

Common Bond Community Voice



New Mexico News

SANTA FE PRIDE



SANTA FE--2011 Santa Fe Pride will be held on Saturday, June 17-26, 2011. Booth and parade forms are up on our website www.santafehra.org. Check them out and pass the info along to your friends.

We have also reformatted the sponsorship of Santa Fe Pride, <http://santafehra.org/sponsors.html>. For only \$100.00 you can get your business's logo, and link on our website as a sponsor. When the gay community comes to check out Santa Fe, and they check out Santa Fe Pride's website to see what to do and where to go for the gay community, your information will be there.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Collom, Santa Fe HRA Vice President, via HRA's web site, www.santafehra.org.

SANTA FE TANTRIC ARTS PRESENTS THE YOGA OF LOVE

SANTA FE--On Friday, May 13, 2011 Santa Fe Tantric Arts is sponsoring a weekend workshop led by Deborah Anapol, Ph.D., in the yoga of love. The workshop begins on Friday evening at 7 PM and runs through Sunday, May 15, 2011 until 1:00 PM.

While hatha yoga is best known in the West, the Yoga of Love combines practices from hatha, raja, karma, bhakti, and jnana yoga as well as Reichian-based practices for increasing awareness of and harmony between masculine and feminine forces within the physical and subtle bodies.



Deborah Anapol, Ph.D.

Deborah Anapol, Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, is the author of *Polyamory in the 21st Century*, *The Seven Natural Laws of Love and Love Without Limits*, and has led seminars internationally on conscious relating, tantra and sexual healing for over two decades. She also offers training for therapists on working effectively with clients in non-traditional relationships and offers relationship coaching for couples & singles worldwide. For more information about Deborah, visit her web site, www.lovethewithoutlimits.com

The workshop will be held at House of Rapture, 1622 Villa Strada, Santa Fe, NM. It is open to singles, couples and other and attendees must be 18 years or older. The cost is \$395 per person and includes four luscious meals. Registration is required. You can get more information at register at www.santafetantricarts.com.

ALL FAMILIES MATTER TO RAISE VISIBILITY

By Jordan Johnson

**All Families Matter.
Love. Commitment. Family.**



All Families Matter is a public education campaign with the goal of raising visibility of same-sex couples in New Mexico. This campaign is about having conversations and sharing stories about how gay and lesbian couples and their families should be treated as fairly as *all* families in New Mexico. It is about opening hearts and minds throughout our state. (Cont'd on page 2)

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RAISING VISIBILITY *(Cont'd from page 1)*

In New Mexico, this conversation has begun and it is time to raise significant visibility of same-sex couples and their families. The public education campaign will initially begin with a focus on assisting representatives of committed organizations/associations with conversations amongst their staff, memberships, communities, along with family and friends about why **All Families Matter**.

It is a discussion that allows every person, each community, and every organization to examine their attitudes, beliefs, and assumptions about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people—and to consider new information and perhaps reconsider old ideas. It is an opportunity to move a conversation forward about love, commitment, and family within every family, community, and organization.

This public education campaign is about having stories shared – your story. It is your personal connecting to why all families matter that will help you start conversations with those around you. Your story can change hearts and minds across our state, and assure that same-sex couples and their families are able to protect their families and openly build a life together.

We need you to reach out to those around you – your coworkers, neighbors, friends, and family – sharing with them why **All Families Matter** to you, and why you would like their support. Your story makes a difference in ensuring all families are treated with fairness in New Mexico.

You do not need to be an expert. You simply need to share your story from your heart. Invite people on a conversational journey. You are the guide as you start down the path together. It is natural to feel a little awkward at first to share your story. But you'll find comfort when you're willing to be open and honest about why you need their full support.

To learn more about this effort, please go to <http://allfamiliesmatternewmexico.org>.

NM GLBTQ CENTERS AND PFLAG-LAS CRUCES CELEBRATE HARVEY MILK DAY, MAY 22ND

LAS CRUCES--In the 30th year after the assassination of Harvey Milk, Diversionary Theatre commissioned a tribute to the civil rights activist. **Dear Harvey**, directed by Dan Kirsch, premiered on April 19, 2009 to critical acclaim.

