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Tucson Pride Weekend

OUToberFEST Saturday

TUCSON - OUToberFEST is coming Saturday October 9 in Reid Park in the Demeester Outdoor Performance Area.

The entrance is on Country Club Road north of 22nd Street in central Tucson. The festival grounds will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to OUToberFEST is $7. Coupons for $2 off the admission price are available at Wingspan, Desert Pride, Antigone Books, IBT's, Woody's and Howl At The Moon. Children 7 and under will be admitted free.

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

Entertainment Schedule:

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

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

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

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

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

Pride Parade Sunday

TUCSON - [The follow is an article from the organizers of the fall Pride Parade organizing board which is a part of Tucson Pride Inc.]

Tucson's first ever fall Pride Parade will take place Sunday, October 10, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in downtown Tucson. This new event, called Pride… On Parade!, has been organized by community members interested in promoting Tucson's unique and vibrant Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community, with the support of Tucson Pride, Inc., producers of OUToberFEST, and the financial support of several local businesses.

The parade will begin at the intersection of Stone Ave. and Franklin, and proceed across downtown before turning north on 6th Ave, then cross to Fourth Avenue on 7th St, where it will head north to end between 4th and 5th streets. Also new will be a Block Party at the parade's conclusion, with dance music and performances by several incredible Tucson entertainers, including Namoli Brennet, Jason Brock. Jayson Lattimore (Diana Flair), Joshua Lovato (Tabatha Lovall), David Morden (Fulta Burstyn), Amber Norgaard, Ajia Simone, and Arizona Onstage Productions.

The parade's Grand Marshall, former U of A Professor Maurice Grossman, will welcome participants and onlookers. A $1,000 prize winner will also be drawn from the parade's raffle, one of the main fundraisers for this event.

This event promises to be an incredible opportunity for Tucson's GLBT community to come together and show our pride. It is only through the support of Tucson's community that this event is possible. Parade sponsors who have given financial and other support, as well as those who have purchased raffle tickets, and everyone who has come forward to volunteer and participate in the parade and Block Party, have breathed life into what was only an idea in June of this year.

The organizing board wishes to thank our Title Sponsors, IBT's & Woody's, who not only contributed but also assisted by hosting several fundraisers for this event. Centra Realty & Mission Apartments, Official Co-Sponsors deserve special thanks as well, as do generous donors Community Business Association,

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G/L Rights Supporters Struggle To Avoid Shutout On Marriage Bans

PORTLAND - Camille Reyes used to be apolitical and irked by almost anyone ringing her doorbell to make a pitch. But these days, she's knocking on strangers' doors with missionary zeal to talk about one of the touchiest topics on the election agenda, Advocate.com reported.

One of hundreds of volunteers canvassing house-to-house across Oregon, she is trying to persuade voters to defeat Measure 36, a proposed state constitutional amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage.

Eleven states have such amendments on their November 2 ballots, but only in Oregon and Michigan do Gay rights groups and their allies feel they have any realistic chance of defeating the measures. Were all 11 amendments to pass—a plausible outcome—it would be a sobering setback for activists nationwide who a year ago were celebrating a court order legalizing same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. "So many hopes are pinned on Oregon," said Roey Thorpe, executive director of Basic Rights Oregon. "Winning in even one place is so different from losing everywhere."

The latest independent statewide poll in Oregon, released Thursday, September 30, showed support for the ban at 51%, with 40% opposed and the rest undecided.

In Michigan most surveys also have shown the amendment winning, but it is the only state where one major poll, by Gallup, showed a majority against the ban. The "No" campaign's leader, Wendy Howell, said her side has gained support by warning that Michigan's proposal could force universities and public agencies to scrap existing domestic-partner health benefits.

Initially, analysts predicted that all the marriage amendments would work in favor of President Bush by motivating religious conservatives to turn out at the polls. But in Oregon and Michigan, both crucial battleground states, political organizers now say the effect of the marriage debate on the presidential race could be negligible—or even slightly negative for Bush. "Oregonians are independent thinkers," said Tim Nashif, head of the Defense of Marriage Coalition, which collected signatures for the amendment. "An Oregonian would have absolutely no problem voting for John Kerry and for Measure 36."

Nashif's coalition has raised about $660,000, most of it from individuals and church groups inside Oregon. The amendment's opponents have raised nearly $1.1 million, including $500,000 from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We'll have a bigger impact on voter turnout than our opposition," said Task Force organizer David Fleischer. "The net result in Oregon could turn out to boomerang on the right-wing, pro-Bush people who put this measure on the ballot."

Fleischer noted that Oregonians have defeated numerous local and statewide anti-Gay rights ballot measures over the past 16 years, adding that his group is well-organized. "Oregon voters begin with a fuller understanding of Gay people's lives than in other states," he said. "The outcome probably will be extremely close."

Nashif, whose coalition has been distributing "One Man, One Woman" yard signs, dismissed the relevance of Oregon's previous votes on Gay rights issues. "This is a mainstream issue; it's not a far-right issue," he said.

The manager of the "No" campaign, Aisling Coghlan, said more than 25,000 homes have been visited so far by a volunteer corps that includes many straight people as well as Gays and Lesbians like Camille Reyes. Reyes had a door slammed in her face and received a lecture on the sinfulness of homosexuality but has also had uplifting encounters—one 8-year-old boy insisted on donating a dollar to the campaign. "I was really nervous about canvassing," said Reyes, 30. "But this was such an important issue, I knew I needed to step outside my comfort zone."

Some prominent Oregon Republicans have endorsed the amendment; some leading Democrats, including Gov. Ted Kulongoski—who is not up for reelection—have publicly opposed it. But many candidates of both parties are, by and large, sidestepping the marriage debate for fear of alienating a sizable chunk of voters. "It shows how close the race is," said Shauna Shindler Ballo, a "No" campaign spokeswoman.

In both Oregon and Michigan, the state Republican parties have endorsed a ban on same-sex marriage but have not emphasized the issue. "We're not out there saying, 'Vote for Bush because of this,"' said Michigan GOP spokesman Matt Davis. In addition to Oregon and Michigan, proposals limiting marriage to a man and woman are on the ballots in Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Utah. Missouri and Louisiana voters overwhelmingly approved similar amendments earlier this year; Alaska, Nebraska, and Nevada already have similar amendments.

Nashif said Gay activists want Oregon to be a West Coast outpost for Gay marriage to complement Massachusetts in the East. "They know they're behind the eight ball, that they could lose in all 11 states," said Nashif. He predicted that, following an anti-Gay marriage sweep next month, a planned 2006 referendum in Massachusetts would become a "slam dunk " for those seeking to quash the court opinion allowing Gay marriage.

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Desert Voices Shows Pride In Song

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

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

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

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

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

Tucson Remembers Matthew Shepard And Other Victims Oct. 12

TUCSON - Tuesday, October 12 marks the sixth anniversary of the death of Matthew Shepherd, the openly Gay University of Wyoming student whose brutal murder moved the nation,

Tucsonans will be remembering Matthew as well as all other victims of hate at the Richard Heakin Memorial in Sunset Park, 255 West Alameda, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m on October 12.

Organizers said that people can bring a candle if they like and there is a tree above the Memorial for which prayer flags can be tied.

A Local Warning About Chat Rooms

TUCSON (ON) - As the Internet has become part of the lives of all individuals, some, including Gay and Bisexual men visit chat rooms to meet other men, a new and interesting approach but one that could lead to trouble.

Several Gay and Bisexual Tucsonans have contacted The Observer about an individual, described as a "predator" on Gay.com, a popular chat room site, all having met the same individual and who have been harassed and taken financially.

With that, a warning that is on many such sites about chat rooms:

Please take all precautions before giving out any personal information, such as addresses or telephone numbers, in this or any chat room.

Persons may misrepresent themselves, or may even be dangerous.

Your use of a chat room constitutes your acceptance that you assume full responsibility and liability for any harm or damage resulting directly or indirectly by

Oct. 26 Set For Trial In Walsted Murder

TUCSON - A man accused of fatally beating a Gay man with a baseball bat has rejected a plea offer from prosecutors.

David A. Higdon is charged with first-degree murder and armed robbery in the June 2002 beating death of Philip Walsted, 24. Police classified Walsted's murder as a hate crime.

During a hearing Thursday, September 30, in Pima County superior court, prosecutors said they offered to let Higdon plead guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for serving a 22-year sentence in prison. After Higdon rejected the plea, his trial date was set for October 26. He faces a life sentence if convicted.

Hispanic Group Plans For Fiesta De La Cadena

TUCSON - A group of Hispanic GLBT community members in Tucson has been meeting to build the foundation for a new group, La Cadena-Alianza Hispana GLBT.

The mission of La Cadena is to increase visibility of the diverse community and provide advocacy in all areas and needs of Hispanic GLBT familias. "La Cadena" or The Chain, in English, intends to link local community members forming an alliance of professions, talents, support, commitment and sponsor fundraising events. Currently, La Cadena has 15 members who will work closely with Wingspan to assure that the Hispanic GLBT community utilizes resources and services offered by Wingspan. La Cadena plans to outreach into Sonora and link with Mexican GLBT leaders in November.

On October 22, La Cadena will host, "La Fiesta De La Cadena" a kick off party that includes dinner, a theatre production presented by Teatro Orgullo, "Reunion"..during a family reunion, Ricardo, the only son of Maria and Samuel Ramirez, announces that he is in love…..with a man! The fiesta continues with entertainment and dancing. "La Primer Fiesta De La Cadena" will be held at the Inn Suites Hotel, 475 N. Granada Ave., from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. For further information email to Ernie Perez at erniep@elrio.org.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day October 15

TUCSON - El Rio Health Center- Special Immunology Associates, in collaboration with local community organizations announced that October 15, is the second annual National Latino AIDS Awareness Day.

It is a Day of hope for the future of a world without AIDS- In cities around the U.S. Latino leaders will sponsor diverse activities that respond to the state of AIDS among Latinos.

El Rio Health Center in collaboration with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, La Frontera Center, Wingspan, La Cadena- Alianza Hispana GLBT, Pima County Health Department, GlaxoSmithKline, Pima County Health Department, Tucson HIV/AIDS Interfaith Network, City of South Tucson, Sam Lena Library and Teatro Orgullo are spearheading the event beginning at 4 p.m. that will include community information tables, Free HIV Counseling and Testing, an official program and proclamations by local leaders followed by food and entertainment.

At 7 p.m. an evening theatre production, "Reunion" a play about a Mexican family coming to terms with homosexuality, directed by Enrique Gomez Perez will close the event at the South Tucson City Hall Courtyard, 1601 S. 6th Ave.

♥ Want to do something positive with your leisure time?

♥ Interested in helping people while learning about HIV/AIDS issues?

If so, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation wants you to consider becoming a volunteer!

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

Sign up today!

Contact Jess Pabón at 628-7223 or jpabon@saaf.org

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WHY IT COSTS TO GO TO PRIDE FEST

By Bob Bowers

Tucson Pride has received many inquiries concerning why there is an admission charge for the Pride Festival. Beginning with OUToberFEST 2003, there was an admission charge of $5. Admission for OUToberFEST 2004 is $7, and $2 off coupons are available from Wingspan, Desert Pride Gift Shop, Antigone Books, IBTs, Woody's and Howl At The Moon. Children 7 and under will be admitted free.

