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Bush Uses Election Year To Push Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban



WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the Senate began debate on a proposed Constitutional amendment to ban Gay marriage President Bush held a nationally televised news conference at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building to drum up support for the measure, wire and online news services reported.

Bush used the phrase "activist judges" in almost every sentence in his address. "Marriage is the most fundamental right in our society and it should not be defined by activist judges," Bush declared. "Activist courts have left our nation with no other choice," he said later in his 10 minute speech. "A constitutional amendment is the most democratic method by which our country can resolve this issue," the President said.

During his address Bush was surrounded by supporters of the amendment, several from some of the most extreme homophobic groups in America. Bush said that he is "proud to stand with" those who support the amendment.

"Surrounded by a group of extremists, President Bush showed today how enormously out of touch this administration is with the rest of America," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

People For the American Way President Ralph G. Neas called the speech an act of "desperation." "In the face of record disapproval ratings, he is putting the demands of his Radical Right supporters above the integrity of the U.S. Constitution and the well-being of millions of American families," said Neas.

"Yes, this is about pandering to his base," said Matt Foreman, Executive Director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Yes, this is about

diverting America's attention from his foreign and domestic failures. But above all, this is an immoral attack on Gay people, our families and our fundamental humanity. In the not-too-distant future, all those involved in this spectacle will look back with shame and regret."

"Why doesn't President Bush believe that my daughter should have the same rights as his daughters?" asked Samuel Thoron, president of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. "Simply because my daughter is a Lesbian, the president sees fit to forever deny her full equality and use her—and the millions of other Gays and Lesbians in the U.S.—as a reason to write discrimination into the Constitution."

A survey by the Associated Press of Senators showed that supporters of the measure are having a hard time securing 50 votes, let alone the super majority of 67 it would need to advance.

Recent polls show same-sex marriage ranks near the bottom of voter concerns. At the top are Iraq, gas prices, health care and the economy.

Bush's credibility on Gay marriage has been called into question by a friend of President and by religious conservatives. In an interview with Newsweek magazine, an old Bush friend says that Gay marriage barely registers on the president's moral radar, despite the fact that he publicly embraces an amendment banning Gay marriage. "I think it was purely political," the friend tells Newsweek in the June 12 issue which went on newsstands today. "I don't think he gives a s—t about it. He never talks about this stuff."

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Lawmaker Assails U.S. HIV Prevention Guide

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The federal guidebook for reducing the spread of AIDS highlights initiatives that are at least seven years old, which some observers say hinders the nation's battle against the disease.

In 1999, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published summaries of 24 initiatives shown to reduce HIV transmission. Today, those strategies guide the actions of HIV prevention programs nationwide because they met the agency's guidelines for scientific evaluation.

U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-CA, says the CDC itself has found numerous other programs to be effective. In a letter sent Tuesday (May 30) to CDC Director Julie Gerberding, Waxman questioned why the guidance had not been updated to include those programs, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. He suggested that politics might be a factor.

"It is perhaps not coincidental that the new prevention programs include interventions that some political constituencies oppose, such as condom instruction for high-risk populations," Waxman said. CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said the agency was still digesting Waxman's letter, and he declined to respond to any specific points. "All I can say is we've received the letter and look forward to responding to the concerns raised by Congressman Waxman," Skinner said.

Waxman is a frequent critic of the Bush administration's focus on abstinence education when it comes to preventing unwanted pregnancies or sexually transmitted diseases. The CDC's document is called the "Compendium of HIV Prevention Interventions with Evidence of Effectiveness." It contains one-page summaries of studies involving four groups: drug users, heterosexual adults, youth and men

who have sex with men.

Agencies that receive federal AIDS-prevention funding use the document as a tool to help them shape their prevention programs. Among the programs backed by the 1999 guidance: Small group therapy sessions aimed at deterring heroin users from moving from inhaling the drug to injecting it. Therapy sessions aimed at female methadone patients who showed a significant increase in condom use with their partners compared with methadone patients who didn't attend the counseling.

Some health analysts agreed with Waxman's assessment that an update of the guidebook is warranted. "There is incredible pressure to make sure that we're using our scarce prevention resources well with interventions proven to be effective," said Julie Scofield, executive director of the National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors. "Relying on interventions from '99 in 2006 is really quite unacceptable."

Scofield said that AIDS directors at state and local health departments are particularly looking for programs proven effective in reaching high-risk populations in the black and Hispanic community. "Their numbers are clearly increasing in the epidemic," Scofield said. We're very much concerned, and we don't have the right arsenal of interventions to use to try to reach those populations."

Annual HIV incidence peaked in the mid 1980s, when more than 150,000 new infections were reported. Since the mid-to-late 1990s, the number of new infections has stabilized at about 40,000 a year, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, which conducts health research. African-Americans made up 49 percent of new AIDS cases in 2003; whites, 28 percent; and Hispanics, 20 percent, the foundation said.

Tucson's LGBT 'Memorial Day'

TUCSON - A somber group of people gathered under somber skies on Tuesday, June 6, on the grounds of City Hall to memorialize Richard Heakin. Richard was a 21 year-old college student visiting from Lincoln Nebraska. He was brutally killed outside the old Stonewall Bar (later known as the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket). Four youths 15 - 17 were arrested. They were later tried, found guilty and sentenced to supervised probation until they were 18.

Because of the lack of communication between organizations and individuals it was realized that there needed to be some way to bring the GLBT community together. That was the beginning of Tucson's weekly newspaper - first called The Arizona Gay News - and now The Weekly Observer. Still operated by the original

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Richard Heakin 6/6/76

UPDATE



FLAGSTAFF - Music legend and eight-time Grammy award winner Chaka Khan will headline the ten-year anniversary of Northern Arizona Pride Association (NAPA) at the annual Pride in the Pines event in Wheeler Park, June 9 - 11.

Wheeler Park will be transformed into a main stage for performers including Chaka Khan, the internationally acclaimed singer known for hits such as "I Feel for You" and "I'm Every Woman." "I am honored to come to Flagstaff to perform for my fans and to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Pride in the Pines," Chaka Khan said. Other performances will include music by Sophie B. Hawkins, who has won audiences over with her live performances and social activism.

Entertainment for the event will also feature a play by the Theatrikos Theatre Company themed around the LGBT Community. For information about Pride in the Pines, a schedule of events, or to purchase event tickets, please visit the organization's newly developed Web site, FlagstaffPride.org or call (928) 213-1900.

Sidewinders Baseball Game Benefit For TIHAN July 9

TUCSON - The Seventh Annual Tucson Sidewinders Baseball Game Benefit, Sunday, July 9, 5:30 p.m. at TEP Park will have its proceeds raised going to TIHAN for its programs and services.

Come out and enjoy a baseball game as the Sidewinders play the Las Vegas 51s, from the air-conditioned press box suite directly behind home plate! Tickets are \$30, which includes the game, a hamburger/hot dog buffet with chips, cookies, and soda. There is also a cash bar right outside the suite.

Tickets are now on sale at the TIHAN office (520) 299-6647, or by calling Dave Locke, (520) 326-1952. Credit card orders can be taken by the TIHAN office phone. For more information about these events, go online at tihan.org.

Hear 'Other Voices' June 9

TUCSON - In celebration of LGBT Pride Month, on Friday, June 9, 7 p.m., Antigone Books will host Other Voices: An Evening of Poetry, Creative Writing, Storytelling and Song from the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Community.

This event is an open microphone for LGBT writers, storytellers, and songwriters is sponsored by Other Voices Women's Reading Series. Bring 5-7 minutes of your work to share! Sign-up starts at 6:30. All are invited to attend. Call Paula, (520) 326-8922 for more information. Refreshments will be served.

Antigone Books is located at 411 N. 4th Ave. For more information, call (520) 792-3715, or online at antigonebooks.com.

Desert Voices Performing At Bisbee Pride June 17

BISBEE - Come hear Desert Voices, Tucson's premiere LGBT and straight supportive chorus, under the direction of Chris Tackett, perform at the 2006 Bisbee Pride Celebration, Saturday, June 17, 5:30 p.m., at the Bisbee City Park Band Shell.

Desert Voices will be performing highlights from their successful Spring concert as well as other favorites for the crowd.

For more information about the Bisbee Pride event, go online at bisbeepride.com, call, (520) 791-9662, or online at: desertvoices.org, to learn more about Desert Voices.

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'Adam And Steve' At The Loft Cinema June 16

TUCSON - "Adam and Steve," a critically-acclaimed Gay romantic comedy, opens at The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway, on Friday, June 16.

Who says God didn't create Adam and Steve? The hilarious, romantic and decidedly off-the-wall comedy "Adam and Steve" offers up a new twist on an age old story, following the misadventures of two New Yorkers struggling to make love work in the face of overwhelming odds. Having met in the 80s during a disastrous one night stand, Adam (Craig Chester) and Steve (Malcolm Gets, star of TV's *Caroline in the City*) don't recognize each other when they meet again fifteen years later.

With the help of their offbeat best friends, formerly obese and currently bitter stand up comic Rhonda (indie film queen Parker Posey), and neurotic straight guy ladies man Michael (Saturday Night Live's Chris Kattan), our heroes fall in love only to realize, a year into their relationship, that they met before and unwittingly altered the course of each other's life that fateful night in the 80s. Adam and Steve manage to survive homophobic motorists, irritable bowels and a disaster prone mother in a neck brace, but can they survive each other?

This crowd-pleasing mix of touching romance, smart dialogue and gross-out comedy proves that love truly transcends all labels. Call (520) 795-0844, or check loftcinema.com, for showtimes.

Members Finding 'Safe Space' At Sigma Phi

TEMPE - When Steven Tran joined Sigma Phi Beta, a fraternity for Gay men and their straight allies founded at Arizona State University, he was questioning his sexual orientation, the Arizona Republic reported. That search grew to include his gender identity. The sophomore isn't sure which gender he identifies with most, but that has not jeopardized his membership with Sigma Phi Beta.

