

## Phoenix Pride 25 Record-Breaking Attendance

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Pride 2005 celebration was the largest Pride celebration ever in Arizona. A record crowd of over 18,000 attended the "Party in the Park" during the two day event honoring the 25th anniversary of LGBT Pride celebrations in Phoenix.

On both Friday and Saturday night, the night sky over central Phoenix was alive with the searchlights surrounding the "Party in the Park".

The weekend celebration began with the colorful Pride Parade up Central Avenue to the entrance of Steele Indian School Park at 3rd Street and Indian School.

The annual "Party in the Park" celebration was expanded to a two day event. The entertainment from the Festival Stage continued into the night on both days. The several stages, with a variety of local and national act, kept the crowds energized all weekend.

On Saturday, the Mayor of Phoenix Phil Gordon announced from the Festival Stage a proclamation from the City of Phoenix declaring the week of April 2-9 as LGBT Pride Week in Phoenix. The Mayor was introduced to the festival crowd by the first ever openly Gay

Phoenix Councilman, Tom Simplot.

A special word of thanks to the individuals and organizations that donate their time as volunteers to create this wonderful celebration each year. This year over 350 individuals were part of the volunteer force at the Pride celebration.

Phoenix Pride 2005 was supported by nearly 40 organizations and businesses as sponsors. A record number of sponsors for Phoenix Pride.

The Pride Marketplace had over 225 exhibitors for shopping, business promotion and non profit organizations. This is the third year in a row that the Pride Market place has been sold out for the "Party in the Park".

The Board of Directors of Phoenix Pride, Inc (a 501c 3 non profit organization) expresses a "big thank you" to all the attendees, entertainers, volunteers, exhibitors and friends of the LGBT community that supported the celebration in 2005.

The annual Pride weekend will continue in 2006 at Steele Indian School Park. To get more information on the plans for the 2006 Phoenix Pride celebration, visit the

## New York City Honors Same-Sex Marriages

NEW YORK - Trying to deflect anger over his appeal of a same-sex marriage ruling, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg ordered city agencies on Thursday, April 6, to recognize legal same-sex marriages from other states and countries, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Bloomberg's order will give same-sex couples who married in places such as Massachusetts or Canada rights that couples recognized under the city's existing domestic partnership law do not have, including the power to make life-or-death medical decisions.

Same-sex spouses will also be able to collect worker's compensation if a partner dies.

Empire State Pride Agenda (ESPA) was informed about the decision in a letter, dated April 6, that it received from Anthony W. Crowell, special counsel to Mayor Bloomberg.

"On behalf of the Mayor, I am pleased to confirm to you that it is the policy of the City of New York to recognize equally all marriages, whether between same- or opposite-sex couples, and civil unions lawfully entered into in jurisdictions other than New York state,

for the purposes of extending and administering all rights and benefits belonging to the couples, to the maximum extent allowed by law," Crowell wrote.

New York City is the sixth locality in New York State to accord same-sex married couples the same rights as those of opposite-sex couples within their local jurisdictions. Other localities include Buffalo, Rochester, Brighton, Ithaca and Nyack.

Alan Van Cappelle, executive director of ESPA, said the mayor's decision was the result of his organization's lobbying effort.

"We applaud the mayor for taking a step in the right direction," he said. "We've criticized him when he's done things we think are wrong, and we're applauding him when he's done the right thing."

Mayor Bloomberg has faced criticism in recent months from New York's LGBT community.

In March Bloomberg successfully sued to overturn the city's equal benefits law, which prevented the city

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## Arizona Senate Approves Memorial Calling For Marriage Amendment

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - By a vote of 16-14, Arizona's State Senate approved HCM (House Concurrent Memorial) 2005, also known as the "legislative post card," urging the U.S. Congress to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning same-sex marriage.

Two Republican Senators, Toni Hellon of Tucson and Carolyn Allen of Scottsdale, joined the twelve Democratic Senators in opposing HCM 2005.