Drawn from over thirty interviews conducted by Patricia Loughrey, **Dear Harvey** recounts the achievements and vision of the first openly gay man elected to a major public office in the United States.

A drag queen, a State Senator, an international gay rights activist, a nineteen-year-old composer... the play weaves these voices and more with the personal and political writings of Harvey Milk to paint a portrait of a leader, and a vision for equality. *(Cont'd on page 3)*



HARVEY MILK DAY (Cont'd from page 2)

Supported by photos from Milk's friends and family, **Dear Harvey** celebrates the stories not found in history books: stories of a love that reached beyond fear.

Sunday May 22nd would have been Harvey Milk's 81st birthday New Mexico GLBTQ Centers and PFLAG Las Cruces in association with Court Youth Center at Alma d'arte Charter High School will honor his legacy with a performance of Dear Harvey at 2:00 PM at the Rio Grande Theatre in Las Cruces.

Tickets Prices: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$8 for Seniors, \$5 for Students. Tickets are available online and several Las Cruces locations. For more information call the Center at 575-635-4902.



PFLAG-TAOS SPONSORS MOTHER'S GAY

TAOS-PFLAG-Taos invites everyone to celebrate Mother's Day with a twist! On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 7:30 pm, the organization is sponsoring a fundraising movie night at KTAO Solar Center, #9 State Road 150 in Taos. (Station Bar will be open.)

The film, "You Should Meet My Son," is a brand new comedy about a conservative Southern mom who discovers that her only son is—guess what?—gay! Determined that he won't go through life alone, she sets out to find him a husband.

Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds support PFLAG-Taos. For more information, email pflagtaos@gmail.com or call (575) 779-7264.

National/International News



From telegraph.co.uk

FIRST HOMOSEXUAL CAVEMAN FOUND

Archaeologists have unearthed the 5,000-year-old remains of what they believe may have been the world's oldest known gay caveman.

The male body – said to date back to between 2900-2500BC – was discovered buried in a way normally reserved only for women of the Corded Ware culture in the Copper Age.

The skeleton was found in a Prague suburb in the Czech Republic with its head pointing eastwards and surrounded by domestic jugs, rituals only previously seen in female graves.

"From history and ethnology, we know that people from this period took funeral rites very seriously so it is highly unlikely that this positioning was a mistake," said lead archaeologist Kamila Remisova Vesinova.

"Far more likely is that he was a man with a different sexual orientation, homosexual or transsexual," she added. (Cont'd on page 4)

CAVEMAN FOUND *(Cont'd from page 3)*

According to Corded Ware culture which began in the late Stone Age and culminated in the Bronze Age, men were traditionally buried lying on their right side with their heads pointing towards the west, and women on their left sides with their heads pointing towards the east. Both sexes would be put into a crouching position.

The men would be buried alongside weapons, hammers and flint knives as well as several portions of food and drink to accompany them to the other side. Women would be buried with necklaces made from teeth, pats, and copper earrings, as well as jugs and an egg-shaped pot placed near the feet.

"What we see here doesn't add up to traditional Corded Ware cultural norms. The grave in Terronska Street in Prague 6 is interred on its left side with the head facing the West. An oval, egg-shaped container usually associated with female burials was also found at the feet of the skeleton. None of the objects that usually accompany male burials "such as weapons, stone battle axes and flint knives" were found in the grave.

"We believe this is one of the earliest cases of what could be described as a 'transsexual' or 'third gender grave' in the Czech Republic," archaeologist Katerina Semradova told a press conference on Tuesday.

She said that archeologists had uncovered an earlier case dating from the Mesolithic period where a female warrior was buried as a man.

She added that Siberian shamans, or latter-day witch doctors, were also buried in this way but with richer funeral accessories to appropriate to their elevated position in society. "But this later discovery was neither of those, leading us to believe the man was probably homosexual or transsexual," Semeradova said.

The Corded Ware culture takes its name from the frequent use of decorative cord impressions found its pots and covered much of North, Central and Eastern Europe. It is also known as a single-grave and battleaxe culture due to separate burials and the Mena's habit of being buried with stone axes.

From the NYTimes.com

A LAWSUIT'S UNUSUAL QUESTION: WHO IS A MAN?

By Richard Pérez-Peña

What is a man? For El'Jai Devoureau, this is not a rhetorical question.