"I don't feel like I was ever able to really express myself. My inability to really be who I was felt like suffocation. When I joined Sigma Phi Beta, I really found a safe space," Tran said. Sigma Phi Beta recently became the first Greek organization to adopt a policy offering membership to students who identify as male, regardless of whether they were born male.

"It's a challenge that we've had, to overcome being gender specific while reaching out to a community that crosses the boundary of gender norms," said Sam Holdren, the fraternity's national president and an ASU graduate student. "But we recognize that they are a part of our community, and there was a response to reach out and make sure we were walking our talk." The policy "really gives people the opportunity to explore their identities," Holdren said.

It also will spark discussion about the complexity of sexual identity in fraternities and sororities, said Shane Windmeyer, founder of the Lambda 10 Project, a national clearinghouse for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender fraternity and sorority issues. "This policy shows that people matter. Every individual matters," Windmeyer said. "We really just need our policies to reflect that."

Others familiar with the inclusive policy said it not only could set an example for Greek organizations across the country but also could positively affect ASU as a whole. "It's probably going to be a mixed reaction, because there is still an educational process that needs to happen here," said Casey Self, a board member of Ubiquity, an ASU staff and faculty organization dealing with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues. "But I think in general it's becoming less and less of an issue for more people."

Policies that promote diversity of gender and sexual identity are important, Holdren said, because college can be a difficult experience if a student can't find a niche. "If you're an invisible (entity), you're not likely to be as successful as other people and we recognize that. In learning more about gender, it's really important to respect a person's ability to self identity," he said. "When people can see themselves, they feel protected, and they perform better."

Sigma Phi Beta was founded at ASU in 2003 and became a national organization in 2005. ASU is at present the only university with a chapter. During discussions about the policy, members discovered that some individuals already in the fraternity, like Tran, were uncertain about their gender identity. So the policy also allows fraternity brothers to maintain their membership even if their gender identity changes.

"I don't really feel male or female, but I was born male. Biological gender is totally different from what you identify as," Tran said. "But that's the great thing about this policy. I really feel like it represents true brotherhood. It allows me to become more of myself without having to worry about being a brother."

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Informing the Community
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AIDS At 25: I Knew Patient Zero Tucson GLBT;

The Doctor's Report Of June 5, 1981 Would Mark The Official Onset Of The Epidemic

By Michael S. Gottlieb

I met Michael, the man who became my Patient Zero, in early 1981. I was 33 years old; he was 31. He was rail thin with short, bleached-blond hair and high cheekbones. I remember him in more detail than patients I saw yesterday. Michael had been admitted through the UCLA emergency room days earlier complaining of fever and weight loss. Quickly, a rare type of lung infection called pneumocystis blossomed on his chest X-ray. My immediate suspicion was that he was immune deficient. Although rare, pneumocystis was known to occur in immunologic disorders. Using what was then considered new technology to test his blood, we discovered that critical cells, called "T cells," were missing.

In the weeks that followed, two more men were referred to us with virtually identical symptoms. Like Michael, each said he had always been healthy and had no past history of difficulty fighting infections, suggesting that the immune deficiency was acquired. Like Michael, each told me that he was Gay. In those days, our subcultures — white-coated medics and Gay men — were worlds apart. But that was about to change. Then two more cases came in. At that point, my colleagues and I felt the information had to be made public. On June 5, 1981 — 25 years ago today — I published the details of Michael's case and four others in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report put out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It was the first description of a new disease, a date that later became known as the official onset of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. "All the above observations suggest the possibility of

a cellular-immune dysfunction related to a common exposure that predisposes individuals to opportunistic infections," I wrote in that initial report. I added that the fact that all the patients were Gay suggested "an association between some aspect of a homosexual lifestyle or disease acquired through sexual contact."

Michael and my other early patients died within that first year. Within days of the June 5 report, doctors began telephoning from all over the nation to tell me about their own patients with pneumocystis. Over time, intensive care units at UCLA and across the country began to fill with young Gay men requiring ventilators, their lungs choked with the same strange organism. The AIDS epidemic was underway. It is still astonishing to me that a disease that spread from chimpanzees to humans in Central Africa probably as early as the 1930s was first detected in West Los Angeles in 1981. In retrospect, we know that HIV had traveled to U.S. shores as early as 1977. And the earliest known positive HIV blood sample is from 1959, obtained from an unknown man in Kinshasa, Congo, and frozen.

Since my first report to the CDC, more than 500,000 people have died of AIDS in the United States. Globally, 25 million people have died of the disease, which is now the leading cause of death worldwide among those between the ages of 15 and 59. As a doctor working on the epidemic's front lines since its inception, I find this anniversary one of intense emotions: despair about the lives lost to the disease; frustration with the Bush administration's

promotion of abstinence over condoms for HIV prevention; anger at the denial, stigma and prejudice that still fuel the spread of HIV around the globe. But mixed in with those feelings is also pride in the remarkable medical progress we've made in HIV treatment. Twenty-five years ago, AIDS meant certain death. Even when my patient Rock Hudson was diagnosed with AIDS in 1985, the best I could do was recommend an experimental — and ultimately ineffective — treatment.

It wasn't until the advent of the AIDS "cocktail" 15 years into the epidemic that we began to turn this disease around. Those new treatments were truly revolutionary: Almost overnight, people with HIV left hospital beds and were back at work and living their lives. In one year, the number of Americans who died from AIDS dropped by 43%, and over the last decade, the death rate fell more than 70%. For the first time, we as physicians could even use antiviral medicines to prevent the transmission of HIV from an HIV-infected mother to her newborn child. Symbolic of our progress is that very soon we will have a single, once-daily pill containing a complete "AIDS cocktail" for the disease that 25 years ago was a death sentence.

I believe overcoming AIDS means extending our medical progress to everyone — and that's a tall order. HIV is spreading disproportionately among African Americans and Latinos, and those infected are still less likely than their white counterparts to get the care they need. Worldwide, 5 million people with HIV in developing countries need medicine urgently. Thanks to initiatives by the United Nations, the

U.S. and others, 1.3 million people began therapy over the last five years, and an estimated 350,000 deaths were averted in 2005 alone. But 40 million men, women and children are still living with HIV. Nobody should die from AIDS (or for that matter malaria or TB) because of where they live or their economic status. Will there be a 50th anniversary of AIDS? Since I saw those first unfortunate patients 25 years ago, medical science has worked miracles. But the end of AIDS is not yet in sight. Minimizing the impact of another quarter-century of this plague hinges on our collective will to prevent new infections, find a vaccine and cure and get lifesaving medicines to all who need them.

(MICHAEL S. GOTTLIEB teaches at UCLA's medical school where he is affiliated with the AIDS Institute. He is a trustee of the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance, and this op-ed was reprinted from the June 5 edition of the Los Angeles Times.)



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Bush pollster Matthew Dowd doubts it was decisive in the last election according to Newsweek. "It didn't drive turnout in 2004," says Dowd. "That is urban legend." Turnout was the same in states with bans on the ballot and those without, Dowd told the news magazine.

Bush's news conference came as the Senate began debate on the amendment.

"Marriage between one man and one woman does a better job protecting children better than any other institution humankind has devised," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-TN, to open the debate. "As such, marriage as an institution should be protected, not redefined."

"A vote for this amendment is a vote for bigotry, pure and simple," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-MA. The Massachusetts Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriages in 2003.

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who says he believes marriage is the union of a man and a woman, said he nonetheless will vote against the amendment on a test vote. "The reason for this debate is to divide our society, to pit one against

another," Reid said in remarks delivered on the Senate floor. "This is another one of the president's efforts to frighten, to distort, to distract and to confuse America. It is this administration's way of avoiding the tough, real problems that American citizens are confronted with each and every day."

Religious conservatives were critical. Joe Glover, president of the Family Policy Network, called today's debate a "dog-and-pony show." "It's too little, too late," he told the Los Angeles Times.

"Increasingly, social conservatives expect real action, not just politically timed attempts to motivate and organize the base," said Gary Glenn of the American Family Association of Michigan.

Even the President's wife has issued a warning about taking up the issue. Last month Laura Bush warned the GOP not to use the proposed amendment as a campaign tool.

TEXT OF MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

"Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

Pro-LGBT Policy Fails Again At

ExxonMobil

DALLAS - More ExxonMobil shareholders than ever before voted Wednesday (May 31) for a resolution to add "sexual orientation" to the company's written equal employment opportunity policy, but the measure failed, reported the PlanetOut Network. A record 34.6 percent of shares were voted in favor of the policy this year, an increase from 29.4 percent in 2005, but it was still not enough to get the oil giant to change its policies.

Representatives of the Human Rights Campaign attended the annual shareholders' meeting along with representatives from NorthStar Asset Management and the lead filer of the resolution, the New York City Employees' Retirement System. Twenty-one organizations, including the HRC, make up the Coalition to Promote Equality at ExxonMobil.

"The long-term energy needs of ExxonMobil customers are in no way served by policies that ignore hard-working Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, in a written statement. "The company claims it already has this policy, yet it stands alone as the only Fortune 50 company that refuses to write it down. It's our hope that the company's new CEO takes this vote as a strong signal to join its competitors, many of whom

protect employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation as well as gender identity and allow employees to provide health insurance for their domestic partners," Solmonese said.

Before merging with Exxon in 1999, the Mobil Corp. offered written protections and domestic partner benefits to its Gay and Lesbian employees. That changed in the merger, and both programs were closed to new employees.

Twenty-four members of Congress, and thousands of stockholders and consumers, wrote to ExxonMobil Chairman Lee R. Raymond in December 1999 to protest the policy reversals. In January 2000, stockholders and activists protested at a company facility in Houston, causing the facility to close for the day.

BP Corp., Chevron Corp., ConocoPhillips Corp., Shell Oil Company, Sunoco Inc., Valero Energy Corp., Marathon Oil Corp. and Williams Companies Inc. all have nondiscrimination statements that include sexual orientation.