Prior to 2003, donations were requested at the gate. At OUToberFEST 2001 and 2002, the requested donation was $5. However the average donation at those two festivals was only $2 even with greatly increased publicity and volunteer efforts soliciting donations at the gate. OUToberFEST 2001 was a financial success, but OUToberFEST 2002 was not a financial success as a result of many increased costs. In 2003, even though charging admission for the first time had some effect in reducing attendance, charging admission permitted the event to be financially successful.

The reality of the event is that it costs a lot of money to organize and produce, about $60,000. Tucson Pride must also maintain funds on hand of at least $20,000 in order to pay for advance funding of many costs prior to the event. About $10,000 is donated every year for OUToberFEST operating costs by sponsors which are primarily local LGBT businesses. The remainder of the costs must be recovered through beer sales, charges to vendors and exhibitors for booth space, and admission charges.

After September 11, 2001, new security requirements were put in place by the City for civic events. A much larger security contingent of Tucson Police officers and paid security officers is required as compared to prior to 9/11. The City of Tucson is paid for the officers who staff the event. Security was only one cost which has increased in the past few years. Many other costs of producing the event have increased greatly, including insurance and City fees for the use of park facilities and required permits. The City of Tucson has also eliminated subsidies for many civic events, which included OUToberFEST and some other popular festivals.

After OUToberFEST 2002, it was decided that an admission charge would be necessary in order to assure having sufficient funds to pay for the event. Pride festivals in other cities also charge admission, $10 in Phoenix and $12 in Flagstaff. Throughout the country, one will find that there are admission charges to Pride festivals. If there was not an admission charge for OUToberFEST, it would be necessary to curtail entertainment offerings and overall reduce the quality and scope of the event. Considering the entertainment that has been available at Pride events in all three cities, it has been fairly equivalent, and the Tucson event costs less. One thing the community has requested in the event is better entertainment, and it takes time to build the income to do that, and of course will increase costs.

The event also takes a great deal of volunteer effort to produce. Tucson Pride board members are all volunteers. Planning for OUToberFEST takes many months. About a dozen "key volunteers" and 80-100 other community volunteers are needed on the day of the event, with many assisting on the 3 setup days prior to the event.

Volunteers at the event are admitted free in exchange for two hours or more of volunteer time. In addition, to encourage community members to volunteer, Tucson Pride will make a donation of $8 for each hour of volunteer time to the charity of your choice. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Tucson Pride volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett at: Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org or at (520) 591-9435.

GLBT Rights Leaders Respond To Defeat Of Marriage Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Immediately following the defeat of the Marriage Protection Amendment (previously named the Federal Marriage Amendment) in the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, which failed to garner the two-thirds majority needed to pass, a number of national Gay and civil rights groups responded, Advocate.com reported.

The proposed amendment sought to permanently ban same-sex marriage and other forms of legal recognition for Gay and Lesbian couples nationwide.

"They're blasting the radio as they pass the gas station on an empty tank," said Cheryl Jacques, president of the Gay rights group Human Rights Campaign. "The Republican leadership has continued to focus on this divisive measure while critical security needs are neglected. This is a pathetic attempt to distract voters from the issues that matter."

"This victory for hope over fear is yet another loss for the forces of division and intolerance," said Patrick Guerriero, executive director for the Gay political group Log Cabin Republicans. "It's a stunning defeat for the radical right. This failure sends a clear message to [U.S. representatives] Marilyn Musgrave and Tom DeLay: using the politics of fear to divide America. Members of Congress should start focusing on issues that voters really care about, such as winning the war on terror, balancing the budget, and improving homeland security."

"Republican leaders have shamelessly admitted that they pushed this amendment so that they could create a wedge issue to benefit their candidates in this election," said Dave Noble, executive director for the National Stonewall Democrats. "The only institution that this amendment is designed to protect is the Republican Party. While this amendment maintains drastic and practical implications, at its core it is little more than a political prank. The small minority of Democrats who could not understand that fact, and who voted for this amendment, do not deserve the support of our community."

"Today's defeat for the Republican leadership prevents the defacing of the Constitution for now," said Ralph G. Neas, president of People for the American Way. "But the vote should never have been held. This vote was engineered for short-term political gain by those who care little about the long-term harm they are causing to individuals and communities. The White House and its political allies are all too willing to foment and exploit unfounded fears in hopes of distracting voters and energizing their political base. It is crass and destructive politics at its worst."

"I'm delighted that it failed," said the Reverend Barry W. Lynn, executive director for Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. "Some religious traditions perform same-sex unions, and some do not. It's wrong for the government to favor the religious rituals of the majority over those of the minority. The only reason for this vote is to give the Christian Coalition and similar groups another line item on their biased 'voter guides.'"

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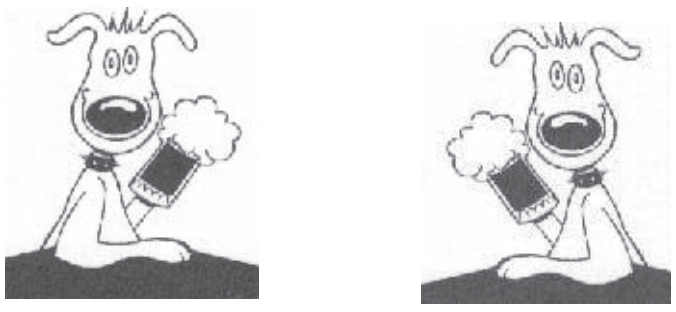

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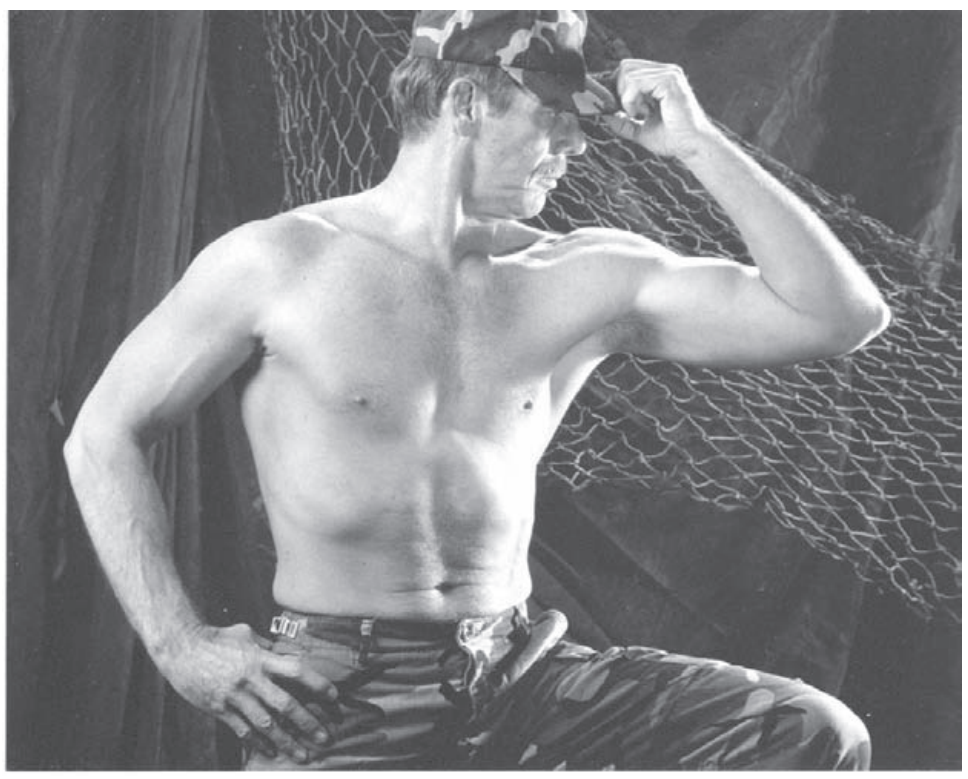

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Freedom To Marry Act Fails To Get Two-Thirds Majority

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Republican-controlled House of Representatives failed to pass a proposed constitutional amendment (Federal Marriage Amendment) banning same-sex marriage Thursday, September 30, the latest in a string of conservative pet causes pushed to a vote in the run-up to Election Day, Advocate.com reported.

The final vote was 227 in favor of the amendment and 186 opposed, which fell 63 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to pass a constitutional amendment.

"God created Adam and Eve; he didn't create Adam and Steve," said Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, a Maryland Republican, on behalf of a measure that supporters said was designed to protect an institution as old as civilization itself.

But even among majority Republicans, the issue generated dissent.

Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas was the principal speaker on behalf of the measure, taking a role that is almost always reserved for the chairman of the committee with jurisdiction. In this case, though, the leadership bypassed the Judiciary Committee, and GOP officials said the panel's chairman, Rep. James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, made clear he wanted no part of the debate. His spokesman did not immediately return a call on why he took that position.

Critics saw it differently.

"We feel love and we feel it in a way different than you," said Rep. Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat who is openly Gay. "We feel it with someone of the same sex, male or female, and we look at your institution of marriage and we see the joy it brings. How do we hurt you when we share it?"

Another Massachusetts Democrat, Rep. Jim McGovern, quoted Vice President Dick Cheney—who has a Gay daughter—as saying, "The fact of the matter is that we live in a free society and freedom means freedom for everybody." "You are on the wrong side of history," McGovern said to the measure's supporters. "It is wrong to take a beautiful institution like marriage and use it as an instrument of division."

Added openly Gay representative Tammy Baldwin, a Democrat from Wisconsin: "Over the past year, we have seen a lively debate on marriage laws in states from Massachusetts to California and nearly every other state in between. The sky has not come crashing down despite the dire predictions. In each of these circumstances, the state courts and state legislatures have responded to bring about a public political debate and to address these issues in an orderly fashion."

President Bush earlier this year asked Congress to vote on the amendment, and Democrats contended that in complying, Republicans were motivated by election-year politics. Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the Democratic whip, accused GOP leaders of "raw political cynicism" and said they hoped to "create the fodder for a demagogic political ad."

"The only institution that this amendment is designed to protect is the Republican Party," said Dave Noble, executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats, a Gay political group. "At its core it is little more than a political prank. The small minority of Democrats who could not understand that fact and who voted for this amendment do not deserve the support of our community."

Whatever the motivation of the House leadership, there was no disagreement that the amendment lacked the two-thirds majority needed to pass, just as it had in the Senate earlier this year, where it was killed on a procedural vote.

The Marriage Protection Amendment—known as the Federal Marriage Amendment until it was renamed last week—said marriage in the United States "shall consist only of a man and a woman." It also would have required that neither the U.S. Constitution nor any state constitution "shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman," a provision thought by many legal experts to outlaw civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Public polls show strong opposition to same-sex marriage, but opinion is about evenly divided regarding a federal constitutional amendment to ban it. At the same time, voters in 11 states will decide the fate of proposed amendments to their state constitutions this fall, and opponents of bans on Gay marriage concede the amendments will be difficult to defeat.

Gay Executive Testifies In Enron Trial

NEW YORK - Michael Kopper, a Gay former Enron executive, took the stand Monday in the first Enron criminal trial, giving a glimpse into the wrongdoing that forced the company to collapse in one of the biggest cases of corporate fraud in U.S. history, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Kopper, the first former Enron executive to strike a plea bargain, served under Enron's former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow, the man accused of masterminding Enron's accounting practices which listed millions of dollars in debt as revenue.

This particular trial centers on one plan Enron used to help inflate its books: a partnership with Merrill Lynch that made it appear that Lynch bought an interest in some Nigerian barges owned by Enron, allowing Enron to put $12 million in profit on its books.