NEW JERSEY-Mr. Devoureau, who was born physically female, is a man at the Motor Vehicle Commission, at the Social Security office, at home, at job interviews. But what about at the urinal?

In a case with a truly unusual set of factors, Mr. Devoureau filed a discrimination lawsuit on Friday that could break new ground in New Jersey and across the country, turning on the question of who is or is not a man. An employer fired Mr. Devoureau because it said only a man was allowed to do his job: watching men urinate into plastic cups at a drug treatment center. *(Cont'd on page 5)*



El'Jai Devoureau

WHO IS A MAN? *(Cont'd from page 4)*

Mr. Devoureau, 39, says he has identified himself as a man all his life. In 2006, after he began taking male hormones and had sex-change surgery, he adopted the name El'Jai (pronounced like L. J.). A new birth certificate issued by the State of Georgia identifies him as male, as does his New Jersey driver's license, and the Social Security Administration made the change in its records.

"As long as I've been a person, I've lived as a man," he said in an interview. "At age 5, I did everything a boy did: I climbed trees, I played football, I played with trucks. Most of the people in my life, all they know is I'm male."

Last June, Urban Treatment Associates in Camden hired Mr. Devoureau as a part-time urine monitor; his job was to make sure that people recovering from addiction did not substitute someone else's urine for their own during regular drug testing. On his second day, he said, his boss said she had heard he was transgender.

"I said I was male, and she asked if I had any surgeries," he said. "I said that was private and I didn't have to answer, and I was fired."

Calls to Urban Treatment were not returned. But after Mr. Devoureau made a complaint to the state's Division on Civil Rights, the treatment center filed a response in January saying that Mr. Devoureau's dismissal "was not motivated by, nor related in any way to, any discriminatory intention."

Civil rights laws and court decisions allow limited cases of favoring one group over another, like giving preference to women for jobs as nurses in maternity wards. In its January filing, Urban Treatment said that firing Mr. Devoureau was legitimate, "since the sex of the employee engaged in that particular job position is a bona fide occupational qualification" — implying that Mr. Devoureau was not really a man.

Mr. Devoureau's suit, filed in Superior Court in Camden, is not the first job discrimination case brought by a transgender person, though those remain rare. But Michael D. Silverman, executive director of the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, said it was the first employment case in the country to take on the question of a transgender person's sex.

Mr. Silverman's group and the law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher are representing Mr. Devoureau.

New Jersey laws ban job discrimination based on a long list of criteria like age, religion, sex and race; in 2006, the state added "gender identity or expression" to that list. But five years later, Mr. Silverman said, no cases using the gender identity passage have been brought to a verdict, though others might have reached settlements.

New Jersey is one of 12 states that ban discrimination based on transgender status; New York State does not, but New York City does.

Mr. Devoureau now has another part-time job, as a package handler for a shipping company. Although his \$10-an-hour post at the treatment center would hardly strike most people as a dream job, he wants it back. He says he needs the additional income to support himself and his 18-year-old son, and in a weak economy, he will take what work he can find. *(Cont'd on page 6)*

WHO IS A MAN? (Cont'd from page 5)

Mr. Devoureau guards his privacy, refusing to discuss precisely what changes have been made to his body, or to say what name he was originally given, and he knows that his case could force such things into the open.

"They were judging me for who I am, not for the job I was being asked to do, and that's wrong, and I was hurt," he said. "I'm doing this so everyone knows it's wrong, so it doesn't happen to anyone else."

Special Section: Gay Youth



The following article is from U.S. News and World Report:

Gay Teens Punished More Harshly Than Straight Peers: Analysis *Research points to double standard in schools, justice system*

By Julia VanTine
HealthDay Reporter

Gay teens receive harsher punishments at school and in the court system than straight teens who engage in similar behavior, a new Yale University study suggests.

"Our analysis found that, consistently, gay and bisexual youth were at a greater risk of being punished by school and criminal-justice authorities than their straight peers who exhibited the same behaviors," said study leader Kathryn Himmelstein.

Girls, in particular, were singled out for harsher treatment, according to the study, published online Dec. 6, 2010, in *Pediatrics*.