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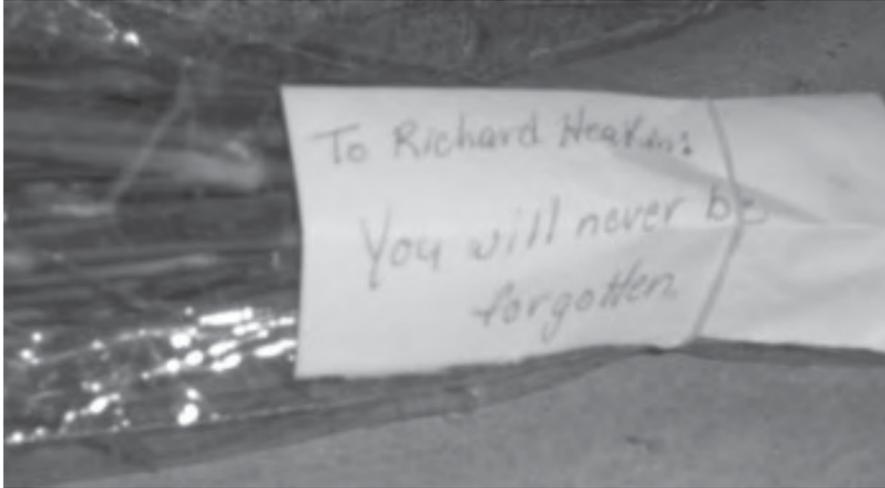
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surviving management.

The community did respond, worked with the city officials to make it among the first to have a non-discrimination ordinance. Pride week activities began and Tucson was well on its way to become a very well known Gay Friendly area.

A memorial to Richard was placed at Sunset Park in front of Tucson City Hall by a very devoted group of individuals in 2002.

The memorial was very moving (even though another group was haranguing City Hall with their bullhorn).



A lovely bunch of roses with a sentimental note



Group historian and Archivist Bruce Cole



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Some of those attending the ceremony



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Attendees admiring the Heakin Memorial Area in Sunset Park in front of the Tucson City Hall.



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"On behalf of millions of Gay and Lesbian Americans, I write to denounce your decision to divide the American family by promoting an amendment that would insert discrimination into the United States Constitution. Your decision to use the grounds of the White House—America's house—to advance discrimination is an insult to millions of fair-minded Americans from all walks of life. . . ." - Patrick Guerrero, the head of the Log Cabin Republicans, in an open letter released Monday (June 5).

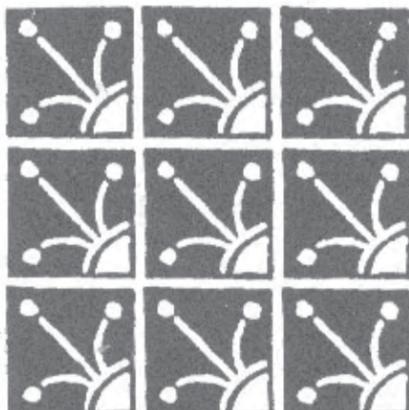
"Surrounded by a group of extremists, President Bush showed today how enormously out of touch this administration is with the rest of America. Discrimination never belongs in the Constitution. At a time when hard-working Americans are losing sons and daughters in Iraq, struggling to afford health care for their families and worrying about being able to fill their tanks with gas, the discriminatory attack on the U.S. Constitution and American families is shameful politicking. . . ." - Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"The attempt by any country in the world to legalize discrimination against any group, including Lesbian, Gay, Transgender or Bisexual people, in its constitution is an unquestioned violation of international treaties adopted to prevent governments from politically targeting vulnerable or disliked groups. Political and legal abuse of a minority group is as reprehensible as targeting them for physical or mental abuse. The United States Department of State rightly condemned Nigeria's proposal to outlaw any form of homosexual expression including same-sex marriage, yet it stands speechless as its own President bends to pressure from religious extremists to use the constitution as a weapon in their war against LGBT people. . . ." - Paula Ettelbrick, Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)

"President Bush has demonstrated again that Republicans would rather promote political rhetoric than provide concrete policy that actually strengthens families. This administration has delivered the American family a poor prosecution of the War on Terror, a lack of protection for troops serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, and no solution to the foster care crises that threatens thousands of vulnerable children. President Bush knows full well that his support for this divisive amendment won't save it from being rejected again by the U.S. Senate and public opinion. The only reason he campaigns for this amendment is because it is designed by political operatives to scare up a cheap influx of cash into Republican political campaigns already tainted by corruption. By supporting this amendment, President Bush does not protect the institution of marriage, the American family, or even the corrupt campaigns of his Republican colleagues like Katherine Harris. Its not just dirty politics, its disgraceful." - Jo Wyrick, Interim Executive Director, National Stonewall Democrats

"Everybody knows the President is pandering – including the President's base. You know, everybody likes to think of Evangelicals as bare footed in tent revivals but they know exactly what the president is doing. James Dobson is one of the smarter guys I've ever met. He told the President, 'If you want our votes, you're going to have start acting like a conservative on these issues.' So, they know why he's doing it. They don't care why he's getting involved in this debate. They just want him involved and if it took him being at 29% then they say, 'Good.'" - Former Congressman Joe Scarborough, host at MSNBC of the conservative television talkshow, "Scarborough Country," on the NBC Today Show, Monday, June 5.

"This amendment is a hollow gesture when it comes to protecting marriage," - Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, Chair - Traditional Values Coalition.



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Billboards Attack Frist On G/L Marriage

NASHVILLE - When Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., heads back home, he'll soon be able to see a larger-than-life message opposing his proposed federal anti-Gay marriage amendment. Soulforce, a group that fights religious discrimination against the Gay community, is paying to put up billboards all over the city, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The 16 billboards will feature this quote: "Gay and Lesbian people have families, and their families should have legal protections, whether by marriage or civil union. A constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages is a form of Gay bashing, and it would do nothing at all to protect traditional marriages." That quote comes from a 2004 speech by Coretta Scott King at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The civil rights giant, who died Jan. 30, was always an outspoken advocate for LGBT rights.

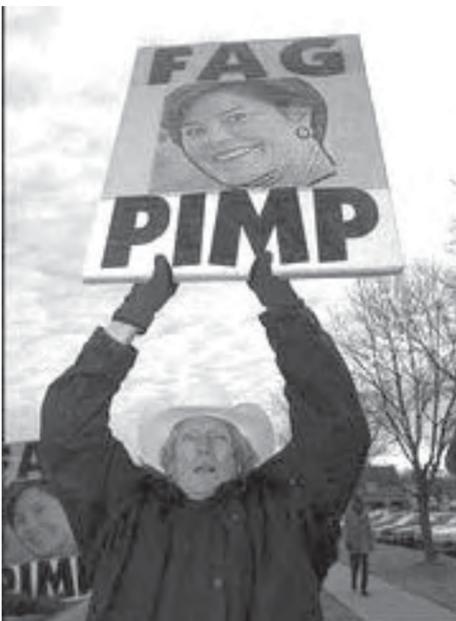
"Soulforce reminds Sen. Frist's hometown that Mrs. King stood for the full equality of Lesbian and Gay Americans and against homophobia," said Soulforce Executive Director Jeff Lutes in a written statement. Lutes is also featured on the billboards with his partner and son. "Senate Majority

Leader Bill Frist and others, under pressure from wealthy fundamentalists, are again trying to write discrimination into the Constitution rather than focusing on the real problems facing America," Lutes said.

Frist reintroduced the anti-Gay bill using similar language to the one voted down in 2004. The amendment would keep same-sex couples from getting any kind of marriage rights and prohibit states and local courts from granting marriage rights to same-sex couples, as happened in Massachusetts. It would void same-sex couples' legal marriages, and some observers even speculate that it could eliminate civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Debate on the marriage amendment started Tuesday (June 6) in the Senate. Despite right-wing pressure campaigns against key GOP senators, support for the amendment is believed to fall short of the two-thirds needed to send it to the House. Frist has acknowledged he brought the amendment back into the national debate to get conservative support for GOP candidates.

Dead Marine's Dad Sues Fred Phelps



BALTIMORE - The father of a Maryland Marine who died in Iraq plans to sue an extremist group that picketed his son's funeral, according to his lawyer, 365Gay.com reported.

Albert Snyder of York, Pa., the father of Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Snyder of Westminster, will sue the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., for unspecified actual and punitive damages, according to attorney Sean Summers of York. The civil suit will claim defamation, invasion of privacy

and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Matthew Snyder, 20, died March 3 after an accident in the Al Anbar province of Iraq. The accident did not involve combat, the Defense Department said. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Group-1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, in Twentynine Palms, Calif. Summers said it never occurred to the elder Snyder that protesters would be at his son's funeral. "He was hoping for closure, and Mr. Snyder didn't get it," the lawyer said. About seven members of the group picketed outside St. John Catholic Church during the Marine's funeral, carrying signs that read "Thank God for dead soldiers," "You're going to hell," and anti-Gay epithets. Group members believe that American soldiers are dying because of the nation's tolerance of Gay people. Last month, Gov. Robert Ehrlich signed into law a bill that bans funeral protests that use speech likely to incite people.



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Desperate Hypocritical Elephants: With their approval ratings near negative numbers, Dubya and the Congressional Elephants, in a desperate attempt to get their base to the polls for the upcoming midterm elections this November, have trotted out their well-used political ploy, same-sex marriage. With the Iraq occupation going from bad-to-worse, the ever-rising federal budget deficit, the faster-rising federal debt, inflation, the domestic economy (jobs, healthcare, wages) being in the "proverbial crapper," and rising fuel prices, the Republican-controlled Congress, ever in tune with what the general public sees as the important priorities, began debate on a proposed federal constitutional amendment, banning government and legal recognition of same-sex relationships, either as a "marriage," "civil union," or a "domestic partnership," despite various poll numbers showing that only between 1-3% of Americans surveyed see this as an "important priority," with the above-mentioned issues ranking much higher.

Governor Jeb Bush, Caucasian, and his Hispanic wife, Columba, would feel if those activist judges had not intervened then making their marriages legal. . . .

Political Ploys Part II - Anniversaries: Continuing on the same theme of elephantine political hypocrisy, this year marks the tenth anniversary of the enactment of the federal Defense of Marriage Act by the Republican-controlled Congress, as well as Arizona's Defense of Marriage Act by the Republican-controlled state legislature. It was 1996, and an election year and the GOP drafted measures to get those crazed fundies to the polls for the fall presidential election to get rid of then President Bill Clinton, and to eliminate any and all Democrats from the Arizona Legislature.

