following the Quilt Opening Ceremony. Thank you also to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus who sang for the Interfaith Service attendees.

Helping make this year's event a success were corporate underwriters including the title sponsor: Desert Diamond Casino. Other major sponsors included Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA), Long Realty, Southwest, Intuit, Honeywell, Cable Positive, Starbucks, Cox Communications, Clear Channel, ComCast, KOLD-TV, and the Tucson Weekly.

The winning teams for each category were:

1. Small Business Team (50 employees or less): Woody's,
2. School Team (K-12): Palo Verde High School,
3. Corporate Team: Raytheon,
4. Organization/Nonprofit Team: Men's Social Network,
5. College University Team: Residence Hall Association,
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7. Individual: Mike Boniti,

I want to thank everyone who participated in AIDSWALK 2005 as walker, runner, sponsor, or volunteer. I also want to invite everyone to attend the Jerôme Beillard Festival For Life. This year, the Jerôme Beillard Festival for Life is being held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom. Doors open at 5:00 with the silent auction beginning immediately. The live auction starts at 6:15. The event features fine art from locally and nationally recognized artists such as Barbara Gurwitz, Barbara Rogers, Curt Brill, Deezie Manning-Catron, Gail Marcus-Orlen, Jane Cohen, Janet K. Miller, Josh Goldberg, Kathleen Lewis, Ken Weyerbacher, Michael Pesce, Lori Lieber, Lorraine DarConte, Lynn Taber, Madaras Gallery, Marianne Bersen, Nancy Tokar Miller, Owen Williams, Sarafina Luz, Sylvia Garland and Philabaum Glass Gallery. A wide array of holiday items, gifts and gift certificates, jewelry, celebrity collectibles and Paper Prayers will be available as well.

Masters of Ceremony for the event are Lupita Murillo from KVOA-TV and Allen Kath of Skyview Traffic. Rodney Shanks will host the live auction starting at 6:15 p.m. Festivities will also include an hors d'oeuvres buffet, casino-style gaming, a no-host bar and live music by the Street Minstrels and the Tim Schaffner trio with Deb Luna on vocals.

This event was started in 1988 by Robert Markley (Markley Salon, Tucson) and Jerôme Beillard, who was the Executive Director of People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) — one of the organizations that later merged to become SAAF. In 1995, just before his death, the PACT Board voted to name the event in honor of Jerôme Beillard and his contributions to the community. Although the event has undergone various developments, it remains centered around fine art and tasteful gift items.

Again the date and place: Saturday, Nov. 19, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom. Doors open at 5:00 with the silent auction beginning immediately. The live auction starts at 6:15. To view some of the auction items, go to festivalforlife.org. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door; please call Mae at (520) 628-7223 for tickets or more information, or visit the Festival for Life website at festivalforlife.org.

Fall in Tucson is busy but it is alive with exciting events and activities. Join us at Festival for Life during this energetic time.

Soccer To Boot Out Homophobic Fans

NCHESTER - Football (Soccer) fans who hurl anti-Gay taunts at players, referees and other supporters will be identified and prosecuted in a new clampdown on behavior at matches, reported the Guardian newspaper.

Following the success of the drive against racism in the game, the Football Association is making the eradication of homophobia its next priority. Footballers are regularly derided from the stands as "poofs" or "queers," for example when they go down injured.

"There is a problem with homophobic abuse in the game directed at not just players but also referees and also opposing fans," said Lucy Faulkner, the FA's Ethics and Sports Equity Manager. "Such behavior is offensive and runs totally counter to both the game's family image and efforts to make football more acceptable to all sectors of society."

In a bid to banish such behavior, the FA has expanded the role of its freephone hotline for reporting racist incidents at matches to include homophobic comments. It is also overhauling the training it gives match officials so that referees and their assistants recognize and punish such incidents in both the professional and amateur game. Players who use such language may now be shown a red card.

"Homophobic abuse is a breach of Law 12, which covers offensive, insulting and abusive language on the pitch, and is a red card offence," said Faulkner. "One referee in grassroots football recently told me that he regularly receives homophobic abuse himself," she added.