Openly Gay Democratic Sen. Ken Chevront of Phoenix, said on the Senate floor that the measure treats Gays and Lesbians as second-class citizens.

In a statement, the Rev. Brad Wishon, Senior Pastor of Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church of Phoenix commented after the vote, "It is a profoundly sad moment in the history of this great state when our legislative body, so sharply divided over this very issue as witnessed by the close vote, would proceed to inform our Federal Delegation that the whole of this great state wants the U.S. Constitution amended. That is simply not true. And it is wrong."

For most Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender people and their families, this act, albeit symbolic, is still seen as a message of intolerance in Arizona and for the U.S. Constitution, known for extending rights, not to enshrine discrimination of people that the document is supposed to protect.

According to a press release, a number of organizations will hold a Black Armband Concert & Rally Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m., at Portland Park in Phoenix, featuring a variety of performers, as well as prominent political and religious speakers.

Organizers said the concert and rally are being held to show that the voices of all Arizonans are not being represented through this postcard to Congress.

Also at the rally, organizers said two-hundred and sixteen people will be present wearing black armbands to symbolize the 216 years that the Constitution has been amended only to extend rights and not deny them.

HCM 2005 is a non-binding measure, and its passage came nearly a year after a similar proposal, HCM 2004 failed in the Arizona Senate by a 15-15 vote.

Arizona currently has a defense of marriage act on the books, approved and signed into law in 1996, after the 1993

Hawaii court decision stating same sex couples could wed. In 2003, a Phoenix Gay couple had challenged the Arizona law, for which the measure was upheld by the Arizona Supreme Court in May 2004.

Despite the law and precedent setting case, supporters still contend that it is needed and would further protect the sanctity of families by helping to prevent judges from overturning the prohibition.

Opponents said the proposal would treat Gay and Lesbian citizens differently, making them second class citizens, and that this "issue" was a just a distraction from the real issues and a ploy to get more political support from the religious right for their supporters in Arizona's Legislature.

## GOP Digs In To Fight Washington State G/L Rights Bill

OLYMPIA - Republicans in the Washington state Senate, aided by two conservative Democrats, have derailed a Gay civil rights bill, 365Gay.com reported.

Using a procedural vote they will send the legislation to the Senate Judiciary Committee where it is likely to die. The surprise move came during floor action Tuesday on what was considered to be noncontroversial bills.

The House approved the legislation last month. It would prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in jobs, housing and insurance.

Similar bills have been introduced in the Legislature for nearly 30 years and died.

"The actions taken today are stall tactics against a bill that is seeking to ensure that principles of fairness and justice are available to everyone under the law," Rep. Ed Murray, D-Seattle, who is Gay and the bill's sponsor, said in a written statement.

"This will not stop our efforts. This bill is long past due."

Senate GOP Floor Leader Luke Esser (R-Bellevue) defended shunting the bill aside. "This was just a matter of sending the bill to the right committee," he said.

Esser acknowledged that while he doesn't support the bill, that doesn't mean other Republicans wouldn't vote for it if it eventually got to the floor.

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# UPDATE

## Jell-O Wrestling Turns 18

TUCSON - In 1987, Reno Gannon, a bartender at Tucson bar Rumor Hazzit, returned from a vacation in Mexico with an exciting new idea for a fund raising event.

The concept? Jell-O wrestling! Reno spoke with Rumor Hazzitt owner Bruce Peg and his management staff of Peter Sittig and Michael Bennett about putting on the event as a fund raiser to help people living with HIV/AIDS. Bruce, Peter, and Michael liked the idea and organized the first Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza in 1987. Shanti, one of the three local AIDS Service Organizations that would later merge to form the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), was the recipient of event proceeds.

Reno was an energetic, fun-loving, intelligent man in his early 20s when he brought this idea to the community. Committed to doing something to help, he and the owners and management of Rumor Hazzitt made the event a reality. At age 23, Reno died from AIDS. The year following his death, the event became a memorial to him. Reno's legacy of hope and dedication to raising public awareness about HIV/AIDS continues through this wonderful event. Since 1999, Jell-O Wrestling has raised more than \$125,000 for the programs and services of SAAF.