Prosecutors claim the 1999 deal was illegal; the deal was really a loan, which should have been recorded as such in Enron's accounting.

According to Kopper, Fastow giggled while explaining the scheme to him, the Associated Press reported.

Kopper testified that his domestic partner, William Dodson, took part in some of Fastow's deals.

In 1997, for example, Kopper transferred his interest in Chewco, a company designed to hide Enron debt. According to Forbes, organizers of Chewco reasoned that it made the shell company appear that it was not being run by an Enron executive, since Dodson and Kopper were not a legally married couple.

During court testimony, Kopper admitted that Dodson was allowed to keep millions of the money he made. Dodson secured a deal to avoid prosecution.

Kopper, for his part, admitted he hoped his cooperation would mean he would only be sentenced to probation. He could be sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Scalia Talks Orgies And Gays At Harvard

CAMBRIDGE - Anti-Gay Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia's recent speeches have ventured into some surprising territory, with the staunchly conservative father of nine joking about sexual orgies. Scalia is known for a biting sense of humor and is entertaining on the talk circuit and on the bench during the court's argument sessions, 365Gay.com reported.

He raised some eyebrows with a speech at Harvard University, however, with a comment about the number of people needed for group sex and the jest that "sexual orgies eliminate social tensions and ought to be encouraged."

He made a similar remark in a speech September 20 in Washington, to chuckles from the crowd at the conservative Ethics and Public Policy Center, while making the point that judges can have personal moral judgments. It is not judges' role to impose them on citizens, he said. "Let me make it clear that the problem I am addressing is not the social evil of the judicial dispositions I have described. I accept, for the sake of argument, for example, that sexual orgies eliminate social tension and ought to be encouraged," Scalia said with a smile.

The 68-year-old was named to the Supreme Court in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan, and President George W. Bush has said that Scalia is one of the justices he admires most. A Harvard Law School graduate, he was invited to Cambridge, Mass., and spoke Tuesday to a packed auditorium.

According to The Harvard Crimson student newspaper, Scalia ridiculed a European court decision that struck down British legislation banning group Gay sex on the grounds that the law intruded upon private life. He asked rhetorically and very much tongue-in-cheek how many people it takes for such sex. "Presumably it is some number between five and the number of people required to fill the Coliseum," Scalia said, according to the newspaper. On a more serious note, Scalia was asked if he had any Gay friends. Scalia said he probably does but that he's never "pressed the point."

Texas Court Upholds Lesbian As Second Parent

GALVESTON - A state court has refused to annul a second-parent adoption by a Lesbian. On Friday, October 1, Judge Janis Yarbrough agreed with a family court that a completed adoption is irreversible under Texas law six months after it becomes final, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Judge Yarbrough ruled in the case of two women, one of whom had given birth through artificial insemination, while the other had adopted the couple's child.

Julie Hobbs and Kathleen Van Stavern were partners for eight years, but the women broke up last March and began a hostile battle for custody and visitation, writes the Galveston County Daily News.

Lawyers for Julie Hobbs, the biological mother of their 6-year-old daughter, deployed a legal argument that caused havoc in California just a few years ago. In the California case, a state appellate court ruled that the process by which second-parent adoptions were awarded in the state was illegal. The decision also appeared to cast doubt on the validity of thousands of existing adoptions, going back to the 1980s. On appeal the opinion was vacated and later overturned by the California Supreme Court.

Still, it worked once, and the Texas attorneys tried to argue that the Lone Star adoption procedure had the same flaw as the California version. Technically, a biological parent must forfeit parental rights when his or her child is put up for adoption unless the new adoptive parent is a wife or husband. In a second-parent adoption, however, the biological parent agrees to the adoption, and obviously retains his or her rights through a special agreement backed up by the court.

In Texas, since these adoptions are still exceptional and awarded on a case-by-case basis, the underlying law has not been changed to accommodate second-parent adoptions (as it has in California). As such, Hobbs and her attorneys tried to make the case that the adoption was void from the start.

According to the Daily News, Hobbs' attorney has not decided whether to appeal the ruling.

New Campaign Focuses On Depression Among GLBT

SAN FRANCISCO - A new initiative aimed at generating awareness of the impact of depression on Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgendered people has been launched by a coalition of health groups to coincide with National Coming Out Day on October 11, Advocate.com reported.

Backed by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists, and pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline, the initiative, called "Talk About It: Coming Out About Depression," aims to educate the Gay community about depression and break some of the stigmas still associated with the condition. To help highlight the fact that depression is a common problem among Gay men and Lesbians, openly Gay actor Chad Allen and former Olympic diver Greg Louganis will speak about their personal battles with depression at public forums in New York City and San Francisco.

Organizers of the initiative report that Gay men and Lesbians have higher rates of depression and anxiety disorders than their heterosexual peers. Gay and Bisexual men are three times more likely to experience depression in their lifetimes than the rest of the population. Several unique factors may contribute to depression among Gay people, the campaign's organizers say, including the coming-out process, social stigma associated with homosexuality, homophobia, HIV-related illnesses or fears, experience with antiGay harassment, a sense of alienation from both the straight and Gay communities, and a fatalistic perception of long-term relationship potential.

"Today I have confidence, experience, and guidance as I learn to walk through depression and anxiety when it appears in my life," said Allen in a press release. "Depression cripples so many of us, but no one talks about it. By sharing my experiences, I hope I can inspire other people to get help. Sometimes we hurt, but even when we do, we never have to hurt alone."

In addition to the talks by Allen and Louganis, the program also will provide educational materials about available treatment options and encourage community-based intervention by increasing awareness and sparking dialogue among Gay men and Lesbians.

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Anyone who would still like to participate is welcome, and should notify the parade board of their interest by e-mailing matt_harding@juno.com as soon as possible. Staging will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the parking lot at Stone & Franklin, with the parade starting promptly at 5:00 p.m. Any group or individual who is interested in celebrating LGBT pride is encouraged to join in the festivities.

The parade is still raising funds for this event, so look for us at OUToberFEST, or stop in Desert Pride or Antigones on 4th Ave. to purchase raffle tickets for a chance at the $1,000 Grand Prize.

The organizing board would also like to thank the City of Tucson and the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association for their cooperation in the production of this event. For more information, please visit our website at www.prideparadeoftucson.com.

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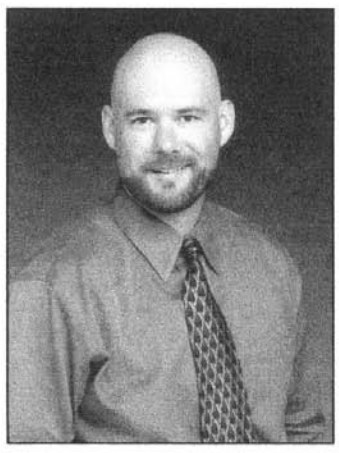

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Louisiana G/L Marriage Amendment Tossed By Court

BATON ROUGE - A state judge Tuesday, October 5, threw out a Louisiana constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage, less than three weeks after it was overwhelmingly approved by the voters.

District Judge William Morvant said the amendment was flawed as drawn up by the Legislature because it had more than one purpose: banning not only Gay marriage but also civil unions.

The courts had rejected a similar argument before the Sept. 18 election, saying it was premature.

Michael Johnson, an attorney for supporters of the amendment, said he will appeal the ruling.

"This is an important ruling for fairness. Judge Morvant's action keeps discrimination out of the Louisiana Constitution. These amendments deny American families basic rights, responsibilities and protections. They are a political attempt to use some families as a wedge in the upcoming elections and would deny couples the most basic legal protections to care for one another. Americans don't support discrimination, especially when it's used for political purposes," said Cheryl Jacques, President of the Human Rights Campaign, in a statement.

Some 78 percent of those voting favored the amendment. The vote was part of a national backlash against Gay marriage, which followed last year's Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling allowing Gay couples to wed.

The Louisiana Legislature pushed through the proposed ban in its session this spring. Louisiana already had a law against Gay marriage, but conservatives warned that unless it was put in the state constitution, a Louisiana court could, in theory, one day follow the Massachusetts example.

Christian conservatives launched a vigorous grassroots campaign to secure passage.

A Gay rights group challenged the amendment on several grounds, arguing among other things that combining the question of Gay marriage and the issue of civil unions in one ballot question violated state law.

CDC: G/B Men With HIV Are Reducing Risks

ATLANTA - Most HIV-positive Gay and Bisexual men are taking steps to reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to their sexual partners, according to a study released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network.

Between May 2000 and December 2002, the CDC surveyed more than 1,900 Gay and Bisexual HIV-positive men who have sex with other men.

The men surveyed said they were 3.5 times more likely to use condoms when having sex with HIV-negative partners than when having sex with other HIV-positive men. They were also significantly less likely to have insertive anal intercourse (IAI) with their HIV-negative partners.

Howard Grossman, the executive director of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, told the PlanetOut Network the new data shows that most HIV-positive men are making "rational choices," and it dispels a stereotype that Gay men tend to engage in reckless sexual behavior.

"We've been getting this message that somehow Gay men are irresponsible in spreading HIV and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases)," he said, "and this survey shows men do care and they are taking some precautions."

Additionally, 31 percent of the men surveyed reported abstaining from sex for the previous year. Among those who were sexually active, 35 percent reported having only one partner.

"This is positive news from an HIV prevention perspective," Lynn Schulman, spokeswoman for the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis, said about the study findings. "We must remain unwavering in our commitment to ensuring that the prevention needs of Gay and Bisexual men living with HIV are salient, reinforced and sustained over time."

Despite the data detailing that safer practices are the norm, some of the men surveyed said they continued to engage in behaviors that place their partners at risk. Of the men who reported having insertive anal intercourse, 14 percent had unprotected IAI during their last sexual encounter with a negative partner, while 25 percent had unprotected IAI with a partner of unknown status.

The report's information is somewhat limited because this study only asked about behavior at the last sexual encounter, so it is unclear whether these behaviors are isolated or frequent.

The CDC concluded that the findings underscore the need to help HIV-positive individuals maintain safer behaviors over the long haul.

The study did not address risk of spreading STDs other than HIV through oral sex. The survey found 85 percent of sexually active men surveyed had oral sex during their last sexual encounter.

"The challenge for health practitioners is that a lot of diseases can be transmitted simply by oral sex, and we need to look for them," said Grossman.

"Gonorrhea is a perfect example. We have to look for it. If you don't do a throat culture, you won't find it," he said.

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HRC Releases 2004 List Of The Best/ Worst Companies For G/L Employees

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation unveiled its third annual report card on corporate America's treatment of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees, which includes 28 companies with first-ever perfect records and eight companies with the worst records. The number of companies that scored 100 percent doubled in one year to 56, the report found, gfn.com reported.

"Corporate America knows that fair treatment for employees is not just the right thing to do, it's good for the bottom line," said Cheryl Jacques, president of HRC. "These aren't movie ratings. An imperfect score could mean an unfair firing or families without health care."

The Human Rights Campaign Foundation's report card — The Corporate Equality Index — rates Fortune 500 and other major companies on a scale from 0 to 100 percent on seven key indicators of fair treatment for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees. These include policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and health care benefits for employees' partners. In 2002, the first year of the index, only 13 companies earned a perfect rating. In 2003, 28 companies rated 100 percent. The 56 companies that earned 100 percent in 2004 are permitted to use the Corporate Equality Index 100 percent seal in advertising and other marketing tools. View the complete list of the companies that scored 100 percent in 2004.

