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Army Dismisses Decorated Gay Arabic Linguist

JOHNSON CITY, Tennessee - A decorated sergeant and Arabic language specialist was dismissed from the U.S. Army under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, though he says he never admitted being Gay and his accuser was never identified, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Bleu Copas, told The Associated Press (AP) he is Gay, but said he was "outed" by a stream of anonymous e-mails to his superiors in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. "I knew the policy going in," Copas said in an interview on the campus of East Tennessee State University, where he is pursuing a master's degree in counseling and working as a student adviser. "I knew it was going to be difficult."

An eight-month Army investigation culminated in Copas' honorable discharge on Jan. 30 - less than four years after he enlisted, he said, out of a post-Sept. 11 sense of duty to his country. Copas now carries the discharge papers, which mention his awards and citations, so he can document his military service for prospective employers. But the papers also give the reason for his dismissal. He plans to appeal to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, established in 1993, prohibits the military from inquiring about the sex lives of service members, but requires discharges of those who openly acknowledge being Gay. The policy is becoming "a very effective weapon of vengeance in the armed forces" said Steve Ralls, a spokesman for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a Washington-based watchdog organization that counseled Copas and is working to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." Copas said he was never open about his sexuality in the military and suspects his accuser was someone he mistakenly befriended and apparently slighted.

More than 11,000 service members have been dismissed under the policy, including 726 last year - an 11 percent jump from 2004 and the first increase since 2001. That's less than a half-percent of the more than 2 million soldiers, sailors and Marines dismissed for all reasons since 1993, according to the General Accountability Office. But the GAO also noted that nearly 800 dismissed Gay or Lesbian service members had critical abilities, including 300 with important language skills. Fifty-five were proficient in Arabic, including Copas, a graduate of the Defense Language Institute in California. Discharging and replacing them has cost the Pentagon nearly \$369 million, according to the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of



Ex-Sergeant Bleu Copas
California, Santa Barbara.

Lt. Col. James Zellmer, Copas' commanding officer in the 313th military intelligence battalion, told the AP that "the evidence clearly indicated that Sgt. Copas had engaged in homosexual acts." While investigators were never able to determine who the accuser was, "in the end, the nature and the volume of the evidence and Sgt. Copas's own sworn statement led me to discharge him," Zellmer said.

Military investigators wrote that Copas "engaged in at least three homosexual relationships, and is dealing with at least two jealous lovers, either of whom could be the anonymous source providing this information." Shortly after Copas was appointed to the 82nd Airborne's highly visible All-American Chorus last May, the first e-mail came to the chorus director. "The director brought everyone into the hallway and told us about this e-mail they had just received and blatantly asked, 'Which one of you are Gay?'" Copas said. Copas later complained to the director and his platoon sergeant, saying the questions violated "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." "They said they would watch it in the future," Copas said. "And they said, even specifically then, 'Well, you are not Gay are you?' And I said, 'no.'" The accuser, who signed his e-mails "John Smith" or "ftbraggman," pressed Copas' superiors to take action against him or "I will inform your entire battalion of the information that I gave you."

On Dec. 2, investigators formally interviewed Copas and asked if he understood the military's policy on homosexuals, if he had any close acquaintances who were Gay, and if he was involved in community theater. He answered affirmatively. But Copas declined to answer when they asked, "Have you ever engaged in homosexual activity or conduct?" He refused to answer 19 of 47 questions before he asked for a lawyer and the interrogation stopped. Copas said he accepted the honorable discharge to end the ordeal, to avoid lying about his sexuality and risking a perjury charge, and to keep friends from being targeted. "It is unfair. It is unjust," he said. "Even with the policy we have, it should never have happened."

G/L Leaders Admonished For Marriage 'Tunnel Vision'

NEW YORK - Some of the nation's leading Gay scholars, writers and activists say there is too much focus on the issue of same-sex marriage, reported 365Gay.com.

The group - some 260 national Gay leaders - calls for a broader vision in gaining rights for Gay families. Signatories of the statement include writer Armistead Maupin, Columbia law professor Kendall Thomas, American University Law Professor Nancy Polikoff, Terry Boggis the director of the family program at the New York LGBT Community Center, and Joseph DeFilippis of Queers for Economic Justice.

While the document supports efforts to secure marriage equality for LGBT couples, it also states that "marriage is not the only worthy form of family or relationship, and it should not be legally and economically privileged above all others." The signers say that "the struggle for marriage rights should be part of a larger effort to strengthen the stability and security of diverse households and families."

The document, called "Beyond Same-Sex Marriage: A New Strategic Vision for All Our Families & Relationships" says that the focus on Gay marriage often leaves out senior Gays, single parents and extended families. It advocates for a flexible set of economic benefits and options, regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender/gender identity, class, or citizenship status.

The document calls for: Legal recognition for a wide range of relationships, households and families - regardless of kinship or conjugal status. Access for all, regardless of marital or citizenship status, to vital government support programs including but not limited to health care, housing, Social Security and pension plans, disaster recovery assistance, unemployment insurance and welfare assistance. Separation of church and state in all matters, including regulation and recognition of relationships, households and families. Freedom from state regulation of our sexual lives and gender choices, identities and expression.

The document was released on the heels of Wednesday's (July 26) state Supreme Court ruling in Washington that upheld a ban on same-sex marriage. The ruling was the latest in a series of same-sex marriage defeats for Gay activists. LGBT rights groups involved in same-sex marriage cases said they were somewhat mystified by the document.

"There's a lot in the statement that we totally agree with,

Lambda Legal's legal director Jon Davidson told 365Gay.com. But, said Davidson, many of the things the document says should be done is already being worked on. "Lambda doesn't only work on the issue of marriage equality but also on a wide range of family issues. [The document] seems to be trying to set up a false premise that groups are only focused on the marriage issue," Davidson said. He pointed to issues of parental rights an domestic partner rights. "There is only one state where marriage is currently legal. We need to have protections for people who aren't able to marry. It's important to have other strategies and we have been pursuing those for a number of years," he said.

Human Rights Campaign spokesperson Jay Smith Brown agreed. "In a lot of ways, we're already doing this work," Brown told 365Gay.com. "By advancing domestic partner benefits in corporate America, it's not just same-sex couples, but also unmarried opposite-sex couples, who reap the rewards of workplace equality. In our work against the Federal Marriage Amendment, we underscored the tragic impact that amendments in various states have had on domestic violence laws concerning all unmarried relationships. In short, while work for marriage equality will continue, we also continue to work in other ways that bring needed protections and responsibilities to all families and GLBT individuals."

Task Force Announces Open Registration For 'Creating Change 2006'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Registration is now open for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) 19th Annual Creating Change Conference, Nov. 8 - 12.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) activists and allies are urged to attend. The early registration rate is available until Sept. 7. Reduced prices are available to those with limited income. The registration form is available at creatingchange.org.

The Creating Change Conference is the LGBT movement's annual conference, attracting thousands of activist leaders from across the nation. The program educates, challenges and supports LGBT activists to build grassroots LGBT political power. Creating Change heads to the heartland this year to help build a movement in an increasingly LGBT-unfriendly area.

The conference will take
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UPDATE

'A Night In Las Vegas' Starting August 4

TUCSON - The Alternative Theatre Company, announced that for its next production, it will present "A Night in Vegas," by Joe Marshall, Aug 4 - 6, 11 - 13, (Friday & Saturday), 7:30 and 9:00 p.m., (Sundays) 2:00 and 3:30 p.m., at the Beowulf Alley Theatre, 11 S. 6th Avenue.

Jack (a liberal) and Helen (a conservative) twenty-five year old son, Chaz, is finally getting married! To a man! So, why is Helen so upset? (After all this is the millennium) Via a series of phone conversations Helen finds out more information than she wanted. Chaz is marrying a man twice his age! They are also planning a very unconventional family. But a conversation with a hotel waiter opens Helen's mind and heart. This play takes a humorous look at both sides of the Gay marriage debate.

Tickets are \$10.00 (Cash at the door), \$15.00 (Advance reservation with credit card). For more information call (520) 883-8246 or go online to thealternativetheatreco.com.

Proposition 107 Update

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX - On Thursday, Aug. 4, 10:00 a.m., oral arguments will be presented before Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Douglas Rayes on whether Proposition 107 (also known as the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment) should be stricken from the November general election ballot.