This year, Jell-O Wrestling will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2005 at Woody's, located at 3710 N. Oracle Road. In addition to the action-packed and often hilarious wrestling matches, there will be a live auction with many beautiful and unique items to bid on as well as a raffle for two round-trip tickets anywhere in the continental United States on Southwest Airlines. Imagine, for just \$1, you could win this incredible prize. So join us, as Jell-O celebrates its 18th birthday in a big way!

For more information, contact Ethan Smith Cox, Events Coordinator, at [events@saaf.org](mailto:events@saaf.org) or (520) 628-7223 or go online to [jello-wrestling.org](http://jello-wrestling.org).



## Desert Voices: One Of A Kind

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and supportive chorus is truly one of a kind! Performing music that reflects and shows off the GLBT community in all its colorful diversity, the chorus will present "Our True Colors" on Saturday, April 16, at The Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue in Tucson. The show includes a silent auction featuring some amazing one of a kind items, and doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for shopping with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Local "Rock Star" and DV accompanist, Namoli Brennet, also wrote two new songs for this concert, including the powerful new "One Channel Nation." Backed by the chorus, Namoli will also sing her moving anthem "We Belong." The chorus will present a wide variety of songs with color and rainbow themes, including a gorgeous new jazz arrangement of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," sure to become a DV standard! The chorus will also honor our Gay ancestors at Stonewall, and take on the Homosexual Agenda with a great deal of humor.

In the silent auction, there are a number of one of a kind pieces that will be offered for bid to the audience, including a male mannequin that has been covered in mirror, ala disco ball. Other items include unique jewelry and artwork from local artists, get-away weekends to Scottsdale Old Town and Phoenix, theatre and dinner packages and much more. (A complete list of items donated to date appears on the website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org).)

Audience members will enjoy complimentary beverages (beer, wine, and soft drinks) courtesy of DV Season Sponsor, Woody's. Other season sponsors include Pronto Printing, Whitespace Design and Coyote Moon Resort and Spa.

Tickets, available at Antigone Books (411 N 4th Ave), Desert Pride (611 N 4th Ave), or by calling the Desert Voices office at (520) 791-9662, are \$18 in advance. All ticket outlets accept credit cards. Seating for the show is limited, so get your tickets early! Tickets at the door will be \$20 (if available). For more information about the chorus, their upcoming show, or anything else you'd like to know about Desert Voices and their mission, check out their website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org), or call the office at (520)791-9662. Thank you to Tucson Observer Readers for your terrific support!

## IN MEMORIAM

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We are educated,  
We are trained for careers,  
We are dedicated to our careers,  
We are dedicated to our families,  
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We get sicker,  
We die.  
Somewhere in between. . . .  
Was our LIFE.

by Gary Matthew Fowler

A memorial service in Gary's honor will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell Ave., Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), 492 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711. (520)299-6647 [www.TIHAN.org](http://www.TIHAN.org)

## Senior Pride Picnic Saturday, April 23

TUCSON - Wingspan is pleased to announce their new program, Senior Pride!

Senior Pride offers social events for LGBT people ages 55 and over and their friends and family. Senior Pride volunteers invite you to join us for food and games at the first ever Wingspan Senior Pride Picnic, Saturday, April 23, from 1 - 4 p.m. at Ft. Lowell Park, Ramada #6.

Wingspan recognizes the importance of building intergenerational relationships in order to make our community stronger - folks under 55 are certainly welcome, too!

Come out and enjoy the spring sunshine while meeting new people. Senior Pride is an effort to bring the community together, and to just enjoy each other's company. For more information, please call Kendall Tankersley, Wingspan volunteer coordinator, at (520) 624-1779 ext. 15, or send an email to [kendall@wingspan.org](mailto:kendall@wingspan.org)

## Anti-Violence Project Volunteer Training April 23 & 30

TUCSON - The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project (AVP) will hold a free, engaging, interactive and informative training for potential crisis line volunteer advocates, service providers, students, and interested community members. AVP relies on volunteers "just like you," to ensure the community has a 24-hour crisis line.