The Democrats caved on both the federal and state levels and thus, saving their political hides and the two measures became the law of the land (Federal - Pub. L. No. 104-199, 100 Stat. 2419, codified at 1 U.S.C. § 7 and 28 U.S.C. § 1738C. Arizona - A.R.S. 25-101 and A.R.S. 25-112, which was drafted by Lynden "Len" Munsil, former head of the homophobic, Center for Arizona Policy, now running for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 2006, after "abandoning his effort to amend Arizona's Constitution to ban governmental and legal recognition of same-sex relationships). . . .

Be that as it may, the debate has kicked off and Dubya rallied support at an event Monday, June 5 in a lower-level press room, moved from the Rose Garden where it had been scheduled to take place, in front of an audience of third-rate homophobes. Jerry "Tinky Winky" Falwell, Pat "milkshake" Robertson, James "Spongebob" Dobson weren't present for the 10-minute speech before the third-raters and the assembled press, for which Dubya didn't take questions or for that matter, stay long, leaving immediately after delivering his speech.

Arizona Legislative Update: SB 1153 is the proposed bill that would allow student organizations on public colleges and universities to discriminate against people, especially Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students. Currently, student groups who want to access school resources must adhere to a non-discrimination policy that includes age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status but SB 1153 is approved would student groups would be able to discriminate according to their "religious, political or philosophical" beliefs.

"Marriage is the most fundamental institution of civilization, and it should not be redefined by activist judges," said Dubya during his quickie-talk in which he used the phrase "activist judges" in almost every sentence, hitting the GOP talking points. Meanwhile as Dubya blathered, on Capitol Hill, after coming back from yet another vacation, the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate actually went into session, to begin debate on the proposed constitutional amendment, scheduled to last four days, or 5% of the time that the Republican-controlled Congress has been in session, roughly 80 days so far for 2006. Senate Republicans, led by Bill "videotape diagnosis" Frist of Tennessee, continued the hammering of the same GOP talking points of "activist judges," as well as the "protection not redefinition" of marriage. "As such, marriage as an institution should be protected, not redefined," said Frist, adding, "Activist courts are usurping the power to define this social institution. And if marriage is redefined for anyone, it is redefined for everyone. The threat is real."

As of press time, SB 1153 was assigned to a joint, legislative conference committee, since the measure had been amended in the Arizona House. That committee had met and according to sources, the minority Senate report was still being drafted and printed, or in other words, bureaucratic paperwork. When that process is completed, the state Senate will vote whether to accept SB 1153 with the amendment and if approved, the House vote will follow suit. If the legislature approves SB 1153, it would go to Governor Janet Napolitano's desk to await action. Governor Napolitano, since the legislature is still in session, would have five calendar days to act on the bill. . . .

These GOP talking points about "activist judges," and "redefining" marriage show their utter hypocrisy since it was those "activist judges" on the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1967, who redefined marriage in the case of Loving v. Virginia, ruling that laws banning interracial marriage were unconstitutional. One wonders how Republicans, such as the Caucasian Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell and his Asian Wife, the current Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Florida Senator Mel Martinez and his Caucasian wife, Kitty, current sponsors of S.J. Res 1, the proposed amendment, as well as former Texas Senator Phil Gramm (a former co-sponsor) and his Asian wife, Wendy, and supporters, such as current African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and his Caucasian wife, Virginia, and Florida

Wrong Again Howie: In the Tuesday, June 6 edition of the Arizona Daily Star, Tucson's "premiere" fish-wrap, is a story, "Gay Marriage Foes Make Push for a Vote," by that noted political writer, Howard Fischer that includes the following: ". . . Technically, a 1996 state law forbids Arizona from honoring same-sex marriages performed in other states. . . . But no one has tested whether either statute would withstand a challenge, particularly under federal constitutional precedents that generally require one state to honor contracts signed in other states." Wrong again Howie, since in 2003, there was the case of Standhardt v. Superior Court (Arizona), which challenged the the state marriage statutes (A.R.S. 25-101 and A.R.S. 25-112), and were upheld by Arizona's Supreme Court on May 25, 2004, something for which Howie reported on previously.

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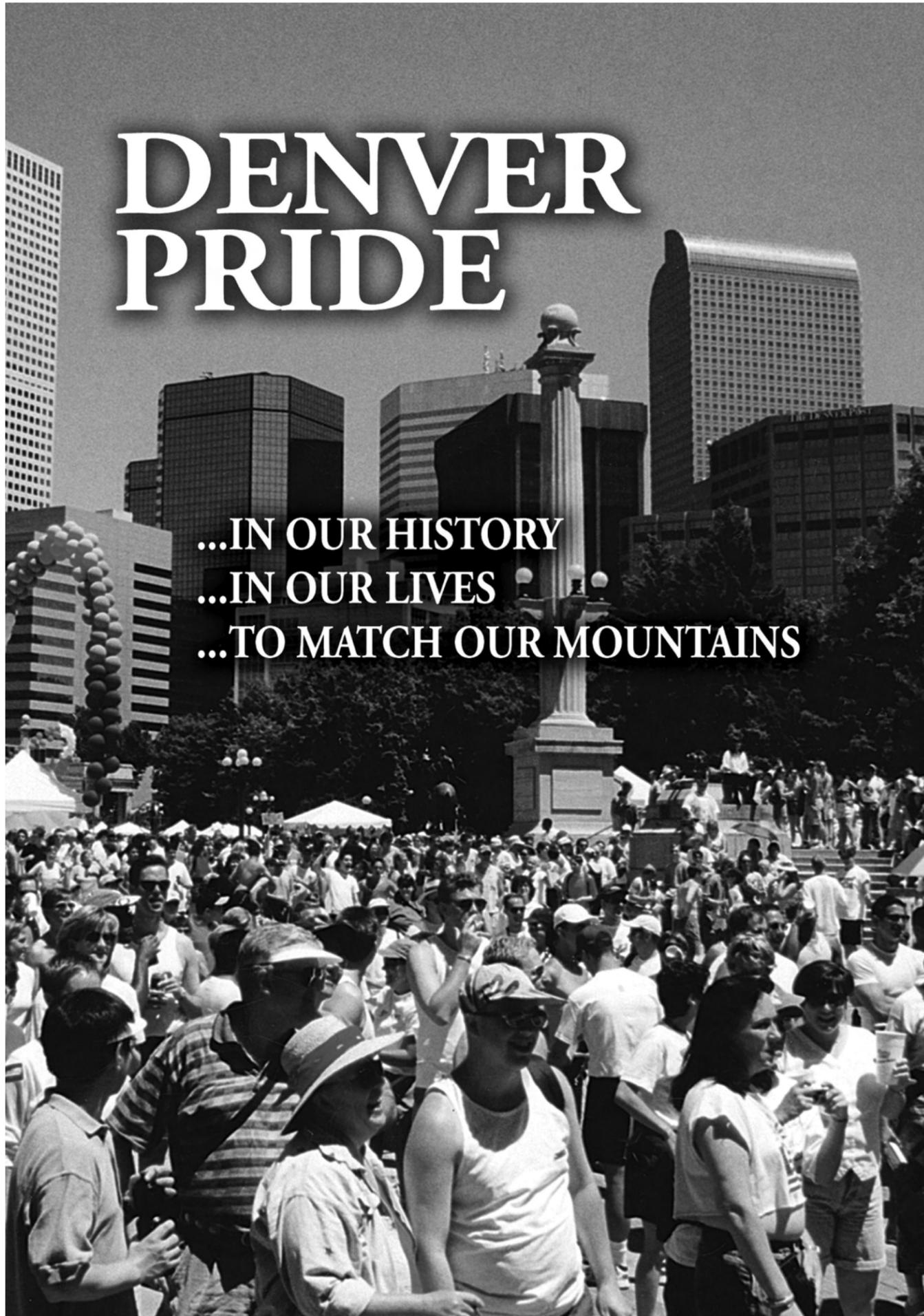
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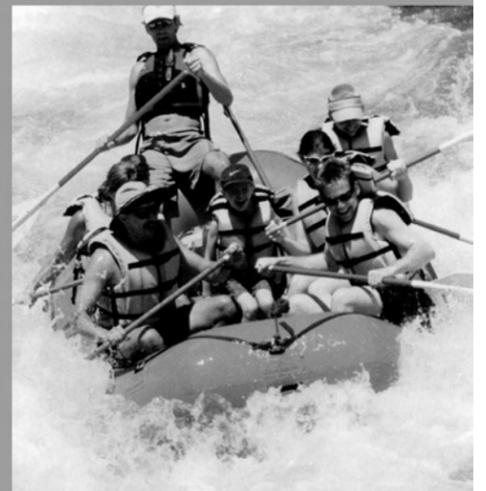
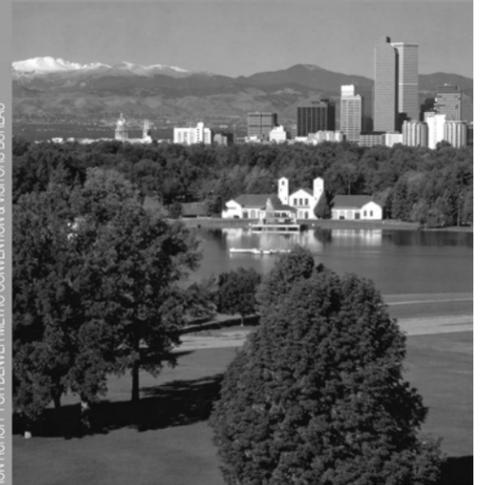
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New Report Ranks States On LGBT Right-To-Choose Laws

NEW YORK - New Mexico and New York share the top spot while Ohio and South Dakota are tied for last in a new state-by-state ranking compiled by three advocacy groups that analyzes laws dealing with LGBT rights and reproductive rights, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. Most efforts to gauge state positions on such socially divisive topics stick to one theme, but the rankings released Wednesday look at two hot-button issues in hope of encouraging new alliances between LGBT rights and abortion rights groups.