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

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

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

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

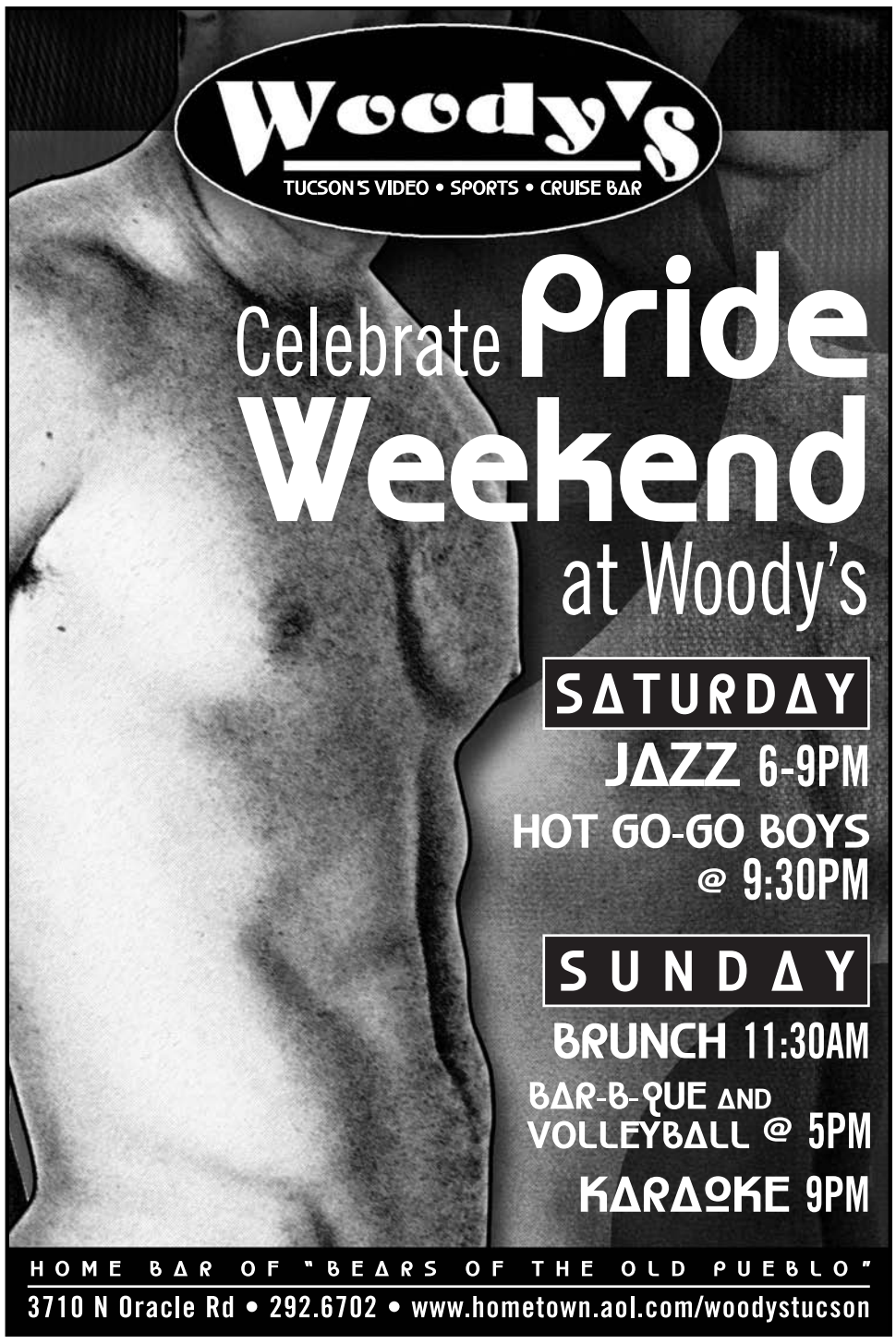
HRC also unveiled a more powerful online database that displays more information about company policies and practices and allows users to search across all companies on a variety of criteria.

'It's Raining Men' Singer Dies

SAN LEANDRO - Izora Rhodes Armstead, who sang the 1980s dance club hit and Gay anthem "It's Raining Men" as one half of the Weather Girls, has died. Though she was secretive about her age, it is believed she was 62 at the time of her death, the Associated Press reported on Advocate.com.

Armstead, who along with partner Martha Wash started out as backup singers for San Francisco disco star Sylvester before forming the Weather Girls, died on September 16 of heart failure at a hospital in San Leandro, about 20 miles east of San Francisco. Armstead and Wash, who met when they sang in the same gospel group, were known as Two Tons O' Fun when they sang on four Sylvester Albums, including his number 1 club hits "Dance (Disco Heat)" and "(You Make Me Feel) Mighty Real."

After leaving Sylvester, they made three albums as the Weather Girls before splitting up. One of the albums, Success, featured the 1983 song "It's Raining Men"—cowritten by Late Show bandleader Paul Shaffer—which was a number 1 dance club hit.



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Venture-N Raises Funds For Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

The Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is celebrating it's third year anniversary! What! Yes, it's true, the Tucson area has a pig sanctuary and has had for the last three years! Founded by Mary Shanz and Ben Watkins the sanctuary now cares for 360 pigs, mostly pot belly pigs. So, there is obviously a great need for such a facility.

The Venture-N headquarters for the Pet Watch program, held a fundraising benefit for The Ironwood Sanctuary Sunday, Sept. 26 at which $2,013.50 was raised.

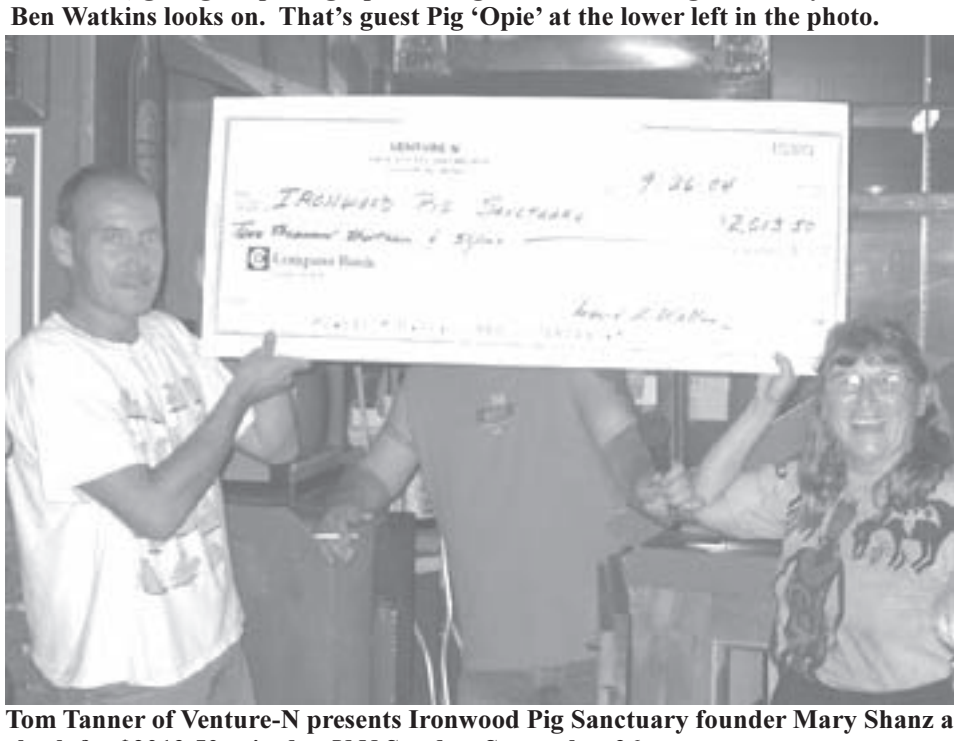
Each pig has a name. First came Claire and Popeye, soon followed by two stray pigs found in the streets of Tucson, Taylor and Owen., Then there were owner releases of Misty, Tulley and Blossom. Another pair was running loose in the desert, Eddie and Flapjack. Then came a litter of twelve 5-week-old babies! And so it goes continuing three years later.

The Sanctuary is committed to providing a home for pigs who are abandoned, abused, neglected or unwanted and to be the best care-givers ever. One of their volunteers said that when she dies she wants to come back as a pig living at Ironwood.

Naturally, the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary is always in need of funding to care for these pets. Call Mary or Ben at the Sanctuary at (520) 575-8469 to find out how to contribute or adopt. The Sanctuary is located at 34656 E. Crystal Visions Road, Marana, AZ 85653-8456

Left to right, Cercise being hugged by Miss Piggy as Ironwood Pig Sanctuary Founders Ben Watkins and Mary Shanz enjoy the fundraiser for them.

Pictured above V-N manager David Wallis with Miss Piggy Alan (world's fattest white man) giving the photographer a finger! Ironwood's Pig Sanctuary co-founder Ben Watkins looks on. That's guest Pig 'Opie' at the lower left in the photo.



Tom Tanner of Venture-N presents Ironwood Pig Sanctuary founder Mary Shanz a check for $2013.50 raised at V-N Sunday, September 26.

POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

‘They’re Not On Our Side!’

With the deadline passed to register to vote for the November 2 general election now passed in Arizona, it’s time to get down to the issues and the positions taken on for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) Arizonans as well as those living with, or are affected by HIV/AIDS in the Grand Canyon State as well as across the nation.

On Thursday, September 30, the U.S. House Representatives, thanks to the Republican leadership - U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay and his minions, held a floor vote on H.J. Res. 56, the House version of the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA), the proposal to bar same-sex marriage, as well as civil unions and domestic partnerships and codify this discrimination in the U.S. Constitution.

The FMA failed, not getting the two-third’s vote for passage as required for proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution but this shows where the Republicans do stand.

H.J. Res. 56 didn’t get heard in committee and was brought to the floor by the Republican leadership to score points in the ongoing campaign, treating hard-working, tax paying GLBT citizens as a wedge issue instead of as constituents for which many reside in “red” congressional districts represented by these extremist ideologues.

Among a handful of GOP members voting against the amendment was Gay Republican Congressman, U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, who denounced the party on the floor of the House after it prevented him from speaking.

Kolbe was finally allowed to address the House after Democrats yielded time to him “I wish that I could seek time from my side of the aisle to speak for basic human rights,” Kolbe said and was reported on 365Gay.com.”Unfortunately, the misguided effort to enshrine family law into the Constitution of the United States comes from this side, so I am grateful to the minority for offering this time.”

After the vote, DeLay said that the measure put every Member of Congress on record so the voters can consider and said he will bring the bill back for consideration in the next session. “Marriage must be protected – for the good of our children, our communities, and our country,” DeLay said in an interview.

In the same week, the Republican controlled U.S. House approved only minimal increases in HIV prevention funds for fiscal 2005 due to budgetary constraints but the lawmakers have approved a Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill that boosts spending on abstinence-only sex education programs by 49%

Jumping to the Presidential campaign, in addition to sending out anti-G/L literature to voters in battle ground states, the Republican National Committee (RNC) set up several Web sites trying to link Kerry to same-sex marriage and civil unions, for which RNC spokeswoman Tara Wall said in an interview the sites are part of an effort by Republicans “to reach out.” Kerry campaign spokesman Phil Singer said the tactic is “premised on the tactics of division, smear and insult. ...”