Topics that will be covered include: Domestic violence 101; LGBT 101; Hate Crimes 101; Suicide prevention; Active listening skills; Crisis intervention skills; Community Resources; and much, much more. The AVP welcome folks who have no prior experience, as well as crisis line veterans. To continue Wingspan's commitment to diversity, the AVP strongly urge people of color, survivors of violence, Gay and Bi men, people with disabilities, bilingual folks, rural community members, transmen and transwomen, LGBT parents, people living with HIV/AIDS, youth, older adults and straight allies to volunteer.

AVP's next training sessions will be on Saturday, April 23 and April 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information please contact Carlos, (520) 624-1779 ext. 24, or [toorres@wingspan.org](mailto:toorres@wingspan.org). If you or anyone that you know is experiencing violence, please call the 24-hour crisis line, (520) 624-0348 or (800) 553-9387.

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**COMMENTARY . . .** by Scott Cozza

# Boy Scouts Of America Need A New National Leadership

The Boy Scouts of America once a great youth outdoor program is now a mere shadow of itself. It has become lost down a dark path of immoral transgressions. Recent events have again highlighted that the national leadership of the Boy Scouts of America has brought the integrity of the entire organization into question, and should be replaced.

The national leadership of the Boy Scouts of America imposed a discriminatory policy on all of its members and local councils by excluding Gay and atheist youth and adults, stating that such people are immoral because of their sexual orientation and their atheistic beliefs. The national leadership is so self-righteous that they don't even see how this discriminatory policy is extremely destructive and harmful to all youth, and just how immoral such a policy actually is. They don't allow themselves to see how such a policy incites violence towards persons who are homosexual, such as happened in the case of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered by two individuals - one was an Eagle Scout, and the other a Mormon. Institutional homophobia is immoral and is contrary to both the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

The BSA's national leadership is so self-righteous they also don't see their other immoral transgressions. One of their national leaders out of their own national headquarters in Irving, Texas, Douglas Smith, the National Director of Programs and Chairman of the BSA Youth Protection Task Force in 2002, has been arrested for receiving and distribut-

ing child pornography. In November of 2002, Smith defended the BSA's policy against homosexuals.

The national leadership of the BSA has allowed many councils to stray far from the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in the name of financial gain by not following the high moral standard proclaimed by both the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They have done this because they seem to be so self-righteous. They seem to act as though they are above the law. The Greater Alabama Council, Birmingham, AL, the Atlanta Area Council, Atlanta, GA and the Gulf Ridge Council, Tampa Bay, FL are currently under investigation for fraud by the FBI for allegedly inflating their membership numbers in order to receive larger donations from some United Ways; city, state and federal government agencies; and private businesses. Other Scout councils that have been found to falsify their membership numbers include Circle Ten Council, Dallas, TX; Los Angeles Council, Los Angeles, CA; Longhorn Council, Ft. Worth, TX; Indian Nations Council, Tulsa, OK; Golden Empire Council, Sacramento, CA; Chattahoochee Council, Columbus, GA; Calument Council, Munster, IN; and Bay Area Council, Galveston, TX.

Yes, it is sad to say that, the Boy Scouts of America's national leadership in Irving, Texas has corrupted both the Scout Oath and Scout Law through its own blinded self-righteousness as they struggle to keep the program afloat. They are struggling because they are becoming

victims of their own greed and prejudice.

Scouting for All, an organization inspired by Steven Cozza, an Eagle Scout and whose team is made up of many other Eagle Scouts and prior BSA members, is trying to save the Boy Scouts of America by advocating that it embrace the values of both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and by once again becoming a morally straight organization that is inclusive, just as the majority of the World Scouting Movement. We ask that in order to begin this healing process, the national leaders of the Boy Scouts of America step down, in the best interest of the organization, and ultimately in the best interest of all the youth under its charge. We ask that Boy Scouts of America members and local councils demand this change at the top level of the organization in order to help bring the Boy Scouts of America out of its dark moral bankruptcy into the light of a new beginning of hope and renewal.