Reactions to the report varied. Alexis Blizman, a New Mexico LGBT rights activist, said her state deserved its position in part because of its "live and let live attitude." A conservative Republican legislator from South Dakota, Sen. Lee Schoenbeck, described the results as "a badge of honor." "I'd have been disappointed if we'd finished any higher than last," he said.

The rankings were compiled by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and two abortion rights groups, Ipas and the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective. States were scored cumulatively based on 25 different laws, ranging from restrictions on abortion to recognition of same-sex partnerships to the availability of emergency contraception. Officials from the advocacy groups said the rankings call attention to sharp discrepancies among the states.

"In this country, freedom depends on where we live," said Leila Hessini, a policy adviser with Ipas. She said South Dakota's recently passed abortion law - which would ban abortions even in cases of rape and incest if it goes into effect - "has more in common with Afghanistan than Oregon." Jason Cianciotto, research director with the Gay and Lesbian task force, recounted the story of a lesbian couple who felt compelled to move from Florida because it did not allow them to jointly adopt their child. "No one should have to shop around for rights from state to state," he said.

A moderate South Dakota legislator, Democratic Rep. Pat Haley of Huron, said the ranking of his state was justified. "I believe we are on the extreme," he said in a telephone interview. "South Dakotans seem to

pride themselves on independence, yet they have this legislature that comes at them with bill after bill interfering in all different kinds of ways in how they live their lives."

In Ohio, the Republican-controlled legislature has passed numerous bills in recent years restricting access to abortion. In 2004, voters approved a constitutional amendment that not only banned same-sex marriage but also any other legal recognition of same-sex couples. "I think it's a virtue that we'd be known as a traditional, family-friendly state," said State Rep. Bill Seitz, a Republican from Cincinnati. "However, the perception that we're a big homophobic state is not accurate. You can be a family-friendly state without hating anybody." He noted that GOP legislative leaders recently quashed a bill that would have outlawed adoptions by Gays and balked at promoting a South Dakota-style abortion ban.

While New York's place at the liberal end of the rankings was predictable, New Mexico's share of that position is likely to surprise many people outside the state, said Blizman, the executive director of Equality New Mexico. She noted that New Mexico was among the first states to expand their anti-discrimination laws to cover Gay and Transgender people, and remains among a handful of states with neither a law nor constitutional amendment explicitly restricting marriage to heterosexual couples.

Brian Sanderoff, president of an Albuquerque-based polling firm, said New Mexico is less liberal politically than New York, yet has avoided passing many of the social-issues laws that conservatives have pushed through in other heartland states. "Politicians in New Mexico stay clear of the abortion issue and the Gay rights issue," he said. "It's a no-win situation - it's too risky for both sides."

Following New York and New Mexico in the Top 10 at the liberal end of the rankings were New Jersey, Washington, California, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Hawaii. Joining Ohio and South Dakota at the other end of the scale were Indiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Kentucky, Utah, Nebraska and Missouri.

Colorado Governor Vetoes LGBT Rights Bill Again

DENVER - For the second time in two years, Colorado's Republican governor, Bill Owens, has vetoed a bill to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the state's workplace anti-discrimination code, reported the PlanetOut Network. Owens rebuke to the Democratic-controlled Legislature is one of 32 vetoes so far this session, a tally that some speculate could eventually top last year's record 47 vetoes.

In his May 26 veto letter, Owens said the bill "had the potential to be costly for Colorado businesses due to an expansion of their tort liability." The average employment discrimination lawsuit "takes years to resolve," he said, and "can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorney fees and court costs." Owens claimed a 1990 law called the "off-duty conduct statute" already protects employees from being fired for their behavior outside the workplace. The thumbs-down was no surprise to the bill's author, state Sen. Jennifer Veiga of Denver. Veiga told the Denver Post last month that she anticipated another veto "unless the governor is out of town on vacation, or out of the country." After the fact, she told the paper that although she expected Owens' decision, she was "really irritated" nonetheless. In a written statement, Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese called Owens "out of step with the voters and businesses in Colorado" and making excuses "that don't hold water."

This year's legislative debate was a walk in the park compared to last year's mud-slinging. Owens' 2005 veto message for a virtually identical bill chastised lawmakers for the "coarseness and insensitivity" that marked the debate over Gay rights. "It was unfortunate," he wrote last May, "to hear some lawmakers liken homosexuality to the serious crime of pedophilia, or to hear others refer to our fellow citizens as 'abominations.'" In vetoing last year's bill, Owens noted that the legislation "has the potential to be interpreted as requiring employers to offer benefits to same-sex couples. . . . We should maintain the flexibility that exists in current law rather than allowing the possibility that such benefits could be mandated on all employers."

There was no such admonition in this year's veto, which was signed in a very different context. In November, Colorado voters will weigh in on a referendum that would offer many of



Colorado Governor Bill Owens

the benefits of marriage to same-sex partners. The referendum was sent to voters by the Legislature and did not require approval from the governor. Three rival voter initiatives are seeking to share the November ballot with the domestic partner plan. One would outlaw same-sex marriage. Another would ban civil unions. A third, drafted by Gay rights groups, would make sure that the domestic partner plan could take effect regardless of the outcome of the other two votes. The three proposals are in the petitioning stages.

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Study: Lesbians Face Barriers To Health Care Access

NEW YORK - A new study by researchers at Columbia University shows that sexual orientation can be a significant barrier to access to health care services and that Lesbians face particularly significant barriers to adequate medical care, reported Advocate.com. Scientists from Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health conducted a nationwide survey to measure health care access among Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals.

Writing in the American Journal of Public Health, the researchers examined four key health-care criteria: having insurance coverage, having a regular source of medical care, having seen a health care provider in the prior year, and having unmet medical needs. They report that Lesbians were far less likely to have insurance, a regular provider, or to have seen a physician in the previous year—and much more likely to have ongoing, unmet medical needs—than their age-matched heterosexual peers.

"Women in same-sex relationships have lower rates of coverage than those in opposite-sex relationships," explains researcher Julia Heck in a press release. "This may be at least partially attributed to the inability of same-sex couples to marry or form legal partnerships in most states. More than 40% of insured women in the U.S. are covered through another person. Women are also less likely to be employed in professions that provide an insurance package."

Gay men in relationships also were shown to have less insurance coverage than men in heterosexual relationships, report the researchers.

But Gay and straight men were equally as likely to report unmet medical needs, and Gay men were 40% more likely to have a regular health care provider and were two thirds more likely to have seen a provider in the previous year than were partnered heterosexual men.

The researchers believe health-care access is better for Gay men than for Lesbians because the HIV epidemic revolutionized health care in Gay male communities, making it more likely for Gay men to have a regular provider and to be open with health care professionals about their sexual orientation. Health risks for Lesbians, on the other hand, have not received the same level of exposure, the researchers say. They also note that many Lesbians may be less inclined to see a health care provider—or to reveal their sexual orientation if they do seek care—because of stigma and concerns about discrimination.

The researchers say programs are needed for health care providers that sensitize them to the needs of Lesbians and to raise awareness of the access barriers Lesbians face. They also encourage government and industry to offer health coverage for individuals in domestic partnerships so that more Lesbians and Gay men can receive adequate health insurance and access to regular care.

G/L Challenge DADT At Recruitment Center

MINNEAPOLIS - A Gay man and a Lesbian tested the Pentagon's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy at a Twin Cities recruiting station on Tuesday (May 30) but failed to get the response they were expecting, reported 365Gay.com.

Jake Reitan and Haven Herrin are members of Soulforce, a national interfaith organization that supports Gay rights. This spring they participated in the Soulforce Equality Ride. The pair submitted their applications for the Minnesota National Guard at a Roseville National Guard recruitment center. Before entering the center they told reporters that they expected their applications to be rejected, and planned to conduct a sit-in to protest.

But that wasn't the way it went down. They were allowed to fill in their applications and after the forms were examined the pair was told the applications would be placed on hold until trespassing charges are dealt with. The charges stem from a Soulforce Equality Ride demonstration at West Point in April. They were among 21 riders who were arrested at the military academy.

"Soulforce Equality Riders" protested at schools across the country that bar LGBT students. Ten riders were arrested on the grounds of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Riders also have been arrested at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia which is affiliated with Christian Broadcaster Pat Robertson; and at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Reitan one of the organizers of the Equality Ride told reporters that the group is now turning its attention to DADT. He said that this summer openly Gay young adults will try to enlist in 31 cities across the country. A group advocating for LGBTs in the military said that newly released data for 2005 shows that an average of two people a day are being discharged for being Gay. A total of 742 military personnel were discharged under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" in 2005, up from 668 discharges among the services in 2004, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said.

Yet, while the Pentagon refuses to consider lifting the ban on out Gays serving, it acknowledges that it is unable to meet its recruitment goals. According to Gates, an additional 41,000 Lesbian and Gay Americans may enlist for military service if the ban were repealed. The ban on Gays is also being challenged in court. SLDN which is representing 12 former members of the military who want to return to active duty said it would appeal a decision last month to dismiss a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of DADT. A similar suit is under way in California, brought by Log Cabin Republicans on behalf of its members who are in the military.



