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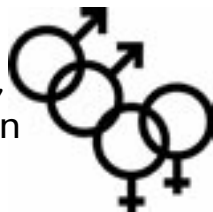
December 2007

THANKSGIVING PICTURES

This year's Thanksgiving dinner was a smashing success. PFLAG-SC provided the turkeys, as well as adding to the friendly faces at the festivities. The return of the "what are you thankful for" sharing time led to fuzzy feelings all around — or maybe that was the tryptophan in the turkey.



GNETWORK is a resource for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Human Beings in New Mexico.



If you feel you have received this publication in error, please pass it on to one of the 10% of the population who will find it useful.

See the Calendar on Page 2 to find out what's going on. Don't be left out of the loop!

BIRTHDAYS



Lorena R-J. 12/2

Ron H. 12/6

Tom D. 12/9

Dana P. 12/13

Ilene M. 12/15

Judy B. 12/19

Larry McL. 12/23

CALENDAR

This Month

Dinner Gathering • Second Saturday

December 8th • 1pm

Golden Gate Chinese Restaurant

Open to anyone who wants to come. Call Coit (313-3640) or Meredith (313-0284) for more information.

Upcoming

January • Third Saturday

Still up for grabs!

Future events are up to you. Contact Coit (313-3640 or coit@coitart.com) if you have an idea for a Third Saturday.

Rick Hoefler Memorial Fund

Assisting those in need by making loans or grants to individuals who are unable to obtain assistance elsewhere in a timely manner.

For an application contact

Coit 388-1380

Bruce Helmig 313-1699

Bob Rowland 313-1700

Ward Rudick 534-9273

Judy Williams 388-8899

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Rick Hoefler Memorial Fund

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday Morning • Brunch, 10 am

At Diane's • 501 N. Bullard

Look for the rainbow flag.

Regular Monthly Events

Third Saturday

There's an event just about every month, on the Third Saturday. More details in the Calendar (on the left side of the page).

Spiritual Adventure

First and Third Tuesday at 1901 N. Silver St., #L, Silver City. All are welcome to join in this adventure to empower oneself and share spirituality.

Call 505-956-8456 for more information.

PFLAG Silver City

Second Wednesday of the Month at 5:30 pm

At St. Mary's Spirituality Ctr • 1809 N. Alabama (One Driveway North of Montessori School.)

All are welcome. Join us for conversation, information, and support. \$1 donation is appreciated.

More Information: Tyler at 505-534-0319 or johntyler@connoley.com

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Help Tobi Move

As you may or may not know, Tobi is moving out east, and needs some couch lifting and other moving help on December 15. Call her at 534-7831 or email her at tobigolightly@gmail.com.

Tobi says, "I'll be glad to provide pizza and soda, but if somebody would like to be paid, it's fine with me. It will be such a blessing to have some help."

Cute Dog Looking for Rescue

There's a sweet dog at the Clifton pound that had to be given up by one of Marina's families. She is eight to nine months old and has a Sharpei head and hound body. She weighs roughly thirty pounds, and is really cute and very friendly and sweet, but would need some training.

Of course, it's a long shot, since she's in Clifton but Marina would take her as far as the turnoff to Silver City on Hwy 70 if someone was interested. Email Marina (marinastretch@yahoo.com) for more information.



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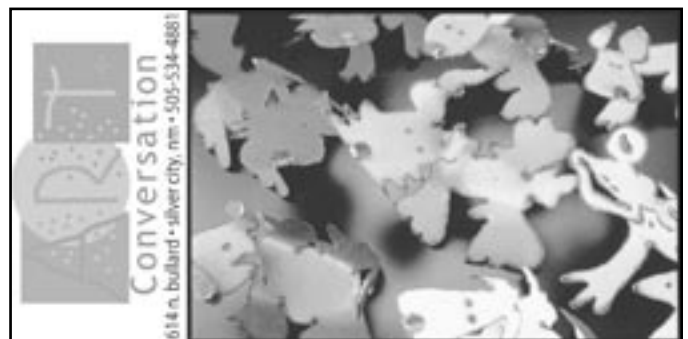
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Gay Parenting on the Rise Globally

by Shibu Thomas, INN

MUMBAI: A family, traditionally, has meant man, woman and child. Not any more, as children raised by gay and lesbian couples are on the rise internationally.

As per one rough estimate, between one and six million children in the United States are raised by same-sex couples.

Laws differ from country to country and even state to state. In the US, Florida is the only state that bans anyone who is a "homosexual" from adopting a child. Utah does that indirectly by restraining unmarried couples from adopting. Washington DC and 11 states, including California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, New Jersey and Vermont explicitly state that sexual orientation cannot prevent gays and lesbians from adopting.

According to activists, some of the first same-sex adoptions in the 1980s were by lesbian couples when assisted artificial reproduction techniques helped women conceive.

By the 1990s, even gay couples started adopting a child or taking on the responsibility of a foster parent. The 2000 US Census reported that 34% of female same-sex households and 22% of male same-sex families include a child below the age of 18.

While the gay rights group Lambda Legal Defense Fund estimates 6 million to 10 million gay parents are caring for 6 million to 14 million children, a more conservative report in March 2007 by the Urban Institute and the Williams Institute at University of California at Los Angeles School of Law says that 65,000 adopted children are being raised by same-sex parents in the United States.

Across Europe, in the United Kingdom, Netherlands and Sweden same-sex couples have been given the right to adopt a child. Australia, Canada, South Africa and Israel are some of the other countries to allow it.

Research since 1984 has supported such adoptions. The American Psychological Association in its Resolution on Sexual Orientation, Parents, and Children in July 2004, said, "There is no scientific evidence that parenting effectiveness is related to parental sexual orientation... lesbian and gay parents are as likely as heterosexual parents to provide supportive and healthy environments for their children."



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