[Cozza is President of Scouting for All. The group seeks to influence the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to serve and include as participating members all youth and adult leaders, regardless of their spiritual belief, gender, or sexual orientation. To learn more, please visit [www.scoutingforall.org](http://www.scoutingforall.org).]

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## No Taxation With Discrimination April 15

TUCSON - With the deadline looming, millions of Americans will be busy filing their taxes. Yet for Southern Arizona's same-sex couples, tax time is another painful reminder that Gay and Lesbian people are treated unequally by the federal and state government.

"If you say you're single, you've actually lied on your taxes," stated Luanne Withee who has been with her partner over 25 years.

Jim Sincox, who has been with his partner, Noel, for 14 years agrees, "The state and federal tax codes completely excludes us, and discriminates against our families."

Because the Internal Revenue Service will not accept joint tax filings from same-sex couples, Gay and Lesbian couples must file separately, thus missing out on possible financial benefits.

To raise awareness about the discrimination, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) people and their straight allies will gather at the Main Post Office, 1501 Cherrybell St near Kino Parkway and 22nd, from 3:00 p.m until Midnight, as well as at Tucson Electric Park from 5:00pm to 9:00pm on Friday, April 15. They will hold signs with messages such as, "Honk if you love Fairness" and "Equal Protection for All of Arizona's Families." Volunteers will also hand out literature to educate people on the unequal treatment of same sex couples under the law.

The action is being sponsored by the Arizona Coalition for Fairness, a coalition of individuals and organizations joined together to demonstrate the power of Southern Arizona's LGBT and allied community to defeat the extremist amendments to the Federal and Arizona state constitutions.

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## In Their Own Words

Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-Arizona, is supporting legislation to repeal the military's ban on openly Gay and Lesbian soldiers, signing on as a co-sponsor to H.R. 1059, sponsored by Congressman Marty Meehan, D-Massachusetts. H.R. 1059 would include a provision barring discrimination based on sexual orientation "against any member of the armed forces or against any person seeking to become a member of the armed forces."

Motivating Kolbe, according to spokeswoman Kristen Hellmer, who said to the Arizona Daily Star for a story, is his opposition to "discrimination of any sort." Really?

On March 3, 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives, by a party line vote of 224-200, approved H. R. 27, the Job Training Improvement Act of 2005 that would allow religious organizations that receive federal funds to operate job-training programs that discriminate in employment based on religious grounds, which could include rejecting job applicants who are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender (GLBT).

One House member who voted in favor of H.R. 27 was Gay Congressman Jim Kolbe of Arizona, for which his office did not return press calls for comment on why he voted in favor of H.R. 27.

On March 30, 2004, the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 343-81, approved H.R. 3966, the ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004, strengthening the ability of military recruiters to violate university nondiscrimination policies, including pro-

visions covering GLBT students and staff, for which the bill would provide stiffer penalties for institutions that deny recruiters access to campuses.

One House member who voted in favor of H.R. 3966 was Gay Congressman Jim Kolbe of Arizona.

On July 12, 1996, the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 342 to 67, approved H.R. 3396, the federal Defense of Marriage Act, defining marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word 'spouse' refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.

One House member who voted in favor of H.R. 3396 was Gay Congressman Jim Kolbe of Arizona. Two other Gay Congressman, Democrat Barney Frank of Massachusetts and Republican Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin voted against H.R. 3396.

On December 15, 1995, the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of 267-149, approved H.R. 1530, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, that included an amendment from Congressman Gerald Solomon, R-NY, for which the amendment cuts off federal funds from any institution of higher learning that bars the campus gate to military recruiters because of their policy of prohibiting openly Gay and Lesbian service members, known as "don't ask, don't tell."

One House member who voted in favor of H.R. 1530 was Gay Congressman Jim Kolbe of Arizona.