Another Republican-supported 527, headed up by the right-wing homophobe and former presidential candidate, Gary Bauer, launched radio ads in battle-ground states stating that John Kerry supports same-sex marriage which isn’t true since he has stated he supports civil unions with full rights.

A political brochure produced by the Arizona Republican Party, was reported to have proclaim the president as “a leader for our family and our values,” and has a grid, differentiating the issues and stances for Dubya and John Kerry. One of the issues is banning same-sex marriages, for which a big, blue “Yes” appears under Bush’s picture and a big red, “No” appears under John Kerry.

In addition to the race for the White House, the G/L bashing had spread to many congressional elections, it was reported Tuesday, October 5, the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) on the Chairman of the Republican National Committee to publicly disavow anti-Gay campaigns being waged by some in the GOP. In an open letter to party Chairman Edward Gillespie the nation’s largest group of Gay Republicans chastises the party leadership for allowing the campaigns to vilify Gays.

“Chairman Gillespie, you have an obligation as the leader of our party to stand up for the millions of fair-minded Republicans across this country that you are supposed to represent,” the letter signed by LCR Executive Director Patrick Guerriero said. “ Mr. Chairman, there are many important issues that are being debated this election cycle, and using anti-Gay scare tactics only serves to distract American voters from the real issues. ...”

Distractions and anti-G/L tactics are all the Republicans have, since they’ve run the country into the ground, so a note to those million GLBT voters who for whatever reason, cast a vote for Dubya and Republicans in 2000, they’re not on our side.

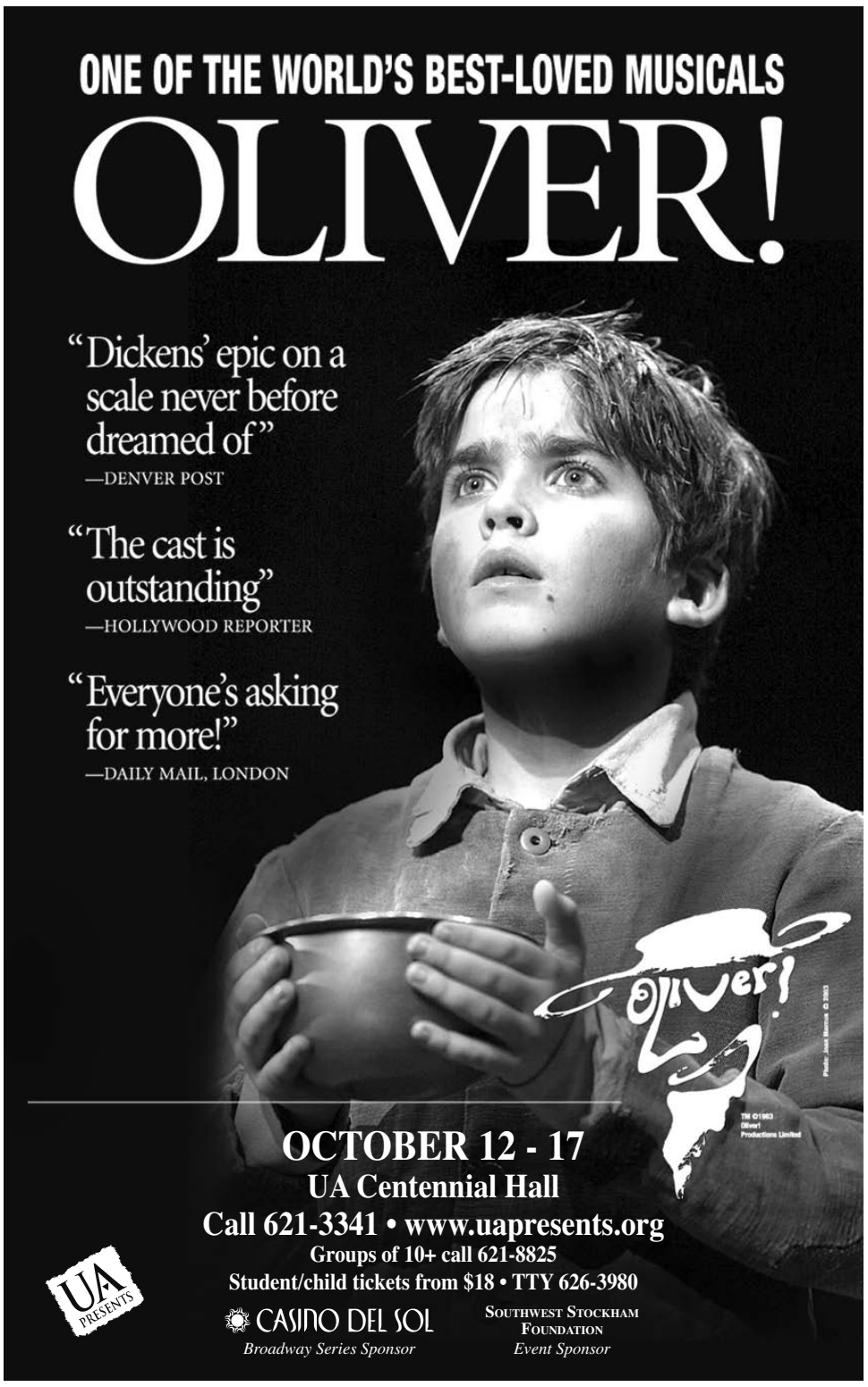
Elton Critiques Madonna

LONDON - It seems Elton John is not a Madonna fan. Taking the stage at a music awards show Monday, John accused the queen of pop of lip-synching and said he was astonished she had been nominated for best live act, the Associated Press reported on Advocate.com.

“Since when has lip-synching been live?” John said. “Anyone who lip-synchs in public onstage when you pay 75 pounds [US $134] to see them should be shot. That’s me off her...Christmas card list,” he added. “But do I give a toss? No.”

Madonna spokesman Liz Rosenberg refuted John’s allegations. “Madonna does not lip-synch, nor does she spend her time trashing other artists,” Rosenberg said in a statement. “She sang every note of her Re-Invention tour live and is not ashamed that she was well paid for her hard work.”

John, 57, was receiving a songwriting award at the Q awards, sponsored by a British music magazine. Madonna, whose Re-Invention world tour stopped in Britain in August, did not win the best live act award; it went to British band Muse. John has never been afraid to speak his mind. Last month he made headlines in Taiwan by telling photographers they were a bunch of “rude, vile pigs.” Rosenberg indicated Madonna was not taking John’s remarks too seriously. “Elton John remains on her Christmas card list whether he is nice...or naughty,” she said.



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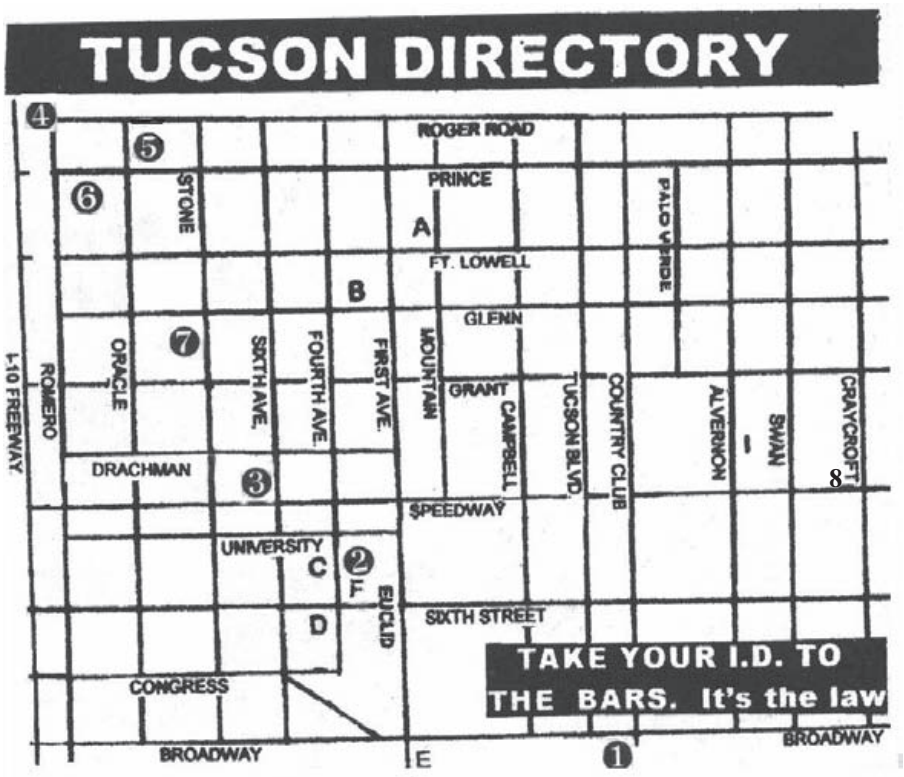

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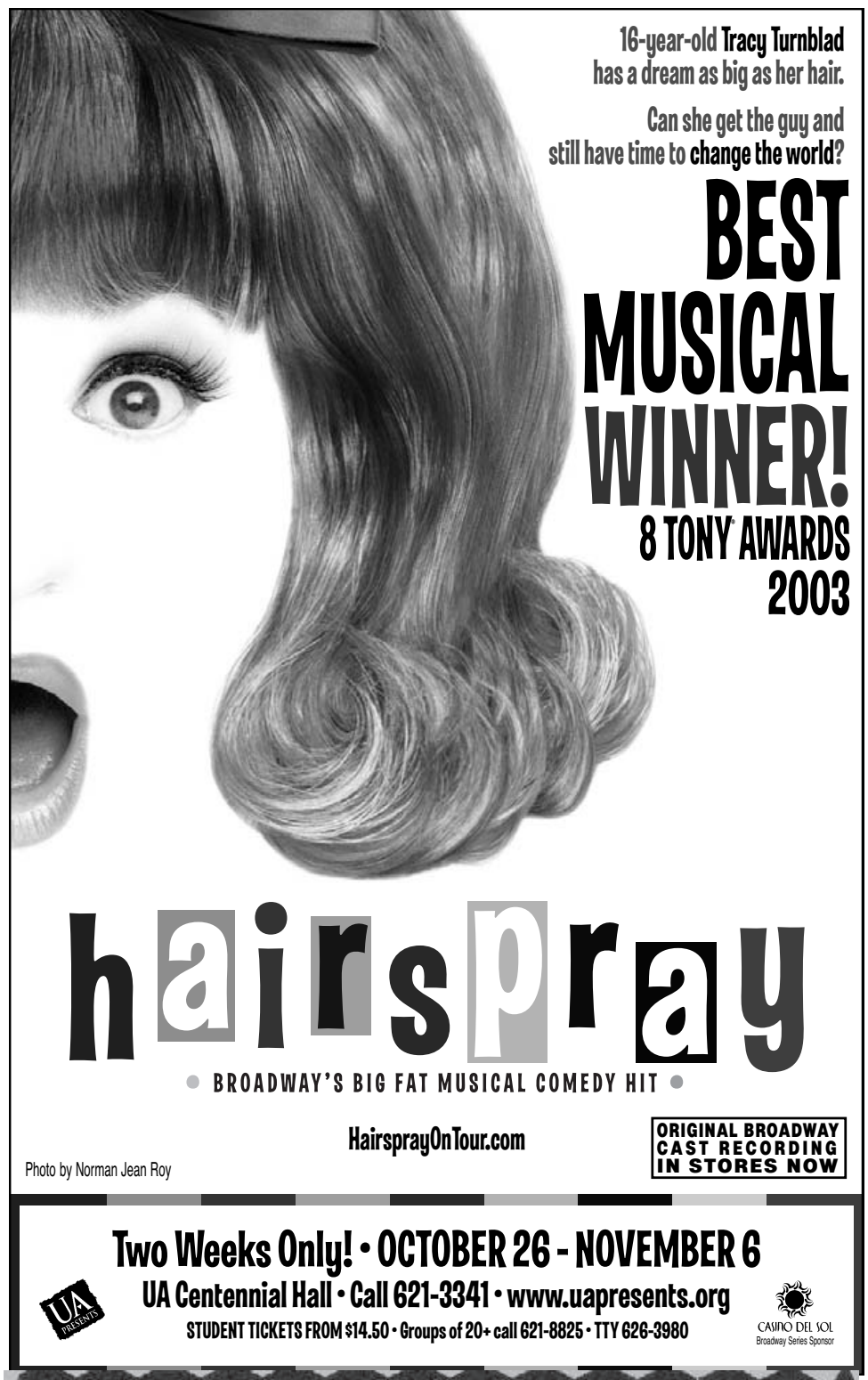

Florida Adoption Ban Appealed To High Court

MIAMI - On Friday, October 1, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court over a Florida law that keeps Gays and Lesbians from adopting children.