In the most infamous example of homophobia, Liverpool's Robbie Fowler bent over and waved his bottom at Chelsea's Graeme Le Saux. Fowler had already called his opponent a "poof" earlier in the match in February 1999, to which Le Saux replied: "But I'm married." The

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Time marches on and into November as we prepare for another election. Get off your knees comrades and harness the power. Plots your strategy with Sun in Scorpio and mid month use a Sagittarian surge to pump up your luck. Get Out and vote or keep your whiny opinions to yourself!

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)

Don't avoid conflict or deflect challenges in the workplace. You are infused with corporate spit and fire this November. Well let's call it polish and verve... Scorpio energy makes all proud Rams much more strategic and political. You can put up a strong front as you quiver in the back. So get ready to fight for what you want. The question is, do you know what you want?

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

The world beckons this November and queer Bulls yearn to scratch their itchy hooves. Choose according to your budget - first class international travel, a new course of study or even an exotic meal with a fabulous stranger. The most important thing is to get Out of your routine. But check your itinerary twice. You don't want to forget to pack your underwear ... or do you?

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

If November heats rather than cools your cockles, turn up the fire and bring to a simmer with the help of sexy Scorpio energy. Pink Twins are ready for any randy move as long as they let their hands do all the talking. Subtle just won't cut it now. As you pull into overdrive be sure to check the side mirrors for any passing traffic. Will you be over taken, cut off or side swiped?

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Partnerships require your attention now. Gay Crabs may be all words but rather than flap the air, talk less and do more. Scorpio planets increase your sensuality and give you that certain je ne sais quois. Spread that quois around, lover. Are you searching for that perfect relationship that always seems to be slightly beyond your reach? Stretch to get that extra inch. Oh yes!

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

If you have been tirelessly toiling away at some rinky dink job, at least you will get some amount of pay off this November. Proud Lions cannot afford to be lazy when most labor intensive activities can go especially well now. Consider taking a sidelong look in the mirror. Is it time to get your tug boat out of dry dock and in ship shape in time for cruise season? Toot toot.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Don't sit quietly in a corner and expect others to read your mind. Let others know how you feel. Approach life with good cheer Gay Virgin. November is here. Be sure to be expansive and full of zest. The cosmos heat up your fun, frolic and creativity. For those with too much time on their hands, use the time to test your personal limits. Climb every mountain, try every spa.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

The chickens are coming home to roost ... or are they turkeys? Proud Libras will have more action around the house than they would prefer this November. Everyone loves you for a change, everyone seems to make an appearance and some may even wear out their welcome. Despite the stress, keep your sunny side up no matter what happens. After all, you could use the eggs.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Your communications pack a punch this November. Even the most diplomatic proud Scorp cannot help expressing their true opinions no matter how raw and mean. But so what? Say it loud, proud and queer with no holds barred. Write a scathing letter, make a lurid phone call, call out on any political cause. Then step back and watch all the action and the reaction.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Just when you thought that retirement was around the corner, someone stole your road map. Don't panic, Gay Archer; it is time to review all your carefully constructed financial plans and make the necessary adjustments. But listen carefully to any sage advice and be sure that you understand the potential risks. Revise and reinvest. Are you a bull, a bear or a twinkie?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Pink Caps are in the epicenter of all the action through out November. Social opportunities abound and pop your cork. Be prepared with a new wardrobe and new overall look. (That does not mean "wear overalls".) If you have been nurturing some great ideas, it is the time to launch them. Will they be rockets bursting in air or lead balloons? Pack a pith helmet just in case.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

You seem fairly prescient this week but things soon get out of control as you begin to second guess your every move. Aqueerians are advised to remain practical and rely more on their innate common (alas very common) sense. Volunteer for a worthy Gay cause. You will change the course of events and chalk up a few karmic brownie points for any future misdeeds.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

Where are your pals when you need them? Close at hand and not underfoot in November. They infuse everything with energy and mischief. The party never stops and neither do you. Guppies expand their circle of friends with each successive play date. Plan your schedule with an eye towards the holiday season. Stow your boxes and hang your balls on a few new trees.