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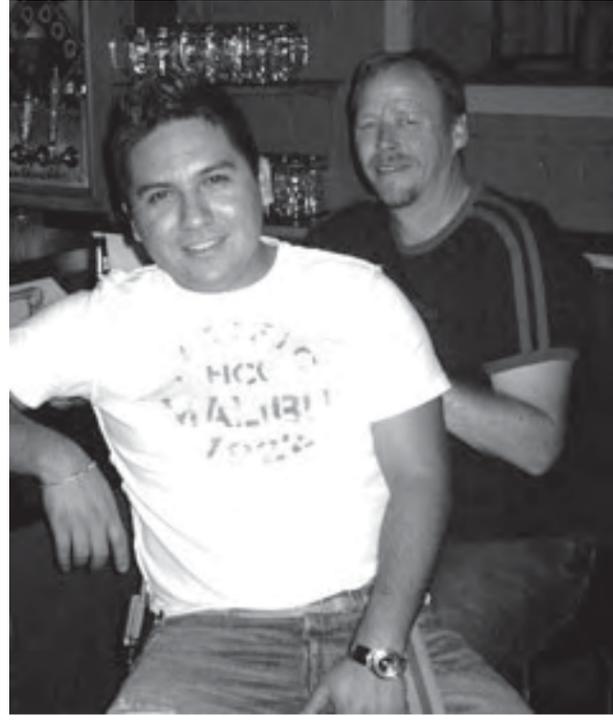
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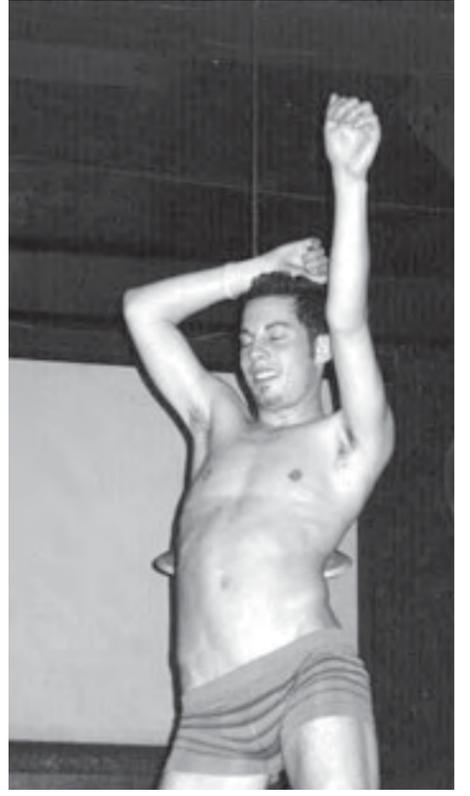
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Lawsuit Against 'LesbianBaiting' Coach Retooled, Expanded



Coach Rene Portland

STATE COLLEGE - A former Penn State basketball player in the midst of a discrimination lawsuit against coach Rene Portland said Portland made "defamatory statements" against her, the latest chapter in the months-long verbal and legal battle, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Jennifer Harris amended her lawsuit initially filed last December in response to comments Portland made in a statement on May 18. Harris contends in the suit

that Portland discriminated against her because the longtime coach perceived her to be a Lesbian. Lawyers for Harris, who has said that she is not Gay, accused Portland of "humiliating, berating and ostracizing" the former player. Harris was the third-leading scorer with a 10.4 average before transferring to James Madison following the 2004-05 season.

Portland has firmly denied the accusations, and said in the statement that Harris' departure was related only to basketball issues. "The sexual orientation or race of any player or person is irrelevant to me," the coach said. In court documents filed Tuesday (May 30), Harris' lawyers said Portland's comments were false.

"We're not saying Rene does not have a right to defend herself. Of course she does," said Harris' attorney, Karen Doering, of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "But the law does not permit her to make defamatory statements, which is what she has done by claiming that Jennifer was unable to make contributions to the team."

A spokesman for Portland declined comment. A university spokesman said that school lawyers hadn't reviewed the latest filing in detail and were still seeking dismissal of parts of Harris' case. Athletic director Tim Curley and the university were also named in the lawsuit.

Brokeback Mountain Stars Win MTV Award

LOS ANGELES - Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger won the the MTV Movie Award Saturday night (June 4) for best screen kiss for their impassioned smooch in Brokeback Mountain. Gyllenhaal also won an award for best actor.

"This is a real honor, not just for me and Heath but for all of you, that you picked this movie and this kiss over all the other ones," Gyllenhaal said. The actor also won for Best Performance.

Awards are based on fan votes and are known for their quirky categories including on-screen hero, villain, kiss and fight, as well as sexy, funny and frightened performances. The show was held on a soundstage at Sony Studios in Culver City.

"Wedding Crashers" was the big winner, collecting three prizes, including the coveted Golden Popcorn trophy for best movie. The film also earned breakthrough performance honors for Isla Fisher and best on-screen team award for Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson. Host Jessica Alba took home her



Jake Gyllenhaal

own Golden Popcorn trophy for her sexy performance in "Sin City." Will Ferrell presented fellow funnyman Jim Carrey with the MTV Generation Award for his diverse body of work. "This man's versatility makes Thomas Jefferson look like a big fat idiot," Ferrell said. Wearing an all-white suit, Carrey took the stage with a cadre of winged angels and performed a spontaneous hip-shaking jig. The show is scheduled to air at 8:30 p.m., June 8 on MTV.

Batwoman Returns As Sapphic Sexpot

NEW YORK - After 27 years, DC Comics is bringing comic book heroine Batwoman back to life, only this time she'll be a crime-fighting lipstick Lesbian, reports The New York Times on advocate.com.

Batwoman first appeared in July 1956—though not as a Lesbian—but was killed off in 1979.

The inclusion of a Gay crime fighter is part of a new roster of ethnically and sexually diverse characters within the DC repertoire. "We're trying a lot at the same time," Dan DiDio, DC's vice president and executive editor, told the Times, "but we don't know how it's going to be accepted."

The sapphic Batwoman will appear in 52, a yearlong DC Comics publications debuting in 2007. The superhero's alter ego, Kathy Kane, is a Lesbian socialite romantically linked with a female ex-police detective. The character of

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Dean Rallies LGBT Democrats



PITTSBURGH - Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean mended fences and rallied LGBT Democrats as the party heads into an election campaign that

could see it wrestle control of Congress from Republicans, 365Gay.com reported. Dean was the keynote speaker Saturday night (June 4) at the National Stonewall Democrats conference.

In May he angered many Gays when he told TV evangelist Pat Robertson's 700 Club this week that the 2004 platform stated "marriage is between a man and a woman. That's what it says." Dean was taken to task by LGBT groups - including Gays in his own party - for the remark. The platform actually endorsed Gay marriage.

"I want to start today by thanking you for standing with me," told the conference Saturday night. "Not just through the recent controversy over my CBN interview, but for standing with me as we have fought side by side for equal rights under the law for all Americans. That fight continues, and the Democrat Party is standing with you by leading the fight against discrimination, and by helping you meet your electoral objectives this fall." The speech came as the Republican controlled Senate prepares to debate a proposed amendment to the Constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

"We live in a time when this community and your families are the targets of mean spirited attacks by Republicans who put their own and their party's interests ahead of the national interest, when the President of the

United States just this morning used his weekly radio address to endorse a Constitutional amendment that would introduce legalized discrimination in our Constitution. The Democrats will oppose that," he said to tumultuous applause. On Saturday President Bush called on the Senate to pass the amendment.

Dean said Democrats will oppose the federal amendment and proposed amendments at the state level. "We are with you, helping equip our state parties against the state ballot measures and standing up to the Federal Marriage Amendment that Bill Frist and President Bush are so eager to embrace," he said. Dean then took Republicans to task for opposing the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" the ban on Gays serving openly in the military. "We live in a time when our President thinks it is OK to fire Arabic translators in the military who happen to be Gay, even though the 9/11 Commission said we don't have enough translators to fight the war on terrorism," Dean told the convention. "It is wrong to discriminate in housing. It is wrong to discriminate in health care. It's wrong to discriminate in hospital visitations. It's wrong to discriminate in hiring. It's wrong for our tax code to be discriminatory. And it is wrong for any group of Americans to live in fear of hate crimes. We believe that every taxpayer should have the same government services and benefits as any other American."



Indiana Accused Of Double Standards In G/L Adoptions Rules

INDIANAPOLIS - The battle over whether Gay couples should be allowed to adopt children continues in the state court system, but Indiana allows the couples to become foster parents, which some advocates say is a double standard, reported the PlanetOut Network.

Kim Brennan and Becki Hamilton cared for three foster children without raising an uproar, but when they adopted a child, they were thrust into a legal battle over Gay adoption in Indiana. "We're good enough to fix the broken children they send to us, but we're not good enough to be their parents?" Brennan told The Indianapolis Star for a Tuesday (May 30) story. "Look at that from a child's aspect: If Gays and Lesbians aren't good enough to adopt them, but they can be foster parents, what does that say about how the state feels about our foster children?"

Two trial judges in the couple's Morgan County case have disagreed about the adoption, and the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 last month that it is legal under state law. On May 15, Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter asked the Indiana Supreme Court to decide whether two people who are not married can jointly petition for an adoption.

No matter what the court decides, state Sen. Jeff Drozda, R-Westfield, wants to ban Gays and Lesbians from adopting. He said children are better off in households that have a mother and father, and that there is a clear distinction between adopting and foster

parenting. "Whenever you're doing a foster situation, the child is still a ward of the state," Drozda said. "And that is obviously a little bit different than turning over full adoption, full parental authority to (a Gay) individual or couples."

Legislators across the country seem to feel the same way, said Carrie Evans, state legislative director for Human Rights Campaign. Evans said more than a dozen states are considering making it illegal for Gay people to adopt, while only a handful have tried to stop them from being foster parents. "We are seeing a lot of lawmakers who may have been against marriage, adoption and equality (for Gays) who are not willing to support foster family restrictions," said Evans, whose group supports the right of Gays and Lesbians to adopt and marry.

Micah Clark, executive director of the American Family Association of Indiana, said he thinks foster homes with a mother and father are best for children.

But Evans said there are no peer-reviewed studies that show children of Lesbian and Gay parents grow up any worse off than others. She said Gay people should not be prohibited from foster parenting. "To shut out a whole class of people who could qualify to provide stable, loving homes is just illogical and so patently unfair to these children," Evans said.