Couples who are domestic partners, as well as several groups including Arizona Together filed suit against the proponents of Proposition 107, Protect Marriage Arizona, as well as current Arizona Secretary of State, Jan Brewer, to remove the proposed measure for violating Arizona's single subject provision of the state Constitution (Article 4, Part 2 - Section 13). ...

In other news, the effort continues to spread the word about Proposition 107 and more help is needed to inform the electorate about the potential damage, if the measure survives the legal challenge and is voted on come November. To help out, call Michael Coffman at Arizona Together, (520) 326-8154 or (520) 275-4790.

Phoenix Pride Elects New Board

PHOENIX - At the annual meeting for Phoenix Pride, the following people were elected to serve on the board of directors for 2006-07:

Executive Board: President - Linda Hoffman, V.P. Admin - Don Hamill, V.P. Operations - Bill Gemmill, Secretary - Ron Houston, Treasurer - Tim Whicker. Directors: Brian Staggs, Carl Gommer, Chris Boozer, Donna Taylor, Fran Givens, Jamie Henderson-Mays, Jimmy Gruender, Mike Medina, Millie Roberts, Paul Carroll, Paul Roark, Tandra Williams and Tim Bentley.

All Board Meetings will take place on Sundays, 4:00 p.m., at the Clarendon Inn & Suites, 402 W. Clarendon in Phoenix, unless noted otherwise and the public is welcome to attend. For more information or to volunteer, email info@phoenixpride.org

Reveille Update

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Tucson's internationally known men's chorus will be starting their 12th year of changing hearts and minds through music with their annual retreat, Camp Reveille, Saturday, Aug. 19., at their new home, the Historic Y, 300 E. University Blvd.

If you love to sing and have always wanted to be part of a men's chorus please join Reveille for an evening of food, fun and music at their annual retreat, Camp Reveille. Reveille is an internationally known chorus having performed in Canada, Mexico and Brazil. Their last concert, "Reveille Pride," received rave reviews in the local newspapers as well as delighting local audiences with their salute to the Tucson LGBT community through song. Come and see what all the excitement is about.

Reveille has a very exciting year planned for the 2006-2007 Season, including a joint concert with the Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus (formerly Grand Canyon Men's Chorale) during Pride week in October, a Tucson talent show with local celebrity judges ala American Idol and their annual Mardi Gras celebration in February. Reveille will be performing at Janos Restaurant at La Paloma Resort in September and a tour of Mexico is planned for June 2007 with concerts in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta.

Reveille is a 28 member choir made up of Gay and supportive men, producing two major concerts a year and performing at many outreach events in the LGBT and straight communities. If you think you'd like to

be a part of the Reveille family then Camp Reveille is the best way to meet the members and see what it is they have to offer, go online to reveillgmc.com, or call (520) 617-3100 or Artistic Director, Linus Lerner, (520) 360-5400 for more details.

Under-Reported Hate Crimes And The Impact On Tucson, Aug. 9

TUCSON - The City's Human Relations Commission and the Anti-Hate Crimes Task Force will co-host a community conversation, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m. at the Joel Valdez Main Library branch, 101 N. Stone, Lower Level Meeting Room, on the underreporting of hate crimes and the impact it has on the Tucson community.

Although many believe that hate crimes are notoriously underreported, in Tucson there are many groups that work hard and effectively to create safe ways for victims of hate crimes to bring their stories forward. This community conversation will feature representatives of some of the diverse cultures within the Tucson and Phoenix areas including prominent community leaders, law enforcement, and members of community-based organizations.

They will discuss hate crimes, underreporting realities, and local resources available to those who are affected directly or indirectly. The dialogue will offer strategies to eliminate hate crimes and to improve hate crimes reporting.

The event is free. Seating is limited, and reservations should be made early. E-mail reservations to: info.oeop@tucsonaz.gov.

Desert Voices Open House Aug. 7 & 14

TUCSON - Desert Voices (DV), the premiere GLBTS (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and straight supportive) Tucson Chorus, is looking for singers to join us in our most exciting season yet, Changing History, and will be having an "open house," Aug. 7 & 14, 7 p.m., at Water of Life-MCC, 3269 N. Mountain.

Join DV as we take a fascinating look at homosexuality during World War II, through the music of the era. It's an experience you won't want to miss. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just starting out, DV has a place for you. Come in to our open house, say hello, stop and chat and find out more about DV.

The chorus is open to everyone, GLBT and S, who feel drawn to our cause of promoting the acceptance of all people throughout Tucson and Arizona. So come to the open house and meet the singers, board members, and musicians, you'll be glad that you did! For more information, go online to desertvoices.org or call (520) 791-9662.

Task Force Announces

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place just after the November elections, giving the LGBT community a chance to reflect, plan and strategize for the coming year. No one should miss this opportunity! The primary goal of the Creating Change Conference is to build LGBT political power. The schedule reflects this agenda, with scheduled plenary speakers and a program full of challenging and rigorous sessions, panel discussions, roundtables, film screenings, caucuses and networking sessions to deliver the skills needed for activist leaders to create change in their communities. For details, visit creatingchange.org.

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COMMENTARY . . .by **DAN SAVAGE****Same Sex Marriage Wins By Losing**

There were community meetings in Seattle on Wednesday (July 26). Some of the couples who had sued to overturn Washington's ban on same-sex marriage, a case they lost before the state's Supreme Court earlier that day, were going to appear. Gay and straight elected officials who support "marriage equality" were going to make speeches. I probably should have been there too.

But I had a previous engagement.

The Seattle Mariners were playing the Toronto Blue Jays at Safeco Field. My 8-year-old son — adopted at birth by my boyfriend and me — loves the M's almost as much as he hates the way a breaking news story can keep me late at work. He would never have forgiven me for skipping the game.

I didn't feel too bad about missing the meetings. Washington's high court rejected same-sex marriage for much the same reason the New York Court of Appeals did earlier this month. The speeches in Seattle would no doubt be similar to those made in New York, and I didn't need to hear them again.

Basically, both courts found that marriage is like a box of Trix: It's for kids.

In New York, the court ruled in effect that irresponsible heterosexuals often have children by accident — we Gay couples, in contrast, cannot get drunk and adopt in one night — so the state can reserve marriage rights for heterosexuals in order to coerce them into taking care of their offspring.

Without the promise of gift registries and rehearsal dinners, it seems, many more newborns in New York would be found in trash cans.

At least the New York court acknowledged that many same-sex couples have children. Washington's judges went out of their way to make ours disappear, finding that "limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples furthers procreation, essential to the survival of the human race, and furthers the well-being of children by encouraging families where children are reared in homes headed by the children's biological parents." Children, the decision continues, "tend to thrive in families consisting of a father, mother and their biological children."

A concurring opinion gave the knife a few leisurely twists: due to the "binary biological nature of marriage," it read, only opposite-sex couples are capable of "responsible child rearing."

These stunning statements fly in the face of the evidence about Gay and Lesbian parents presented to the court. Similar evidence persuaded the high court in Arkansas to overturn that state's ban on Gay and Lesbian foster parents.

What the New York and Washington opinions share — besides a willful disregard for equal protection clauses in both state Constitutions — is a heartless lack of concern for the rights of the hundreds of thousands of children being raised by same-sex couples.

Even if Gay couples who

adopt are more stable, as New York found, don't their children need the security and protections that the court believes marriage affords children? And even if heterosexual sex is essential to the survival of the human race (a point I'm willing to concede), it's hard to see how preventing Gay couples from marrying increases heterosexual activity. ("Keep breeding, heterosexuals," the Washington State Supreme Court in effect shouted, "To bed! To bed! To bed!") Both courts have found that my son's parents have no right to marry, but what of my son's right to have married parents?

A perverse cruelty characterizes both decisions. The courts ruled, essentially, that making my child's life less secure somehow makes the life of a child with straight parents more secure. Both courts found that making heterosexual couples stable requires keeping homosexual couples vulnerable. And the courts seemed to agree that heterosexuals can hardly be bothered to have children at all — or once they've had them, can hardly be bothered to care for them — unless marriage rights are reserved exclusively for heterosexuals. And the religious right accuses Gays and Lesbians of seeking "special rights."