Himmelstein and her colleague, Hannah Bruckner, wanted to know how sexual orientation predicted risk of punishment. Using an ongoing national survey that tracked adolescent health and behaviors, they analyzed the sexual orientation of more than 15,000 young people, relating that to various punishments and controlling for various factors, including race, gender, economic status and misbehavior.

The teens were questioned in 1994-1995 when they were in grades 7 through 12 and again in 2001-2002, when they were 18 to 26 years old.

In the 1994-1995 period, the participants were asked if they'd ever been expelled from school, stopped by the police, arrested before age 18, or if they had pled guilty or been convicted in juvenile court. In the follow-up, they were asked about any arrests, guilty pleas or convictions as an adult.

Of the 15,170 study participants, 13 percent of males and 17 percent of females said they were attracted to someone of the same sex, while 5 percent of males and 6 percent of females said they'd had a same-sex romantic relationship, the study found. Fourteen percent of females and 6 percent of males defined themselves as other than 100-percent heterosexual. (Cont'd on page 7)

Gay Teens Punished More Harshly *(Cont'd from page 6)*

Regardless of their sexual orientation, 76 percent of the participants said they'd committed minor offenses such as running away, shoplifting or getting drunk, the study found. Thirty percent reported moderate wrongdoing such as selling drugs and burglary, and 41 percent said they'd engaged in violent behavior such as fighting, using a weapon or threatening someone with one.

However, nonheterosexual youth were 1.25 to three times more likely to be punished than their heterosexual peers who engaged in the same level of misbehavior. "And youth who identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual actually engaged in less violence, which is the most serious type of misbehavior," said Himmelstein.

Their work may break new ground. "As far as I'm aware, this is the first nationally representative population-based study to document justice-related trends for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered young people," said Stephen T. Russell, professor and director of the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth and Families at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Why schools and the courts come down harder on gay or bisexual youth wasn't clear from the study results, Himmelstein said. They may be intentionally or unintentionally punishing them for their sexual orientation, she added, or decision makers may be less likely to consider mitigating factors, such as self-defense, for a nonheterosexual adolescent than for a heterosexual peer.

Regardless of the cause, "steps need to be taken to address it," said Himmelstein.

Gay or bisexual youth often experience verbal or physical abuse by their peers and families, she noted, making them more likely to abuse drugs, carry a weapon for protection, and -- if they're homeless -- commit petty crimes to survive. "However, those who are harassed or engage in risky behaviors may find punishment instead of support, therapy or services," she said.

The findings suggest that professionals in the health, education, criminal justice and social service fields need to learn more about the challenges nonheterosexual youths face, perhaps with special training, said Himmelstein. Also, "institutions need to create, and then enact, policies that ensure that all youth are treated fairly and equally," she said.

Russell said the stigma, discrimination and prejudice that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered young people experience may lead them to "act in ways that make them vulnerable to sanction."

"This is a really important study because it expands our understanding into justice, which is something we haven't noticed much about," he added.

To read the full article, go to <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/brain-and-behavior/articles/2010/12/06/gay-teens-punished-more-harshly-than-straight-peers-analysis.html?PageNr=2>

From cbsnews.com, usnews.com & news.yahoo.com

SUPPORT HELPS PREVENT SUICIDE AMONG GAY YOUTH



Being young and gay can be deadly, especially if you are raised in the wrong place.

That's the conclusion of a new study out of Columbia University which found self-identified gay, lesbian and bisexual teens were five times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual counterparts. More than 20 percent of the 1,400 LGB teens in the study said they had done so.

Social environment plays a role in gay teens' suicide risk, the new research suggests. Lesbian, gay, and bisexual teens are five times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers, but those who live in a supportive community are better off. They're about 25 percent less likely to attempt suicide than their counterparts in politically conservative areas that lack school programs supporting gay rights, according to the study published in *Pediatrics*. The findings are based on an analysis of health surveys given to nearly 32,000 high school students in Oregon. The researchers say that expanding anti-bullying programs and anti-discrimination policies that cover sexual orientation, and creating programs like gay-straight alliances, could help reduce suicide attempts.

The research supports previous studies, which found high rates of suicide amongst LGB youth, but scientists found something else this time - where you live can make a difference. In areas more antagonistic to homosexuals, suicide attempt rates were 20 percent higher for LGB teens.