The ACLU's request comes after the federal Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit narrowly upheld the law. According to the ACLU, Judge Stanley Birch, who wrote the original decision upholding the ban and voted against reconsideration, called the ban bad policy and said he would oppose the law if he were a member of the Florida Legislature.

In its petition to the Supreme Court, the ACLU cited Lawrence v. Texas, in which the Supreme Court struck down sodomy laws, declaring the state could not simply use a moral justification to enforce its laws against others.

"That's what Florida is doing here: using a moral justification to prevent Gays and Lesbians from adopting," said Mitchell Katine, one of the attorneys who helped win Lawrence v. Texas. "I think this could be the next big win for Gays and Lesbians on the road to marriage equality."

"Florida excluded Gay people — and only Gay people — from its system for evaluating adoptive parents for one reason: to punish Gay people. More than once, the Supreme Court has said that won't fly," Matt Coles, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, said in a prepared statement.

While Florida excludes Lesbian and Gay men from adopting, it relies on Gays and Lesbians to act as foster parents. Two of the three families represented by the ACLU in the case are raising foster children from Florida.

Steven Lofton and Roger Croteau are raising five children, including three foster children from Florida. Although the children, who are all teenagers, have never known any other family, they fear they could be taken away at any time because they are not legally adopted.

Wayne Smith and Dan Skahen are foster parents to two children and have been granted "permanent legal custody" of one child by a family court in an effort to provide greater stability.

The ACLU is also representing Doug Houghton, who for nine years has been the legal guardian of a boy who is now 13 years old. While the child's biological father would prefer for Houghton to be the legal parent, Florida's adoption law stands in the way.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide whether or not to hear an appeal in the case of Lofton v. Kearney by early January.

Sprint Reverses, Offers Partner Benefits

OVERLAND PARK, KS - Beginning in 2005, Sprint Corp. will offer benefits to employees in same-sex domestic partnerships. Employees of the telecommunications company learned about the change just after the announcement, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Sprint spokeswoman Jennifer Bosshardt dismissed the notion that this development was in response to criticism from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). At the beginning of September, HRC pointed out that while Sprint did not provide insurance to domestic partners, it did provide insurance to employee's pets. Sprint was one of four Fortune 500 companies named in the HRC report.

"We've been evaluating this for years, but this year, we took a broader look at it," Bosshardt told reporters. "We have a larger diversity and inclusion strategy. We believe it attracts, retains and motivates employees."

Kim Mills, HRC's education director, disagreed. "I think that the pet insurance [data] kind of goosed things along," she said in a quote published by the Kansas City Business Journal.

Mills said the benefits are only for same-sex, not unmarried, partners. She added the scenario usually raises a company's costs by 1 percent.

Sprint is the second company to change its policies after being criticized by the HRC. Home Depot changed its policies a day after the HRC criticism.

The HRC Foundation published its third annual report card on corporate America's treatment of LGBT employees.

Called the Corporate Equality Index, the report card rates Fortune 500 and other major companies on a scale from 0 to 100 percent on seven key indicators of fair treatment. These include policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity and health care benefits for employees' partners.

Telecommunications company ALLTEL Corp., based in Little Rock, Ark., was the only company to receive a score of zero this year.

The number of companies that scored 100 percent doubled in one year to 56, the report found.

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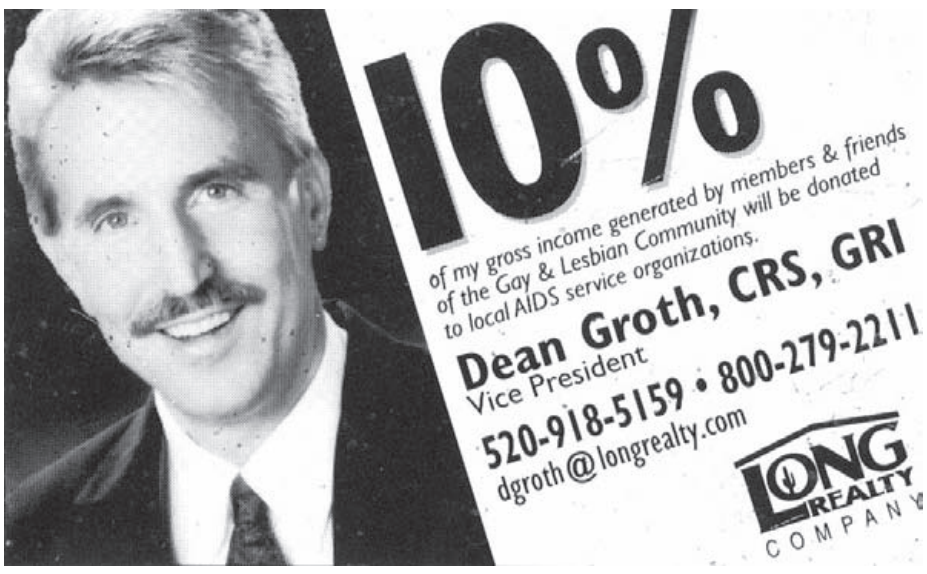

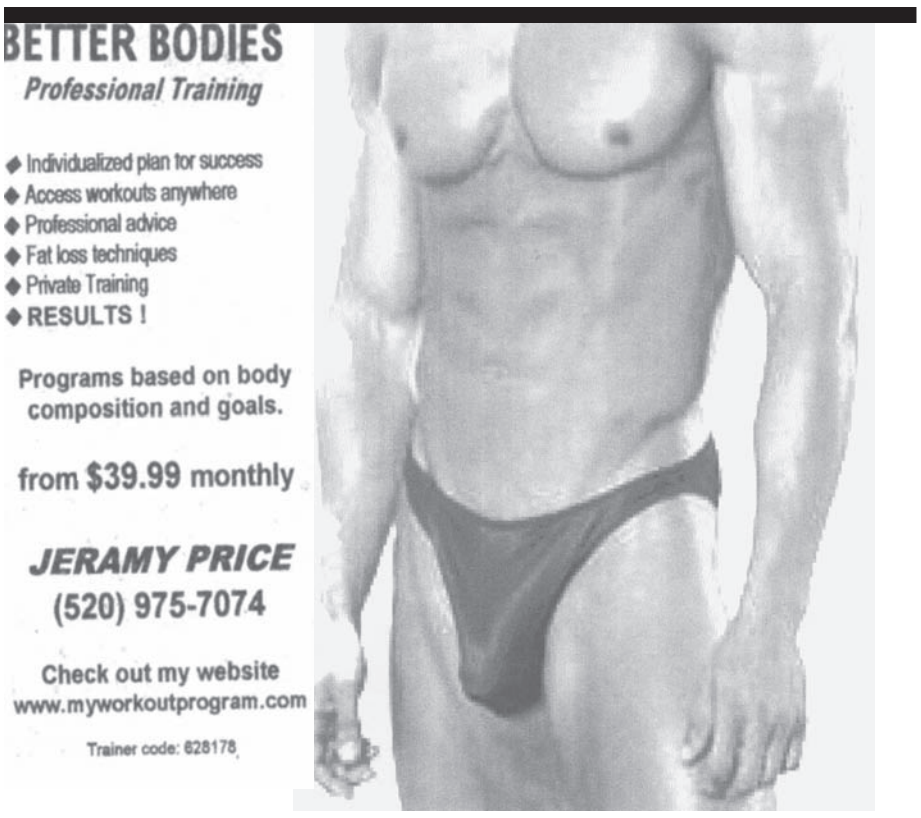

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Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack not only jumps over the candlestick but he also whirls it over his head, spraying wax in all directions and slips on it. Mars now conjuncts Jupiter and every action becomes a nuclear reaction. Kaboom, kids.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
Even the loudest proudest Rams need someone they can brag about. As Jupiter conjunct Mars, you suddenly have the pick of the litter. (Choose ONE.) Relationships surge to new heights of understanding and connection. You can become subsumed with a potent mixture of desire and domestication. Gee, you look awfully nice in that leash. But what is it with that muzzle...?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
Queer Bulls feel in the pink when Jupiter conjuncts Mars. If it doesn''t kill you, hard work really pays off now. Gather your forces, roll up your sleeves and succeed! succeed! succeed! Consider revising and upgrading your exercise and diet regime while you are at it. You can be a major force if you can only get those gams in gear. Think one size smaller... in clothing only.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Are we in the presence of pure genius? Well, er, maybe. Jupiter conjuncts Mars and makes any minor doodle your masterpiece. The secret to success, pink Twin, is to harness all this creative verve and unleash it in concentrated, studied spurts. Moderation is mandatory especially when it involves recreationals. Why not satisfy your addictions with some flirty little romance instead?

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Jupiter conjunct Mars acts as the great family peacemaker for all gay Crabs willing to take the first step. You have an aching desire to bridge all the discordant areas of your home life and now the impossible seems quite possible. The most important thing is to always be your open and out self. There can be no compromises in this area of your life; Others will have to adjust.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
Verbally impaired proud Lions wax eloquent when jaunty Jupiter conjuncts Mars. Even your most insultingly scathing comments seem to delicately fall into place. So count your blessings and speak your mind. Take a political stand and deliver it to the appropriate politicians. You shall be heard! I can''t think of a better spokesperson for our agenda through the autumn.

VIRGO (AUG, 24 - SEPT. 23)
How much is too much? Don''t ask the Gay Virgin right now; you simply can''t add it up fast enough when Jupiter conjuncts Mars. If you have carefully planned out your investment strategy, this planetary transit could reap big monetary rewards. If retirement is simply a twinkle in your eye, place that twinkle in the bank now and watch it glow brighter and brighter.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)
Proud Libras can''t seem to escape the maddening crowd as Jupiter conjuncts Mars. But the thrill of the crowd will carry you on a wave to a new growth period in your life both literally and figuratively. Nurture your inner child and expand your self awareness. Avoid the temptation to feel a little cocky (no names please)or the fates slice you down to size. Ouch!