In Their Own Words

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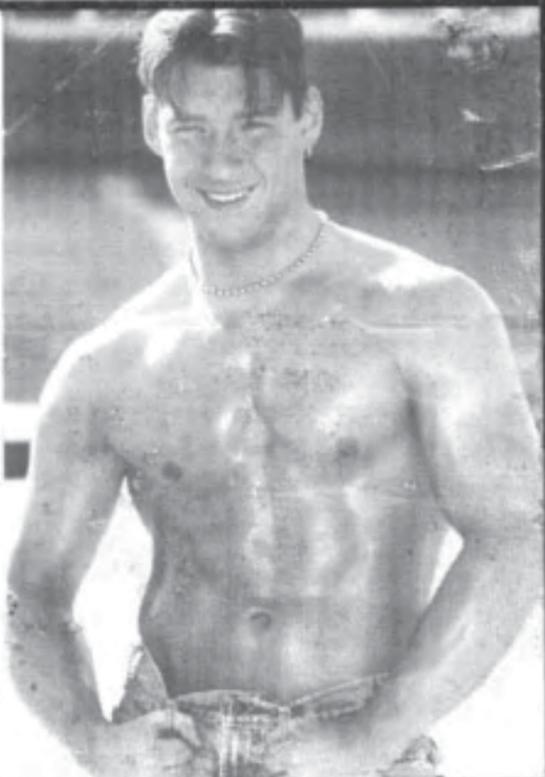
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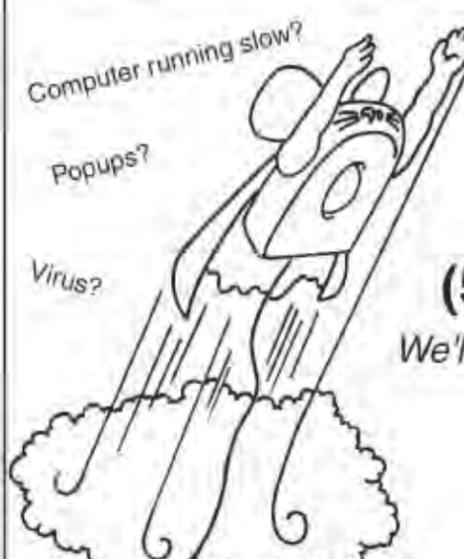
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Liverpool player then said: "So was Elton John, mate." Ex-Norwich City, Nottingham Forest and Hearts striker Justin Fashanu, Britain's only openly Gay player to date, received horrendous abuse during matches in his career in the Eighties and Nineties and later committed suicide.

The FA is holding its first homophobia summit. Participants from across the game will be

told about the recent conviction - the first of its kind - of a Hull City supporter for hurling anti-Gay taunts at Brighton and Hove Albion fans. Hull magistrates court heard how Kevin Smith had chanted indecent comments at the visiting spectators when Brighton played Hull in August. He was fined £50, ordered to pay £50 costs and banned from attending any Hull City game for three years.



NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

We've come to this round number, 2000 Americans killed in Iraq. What does it mean? Has this loss of American lives improved the military situation in that country? Is the rate at which Americans are being killed decreasing? Is the size of the area in which the insurgency operates decreasing?

This isn't Vietnam, you know. In Vietnam the military and the government at least felt obliged to lie about the situation. They then felt they had to say that the military situation was improving. They had a daily military news briefing in Saigon, know to reporters as "The Five O'clock Follies," in which they'd say that we were killing more of the enemy than they were killing us.

Furthermore, they'd say that even the "kill ratio" was improving: "Last month it was eight enemy killed to one American. This month

it's ten to one." The unspoken assumption was that sooner or later we'd have to run out of enemy to kill.

But now the authorities don't even bother to lie about the military situation. If asked why the insurgency is getting stronger, they say, "We're training more Iraqi soldiers and police every day."