Researchers, led by Mark Hatzenbuehler, studied surveys from 34 counties of Oregon. The state was chosen because it is the only one that records sexual orientation and suicide attempts in detail, according to the *Oregonian*. They used five measures to determine how "supportive" an environment was towards gay youth. Three of the factors involved school environment: whether anti-bullying policies mention lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) students specifically; if schools have gay-straight alliances; and if anti-discrimination policies include sexual orientation. The other two factors were the proportion of same-sex couples in the county and the proportion of registered Democrats.

This latter factor has caused some controversy. Hatzenbuehler said that he doesn't want people to focus on the political affiliation aspect of his study, but that he included it as a factor because "previous studies have shown that political affiliation is associated with attitudes towards gays and lesbians."

They combined these factors into one score that attempted to rate counties on how supportive an environment they created for LGB teens. According to Hatzenbuehler, "We were sort of pulling back a little bit in the study and trying to understand not on an individual level what puts people at risk for suicide, but is there something about the social context in which youth live that places them at risk?"

The research is sure to add fuel to the debate over anti-bullying programs around the country that try to help gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered teens. Conservative opponents say the programs push a homosexual agenda on kids. Proponents say something must be done after a series of high profile suicides of gay youth including Rutgers student Tyler Clementi, 13-year-olds Asher Brown and Seth Walsh and 15-year-old Justin Aaberg. (*Cont'd on page 9*)

SUPPORT HELPS PREVENT SUICIDE *(Cont'd from page 8)*

"Regardless of your views, our data suggests that the inclusion of gay straight alliances and anti-discrimination programs can have really important mental health outcomes for our youths," Hatzenbuehler told CBS News. "This is a road map to how we can begin to reduce teen suicide," he added.

Special Section: Sports



From Change.org

Hudson Taylor Wrestles Homophobia in Sports

by Dana Rudolph

Hudson Taylor grew up in an Evangelical Christian family. He's straight. He graduated last year from the University of Maryland after being named a three-time Division I All-American in the hyper-masculine sport of wrestling.

You might think someone with that background might shy away from anything vaguely related to LGBT rights.

Taylor, however, competed last year wearing the logo of the Human Rights Campaign -- the largest LGBT advocacy organization in the country -- on his headgear, as *Outsports* reported. He is now a Division I college wrestling coach at Columbia University, and is the only college coach of a male sports team to contribute a video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJxObXSVJoY&feature=player_embedded) to the "It Gets Better" campaign of hope for LGBT youth, according to his Web site.

And via Pat Griffin, Professor Emerita in the Social Justice Education Program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, comes news that Taylor has launched AthleteAlly, an initiative inviting people to pledge to reduce homophobia in sports.

The pledge reads:

I pledge to lead my athletic community toward respecting and welcoming all persons, regardless of their perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Beginning right now, I will do my part to promote the best of athletics by making all players feel respected on and off the field.

You can visit his Web site to learn more and to sign the pledge.

Taylor is also planning a book of the same name, which will "make the case that sports can lead to change ... dig deep into the problem of homophobia ... [and] make change possible and practical."

Homophobia and transphobia is rampant in most organized sports, as Change.org has written about before. Even the NCAA, overseer of collegiate athletics, ran ads on its Web site for the virulently anti-LGBT Focus on the Family before outrage from Change.org readers and others caused them to pull the ads. And Stuart Biegel and Sheila James Kuehl have written a lengthy study for the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School, showing how homophobia in school sports directly affects the safety of children and youth at school. *(Cont'd on page 10)*

Wrestling Homophobia (*Cont'd from page 9*)

Change is happening, though. Griffin helped organize a session on homophobia in sport at the annual convention for members of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) last year. Equality California has partnered with the LA Clippers for an Equality Night fundraiser. Attend the Clippers game on February 2 and a portion of your ticket proceeds will go to Equality California. (You get a specially branded "Equality Night" t-shirt, too.)

And *Boston Herald* sports columnist Steve Buckley came out, in a touching story that is well worth a read. (See his column below.) He says at the end of his column, "It's my hope that from now on I'll be more involved. I'm not really sure what I mean by being 'involved,' but this is a start: I'm gay."

From change.org

WELCOME TO MY COMING-OUT PARTY

By Steve Buckley, Boston Herald



A candid admission: There was a time when I hated it when my mother would call with an urgent request that I drop everything to take her shopping.