Even if you believe that marriage plays a special role in the lives of heterosexuals with children (another point I'm happy to concede), can it not play a similar role in the lives of homosexual couples, whether they're parents or not? Marriage, after all, is not reserved for couples with children. (Perhaps it will be soon, if courts keep heading in this direction.)

When my widowed grandfather remarried in his 60's, he wasn't seeking to further the well-being of his children, who were grown and out of the house. He was seeking the security, companionship and legal rights that marriage provides. The survival of humankind was the furthest thing from his mind.

These defeats have demoralized supporters of Gay marriage, but I see a silver lining. If heterosexual instability and the link between heterosexual sex and human reproduction are the best arguments opponents of same-sex marriage can muster, I can't help but feel that our side must be winning. Insulting heterosexuals and discriminating against children with same-sex parents may score the other side a few runs, but these strategies won't win the game.

So I'm confident that one day my son will live in a country that allows his parents to marry. His parents are already married, as far as he's concerned, as my boyfriend and I tied the knot in Canada more than a year and a half ago. We recognize, even if the courts do not, that it's in his best interest for us to be married.

And while Wednesday was a dark day, the M's beat the Blue Jays 7 to 4, so it wasn't a total loss.

(Dan Savage is the editor of *The Stranger*, a Seattle newsweekly. This oped is reprint from the July 30 edition of the *New York Times*.)

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EON - Tucson Youth Lounge

TUCSON - If you're young and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, two-spirit, Transgender, queer, questioning, intersexed or a straight ally, there's a hip and safe Downtown hangout for you. It's called Eon Youth Lounge, and it's for people age 13 to 23. The community center is a collaborative effort of Wingspan, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, CODAC Behavioral Health Services, Pima County Health Department and the Southwest Institute for Research on Women, reported Jennifer Duffy of the Arizona Daily Star (July 29)

All the Eon staffers are employees of the various support organizations and trained to deal with youth issues. Eon's mission is to promote the health and well-being of LGBT youth by providing sexual-health information, counseling, homeless youth support and social events. "It just makes sense to bring it all together and keep the messages around health, education and support," said Kelli "JC" Olson, a 28-year-old youth program coordinator.

Eon began in 1994 as the Gay Young Men's Project. In 1997, it expanded to include young Lesbian and Transgender youth and changed its name to QueerVoice. In 2001, the program secured its first solo location and changed its name to Eon in 2003.

"In a lot of ways we're a bridge for youth to come in and enter into services that they would normally be intimidated by," Olson said. "It's a way for youth to get connected."

Seventeen-year-old Christoff Raidy knows that connection well. Not only did he rely on the resources from the homeless youth advocate when he was about to get kicked out of his home, but he's made many friends from across the city at Eon, where he regularly hangs out. Eon's resources, which include a job-listings bulletin board, helped him get on his feet and settle into his own

apartment. He recently earned his GED and plans to start college soon. "It all started with this place, I think," he said.

Eon has helped Raidy blossom in more ways than one. "I was shy when I was younger and learning about who I was and my sexuality. I was very introverted and now I'm very social," said Raidy, who first came to the lounge in 2003. He encourages other youth to check it out. "There's reassurance that it's OK to be who you are, and you can influence what other people think about you," said Raidy, who helps out with Eon events like dances, sexual-health workshops and drag king and queen pageants. "Project good things, and they'll think good things. Be the creative, funny, talkative, friendly person you are."

The community center offers an environment for youth to hang out, listen to music, use computers, play video games make art and goof around. It's also a safe place to be. Eon does not publish its address, and visitors to the lounge must be buzzed in. "We just want to take extra precautions, although we haven't had any problems," said Olson, the youth program coordinator.

Dwight Robinson, 19, didn't have many Gay friends outside of his high school when he started coming to Eon a couple years ago. In addition to making friends, he has participated in a drug prevention program, a leadership workshop and an activist group that's promoting youth voter registration. "I've learned a lot here. When I first started coming I didn't know what drag was or what Transgender ed means. It's broadened my mind and taught me more about the community," Robinson said.

How youth can get involved at Eon youth lounge: 1. Call (520) 620-6245 to introduce yourself and find out the location. 2. Attend a mandatory orientation about Eon's resources and services (5 p.m. Saturdays). 3. Attend the support group at 3 p.m. Saturdays.

Bunny FuFu Celebrates 10th Anniversary In Drag Scene

TUCSON - One of the Old Pueblo's premiere female impersonators is celebrating her (his) 10th anniversary this week. It was on August 1, 1996 that Bunny FuFu aka Mark Fetgatter was talked into getting into a dress and performing before an audience.

Well, as they say, once you get 'em in a dress, you can't get 'em out!

Another item of note - Bunny made her first appearance on the stage at It's 'Bout Time (IBT's) and has called it 'home' ever since.

There will be a celebration show on Wednesday, August 2 (we realize this is very short notice), but the old gal just couldn't wait to celebrate. Showtime is 9:00 p.m. tonight. Appearing with Bunny will be Janee Starr (Miss Gay Copper City 2007) Deora Le Blanc (Miss Gay Tucson America) and Veronica Chase. CONGRATULATIONS Bunny.



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Human Rights Campaign Fund Endorses "Equality Fighter," Gabrielle Giffords, for Congress

"Every single time we have needed someone in the fight for equality, Gabrielle Giffords has been there ready to lead," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign Political Action Committee announced its endorsement today of former State Senator Gabrielle Giffords in her campaign to replace openly-gay Congressman Jim Kolbe as Representative for the 8th District of Arizona.

"Every single time we have needed someone in the fight for equality, Gabrielle Giffords has been there ready to lead," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "Whether it was cracking down on hate crimes or protecting employers against discrimination in the workplace, Senator Giffords never hesitated. We look forward to her bringing the same tenacity and unwavering support for the value of equality to the United States House of Representatives."

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Human Rights Campaign, an organization that fights for the equal rights of all Americans. Everyone knows that discrimination is wrong for America, and we deserve a Congress that reflects that belief," said Senator Giffords.

Solmonese continued, "The Human Rights Campaign is proud to endorse Gabrielle Giffords for Congress and we urge 8th District voters to not only vote on election day with equality in mind but start working towards it today by volunteering and becoming active in the campaign."

Senator Giffords has been a leader in the Arizona state legislature on the issue of stopping discrimination. During her time in the legislature she has fought to:

- * Provide judges with the ability to increase charges against people committing hate crimes (SB 1210, in 2003);

- * Protect Arizonans in the work place by prime-sponsoring legislation to prohibit employment discrimination (HB 2415, in 2001);

- * Make it illegal to fire someone on the basis of gender and/or sexual orientation (HB 2704, in 2001)

To ensure the election of fair-minded leaders like State Senator Gabrielle Giffords, the Human Rights Campaign's Political Action Committee mobilizes GLBT and allied voters throughout the country. In addition, HRC-PAC provides fundraising assistance and campaign staff support to targeted races. To become involved with the Human Rights Campaign please visit our website at www.hrc.org. To become active in the Giffords for Congress campaign please visit www.giffordsforcongress.com.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

Lance Bass Comes Out



Lance Bass and partner Reichen Lehmkuhl

NEW YORK - Lance Bass, band member of 'N Sync, says he's Gay and in a "very stable" relationship with a reality show star, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. Bass, who formed 'N Sync with Justin Timberlake, JC Chasez, Joey Fatone and Chris Kirkpatrick, tells People magazine that he didn't earlier disclose his sexuality because he didn't want to affect the group's popularity.

"I knew that I was in this popular band and I had four other guys' careers in my hand, and I knew that if I ever acted on it or even said (that I was Gay), it would overpower everything," he tells the magazine. 'N Sync is known for a string of hits including "Bye Bye Bye" and "It's Gonna Be Me." The band went on hiatus in 2002. Bass

has also found headlines for undertaking astronaut training and failing to raise money for a trip into space.

Bass says he wondered if his coming out could prompt "the end of 'N Sync." He explains, "So I had that weight on me of like, 'Wow, if I ever let anyone know, it's bad.' So I just never did." The singer says he's in a "very stable" relationship with 32-year-old actor Reichen Lehmkuhl, winner of season four of CBS' "Amazing Race."