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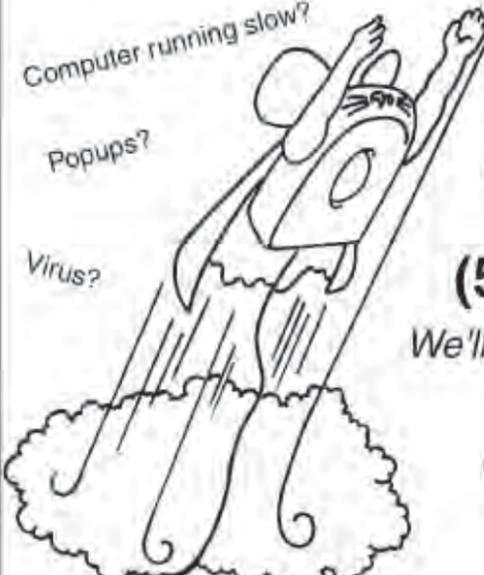
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Police Set Up Recruiting Booth At Pride Event

SALT LAKE CITY - From baton-like performers to floats that encouraged tolerance, the Pride event was a colorful affair, a chance for people to get up and express who they are in a very public, KSL-TV News reported (June 4). Law enforcement agencies were there not to keep the crowd under control, rather they used the festival as a recruiting tool.

For several years now, police officers and Gay community members have joined together to work on a public safety committee that addresses issues of understanding between the two groups, but this is the first time police agencies have formally recruited at a Gay Pride event. Police officers said they've traditionally been weak in recruiting from the Gay and Lesbian community and they want this community to feel comfortable with law enforcement. To do that, they say Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) people need to be represented.

The Pride Festival at the City and County building boasted music, food and a lot of different vendors. This year, police officers wanted a booth. Cpt. Kyle Jones, Salt Lake Police Department said, "the first purpose is to let the Gay and Lesbian community know that police departments in this valley are Gay-friendly. Our second purpose is to do some recruiting." Seven different police departments and dispatch centers sent representatives to give out

information and talk to people about jobs many in the Gay and Lesbian community have traditionally shied away from or felt locked out of.

"The police force, it's generally something you don't feel is friendly to the Gay and Lesbian population. But they seem to be. So that's a good thing," said Brian Reeder. Cpt. Kyle Jones of the Salt Lake City Police Department, commented, "I think there's an impression that police officers are homophobic. Years ago that may have been the case, but it's not the case now." The booth drew a lot of people curious to see what police were doing there. "I think it's awesome. I think we need to have more community involvement with the police, Todd Crane said. Others were truly interested in law enforcement jobs. "I'd apply. I'd apply for a dispatcher," said Terry Reid. "Now that I know they're willing to openly accept Gay and Lesbian people, it's definitely a career option I wouldn't rule out," Reeder said. "I applaud them. That's great. That is great. I think we need to break down these walls and get diversity, said Crane.

The police departments say the more Gay and Lesbian officers they have working for them, the more the Gay community will feel its issues are represented. Police want to send a clear message that they don't care about who you are or who your partner is, that they care about whether can you do good police work.



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Court Fast-Tracks Marriage-Ban Appeal

ATLANTA - The Georgia Supreme Court has agreed to take fast review of a lower-court decision striking down the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, reported the PlanetOut Network. The justices will hear oral arguments June 27 and could rule before the Aug. 7 deadline set by Gov. Sonny Perdue. Perdue pledged to call a special session of the state Legislature to re-enact the amendment if the high court did not reverse the May 16 decision by then.

In November 2004, Georgians passed a two-part amendment to the state Constitution, prohibiting marriage between same-sex couples on one hand, and barring same-sex couples from "the benefits of marriage" on the other. LGBT advocates argued that the amendment effectively presented the voters with two issues wrapped into one - first, the definition of marriage, and second, the question of whether same-sex couples may obtain marriage "benefits," such as domestic-partner rights or civil unions.

Like many other states, Georgia forbids constitutional amendments from covering more than a single subject. In this case, Judge Constance Russell of the Fulton County Superior Court agreed that the amendment passed by 76 percent of the Georgia voters impermissibly presented two unrelated issues.

"People who believe marriages between men and women should have a unique and privileged

place in our society may also believe that same-sex relationships should have some place - although not marriage," wrote Russell. "The single subject rule protects the right of those people to hold both views and reflect both judgments by their vote. Under our state Constitution they cannot be presented with an amendment that compels them to sacrifice or choose one judgment over the other." Although Russell went out of her way to make no comment on the relative merits of same-sex marriage or civil unions, her ruling was greeted with cries of "activist judge." Perdue, who is running for reelection this fall, was quick to request an immediate hearing before the Georgia Supreme Court.

Were the court to uphold Judge Russell's conclusions, Perdue will call lawmakers back to Atlanta for a session that will cost taxpayers up to \$40,000 a day. There, they will be expected to place a revised amendment on the 2006 ballot, or possibly even two measures - one to define marriage and another to block civil unions and other partner rights. It's possible that the high court will reverse Russell's decision. A lower court in Louisiana struck that state's marriage amendment on single-subject grounds in 2004, only to see it reinstated by the Louisiana Supreme Court. Earlier this year, the Florida Supreme Court gave thumbs-up to a proposed amendment that had been challenged by the ACLU under the same legal theory. Florida's amendment could reach voters by 2008.

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25th Anniversary Of AIDS Pandemic Marked

LOS ANGELES - Monday June 5, marked the 25th anniversary of the U.S. government's report of five cases of Pneumocystis pneumonia occurring among five Los Angeles Gay men, which are now acknowledged as the world's first officially recorded AIDS cases, reported advocate.com. The pneumonia cases were reported in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's publication "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report."

Although researchers at the time did not realize that the five Gay men with pneumonia had severe immune system damage caused by a yet unidentified retrovirus, an editorial accompanying the case reports provided an eerie foreshadowing of the nature of HIV disease, which to date has claimed more than half a million lives in the United States and more than 25 million worldwide.

"Pneumocystis pneumonia in the United States is almost exclusively limited to severely immunosuppressed patients," the editorial states. "The occurrence of pneumocystosis in these five previously healthy individuals without a clinically apparent immunodeficiency is unusual."

In July 1981, The New York Times published the world's first mainstream media story on the AIDS epidemic with a piece titled "Rare Cancer Seen in 41 Homosexuals," which focused on the detection of Kaposi's sarcoma among Gay men, all of whom would later be identified as having AIDS.

Later that year the CDC classified the emergence of these new diseases among Gay men as an epidemic, labeling the syndrome Gay-related immune deficiency, or GRID. In 1982, the CDC dropped the term GRID for the more accurate AIDS-acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

In May 1983 researcher Luc Montagnier at the Pasteur Institute in Paris isolated and identified human immunodeficiency virus as the cause of AIDS; in 1985 the first HIV antibody tests were introduced.

By the end of 1986—just five

years into the pandemic—more than 42,000 Americans had been diagnosed with AIDS and nearly 27,000 had died.

In May 1987, nearly six years into the epidemic, President Ronald Reagan spoke to Americans about the disease for the first time. Many AIDS activists believe that the reluctance of the Reagan administration to adequately address the U.S. epidemic in its earliest stages helped fuel its rapid spread among Gay men and injection-drug users in the 1980s and beyond.

Health experts estimate that by the 25th anniversary of the first reported AIDS cases on Monday, more than 1 million cumulative AIDS cases will have been diagnosed in the United States and 559,000 Americans will have died of the disease. The CDC estimates that more than 1 million Americans are currently living with HIV.

Currently, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS estimates that there are more than 40 million HIV-positive people living in the world, most in sub-Saharan Africa.

Seattle Divided Over LGBT Pride

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SEATTLE DIVIDED OVER LGBT PRIDE

SEATTLE - The city of Seattle will see two separate Gay pride celebrations this year as two dueling organizations plan simultaneous pride festivities for the same weekend of June 23-25. One event will take place at the the state capitol, where pride has been celebrated for 31 years. Now another event will take place at Seattle Center and downtown.

According to a report in the Seattle Times, the split has divided many in the Gay community during a time traditionally marked by celebration. For 31 years Seattle Out and Proud, which recently changed its name from the Seattle Pride Committee, had produced the popular Broadway parade and accompanying festivities in Volunteer Park. Last year the group announced it would move this year's parade to Fourth Avenue downtown and the accompanying festivities to the much bigger Seattle Center.

According to the Times, organizers said the festival had outgrown Capitol Hill. But the venue change outraged many longtime festival supporters, particularly Capitol Hill businesses that depended on a weekend-long surge in business. Some contrasted the neighborly atmosphere of Capitol Hill, the heart of the area's Gay community, to the sterile, touristy nature of Seattle Center.

To accommodate those who want festivities to stay on Capitol Hill, the Capitol Hill-based Seattle LGBT Community Center has planned a series of events, including a march along the traditional route on Broadway. "This thing is dividing the community; it really is," Nick Lovelace, the reigning Mr. Gay Seattle and a volunteer coordinator for a Gay rights



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activist group called ActionNW, told the Times. Longtime Gay rights activist Bill Dubay said he supports and will participate in both the downtown and Capitol Hill festivals: "The last thing we need to do when we're circling the wagons is to point the guns inward."



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Thursday, June 8
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier Central Tucson GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating, caffeine enhanced beverages, plus delicious comestibles, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

Friday, June 9
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails – 5:30 PM Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, June 10
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating

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Tucson Prime Timers Business Meeting – 11 AM, Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Sunday, June 11
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Thom and Ken coordinate Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. Tonight's destination is 'Golden Corral'. For reservations and directions, please contact Ken at 294-6606 or Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com before Sunday Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like sharing a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

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Monday, June 12.
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Tuesday, June 13
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown. Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with men at a deeper level? A Circle Of Men meets every Tuesday evening. Please call Tom at 591-2828 for info and directions.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Play Bridge hosted this evening by Terry at 577-3545. Bridge nights are generally featured on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, but please check the calendar and phone the host to confirm date, time, location, and emcee. Lay your cards on the table for a "whist" full evening of Bridge! And remember: Bridge is like sex: if you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand!

Wednesday, June 14
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Friday, June 16
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 9:00a.m. Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and Chinese Buffet! Call Thom for information and reservations. Meet 9:00a.m. at 1354 W. Irvington...Carpool to Desert Museum...Happily and Gaily Tour the Museum...Return carpool to 1354 W. Irvington...If desired, enjoy late lunch love bites or early dinner together! Don't forget to call Thom at 623-2941...reservations are limited, costs include Museum Ticket, Buffet, and intensive series of 13 Bi-weekly chopstick lessons with hunky trainer!