If you don't like that one, how about, "We've just passed a new constitution?" If that doesn't quite get to the heart of your question, how about, "We're going to have elections in December?" Oh joy! Elections in December. How many American soldiers will be dead by then?

I was watching C-SPAN a couple days ago and they had a real reporter giving some real news about the Iraq war. To anyone who'd

2,000 DEAD

like to get some real news about the war, I can't recommend C-SPAN enough. The reporter said that virtually every major corporate entity in Saudi Arabia is providing sustained material support to the insurgency. That was news to me. Haven't heard that on CBS, NBC or ABC. He went on to say that the major theorists of the Democratic Party had recently held a secret meeting at which they decided to say nothing about the war. It was the Dem's consensus, according to this reporter, that the Republicans were foundering and the wise course would be to wait and see where they bottomed out.

The reporter, whose credentials extend back to his coverage of the Vietnam war, pointed out that the secret Democratic strategy meeting had not been reported in the mainstream press. And finally he departed from his reporter's role and assumed the editorial one to opine that it was "shameful" that former President Clinton had agreed to go silent on the war in the hope of gaining political points while Americans are pointlessly being killed. Having reported much more than the networks, and having opined, the reporter turned to prediction and said that the first major Democrat who comes out firmly against the war would get his party's presidential nomination. That kind of wishful thinking is what separates ace reporters from competent pundits.

What he should have said is that the first major Democrat to come out against the war deserves the nomination. Oldsters and students of history will know that Eugene McCarthy did not get the Dem's nod in the last set of similar circumstances. With the Democratic leadership deserting the rank and file of the party once again, it's up to the rank and file to lead. The ordinary Democrats who don't hold office or aspire to are going to have to make the phone calls, write the letters and put on the demonstrations that will call their nominal leaders back to the colors.

I know it's sad. It's often sad to be a Democrat. It's sad to be a Cubs fan. But it's not as sad as pulling a Clinton and going silent. And I'm not picking on Bill. The whole party is hugging the earth. It's just that Bill's the guy who could have the most clout if he'd use it.

Two-thousand Americans dead. God knows how many Iraqis. Doesn't it mean anything? Do we need to bring back the draft to wake this country up?

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

E.U. Leadership Puts Poland On Notice

STRASBOURG - The European Commission says it will "attentively" monitor Poland's treatment of Lesbian and Gay people, in light of the election of Lech Kaczynski as the country's president, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Kaczynski was voted in as the country's president over the weekend, after running his campaign on right-wing issues. He has already caused controversy in his previous role as mayor of Warsaw, where he barred a Gay Pride celebration. Days after the banned procession went ahead anyway, he allowed a "normality parade" to take place in the city.

The E.C. says that if the country pushes ahead with other infringements of Gay rights under President Kaczynski, it will withdraw Poland's voting rights on key issues, according to The Guardian. The hard-line approach would be permissible under the Treaty of Nice, which includes guidelines that ensure member states maintain a positive stance on minority issues. "We are going to follow the situation very attentively," said Jonathan Todd, the principal commission spokesman.

It is thought that other member states fear a rise in power of Kaczynski's Law and Justice party. The party, which is led by Kaczynski's twin brother, is now expected to enter coalition talks with the country's other right-wing party, Civic Platform. Lesbian and Gay activists across Europe have already warned of the rise of anti-Gay sentiment in Poland. Additionally, Pride organizers from across the continent will meet at London's EuroPride celebrations next year to discuss in what ways they can reach out to those in Poland and other Eastern European countries.

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Consrvatives Boycott 'Pro-Gay' Doll

NEW YORK - American Girl, manufacturer of a highly popular line of dolls and children's books, has become the target of conservative activists threatening a boycott unless the toy maker cuts off contributions to a youth organization that supports abortion rights and acceptance of Lesbians, reported Advocate.com.

The protest is directed at an ongoing American Girl campaign in which proceeds from sales of a special "I Can" wristband help support educational and empowerment programs of Girls Inc., a national nonprofit organization which describes its mission as "inspiring girls to be strong, smart and bold."