Bass and Fatone, 29, are developing a sitcom pilot inspired by the screwball comedy "The Odd Couple," in which his character will be Gay. "The thing is, I'm not ashamed - that's the one thing I went to say," Bass says. "I don't think it's wrong, I'm not devastated going through this. I'm more liberated and happy than I've been my whole life. I'm just happy."



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San Diego Pride Attacks Probed As Hate Crimes; Arrests Made

SAN DIEGO - Five men were attacked with baseball bats and taunted with anti-gay slurs over the weekend after leaving San Diego's LGBT Pride Festival, the first violent attack associated with the 32-year-old event, reported the PlanetOut Network. The men, whose names were not released by police, were walking Saturday night (July 29) along a path behind the lawn bowling area on Balboa Park Drive, not far from the festival entrance, about 45 minutes after the festival closed, according to a preliminary police report.

Gay, African-American or Latino. These are the very worst kinds of crimes."

The weekend-long Pride event, which drew more than 150,000 people this year, has been free of anti-Gay violence for many years, said Frank Sabatini Jr., spokesman for the San Diego LGBT Pride Festival. "I have been involved with every event for the last 12 years, and the worst thing I recalled until now was jeers from protesters," Sabatini told the PlanetOut Network. "Even though this attack didn't happen at the festival itself, we are extremely concerned and will be following up to make sure that there is a vigilant investigation and that the perpetrators are brought to justice," he said.

Police say three white males between 18 and 22 years old confronted the men with baseball bats and taunted them. A fight broke out; two of the victims were beaten with the bat and a third said he felt some type of hard object stab him in the back, police said. There have been no arrests, and while three of the men were hospitalized, police said their wounds were not considered life-threatening. "It's being investigated as a hate crime," police Lt. Margaret Schaufelberger told the San Diego Union Tribune. "That adds an extra layer of investigation for the detectives to prove in court and it adds an extra level of punishment to those convicted of the crime."

In the past 32 years, the annual Pride festival has often been the focus of protests, but rarely has violence occurred. Protesters are allowed to speak freely at Pride, though from a controlled protest zone, Sabatini said. In 1999, someone threw a tear-gas grenade into a crowd during the parade. In 1985, a man had his pilot's license revoked for flying too close to the parade with an anti-Gay banner. Reported hate crimes in San Diego were down in the first quarter of 2006, from 17 in 2005 to 10 this year, according to police. ...

At a news conference Monday (July 31), San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders said he believed the attack was "an isolated incident and clearly not the attitude of our citizenry." "Clearly, these animals wanted to push these men back into the closet," Sanders said. "We won't and shouldn't allow that to occur. I want to assure the citizens of our community that we will do everything within our power to fight hate crimes committed against any citizen group in our community, whether they are

Police on Tuesday (Aug. 1) said they have arrested one person in connection with the hate-crime attack. "We're still trying to put together what we've got. We've got one person in custody and the investigation is continuing," said Capt. Chris Ball. Ball did not release any other details about the arrest. San Diego police Monday night (July 31) served a search warrant at an apartment on First Avenue in Park West in connection with the case and were questioning three people. Police said three young men attacked the victims with baseball bats and a knife. The assault was an unprovoked hate crime that will be prosecuted as an attempted murder, city officials said Monday.

Straight Kansan Loves His Rainbow Flag

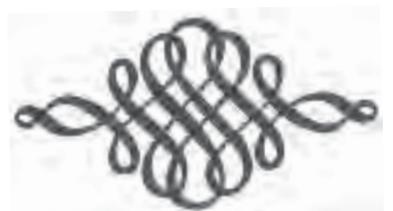
MEADE, Kansas - A bed-and-breakfast owner in Meade, Kansas, has created a tempest with the rainbow Pride flag, a gift from his son, that he hoisted three weeks ago next to the Stars and Stripes over his establishment, reported Gay.com.



J.R. Knight and his wife, Robin, moved to town two years ago to run the Lakeway Inn, "midway between the infamous 'Boot Hill' in Dodge City and the fabled 'Land of Oz' in Liberal," as their Web site states. Knight received the rainbow flag from his 12-year-old after a trip to a nearby museum about the Wizard of Oz. The flag reminded the boy of "somewhere over the rainbow." Knight says he knew the flag stood for Gay rights ("I'm not an idiot"), but also for a lot of other things, like unity and friendship.

While the Lakeway Inn has lost local restaurant business over the controversy, Knight says hotel patronage is up. He's on two major highways - Hwy. 54 east/west and Hwy. 23 north/south - and has, he says, the only alcohol license for 40 miles. "Any Gay or Lesbian people that do stop by will be treated with the best service I can give you," Knight told KWCH-TV reporter Tucker Jankosky of Wichita. "When this rainbow flag shreds, I will buy another one, and another one, and another one. Just like my American flag, I'll buy another one." He told Gay.com: "I wasn't flying it in people's face, but anymore I kind of am, because people need to learn."

People in the town of 1,600 apparently went ballistic. But Knight dug in his heels. He claims a radio station threatened to pull the Lakeway Inn's ads if he did not remove the flag. Quite a few "sweet Christian people" sincerely told him the flag stood for sin. A pastor told him it was as inappropriate as hanging women's panties on a flagpole. Knight joked that he might consider it. "I told him, 'How about I go to your church and take down everything about Jesus?' It's the same thing."



First World Out Games: Pride, Excitement And Euphoria During Opening Ceremonies



MONTRÉAL, Quebec - Pride, excitement and euphoria filled Montréal's Olympic Stadium Saturday night (July 29) when the opening ceremonies of the first World Outgames did what no other LGBT sporting event has done before—wedding the determination for global LGBT human rights and the desire to compete and strive for one's personal best

As the stadium filled, the

spectators were told of the 20 plus countries where being Gay or Lesbian is considered a criminal activity. As the athletes streamed in, the athletes from those countries were singled out and given a rousing welcome by the thousands watching the spectacle unfold.

More than 12,000 athletes filled the stadium floor surrounding a stage that supported an audio-visual

live performance space that rivaled anything the LGBT sports world has ever scene. Before the 40,000 plus audience was entertained by the likes of k.d. lang, Cirque de Soliel, Martha "It's Raining Men" Wash and Canadian favorites Deborah Cox, Sylvie Desgroseilliers, Diane Dufresne and Jonas, they were treated to a short program of welcomes and the presentation of the Declaration of Montreal,

the now definitive charge to the world's governments and sports organizations alike to combat homophobia and grant LGBT people full human and civil rights.

The World Outgames runs until Saturday, Aug. 5.

Woman Ordered To Stay Away From Gay Neighbor

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - In the first charge laid by Rhode Island's newly formed Office of Civil Rights Advocate a Providence area woman has been convicted of harassing a Gay man with AIDS, 365Gay.com reported. Kenneth Potts turned to the Advocate's office, a division of the Attorney General's Department, after enduring what he calls months of abuse from his upstairs neighbor, Theresa Deschenes.

In court Friday (July 28) Potts said that he had been subjected to

homophobic slurs and a campaign of abuse. He told Superior Court Judge Netti C. Vogel that he has called police more than a dozen times to complain about Deschenes. The last time, June 12, he said, there was "excessive music and loud jumping up and down on the floor and obscene names."

Potts said that his problems began shortly after he moved into the apartment building and mention to Deschenes that he was Gay and ill.

Several days later, Potts said, he received a phone call from Deschenes. "She said, 'If you do anything to my daughter I'll [expletive] kill you.' I said, 'I'm Gay, not a pedophile.'" Potts said that the stress inflicted on him has had a negative impact on his battle with HIV.

Deschenes' lawyer characterized the dispute as "trivial." Christopher Millea said was nothing more than "kindergarten name-calling contest" and was constitutionally protected free

speech.

Judge Vogel rejected Millea's arguments. Calling Deschenes' actions "hateful conduct," Vogel issued a restraining order against her, barring Deschenes from having any intentional contact with Potts. "She has intimidated him ... She has threatened him with physical violence ... all connected to his sexual orientation." The ruling sets a benchmark for similar cases said Attorney General Patrick C. Lynch, who was in the courtroom for the verdict.