These trips often involved the pursuit of trivial items — shoes, a table lamp, frozen strawberries. Or scatter rugs: In any given year, my mother would acquire enough scatter rugs to cover every inch of the playing field at **Fenway Park**, including the bullpens.

I, on the other hand, had much more important things to do — such as go on the radio to share my concerns about the depth of the **Patriots** special teams, or take Dan Duquette to task over his stated belief that Jose Offerman was going to replace Mo Vaughn's on-base capabilities.

But my mother's calls were not really about shopping, of course, but about enjoying life — getting out of the house, hearing news about what's going on with the family, maybe even quizzing me about my job, though she was no sports fan at all and didn't know Johnny Damon from Johnny McKenzie.

And the truth of the matter is that, as my mother aged, even as she was being treated for cancer, she had become wonderfully anecdotal, using her sharp mind to share stories about her younger days that might otherwise have been lost to the passage of time were it not for these midweek Scatter Rug Adventures.

Just over seven years ago, before Thanksgiving, we were getting into the car outside of a CVS when my mother said, "I think you should go ahead and do that story you've been talking about."

But I've put this off long enough. I haven't been fair to my family, my friends or my co-workers. And I certainly haven't been fair to myself: For too many years I've been on the sidelines of Boston's gay community but not in the game — figuratively and literally, as I feel I would have had a pretty good career in the (gay) Beantown Softball League. (*Cont'd on page 11*)

WELCOME TO MY COMING-OUT PARTY (*Cont'd from page 10*)

Over the past couple of months I have discussed the coming-out process with my family and a few friends, and have had sit-downs with Herald editor-in-chief Joe Sciacca and sports editor Hank Hryniewicz, as well as with WEEI's Glenn Ordway. They've been great, as have my friends and family.

But during this same period, I have read sobering stories about people who came undone, killing themselves after being outed. These tragic events helped guide me to the belief that if more people are able to be honest about who they are, ultimately fewer people will feel such devastating pressure.

It's my hope that from now on I'll be more involved. I'm not really sure what I mean by being "involved," but this is a start: I'm gay.

Regular Meetings around the State

Support

Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice: Please check calendar at www.abqpeaceandjustice.org

Las Cruces GLBTQ Center: The Center is located at 1210 Main St. and offers various programs. Schedule can change, so call to verify time and day: (575) 635-4902. www.gaynewmexico.org

SCA Sexual Compulsives Anonymous – Every Monday, 7-8pm

Pride on Main Al-Anon – Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm

Family Fun Night – 1st Friday of each month, 7-9pm

Women's Group – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7-8:30pm

Men's Group – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7-8:30pm

Parents of GLBTQ Youth Support – 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7-8:30pm

GLBTQ Youth Support Group – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm

Bisexuals' Support Group – 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30-9pm

Writing Group – 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 1-2:30pm

Pride Cinema at The Center – 3rd Friday, 7-9pm

Southern New Mexico Trans Support Group – 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Grupo de apoyo-Familias apoyando al joven gay, lesbiana, bisexual, transgénero, o queer (GLBTQ)- Cada primer sábado del mes, 1-2:15pm

Reading Q Book Club – 2nd Sunday, 1-2:30pm

HIV Testing (rapid test) – 2nd Tuesday, 2-5pm

Common Bond Community Voice

Community Voice is a monthly newsletter published by Common Bond which takes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information that appears herein.

If you wish to submit an article, want to be listed in the Regular Meetings around the State or have a comment, please send your submission to: newslettereditor@commonbondnm.org.

In order to appear in the following month's newsletter, all articles must be submitted no later than the 15th of the previous month. All submissions must include a contact person and phone number and/or email address for verification purposes. Please include date, time, location and contact information for all upcoming events and activities.

LGBTQ AI-Anon Meeting-Albuquerque: Every Saturday morning at 10:30am at the Desert Club, 4305 Mesa Grande SE (Betw. Zuni and Central, one block West of Washington) For info, call (505) 262-2177 or www.nmal-anon.org.

MPower-Albuquerque: Every night M-F at 7:30pm at 107 Jefferson NE. For info, call (505) 232-2990. For a monthly calendar, email abqmpower@yahoo.com.