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
No matter how hard you try to keep a lid on certain secrets or intensely personal details, there they are splashed on the front page. Thank you Jupiter and Mars. Thanks a heap. Prepare for the karmic shift by volunteering a great gay cause (is there any other?) or finding a new age connection. Try your hand at palmistry but avoid astrology; I don''t need the competition.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)
Gay Archers find new meaning in friendships when Jupiter conjuncts Mars. Expand your social circle and participate in a new group dynamic; it will prove to be very lucky and fulfilling. But the secret is to join in the dance rather conduct the band from a podium. Can you go with the flow or will you just be another puddle? As long as you are not a drip.....

CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)
If you thought that all your hard work and professional planning were for naught, think again pink Cap. Jupiter conjunct Mars and almost guarantees a big juicy payoff in any big juicy corporate affair. You are catapulted into the starchamber and beyond so fasten your seat belt and prepare for take off. Please remember to be a benevolent dictator and not a petty despot.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)Jupiter conjunct Mars and tickles your travelling feet. Be sure your bags and books are packed; extensive, glorious international travel and a genuine thirst for learning is in the stars. While “sage” was never your middle name, it is possible to build a reputation for wise insights and careful counsel. Is this the mind numbing, impractical Aqueerian who we all know and love?

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)
Ever hear the one about a man on the beach who, in an attempt to impress others, places a potato in his swimsuit? The joke is that the potato is in the back of his suit rather than the front. Mars conjuncts Jupiter and you are blissfully unaware that there is a potato bulging in the back of your swimsuit. But you placed it there yourself so have a laugh at your expense and make fries.

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G/L Marriage Like 'A Deadly Virus' Church Says

MADRID - In its strongest condemnation yet of Spanish government plans to legalize Gay and Lesbian marriage the Roman Catholic Church said it was akin to releasing a "deadly virus" into Spanish society, 365Gay.com reported.

The cabinet of Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero is expected approve the Gay and Lesbian marriage legislation and send it directly to Parliament.

A vote is expected early next month and the bill is expected to pass despite opposition from conservatives and the Church. Once it becomes law the first marriages could take place early next year.

"This legislation is imposing a virus on society, something false that will have negative consequences for social life," declared Juan Antonio Martinez Camino, the official spokesperson for the Spanish Bishops Conference.

In an interview on Spanish television Martinez Camino said church has nothing against Gays but feels a union of two people of the same sex is simply not a marriage because it cannot create children.

Despite a reputation is one of the world's most staunchly Catholic countries, polls show that nearly half of the people say they almost never go to Mass, and a third say they are simply not religious.

A survey published in the newspaper El Pais, which supports the Socialist party, said 62 percent of those questioned support Gay and Lesbian marriage.

In June Rodriguez Zapatero was summoned to the Vatican for a severe tongue lashing from Pope John Paul. The Papal denouncement of Gay and Lesbian marriage came two weeks after the Prime Minister first announced his government would bring in the bill.

Both Holland and Belgium allow Gay and Lesbian marriage. Seven other European Union countries give limited status to same-sex couples. A bill is currently before the British House of Commons to establish a domestic partner registry.

The only area in the United States to permit Gay marriage is Massachusetts. Five Canadian provinces and the Yukon territory also allow Gays and Lesbians to marry.

Rodriguez Zapatero's government also is planning a major overhaul of relations between the government and the Church. The Roman Catholic faith receives massive financial support from taxpayers.

Deputy Justice Minister Luis Lopez Guerra said the government was correcting what he called "undeniable advantages" enjoyed by the Catholic church and guaranteeing that Spain will be a secular state.

Canada Stalls On G/L Marriage

OTTAWA - The Canadian government has decided to delay bringing in its G/L marriage legislation for at least a year according to documents obtained by a Toronto newspaper, 365Gay.com reported.

A draft of the bill is before the Supreme Court with a decision likely this year, but the Toronto Star quoting a leaked cabinet document says that Justice Minister Irwin Cotler would seek cabinet authorization this coming spring to introduce the bill next fall. That would mean passage would not come before 2006.

"As the issue of marriage between same-sex couples carries with it a certain polarization, it is likely that the media will continue to highlight every example of diverging opinions within the Liberal caucus and in cabinet over what approach to adopt," the document — marked "secret" — reportedly said.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments on the raft legislation. The hearing is scheduled to last three days.

Legal experts familiar with the high court say the justices are likely to find that the current federal definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman is unconstitutional and that the provisions in the bill for churches which do not approve of same-sex marriage to refuse to conduct marriage ceremonies is legal.

That should have paved the way for the government to bring the bill before parliament. But, faced with a minority government and a party divided over Gay marriage some Parliament watchers believe Prime Minister Paul Martin is worried about a potentially embarrassing nay vote in the House of Commons.

While the government stalls, provincial courts have been moving forward. Half of the provinces and one of the territories ,with nearly 80 percent of the population, have thrown out bans on Gay marriage.

Report: Europe HIV Crisis Worsening

BRUSSELS - The HIV/AIDS epidemic is worsening across the European Union, according to a new report from the European Commission, Gay.com UK reported.

The report says that while new cases of the virus that causes AIDS can be mostly found in Eastern European states, Western Europe is failing to address the problem effectively enough.

New member states in the east of the region are now seeing some of the highest amount of new infections in the world, it suggests, many due to intravenous drug use.

In Western Europe, the proportion of new HIV cases has doubled since 1995.

The E.U. commissioner for health and consumer protection called on E.U. member states, as well as the surrounding countries, to give HIV the "attention it deserves."

Additionally, European Commissioner Pavel Telicka said HIV was not just limited to developing countries.

"This is not just a problem for Africa," Telicka says. "We have a serious epidemic beginning to resurface right here in parts of Europe. The E.U. must provide political leadership for the continent-wide action needed to avert this."

In the U.K., HIV cases jumped by 20 percent in the last 12 months. According to the Terrence Higgins Trust, nearly three-quarters of these infections were in Gay men.

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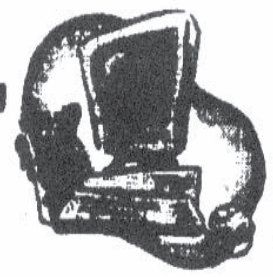
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Ohioans Will Vote On G/L Marriage Ban

COLUMBUS - Ohio joined the list of states that will include a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage on the ballot on Nov. 2, but the measure has organized opposition from political, business and civil rights groups, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell confirmed that amendment backers had more than enough signatures to qualify the initiative, known as State Issue One, for the ballot.

In addition to banning same-sex marriage, the proposal seeks to bar any type of civil unions or legal privileges of marriage to any unmarried couple.

Ohio is considered a crucial swing state for the Nov. 2 presidential election.

Kate Anderson, the executive director of Stonewall Columbus, an organization serving central Ohio's LGBT community, called Issue One a "serious hate attack."

"If this amendment passes in Ohio, it will take years to reverse," read a statement from Anderson. "This means years of no legal protections for our families."

Several politicians oppose Issue One, including Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro, who said it would prevent cities and public colleges from continuing to offer domestic partner benefits, ultimately threatening Ohio's already struggling economy.

"We're trying to make sure our businesses have all the recruiting tools necessary," Petro told the Cleveland Plain Dealer. He called the issue "broad, intolerant and unnecessary."

Petro is running for the GOP nomination for governor in 2006. His two rival Republican candidates, Auditor Betty Montgomery and Secretary of State Blackwell, both support the measure.

Issue One also faces opposition from the Columbus Partnership, a civic organization representing some of Ohio's largest employers, including Bank One, The Limited and Ohio State University.

Earlier this year, Ohio State approved domestic partner benefits for its employees. University President Karen Holbrook issued a statement opposing Issue One.

The benefits "are necessary to attract, retain and support the best faculty, staff and students," said Holbrook. She said eliminating them would be "harmful to our institution's ability to remain competitive with other employers and institutions of higher learning,"

Phil Burress, chairman of the Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage, the group that gathered signatures to place Issue One on the ballot, lashed out at opponents.

"Everyone that is coming out against marriage between one man and one woman is pro-homosexual," Burress told the Columbus Dispatch.

Besides Ohio, 10 other states will offer ballot initiatives on Nov. 2 that seek to amend state constitutions to include bans on same-sex marriage.

Arkansas G/L Foster Care Law Back In Court

LITTLE ROCK - After a six-month delay a legal challenge to an Arkansas policy that prevents Lesbians and Gays and anyone living in a household with a Gay adult from being foster parents resumed today, 365Gay.com reported.

"The state has put up nothing but outdated, baseless myths to justify denying Arkansas's foster children potential homes," said Rita Sklar, Executive Director of the ACLU of Arkansas which is fighting the law. "There may be a new witness taking the stand, but the state is going to be singing the same old song."

The trial began in March but was cut short after the state's only expert witness was killed in a car crash before he could testify. After being given time to find another witness, the state chose Dr. George A. Rekers, a founder of the conservative Family Research Council.

Rekers has a history of anti-Gay views, relying on the research of Paul Cameron, whose work has been discredited by psychiatric professional groups. Rekers also practices so-called "conversion therapy" which claims to "cure" Gay people.

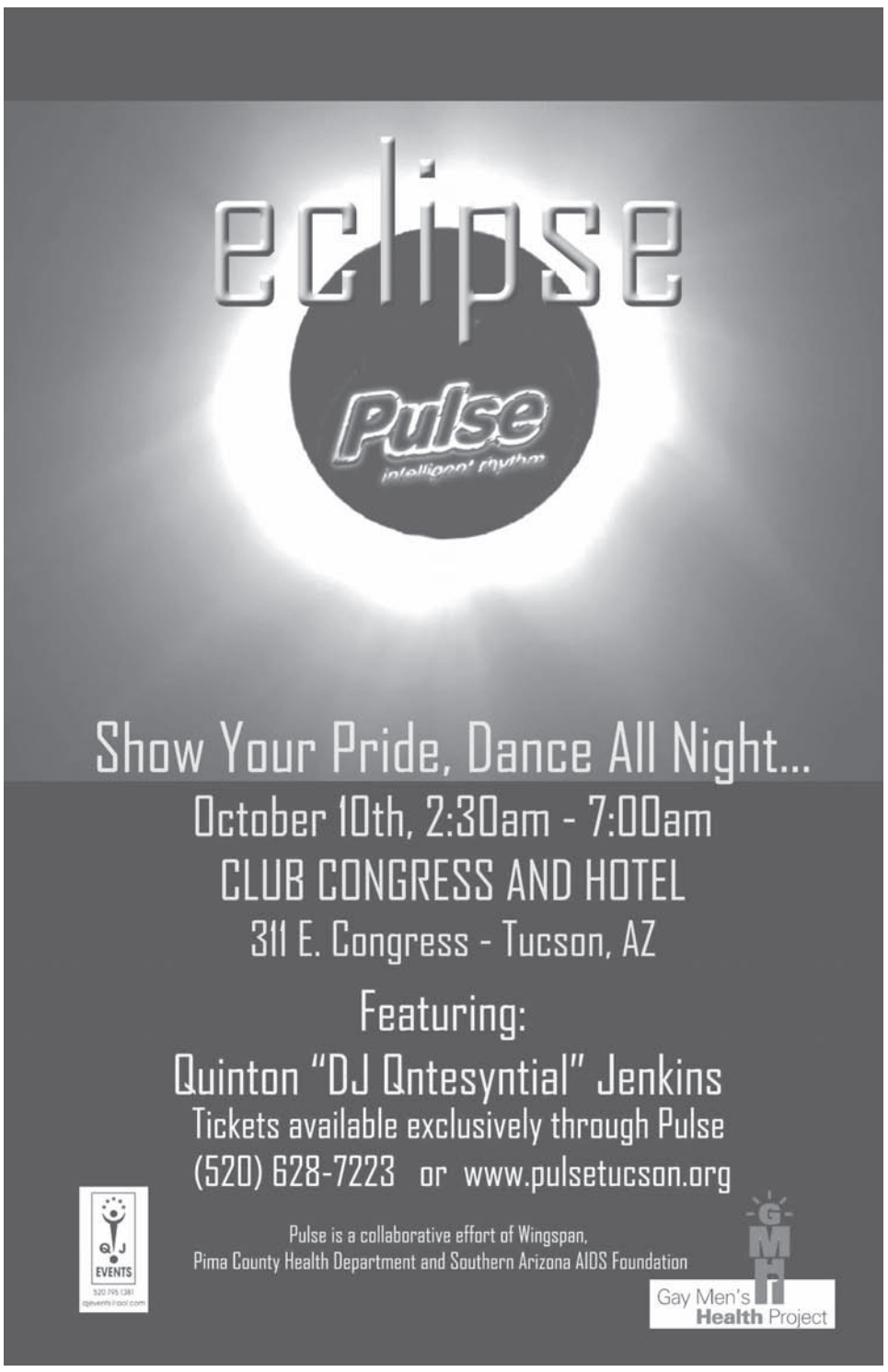
The ACLU first brought the lawsuit against the Arkansas Child Welfare Agency Review Board in 1999 on behalf of a group of prospective foster parents, charging that the policy violates the equal protection guarantees of the state and federal constitutions. Throughout the case, the state has relied on unsupported negative stereotypes about Gay people to defend the ban. In one example the state has claimed that Gay people are more likely to commit child sex abuse, expose children to domestic violence, and spread HIV to foster children.