American Girl, whose often patriotic products have long had a loyal following among conservatives, issued a statement Friday defending its support of Girls Inc. and assailing the protest campaign. "We are profoundly disappointed that certain groups have chosen to misconstrue American Girl's purely altruistic efforts and turn them into a broader political statement on issues that we, as a corporation, have no position," the statement said.

The Mississippi-based American Family Association, in a campaign launched Wednesday (Oct. 12), is urging its members to demand that American Girl halt support for Girls Inc., which it called "a pro-abortion, pro-Lesbian advocacy group." "Let American Girl know they are making a terrible mistake," AFA chairman Don Wildmon said in a statement. The AFA says it has more than 2.2 million members.

The Pro-Life Action League, a Chicago-based anti-abortion group, also is asking supporters to contact American Girl to express dismay. The league's executive director, Ann Scheidler, said her organization might call for a boycott of American Girl's products and organize picketing at its stores in Chicago and New York if the company doesn't sever ties with Girls Inc. "Parents need to know that this effort to promote self-esteem among girls is not as innocent as it seems," Scheidler said. "While Girls Inc. has some good programs, they also support abortion, oppose abstinence-only education for girls, and condone Lesbianism."

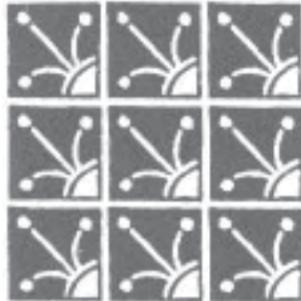
American Girl, a subsidiary of Mattel Inc., said the "I Can" initiative supports three specific Girls Inc. programs building girls' skills in science and math, developing leadership skills, and encouraging athletic skills and team spirit. "All of these aims are appropriate to our 7- to 12-year-old American Girl fans," the company said. "The American Girl brand exemplifies the values of wholesomeness and responsibility that we would expect any organization to commend."

Girls Inc., which traces its roots back to a center founded in Waterbury, Conn., in 1864, serves about 800,000 girls a year, many of them black or Hispanic and most from low-income families. The "advocacy" page on its Web site lists some of the positions that roused conservative ire, for example a clear endorsement the 1973 Roe v. Wade court decision establishing a woman's right to abortion. Girls Inc. also supports a girl's right to have access to contraception and pledges support for girls dealing with issues of sexual orientation.

Joyce Roche, the president of Girls Inc., said the New York-based organization had never before been targeted by a protest campaign. "We were taken aback," she said in a telephone interview Friday (Oct. 14). "Our programs are well-respected. We're all about helping girls see possibilities and dream big dreams." She said Girls Inc. takes positions on public policy issues if it believes women's rights and opportunities are at stake. "Our philosophy is that women should have the right to make decisions about themselves," Roche said.

One of the protest coordinators, American Family Association special projects director Randy Sharp, said the campaign was noteworthy because American Girl's products have long been favored by conservatives. Its dolls (full-sized models sell for more than \$80) include a series from different eras of American history, such as Felicity, from the Revolutionary War, or Addy, who escapes from slavery during the Civil War.

"American Girl has won the trust of millions of conservative families," Sharp said. "It's very popular among the home school movement because of the values the company followed." "Now we find they're teaming up with Girls Inc., which supports the very things we oppose. It's very troubling." Sharp said the AFA was not yet ready to call for a boycott, but he predicted that many conservative families, including his own, would be reluctant to keep buying American Girl products. "I think no question this will have a financial impact on American Girl," he said.



Non Bar Calendar

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

Monday, November 7
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch -- 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, November 12
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, November 14
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch -- 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, November 19
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, November 21
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch -- 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, November 26
Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

Monday, November 28
Tucson Prime Timers Lunch -- 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Saturday, November 19
17th Annual Jerome Beillard Festival For Life, a

live and silent auction fund raising event for SAAF will take place from 5pm until 8:30pm. The event takes place at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University Blvd. Tickets are \$50 in advance. \$60 at the door. For more information call 628-7223 or email events@saaf.org. Amazing artwork, casino-style gaming and live entertainment. Convenient parking at the Mountain and Second Street Garage.