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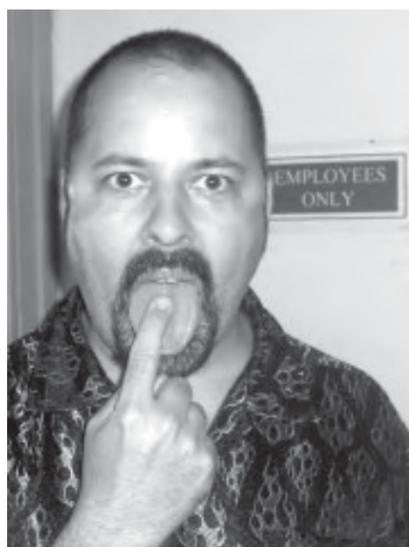
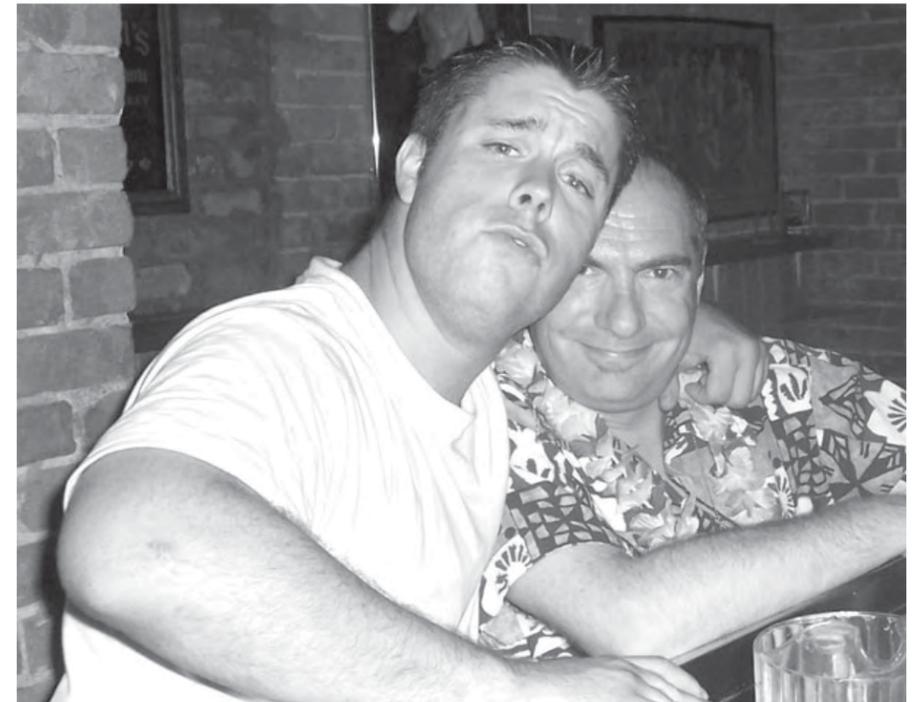
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POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

CD - 8 UPDATE

One of the nation's closely watched Congressional Races, for the U.S. House from Congressional District 8 which encompasses most of Tucson and Southern Arizona, received the attention of the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights organization.

On Friday, July 28, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Political Action Committee announced its endorsement of former State Senator Gabrielle Giffords in her campaign to replace Gay Congressman Jim Kolbe as Representative for the 8th District of Arizona.

Giffords is running for the Democratic nomination. Also running in the primary contest are former Air Force officer and pilot, Jeff Latas, television anchor Patricia Gelenberg Weiss, TUSD Board Member Alex Rodriguez, Francine Shacter and Bill Johnson.

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 12 to decide who will be the Democratic nominee in the general election campaign against the Republican and Libertarian party candidates, as well as the individuals making an independent bid for the open seat.

"Every single time we have needed someone in the fight for equality, Gabrielle Giffords has been there ready to lead," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese, in a statement.

"Whether it was cracking down on hate crimes or protecting employers against discrimination in the workplace, Senator Giffords never hesitated. We look forward to her bringing the same tenacity and unwavering support for the value of equality to the United States House of Representatives," Solmonese continued.

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Human Rights Campaign, an organization that fights for the equal rights of all Americans. Everyone knows that discrimination is wrong for America, and we deserve a Congress that reflects that belief," Giffords said.

In the statement, Solmonese went on to state, "The Human Rights Campaign is proud to endorse Gabrielle Giffords for Congress and we urge 8th District voters to not only vote on election day with equality in mind but start working towards it today by volunteering and becoming active in the campaign."

Senator Giffords has been a leader in the Arizona state legislature on the issue of stopping discrimination. During her time in the legislature she has fought to:

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For more information, call (520) 512-0012, or go online to gabriellegiffords.com. ...

Monday, Aug. 14, is the deadline to register to vote in the Sept. 12 primary election. For more information, call your local county recorder's office or political party organization or go online to the Observer Community Resources page, tucsonobserver.com/links.html, and click on the links to register.

Lesbian's Primary Win Challenged

MONTGOMERY, Alabama - The mother-in-law of a defeated legislative candidate challenged the outcome of a Democratic runoff election, claiming that the winner timed the filing of a campaign finance report to keep voters from learning she was supported by a pro-Gay campaign fund, the Associated Press reported on advocate.com. Retired beautician Mattie Childress asked the Democratic Party to review Patricia Todd's slim victory over Gaynell Hendricks, who is married to Childress's son.

Todd, who would be the first openly Gay member of the Alabama legislature if elected, did not immediately return a telephone message Monday seeking comment. The challenge was filed late Thursday (July 27). Todd led Hendricks by 59 votes in the July 18 Democratic runoff for house district 54, which includes much of Birmingham. Winning the runoff was tantamount to election since no Republican ran for the seat.

In the election challenge, Childress claimed that the release of a campaign finance report by Todd was timed to prevent voters from knowing that Todd received a \$25,000 contribution from the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. Voters also didn't know that Todd made payments of \$12,750 to two primary opponents who endorsed her, according to the challenge. The contest claims Todd received illegal votes, and it challenged the way Jefferson County elections officials handled the returns. "I want this controversy settled," Childress told The Birmingham News. "This is happening like when Bush and Gore were running for president. I don't like it."

Todd campaign manager Mark Kelly said the voters had spoken. "If someone wants to try to steal the election, it's up to them," he said. "But we don't feel like they will be successful in doing so." Jim Spearman, executive director of the Alabama Democratic Party, said a contest hearing will be held within 20 days by a five-member committee appointed by party chairman Joe Turnham. The committee will investigate the allegations and make a decision, Spearman said.

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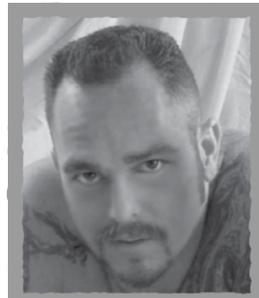
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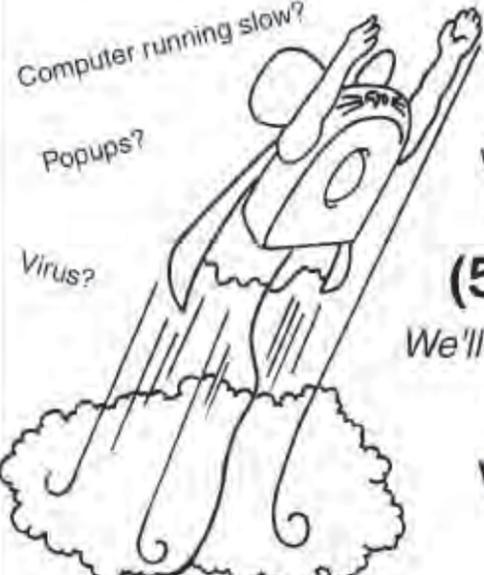
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L/G Military Suit Dismissed



Major Margaret Witt

SEATTLE - A Lesbian colonel, dismissed from the military because of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has lost her bid for reinstatement in the Air Force Reserve, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. A federal judge on Wednesday (July 26) dismissed a lawsuit by Maj. Margaret Witt.

Witt of Spokane, had asked U.S. District Judge Ronald B. Leighton to reinstate her, to find DADT unconstitutional. Her ACLU lawyers argued that the U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down a Texas anti-sodomy law prevented the military from using private consensual acts between two people of the same sex as grounds for dismissal.