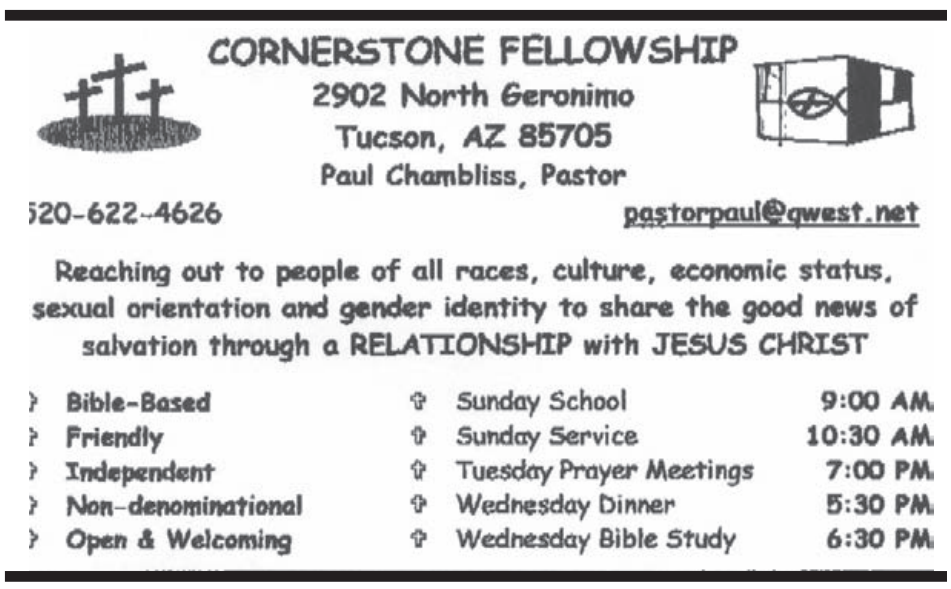
"The state is relying on the testimony of someone whose extreme views about Gay people are based on ideology, not science," said Leslie Cooper, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "Child welfare policy should be based on reality, not myth. Decades of social science research have shown that Lesbian and Gay people are just as able to provide loving, stable homes to children as heterosexual people."

During the first part of the trial in March, the ACLU called several renowned experts to disprove the state's claims, including Dr. Michael Lamb, who until recently was the head of the Section on Social and Emotional Development at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and is now a professor of psychology at Cambridge University in England.

Lamb is expected to return to the stand to refute Rekers's testimony.

The American Civil Liberties Union is representing four prospective foster parents. Among them is William Wagner who has been married for 31 years and has a 27-year-old daughter and a 23-year-old son. Although Wagner is a married heterosexual, he is disqualified from serving as a foster parent because his Gay son sometimes lives at home.





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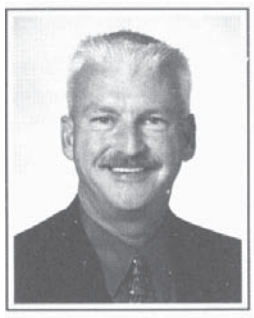
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

Very Big Mistakes

It often seems that the bigger and dumber a mistake is the less likely anyone will be blamed for it. Why should that be?

Remember when an American submarine came up under a Japanese fishing boat a few years ago and killed a bunch of high school kids near Hawaii? It took forever for people to figure out whose fault that was. It s weird: you kill a bunch of kids by not doing your job and people stand around scratching their heads.

What about the recent case of a surgeon puffing the wrong heart in a transplant patient? I don t think they ever did pin the tail on that donkey. The hospital procedures were presumed to be at fault.

But can a procedure really be at fault? Can it make mistakes? Misjudgments? Fall down on the job? Get lazy? Have a rotten attitude?

Then there was the captain who let a small boat come right up next to his battleship and blow a hole in it killing several sailors. Simple question: Are battleship captains ever supposed to let unidentified vessels rub sides with them? This calls for a yes or no answer.

What about the NEW YORK TIMES running totally fictitious stories — dozens of them — as fact? They and their many journalistic sympathizers blamed it on some kind of complicated racial minuet that I never was able to decode. They didn't want to admit that maybe their editors and fact checkers were playing too much fantasy football.

But the TIMES did an interesting and wonderfully illogical thing. While steadfastly refusing to acknowledge the stark simplicity of the notion that editors are supposed to edit and fact checkers are supposed to check facts, they got rid of two of their most senior news executives. From a news consumers viewpoint, half a loaf was better than nothing.

And that brings me, by a process of free association, to the present case of Mr. Dan Rather. It would be unfair not to include some background here. For those of you who missed the '70s, Rather was nothing less than magnificent. It wasn t just that he stood up to Nixon. He stood up when almost everyone else was lying down. You really had to be there to realize the fear that Nixon and his thugs inspired, the cowardice of the mainstream press, and the shining courage of our Dan.

And now, to put it very honestly and simply, this noble knight of journalism has disgraced himself by proffering documents that he knew or should have known to be questionable. Oh Dan, Dan, Dan.

The network is conducting an investigation. Screw that. The network has a face, the face of Dan. The network has a nightly news editor, Mr. Rather. The time for investigations was before they got taken down the primrose path.

Its important to CBS and to American journalism that Rather resign. I m sure he knows this in his bones and will do it, but I hope he doesn t drag it out. Its already been painful enough for those of us who greatly admire him and always will.

America has three broadcast networks that have earned a certain degree of credibility by working their butts off for decades. We should have more than three. In our anything-goes journalistic environment, America needs all three. We need them all to keep the substantial credibility that they ve painstakingly earned.

It is not good enough, not anywhere near good enough, for CBS to investigate itself or have itself investigated. It is not good enough for CBS to conclude, as it undoubtedly will, that it had a flawed process. A news organization with a 'flawed process is the moral equivalent of a politician who says, "Mistakes were made." The guy who was driving the boat, Mr. Dan Rather, has got to step up to his responsibility and step down from his extremely critical job.

I m not saying that he should quit journalism. I ll be happy to watch any special he cares to make. I ll never forget what he s contributed. All of which is beside the point

As much as we ever have, maybe more, this country needs ABC, NBC and CBS to be the three solid sober sisters of journalism. We can t afford to have one limping along with its credibility dragging~ Dan needs to give us one more brave act.

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

NON-BAR CALENDAR
Groups / Clubs / Organizations /

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join David and Daniel for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call David and Daniel at 579-9763.
#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Karol for a morning of Miniature Golf at Funtasticks. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.
#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.
#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Hearts Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

#1 Men's Social Network -Outoberfest —8 AM Please help man the MSN booth at the festival. Please call Curt at 877-9161 for more info and to sign up.
#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
"Pride On Parade" Tucson's first Fall Pride Parade begins at 5:00 p.m.. It starts downtown at Toole and Stone and ends at 4th Avenue and 5th Street with a block party afterwards. For more information visit www.prideparadeoftucson.com

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): - Join us for an evening of Charades at 7:00 PM. For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
The 6th Anniversary of Matthew Shepard is today. People who wish to join in a gathering to remember Matthew as well as other hate crime victims will meet at his memorial in Sunset Park, 255 W. Alameda from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Sunset Park is on the City Hall grounds in downtown Tucson.

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.
#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jack for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Jack at 887-3736.
#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jim hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 AM YARD SALE —get rid of all that stuff just taking up space in your attic or come and pick up some treasures. For more info and directions, Jon or Noel at 881-5988
#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join Jack & Mike & Ed for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack/Mike at 881-5733 or Ed at 407-5733.
#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:30 - ? Jerry opens up his home to host this informal afternoon/evening Potluck. Seating is limited to the first 30 to RSVP. For details and directions, please contact Jerry at 529-2269.
#4 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Steve at 664-2076

#1 -Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.
#2Tucson Prime Timers, Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
AIDSwalk 2004. Rillito Down. Register at 791-WALK (9255. Aidswalktucson.com benefitting the programs and services of SAAF. "Every Step Makes A Difference".

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 pm. Please join the MSN contingent at AIDSWALK 2004 or help sponsor an MSN member, please contact Danny at 349-5295
#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 pm Michael hosts Mah Jong Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Michael at 326-3555

MONDAY OCTOBER 18
Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch - 12:30 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

BAR CALENDAR
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
IBT'S - The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
YARD DOG - Bucky will be serving some of his 'World Famous' Omelettes here beginning at 10:00 a.m. and served until everyone has gone to Reid Park.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS - Stop in here before the parade, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for Sunday Brunch. Mention that you saw this in the Observer will get you 10% off any food item!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 - COLUMBUS DAY
YARD DOG - Columbus Day Celebration here "Pirate's Den Party" Best Pirate's Costume Contest at 9:00 p.m. with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Drink Specials too.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
VENTURE-N - Spaghetti Night 6 to 8 p.m., by Ayce - $2.00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
IBT'S - The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday, 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN
VENTURE-N - Halloween Party - Great Prizes. Get your costumes ready!

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Bare Chest Nite- Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Karaoke with Smiling Julie. Drink. Drink Specials available. Happy Hour 4-7.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during events.

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GoGo Boys and Dance Party with DJ 'T.C. Wildman' 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

IBT's - 10am-5pm $4 Martinis and Daquaris. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Latino Night 1st & 2nd Saturday every month w/DJ Eduardo 8:30-close Drink specials available. Latino Drag Show every 2nd Saturday. 3rd & 4th Saturdays Super Disco Mix with DJ Bing Bing.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am $2 well or domestic beer. Til 7pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings $5.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call529-2269, leave name and phone number. Tucsonpt@primetimersww,org

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

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

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

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (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

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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 Hotliine (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, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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 Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662 .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion,org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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