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LGBT Fight Ballot Measures In Three States

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In Texas, Maine, and California LGBT civil rights groups are stepping up their campaigns as the clock ticks towards election day on Nov. 8, reported 365Gay.com.

A proposition on the Texas ballot, if passed, would amend the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

In Maine, conservatives are trying to roll back, for the third time, a law that gives members of the LGBT community job and housing protections.

And in California where no anti-Gay measure is on the ballot this year Gay activists are battling Gov Arnold Schwarzenegger's so-called government reform referenda as a payback for his vetoing Gay marriage legislation earlier this year.

The campaign in Texas is the most heated, and shows every sign it will intensify over the few remaining days before the vote.

"We are making a horse race out of it for the first time in any state," said Glen Maxey, an openly Gay former legislator directing the opposition group No Nonsense in November. "I believe there's a shot to win it."

The proposed amendment in Texas is the broadest to be presented to voters anywhere in the country. It would block Gay and Lesbian couples from marrying, prevent the state from allowing civil unions and, according to critics, could veto common-law marriages among heterosexuals.

"Marriage is the foundational structure of society," said Kelly Shackelford, of Texans for Marriage.

Eighteen states have approved constitutional bans on same-sex marriage.

A straight group opposed to the amendment, Save Texas Marriage, said that not only would common-law marriage between heterosexuals in the state become illegal the amendment also would nullify wills and other agreements between unmarried couples.

Supporters of the amendment say it would only apply to same-sex couples.

In Main, meanwhile, the campaign to preserve the state's civil rights protections for Gays, Lesbians and the Transgendered has rolled into high gear.

The Maine legislature passed the civil rights bill to protect Gays, Lesbians and the Transgendered from discrimination in housing, employment and credit and it was signed by Governor John Baldacci in March.

The Christian Civic League of Maine immediately began a repeal effort, gathering enough signatures to force the issue onto next month's ballot.

The league has forced referenda on similar bills three times in the past decade and Gays have seen the protections erased at the polls each time. The most recent was in 2000.

A statewide poll released shows most residents support LGBT equal rights, but similar polls prior to the last two ballot initiatives that over turned the laws also showed Gay support.

Most political observers say it is too close to call.

In California, the state's largest LGBT civil rights group, Equality California, is campaigning with nurses, teachers and other groups to fight a series of ballot measures put forward by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

The measures would cap state spending and give the governor greater authority to make budget cuts; make teachers work five years instead of two to pass probation; strip lawmakers of their power to

carry out redistricting, and require public employee unions to get members' permission before dues could be used for political purposes.

Equality California says it got involved in fighting the measures as payback after the governor vetoed legislation to allow Gay marriage in the state.

The support is giving unions and other groups fighting the ballot measures is likely to result in an alliance of the same groups if two proposed anti-Gay marriage propositions make it to the ballot in 2006.

Study Details Bi-National G/L Couples In U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A study on binational Gay couples released Thursday (Oct. 27) indicates that some 35,820 same-sex couples from different countries are living in the United States as of 2000, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The report, presented by the Williams Project on Sexual Orientation and Law and Public Policy at UCLA School of Law, was based on the 2000 Census. That census, in turn, was the first to offer couples a chance to tell the national statisticians that they live with "an unmarried partner."

The binational cohort represents about 6 percent of those who checked that census box, the report said, a percentage that stands slightly higher than the ratio of binational heterosexual relationships, specifically 4.6 percent for married couples and 5.2 percent for unmarried unions.

In nearly 80 percent of the Gay and Lesbian pairs, both partners come from countries that do not recognize same-sex relationships for purposes of immigration. Just under a third of the couples include a Mexican partner, while the other countries with the most citizens living in U.S.-based Gay partnerships were Canada, El Salvador, Germany and the Philippines.