Native GLBT Support Group: Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm at First Nations Community HealthSource Conference Room, 5608 Zuni Rd., Albuquerque. For info, call (505) 262-6554.

PFLAG-Albuquerque: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at First Congregational UCC. 2801 Lomas NE. www.pflagabq.org.

PFLAG-Farmington: 3rd Sunday at 1 pm at the Unitarian Church, 219 N. Orchard.

PFLAG-Taos: Usually the 1st Sunday of every month at 1335 Gusdorf Rd, Suite R, Taos at 5pm. For info, call (575) 779 7264. www.pflagtaos.org.

Santa Fe HRA and Pride: 1st Sunday of the month at 11am. For more info, call (505) 692-9061. www.santafehra.org

Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico-Albuquerque/Las Cruces For info, www.tgrcnm.org or contact Adrien Lawyer at (505) 440-3402.

Albuquerque:

Rainbow Friends Support Group – 3rd Monday, 7-9 PM. Open to all transgender, transsexual, or gender nonconforming people and their SOFFAs. At Young Women United, 120 Morningside NE, ABQ
Trans Youth Support Group – Every Sunday, 5-7pm. An 18 and Under TG Youth Group (with possible exceptions being made on a case by case basis). At Young Women United, 120 Morningside NE, ABQ. For info, contact Seth at seth@tgrcm.org.

ABQ FTM Group – 3rd Friday, 6:30 pm. Details are posted on the yahoo group: ABQ FTM Yahoo Group.

Transgender New Mexico Support Group – Every Friday, 7:30pm. For info, contact Shannon at Shannon@transgendernm.org.

Gallup:

GLBT Support Group of Gallup – For info, contact Jeremy at (505) 713-2828.

Las Cruces:

Southern New Mexico Trans Support Group – Every 4th Friday, 6:00PM. At the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center at 1210 N. Main St., Las Cruces.

UNM Queer-Straight Alliance-Albuquerque: Every Wednesday from 7-9pm in the Acoma Room of the UNM Student Union Building during the school year. For info, call (505) 277-6739 M-F from 12-4pm.

Religious

Metropolitan Community Church-Albuquerque: Every Sunday at 10:30am at 1103 Texas St. NE. For more info, call (505) 268-5252. www.mccabq.com

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church-Albuquerque: Eucharist every Sunday at 7:30, 9 & 11:15am and 5pm. For more info, call (505) 345-8147. www.all-angels.com

Social

4 Corners GLAD Happy Hour-Durango, CO: Every Friday at 5:30pm at Lost Dog Bar and Saloon, 12th and Main, Durango, CO. For info, call (970) 385-7202.

New Mexico Leather League (NMLL)-Albuquerque: General Meeting is every third Saturday of the month from 2-5 PM at I-Hop, Wyoming and Paseo Del Norte.

Prime Timers-Albuquerque: 2nd Sunday of each month at 2 pm at MCC, 1103 Texas St. NE. For more info, go to <http://primetimersww.org/primetimersnm/>

U/21 (under 21 only group)-Albuquerque: Every Friday night at 7 PM at Metropolitan Community Church of Albuquerque, 1103 Texas NE (1 block north of Lomas Blvd & 4 blocks west of Wyoming Blvd.). If you know a GLBTQ person under 21, tell them to sign up for U/21 emails. Have them contact us at poetoishi@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

*May 28, 2011: **New Mexico FetLifers' first BIG Summer Play Party.** Email seramiles@gmail.com for location/directions. \$5/person. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Bring your toys, your fetish fun attitude, a towel if you plan to swim, and ... bathing suits are optional.*

*June 17-26, 2011: **Santa Fe Pride.** Sponsored by Santa Fe HRA. Parade and Festival at the Railyard Park. Event details available at www.santafehra.org. Booth and parade forms will be up soon as well as more specific pride events for the other days.*

*June 25, 2011: **Four Corners Pride Festival** from 12-6pm at Rotary Park, Durango, CO. Sponsored by Four Corners Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Diversity. For info, call (970) 385-7202*

*July 14-18th, 2011: **CampOUT 2011-Neon Nights** at House Creek Campground, Dolores, CO. Sponsored by Four Corners Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Diversity. For info, call (970) 385-7202*

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