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. It's PIZZA NIGHT starring your host Lloyd and 4 types of pizza! (Lloyd is the one without the cheese.) Featuring salacious salad, bubbly sodas, and spunky desserts for only \$5 Dollars! It's the MSN Ganga of the Month! HEY! Did you contact Lloyd yesterday to let him know that you are coming??? And did you request a pizza flavor or vegetarian pie??? Good! Now you won't have to get ahold of him late and beg or make a scene! Also included tonight are a few game table set-ups for our inveterate gamers.

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails – 5:30 PM, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, June 17
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and directions Call Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for First Saturday Monthly Pot Luck. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay serial killer instincts! Phone host Steve at 644-2076 for location, driving directions, and info.

Sunday, June 18
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Thom and Ken coordinate Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. Tonight's destination is 'Furrs Family Diner'. For reservations and directions, please contact Ken at 294-6606 or Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com before Sunday Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like sharing a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch – Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, June 19.
 Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, June 20
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown. call Tom at 591-2828

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Monday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.
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Tuesday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.
Wednesday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.
Thursday	4:00 – 6:30 P.M.
Friday	12:30 – 3:30 P.M.

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Mercury makes a move into Cancer this week. You can speak from the heart with greater sensitivity and deeper caring. Say what needs to be said. Oh yes, we feel your pain. Now get over it.

ARIES (3/21 - 4/20)

There is more than just a little cynicism circling around conversations with family now. But even a sour proud Ram can't help but become just a little sweeter. This may be your chance for getting to the heart of the matter and in doing so, solve a few long burning domestic issues. Don't compromise. Just find a way to bring them around to your way of thinking!

TAURUS (4/21 - 5/21)

Mercury in Cancer has you brimming with heartfelt emotional opinions that cannot be contained or edited. Queer Bulls are pressed to get a few things out of their chests. Does it matter that you have a very short window to get your message Out? Prioritize and don't delay on the important points. Intense conversations can become prickly, if you're lucky.

GEMINI (5/22 - 6/21)

Although you are usually impractical and a bit of a spendthrift, Mercury in Cancer gives you new perspective on old financial positions. Whether you are a bull or a bear, it is possible to reassess how you approach money and what you need to do to strengthen your foundations. Pink Twins currently spend to feel happy. Why not try to feel someone else instead?

CANCER (6/22 - 7/23)

Hot pink Crabs are thrust into the center of attention and rub their elbows with the high and mighty. Mercury in your own sign brings you into contact with important movers and shakers, albeit briefly. Strike while the iron (and you) are hot. You are the master of glib conversation with crates of unctuous charm and a very oily wit. Don't drip your oil on your shirt.

LEO (7/24 - 8/23)

Proud Lions are a bit more intuitive now. They realize that they can no longer sweep the cosmic dust under the rug and need a good cleaning of their closet. If you can manage to tone down the static and really listen to your inner voice, you now discern the answers to many pressing questions. Rub your crystal ball and see what manifests. Ha. Any excuse.

VIRGO (8/24 - 9/23)

As much as you try to hide and fade into the background, there will be someone or something that pulls you back into the social whirlpool. It ain't the time to be shy and retiring, queer Virgin. Find yourself a bevy of Gay compadres and spread yourself thin. Don't hang around with the same old crowd though. Go beyond your regular posse and gain some new posse-bilities.

LIBRA (9/24 - 10/23)

The powers-that-be are watching your every move. Give them an eye-ful of your considerable talents. Proud Libras can make good use of Mercury in Cancer by squooshing the lumpen proletariat and finding strategic opportunities to present their best ideas to senior staff. You will charm the corporate sharks. If all else fails, go shark fishing with a speargun.

SCORPIO (10/24 - 11/22)

If the routine is grinding you down, change your focus to vacationing. Pink Scorps yearn for relaxation, recharging of energies and a bit of adventure in faraway lands. Consider a more exotic destination and don't scrimp on the arrangements. You will coordinate your plans with a certain someone. The summer sizzle captures your imagination. Is it hot in here or is it you?

SAGITTARIUS (11/23 - 12/22)

What is it about Mercury in Cancer that makes Gay Archers so lusty and sexy now? Why ask why. This can be a great time to surprise lovers with your zest and verve. You can even attract a gaggle of admirers. But don't wear your heart on your sleeve. Mystery and a bit of aloofness makes you even more seductive. Play hard to get and hard to hold. Ahem

CAPRICORN (12/23 - 1/20)

If there has been an unspoken wall between the two of you, this is the week to break down any communications barrier. Pink Caps sometimes avoid confrontation. In fact there is no need to argue. Careful diplomacy will work wonders. And if you are seeking new liaisons, Mercury in Cancer provides you with successful come-on lines, if that is your thing.

AQUARIUS (1/21 - 2/19)

If your thoughts turn to healthy activities, don't push them away as idle time wasters. They may prove to be very useful and impactful. Aqueerians benefit by a review of everyday habits including exercise (or lack thereof) and diet (or too much of). Tend to the body politic and vote for improvement. Yes dear, it is possible to improve on perfection as strange as that seems.

PISCES (2/20 - 3/20)

Although the term "creative genius" is overused, Guppies find a way to make it all fresh and relevant now. There is something about you that is sparkling, exciting and cutting edge. Your efforts reap big rewards and loads of accolades. But don't let it all go to your head. Remain down to earth, humble and highly sensitized to others' feelings. Yeah. Blah, blah, blah.

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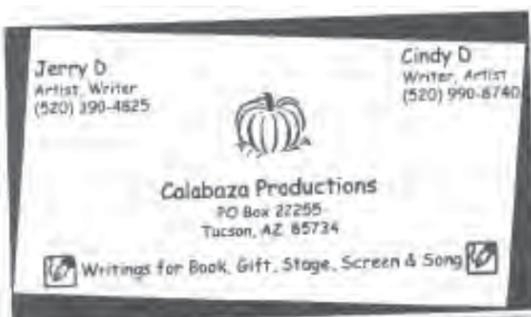
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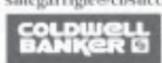
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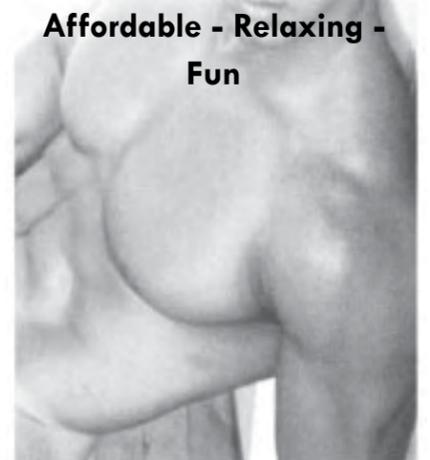
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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

sunday

COLORS - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Live music with Dickie Steed during Brunch (11:30-2:30)

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournaments at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 pm. 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 Bar open 2pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7pm. \$2.50 Sirloin or Chicken Burgers w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. DJ Jeff on the Patio 9pm. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Monday Munchies 4 - 9 pm with reduced prices on appetizers - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around.

IBT's -Open Noon. 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 Martinis 4-8pm..

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, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Game Night with Dan 5-7pm & nightly dinner specials 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. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Women-only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:30 p.m. for women only.

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 7pm. 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, \$2.50 Domestic and well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. 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, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. 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 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). 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-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Two-step lessons with Amanda every other Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then dance mix 'til close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight for late night munchies.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside. 9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 5pm

saturday

COLORS - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Hot new Jazz Duo "Sunyatta" performss 7-10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$4.00 Burger & Fries all day. DJ Johnny D playing the best mix in town. Check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight for late night munchies.

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

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

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.

Arts and Entertainment

Borderlands Theater presents "El Deseo / Desire" by Victor Hugo at the Beowulf Alley Theatre, 11 S. 6th Ave. Tuesdays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$7 - \$18.75 at Antigone Books, 792-3715; Yoli's Music, 620-0830 and Borderlands Theater Office 882-7406. Susan, a middle aged American professor and Victor, a young working-class Columbian, fall passionately in love. Their lives will change forever as their unbridled sexual desire and love intertwine with profound differences in age, culture and class.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

HOWL AT THE MOON - Ellas de Noche - Latino drag show starting at 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

VENTURE-N - Special event tonight 8:00 pm. To closing. Uncle Mike's 50th Birthday. Fifty & Filthy! He deserves to be spanked. 8:00 p.m. Fajitas by La Cocina. 9:00 p.m. \$2.00 Swats. Proceeds donated to Petwatch.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Flag Day Special Red, White and Blue Underwear Party. \$1.00 off your mixed drink or Long Neck beer for participating. Hosted by David 8 til close.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

WOODY'S - June Birthday Party. Sign up to celebrate at Woody's - Cake, balloons and champagne..

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

HOWL AT THE MOON - National Capital Cities Pageants for Miss Latina Arizona & Miss Latina Western Regional. Preliminaries at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

WOODY'S - Fathers' Day celebrated here. Special Party for Daddy's!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

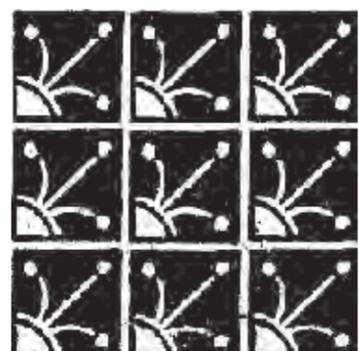
WOODY'S - "Splash" Party

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

HOWL AT THE MOON - Too Much Information (TMI) is back starting at 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 Cover.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

IBT'S - "The Wet Party!" - All day! Cocme ready to get wet.



NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

GLBT-friendly AL-ANON group meets Saturdays at 11am at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 425 E. 7th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 298-6727, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 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 of 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 GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th St. 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 Wednesdays 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

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, and reading from Buddhist spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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.

The new **MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY** is meeting about honoring the spiritual side of ourselves. It is the men's social/erotic group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities, and real tantric sex education. Call Marc 881-4582 in advance Check it out. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.

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.



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