Leighton ruled that the sodomy ruling had no bearing on the military. "This court is not unsympathetic to the situation in which Major Witt currently finds herself," Leighton said in his written ruling. "Within the military context, she did not draw attention to her sexual orientation, and her colleagues value her contribution to their unit and apparently want her back. She has served her country faithfully and with distinction." "[But] Don't Ask, Don't Tell represents a rational response to a legitimate government concern [for unit cohesion]."

Witt joined the Air Force in 1986. She served in the Persian Gulf and in 2003 was awarded an Air Force Commendation Medal for her action in saving the life of a Department of Defense employee who had collapsed aboard a government-chartered flight from Bahrain. In 1993, she was selected to be the "poster child" for the Air Force

Nurse Corps recruitment flyer. Most recently she was a flight nurse and operating room nurse assigned to McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Washington.

But after commanders received an anonymous tip in 2004 that she is a Lesbian and in a long-term relationship the military began an investigation that led to her discharge under the military's ban on Gays serving openly. In November 2004, Major Witt was placed on unpaid leave and told she could no longer participate in any military duties, pending formal separation proceedings. In March 2006, the Air Force informed Major Witt that she was being administratively discharged on grounds of homosexual conduct. The ACLU said it would likely appeal the ruling.

Earlier this month a petty officer who joined a New York City demonstration in support of same-sex marriage was told she is being thrown out of the military. The Department of Defense has discharged more than 11,000 service members since 1993 under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban. According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), more than 800 of those service members were trained in skills deemed 'mission-critical' by the Pentagon. Last month the military was forced to apologize when it was revealed that a Pentagon document listing various "disorders" included the reference to homosexuality decades after mental health experts abandoned that position.

A bi-partisan coalition in Congress now supports legislation to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law. The Military Readiness Enhancement Act (H.R. 1059), introduced in March 2005 by Congressman Marty Meehan (D-MA) now has about 120 supporters, including five Republican lawmakers. Meehan's legislation would repeal the military's ban and allow Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual personnel to serve openly in the armed forces.

Labor Battles Wisconsin G/L Marriage Ban Proposal

MADISON, Wisc. - LGBT civil rights groups fighting a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage and civil unions in Wisconsin have gained the support of the state's biggest unions, reported 365Gay.com. Most of the labor organizations have been fighting for several years to have same-sex partner benefits included in union contracts, but the fight against the proposed amendment goes far beyond Gay and Lesbian relationships the unions say.

The groups, like LGBT rights organizations, say the amendment is so sweeping it would remove all protections for domestic partners no matter what their sexuality. They also maintain that the proposed amendment would take away their right to bargain effectively for their members. The unions are contributing cash, organizers, and using their massive mailing lists of members to get the message out. The unions include those representing teachers, public sector employees and prison guards. The AFSCME alone represents 44,000 public service and health-care workers in Wisconsin.

"Backers of this ban are trying to break deals and take away rights and protections that working people have earned through good-faith negotiations," Brian Weeks, director of AFSCME's political arm, told the Associated Press. "[It's] an attack on labor unions'

collective bargaining rights."

The Wisconsin Education Association Council, the state's largest teachers union, has given \$25,000 and AFT-Wisconsin, another public employees union, has donated \$5,000 to Fair Wisconsin the Gay rights group fighting the amendment. The battle against the ban has steadily been growing its cash reserve. Last month a Madison heiress gave \$275,000 to Fair Wisconsin. A public poll last month showed that voters were about equally divided on the amendment with 49 percent supporting the it and 48 percent opposed. Previous surveys by other pollsters have showed for the amendment at almost 60 percent and Fair Wisconsin said it appears its grassroots effort at defeating it are paying off.



NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE
Attractive Nuisance

by Lee Thorn

THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR recently published a list of the most frequently robbed stores in Tucson and the winner, a store robbed ten times in one year, turned out to be one I used to go to. I say "used to" because I've already had my combat experience and I'm not interested in adding to it.

The idea that one business could be robbed ten times in one year strikes me as absurd, but then a lot of things that everyone else takes for granted strike me as absurd - public restrooms (Where would privacy be more appropriate?), ending movie credits (Who would read them even if it were physically possible to do so?), the "compensation" - lovely word - if American CEOs, for that matter the whole distribution of wealth in this country.

So don't go by my admittedly eccentric notion of absurdity. Instead, ask yourself, using your own personal absurdity index, "How many times would a business have to be robbed in one year before I said to myself, 'That's absurd!'" Okay, whatever that number turns out to be for you - 12, 56, 365 - let's say that it happens. Let's say that some business reaches the number of robberies that meets your particular criterion for absurdity. What do you do then?

The idea of an "attractive nuisance" might be useful at that point. I was introduced to the idea way back in the Dark Ages when I was studying law. I don't know what's become of it in the interval, but it may have utility here. It's basically a limitation of private property rights. It works like this: Say that you put something on your own private property, perhaps a swimming pool, that's likely to attract kids to illegally trespass on your property and possibly become injured there. You have a legal obligation, under the doctrine of "attractive nuisance," to protect kids from the consequences of their illegal behavior because you knew - swimming pools being what they are and kids being what they are - that there was a likelihood, absent your taking precautions against it, that someone was going to get hurt by what you put on your property in the first place.

Obviously the concept of an "attractive nuisance" degrades the concept of private property, and I can't say that I'm completely comfortable with the degradation, but, if a swimming pool that might attract trespassing kids and lead to their injury is partly the responsibility of whoever built it, surely a convenience store that attracts ten robberies a year and leads to the possible injury of the robbers, the clerks and the public is an attractive nuisance for which the owner bears part of the responsibility.

In the case of swimming pools on private property, there are various rules that you have to follow to make them safer even if nobody has ever drowned in your pool and you have no kids and you don't even allow children on your property. Perhaps it's time to come up with some robbery abatement codes for convenience stores that have to be complied with even if you, as the store owner, don't care about the risk your enterprise poses to robbers, clerks and shoppers.

I don't know what those

abatement codes should be, but I do know that effective robbery abatement modalities do exist. Institutions that would have much more to offer robbers than convenience stores have, e.g. banks, pawnshops, do not get robbed ten times a year. The city, for the protection of its own citizens - robbers, clerks, and customers - should force convenience stores to implement whatever security is necessary to bring their robbery rates out of the stratosphere.

The question then becomes, "Can the city do that without driving convenience stores out of business?" My answer is, "I don't care." Tucson can exist without convenience stores. We exist without a lot of things that would be fun but are much too dangerous - unlicensed fireworks displays, shooting guns in the air on festive occasions, driving down Speedway after midnight at 100 miles per hour.

A few words in closing about Tucson's champion store for being robbed. I won't say exactly where it is, but it's right in the middle of town. It's in a nice neighborhood that boasts a strong neighborhood association. There's absolutely nothing about the area or about the store itself to warn the prospective customer that he's about to enter the Wild West. You've no doubt heard the axiom, "Buyer beware."

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



EDITOR:

I am sorry it took so long to write this letter to thank all of those that participated in the Dave Locke 7th Annual Tucson Sidewinders Benefit for TIHAN on Sunday July 9. Everyone had a terrific time enjoyed the food, spirits, friendship and boy what a game. The Sidewinders came back in the 9th inning with a Grand Slam to win the ball game.

There are just too many people to mention that helped with this event from those who donated auction items, those that collected 50/50 drawing, people who bought extra tickets to be sure that some people that could not afford to attend the event could. The people who helped sell the tickets, Scott Blade and his staff, the entire Sidewinders team that made us feel golden. The advertising once again was tremendous. Of course word of month each year has the now grown this event into a great and different fundraiser with it grows each and every year.

I would like to request however, that those of you that had tickets but were unable to attend the game please honor your commitment and send a check in to TIHAN for \$30.00 per ticket. All unused tickets that we could not account for have been charged on our bill and this reduces our profit, so please be sure to mail your check in.

In addition if you wanted to attend the event but could not for any reason, you may still make a tax deductible donation to TIHAN, just make sure on the memo page you print Tihan Sidewinders Fundraiser's.

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Thursday, August 3

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Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier Central Tucson GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating caffeine enhanced beverages, delicious food, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

Friday, August 4

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.
Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come out and totally enjoy putting your acting/miming and pantomime skills to the test. For directions and reservations [(a limited space event, please plan ahead and phone early)], place a telephone call to Lee and Merlin, your gracious yet competitive emcees and moderators, at 207-5336.