A large contingent — some 38 percent — consists of two foreign-born individuals, one of whom has become a U.S. citizen. In four out of five of these unions, both partners were born in the same country. California is home to the most Gay and Lesbian binational pairs, with more than 10,000 such couples living in the Golden State.

And binational couples are quite likely to have children at home; 58 percent of the Lesbian binationals and more than a third of the Gay male pairs reported that they live with kids under 18.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that most same-sex binational couples are deeply committed. Stories abound of couples in which one or both partners take tremendous risks, playing fast and loose with immigration laws to remain together. A recent account in the Southern Voice describes an Argentinean man, Ricardo Espindola, arrested during a random stop by Homeland Security agents while he and his American partner were driving to Carlsbad Caverns last year. Espindola, who had overstayed his visa by two years, was taunted, jailed for 45 days and sent back to Argentina. According to the article, Espindola and his partner, Wayne Brown, hope to move to Canada, one of about 17 countries that welcome binational couples.

For several years, the U.S. Congress has tried but failed to pass immigration reforms that would allow American citizens and legal U.S. residents to sponsor their foreign partners. Originally called the Permanent Partners Immigration Act, the legislation is now titled the Uniting American Families Act. It was most recently reintroduced in June 2005 by Patrick Leahy of Vermont in the Senate and New York's Jerrold Nadler in the House.



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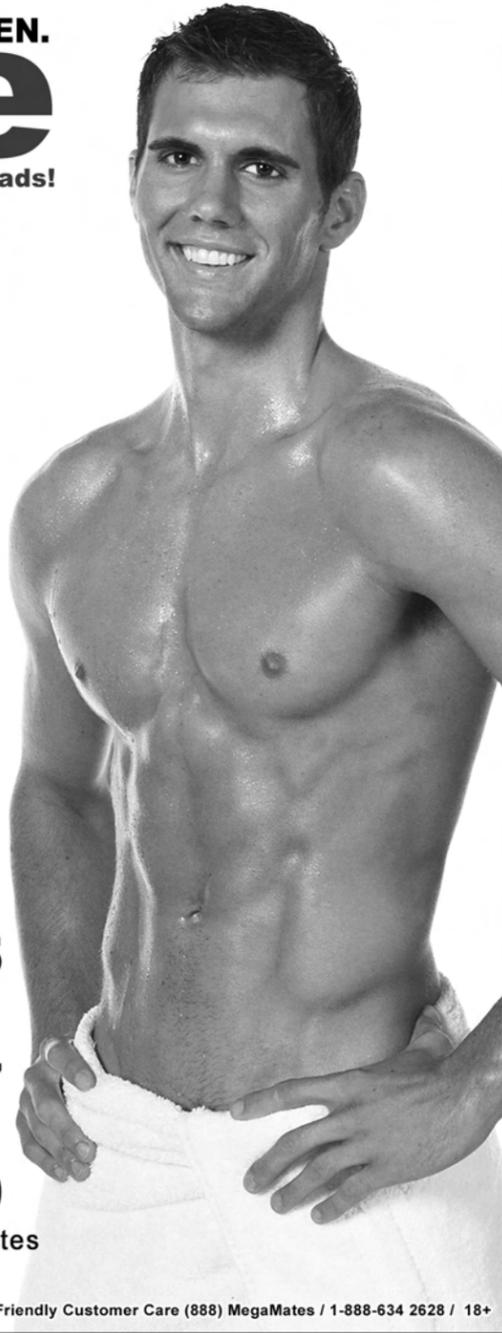


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HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11am. Lotchen open until 8pm. Watch the NFL here! \$1.00 Jumbo Hot Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments at 4 and 7pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

IBT's - Troy's Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 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 \$12-7p. \$2.50 Sirloin Burger or Chicken w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

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 Craig Carter 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy & Beeefeaters Martinis.

WOODY'S - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Rum until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm

tuesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 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 Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month \$2.00).

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longneck. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm.

wednesday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 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, "Divalicious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am.

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

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Vodka until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm.

thursday

COLORS - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 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 9am. 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 \$6.00.

WOODY'S - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

friday

COLORS - Open 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 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. Close 1am.