Tucson Prime Timers Cocktails – 5:30 – 7:00, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, August 5

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of

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Sunday, August 6

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

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

Monday, August 7.

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

Tuesday, August 8

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.

Wednesday, August 9

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm
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Thursday, August 10

#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with

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#3Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Play Bridge hosted this evening by Karol at 744-9017. 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!

Friday, August 11

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, August 12

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 MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Contact tonight's dreamy but taken host Marvin at 745-0304. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay serial killer instincts!

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

Sunday August 13

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Tucson Prime Timers Brunch, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, August 14.

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Tuesday, August 15

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Wednesday, August 16

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Welcome in a hot and steamy August that is also hot and steamy with action. What's up? Feisty Mars opposes shocking Uranus and actions not only have reactions, they react and change everything. Prepare the steam-roller, comrades!

ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)
 Proud Rams can become busy bees all through August. But will the buzz live up to the billing? Will all your hard work pay off and result in a higher standard of living or are you just flying in large concentric circles? Stop when you get dizzy. Check to see if where you are going is where you want to be. Otherwise, take a breath, sit back, relax and enjoy a few stingers on the beach.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)
 Don't expect life to be quiet, serene and generally boring. There will be a wide range of opportunities to enjoy yourself this August. You are anxious to jump into the deep end of the social pool. Queer Bulls are randy and raring to get wet! But beware of overdoing. Risks abound so don't dive in head first now. The water depth is only six inches. Oh dear. How typical.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
 The challenge this August will be to find ways to carefully balance your career obligations with your home life. Pink Twins find themselves at an impasse but the best action may in fact be no action. Try to continue your balancing act through the month. Things will have a way of settling down and self correcting. Otherwise you may just tip the entire scale. Weigh in later.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
 The temptation will be to say just one more thing on a certain subject but don't be tempted. The less said the better. Gay Crabs may find that an idle thought can make front page news all through August. Travel too will have it's assorted challenges and problems. My advice: Chill out, stay close and say little. Let your actions speak louder and prouder than your words.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)
 Although you often think that you can buy your way out of any spot of trouble, don't try to do so this August. It will be very expensive in more ways than money. Why waste your energies trying to change things that are still evolving. Let others call the shots in the short term. Sit back and wait for their missteps and buy their real estate on the cheap later. Then charge them rent!

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)
 Pushy, pushy, pushy. At least that is how others perceive you in August. Queer Virgins can get in with the hot crowd. They not only get to move and shake around many new movers and shakers, they also make a rather big impression. All the attention may have some negative impact on established relationships. Don't ice out partners and pals. Who really loves you baby?

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
 Gay Libras have great imaginations. However August manages to deliver more than its fair share of wilde, unbelievable scenarios, especially at work. This can lead to a trickle of great ideas or, more likely, an avalanche. Be sure that you have all the facts before you act upon anything. Read the signs carefully before you go completely off course. Err is that a falling rock zone?

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
 Your social calendar can take an unexpected turn this August. What is it that you truly want proud Scorp? It seems that no matter where you set your sights, you wind up somewhere else. On the bright side, this can be a time of pure genius. Even a fiasco can be inspirational and creative. At least that is what you should put on your press release.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
 If your professional path has been strewn with rocks and potholes, you may find that August opens up the landscape and gives you the ability to navigate. But the further you travel on this road, the less stability you have in your home life. Gay Archers can be footloose and fancy free but it is sort of nice to have a place to kick up and chow down. Balance is everything.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
 Travel this August. It is time to scratch your itchy feet. If you have limited patience and simply cannot sit still, find a serene destination and chill out for a while. And not a moment too soon, cousin. Uranus has a way of making you more opinionated and verbally corrosive. Quiet time with a relaxing undertow is just what the doctor ordered ... and by popular demand.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)
 As much as you yearn for love, there may be a few false starts this August due to missed signals and clumsy over eager attempts. Aqueerians soon realize that money will not buy love. In fact, it may cause turgid waters and scuttle the Love Boat. Before you hit the pier full force, find simple, honest and heartfelt ways to show how you really feel. Use your hands.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
 Even though Guppies are happiest in partnerships, you may find that certain relationships are too cloying even for you this August. Maybe it's because you feel that you are giving up too much and not getting enough in return. Stop all obsessive behavior and take a breath. Realization is an important first step to recovery. Spoiling oneself is the next one.

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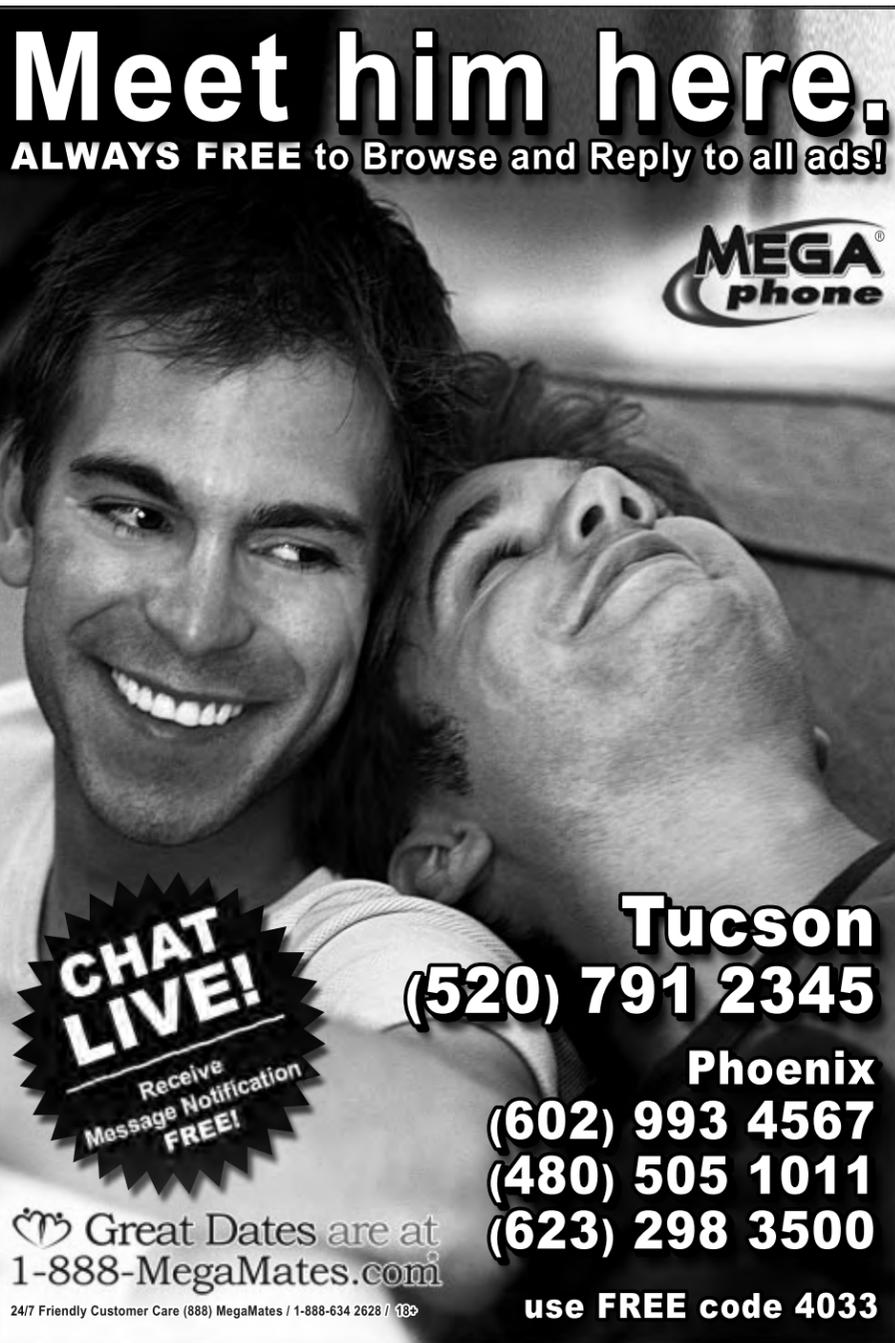
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Three Charged In Riverside Gay Bar Beatings

RIVERSIDE, Calif. - Three suspected gang members face hate-crime charges in the beating of patrons of a Gay bar where a man was killed in 2002, the Press-Enterprise newspaper reported on the PlanetOut Network. Juan Anthony Mauricio, 20, Sergio Roberto Rodriguez, 18, and Gerald Abraham Gallo, 18, all of Riverside, pleaded not guilty Thursday to three counts each of assault and committing a hate crime.

Three men walked up to The Menagerie bar in downtown Riverside early Tuesday morning (July 25) and began making homophobic comments about people standing outside, Riverside police Lt. Chuck Griffiths told the newspaper.

The people took cover inside the bar and the men threw bricks and a rock, shattering a window, Griffiths said. At that point, some bar patrons went outside to confront the men. Then - witness accounts vary - either the patrons tried to grab the men until police arrived or patrons yelled back at them and the men attacked, Griffiths said. Either way, the men began throwing punches and three bar patrons were injured, Griffiths said. One suspect was arrested at the scene; police chased down two others a short distance away. "This is not a common event and it's something that is not tolerated in the least bit," Griffiths said.

Jeffery Owens, 40, a Gay man from Moreno Valley, died in June 2002 after being stabbed and beaten

outside The Menagerie. Three gang members were convicted on several charges in the 2002 attack, but a judge dismissed a hate-crime charge, saying there was insufficient evidence. A July report by the California attorney general's office shows that while reported hate crimes have been on a decade-long downward trend in the state, they have increased in fast-growing Riverside County. Sexual orientation has consistently been the No. 2 motivation for hate crime, behind race and ethnicity, the report said. Statewide, there were 255 anti-Gay hate crimes in 2005, the report said.



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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 from Bob Feldhaus during Brunch (11:30-2:30) & Dickie Steede during dinner (6:30-9:30)

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. 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. Reservations suggested.

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 Rayman 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

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. Singer, piano player Marilyn Harris performs during dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations suggested.

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

Now Playing thru August 27

Live Theatre workshop presents the comedy "See How They Run" directed by Stephen Frankenfield. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays. 5317 E/ Speedway/ Tickets are \$13-\$16. Call 327-4242 for reservations and more information.

Now Playing thru August 19

Gaslight Theatre presents "Gnatman" at 7010 E. Broadway. A comedic superhero musical written and directed by Peter Van Slyke. Performances 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Sundays. Call 886-9428 for information and reservations.

August 15

AVA Amphitheater at Casino Del Sol presents Earth Wind and Fire. I-19 Exit, Valencia West.. 321-1000.

August 17 - September 24

"The Lion King" Broadway's Award Winning Musical. At Tucson Music Hall. Tickets: Tucson Convention Center Box Office, 260 S. Church Ave. Ticketmaster 321-1000.

Arts and Entertainment

August 18

Continued

Desert Diamond Casino presents Smokey Robinson. I-10 and Pima Mine Road (7 miles South of Tucson) TicketMaster 321-1000.

September 1

Casino Del Sol AVA Amphitheater presents Lynard Skynyrd. Ticketmaster 321-1000. I-19, exit Valencia West. 838-6700.

September 3

AVA Amphitheater at Casino Del Sol presents Bill Cosby. I-19 Exit, Valencia West.. 321-1000.

September 9 thru 30

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" as part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national theater initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Directed by Jon Jory who directed last seasons elegant "Pride and Prejudice". ATC Box Office 520-622-2823

October 10 thru 15

A Nederland Broadway In Tucson presentation "The Ten Tenors" - a new musical force to be reckoned with. They have been seen by 77 million people on 3 continents selling out shows and winning hearts with their unmistakable charm, camaraderie and vocal prowess in opera. Pop, rock and more. Since their debut in 2001, the classically trained all-Australian singing sensation has enjoyed a relentless touring schedule.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

WOODY'S - Medical Underwear Nite. You provide the underwear, Woody's provides the gown. \$1.00 off all drink for those who participate (except draught beer and schnapps).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

HOWL AT THE MOON - NCC Pageant for Miss Tucson. Call Amanda Nicole at 319-8478 for more information. Preliminaries start at 8:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Coming - Woody's Pirates of the Rillito Party! 8:00 p.m. until closing. Captain Morgan Specials - Giveaways, Music. Celebrate debauchery

YARD DOG SALOON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Car Wash at 10:00 a.m. Beer Bust & Food at 3:00 p.m. DJ "Dynasty" at 10:0 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

YARD DOG SALOON - Steak Night at 7:00 p.m.. MM MM Good!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

VENTURE-N - Mediterranean Buffet by Chef Howard. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

WOODY'S - Create your own underwear Party! 8:00 p.m. Hosted by David. \$1.00 off all drinks for participants (excludes schnapps and draught Beer).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

WOODY'S - August Birthday Celebration here. Champagne,. Cake, Balloons. Sign up with your favorite bartender now!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

HOWL AT THE MON - Dance Mix with Johnny D

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

WOODY'S - "Gay Idol" Karaoke Contest starts today. Compete for \$3,000 prize.

FRI-SAT-SUN, AUGUST 18-19-20

WOODY'S - Welcome Back Students Party! Great Giveaways and Bud Light Games.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

HOWL AT THE MOON - Live music with TMI. Classic rock, blues and more. Starts 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 cover..

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

HOWL AT THE MOON - Native American Little League fund raiser with Tex-Mex band, drag shows and Raffles. Starts at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

HOW L AT THE MOON - Phoenix AGRA here with Pussy LeHoot as your hostess. Mark your calendars now!

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.

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

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.

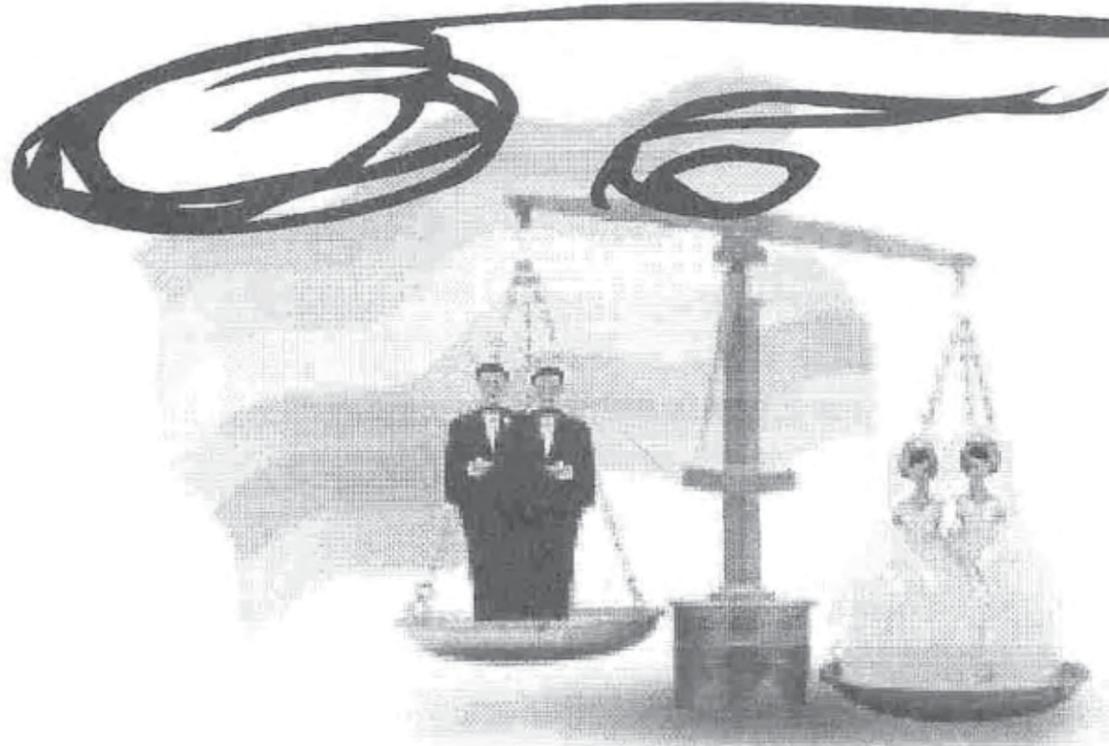




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