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 re-opens 9 pm to Midnight for late night munchies.

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

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

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saturday

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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 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9 to close.

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 5pm.

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BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

IBT'S - The Divalicious Show at 9:00 p.m. starring Bunny FuFu and Friends. Followed by dancing all night with DJ Q.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

IBT'S - Boyz Night Out with their hot bar staff dancing on the bar in their underwear and GoGo boyz on the Dance Floor. \$1.75 Long islands and \$1.50 Tequila shots. Top 40 All request with DJ Mike Lopez.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

HOWL AT THE MOON - Richard's back! Line Dance Lesson start at 7:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

HOWL AT THE MOON - They're Back! The Ellas de Noche Latino Drag Show on stage tonight starting at 10:00 p.m. An outstanding revue!.

WOODY'S - Live Jazz on the patio from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. with Arthur Migliazza. Then at 9 p.m. a special benefit show for Miss Saigon, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

VENTURE-N - Patio Beer Bust from 3-7 p.m. 'Bossburgers Plus' from 5 to 7 p.m.

WOODY'S - 11:30 a.m. Brunch. 2 p.m. Patio Bar Opens. 2-7 p.m. Beer Bust. 5-9 p.m. Sirloin Burger Bar-B-Que. 8:00 p.m. Drag Bingo with Janee Starr and Stella Virgin. 9:00 p.m. Karaoke with Michael D.

YARD DOG SALOON -Steak & Shrimp or Steak Dinner being served at 7:00 p.m, Cooked to order by Rob and Pete. Tickets on sale now.

Poll Shows Majority Of Spokane Residents Would Vote To Oust Mayor

SPOKANE - More than six in 10 people responding to a poll said they would vote to oust Spokane, Wash., mayor James E. West if a special recall election were held, a newspaper and television station reported on advocate.com.

The telephone poll of 1,108 city residents, who are registered voters likely to vote in the December 6 special recall election, was the first snapshot of how Spokane voters feel about West over a City Hall sex scandal. The Research 2000 poll, conducted Sunday through Wednesday (Oct. 24- 26), was paid for by The Spokesman-Review and KREM TV, which released results Thursday. It has a 3% margin of error.

"Fortunately, the election is not going to be held today. The only poll that matters is the one held on election day," West responded. The mayor said he was "not surprised, given the pounding of me The Spokesman-Review has done for the last six months, that people would be of that opinion."

When asked how they would vote, 62% of those responding said they favor West's recall. The poll found 29% against recall, with 9% undecided. The poll also showed dissatisfaction with West's performance in office.

West faces a recall allegation that he used his office to offer to help someone he thought was an 18-year-old man in a Gay online chat room obtain a City Hall internship. The chat partner was actually a computer expert hired by The Spokesman-Review to track West's online activities. The mayor, a former Republican state senate leader, has acknowledged having sexual relationships with adult males but denies violating the law or abusing his office. Subsequent Spokesman-Review stories about the contents of West's city-owned computer hard drive showed the mayor sought to meet Gay men while he was on city-sponsored trips.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

GET NAKED with TNTucson MEN! We're a social and recreational club. Have you ever longed to camp, swim, hike or play with others who enjoy the same, dropping all the masks and pretensions? We're for you! TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com, P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.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 GAYAL-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, contact **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 / MOVIES / ETC! Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or joycesmth1@aol.com. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity 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)624-1779 x26 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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, (Map available 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, private setting. Check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swot>. Bi-weekly daytime meetings, Saturdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm. Contact John at 327-3135 for more info and upcoming dates.

MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY FORMING for anyone wanting quality friendships, better health and more passion in their lives. This group has far-reaching benefits for those who want to explore their own spirituality, sexuality and purpose in life. Weekly social events include Keys to Healthy Relationships, and Be Your Own Best Lover. Also events include entertainment like dinner, movies, theater and art. Group discussions. Group fun with intimacy, spontaneity and play. A great way to meet other men who are on a more focused path. Contact Marc Haberman, Holistic Health Practitioner at 881-4582.



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