### Rainbow Build Benefit April 23

TUCSON - A sock hop and ice cream social will be held Saturday, April 23, 6 to 9 p.m., at St. Francis in the Foothills (corner of River Road and Swan).

Proceeds from this event will go to the Rainbow Build project for Habitat for Humanity, in which the GLBT community of Tucson is currently working to build a house for a family in need.

Live music will be performed by "Agave Slave," performing hits from the 1950's through the 1990's.

Donations are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children or \$15 for families. For more information, call (520) 780-3608.

### Insomnia Can Be Particularly Detrimental For HIV Patients

LONDON - While insomnia is a common symptom of depression among people with chronic diseases, it can be particularly dangerous for HIV patients, as it can interfere with their abilities to adhere to their medications and carry out other responsibilities related to their health care, according to researchers, Advocate.com reported.

Missed doses of medication can allow HIV to mutate and defend itself against the drugs, thereby limiting the number of drugs available to effectively treat the disease.

Two studies in the journal Psychosomatic Medicine show that HIV-positive people who are suffering from depression are more likely to have insomnia than other people with major depression. The research also revealed a vicious cycle between depression and insomnia in HIV patients—poor sleep was shown to worsen depression,

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designed to bring attention to the fact that same-sex couples who pay their taxes are losing out on the benefits that heterosexual couples receive. If people pay equal taxes, they should get equal rights," stated Jess Knutson, action organizer. She continued, "Many fair-minded Arizonans simply don't know that LGBT people are not equally protected under the law. We believe that when people know the truth, they will understand that all tax-paying Americans deserve equal treatment on issues such as taxes, inheritance rights, and hospital visitation."

Similar actions are being organized in Georgia, Florida, Kansas, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Washington State, many cities in California. Last year, over 35 cities across the country participated. For more information on the Tax Day Action or to volunteer for a one hour shift at the Post Office, please contact Jess Knutson at Wingspan, Southern Arizona's LGBT Community Center, at (520) 624-1779.

which in turn leads to even worse sleep, Reuters Health reports. "So you end up in a vicious circle of deteriorating mood and overall functioning," researcher Stephen Reid told the news agency.

The studies also showed that prior cognitive problems and use of the nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor Sustiva also boosts risks for insomnia.

## Treasures For TIHAN April 16

TUCSON - Enjoy a fun-filled evening with fine food, entertainment and wonderful items up for bid at Treasures for TIHAN, Sunday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., Doubletree Hotel. 445 S. Alvernon.

All proceeds from this annual event will go to TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Action Network).

TIHAN is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization focused on mobilizing the resources of faith communities to respond compassionately to those infected and affect by HIV/AIDS and to promote education and the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

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### Canadian Court Rules Schools Responsible For Combatting Homophobia

VANCOUVER - British Columbia's highest court has overturned a lower court ruling that said a student could not sue a school board for homophobic bullying and harassment because he is straight, 365Gay.com reported.

The B.C. Supreme Court said that Azmi Jubran had been the victim of anti-Gay bullying for five years and that Handsworth secondary school in North Vancouver failed to stop the homophobic taunts of other students. It also reinstated a \$4,500 award set by a human rights tribunal and later quashed by a lower court.

The lower court had dismissed Jubran's allegations that he had been subjected to harassment on the basis of sexuality despite testimony he was routinely called "faggot," "homo" and "Gay" while attending Handsworth Secondary from 1993 to 1998.

He had a variety of objects thrown at him and was kicked and spat upon. Students threatened to drop him in acid and to rape him with a broom. During a school camping trip his tent was urinated on.

Principal Terry Shaw testified he had never seen a student harassed as badly as Jubran was, but with almost 13,000 students and only 70 teachers, he didn't have the resources to stop it completely.

In its decision the lower court said that because Jubran was not Gay he could not claim he had been harmed by homophobia. The ruling outraged LGBT activists.

In overturning the decision the provincial Supreme Court said the lower court had erred and there was no question that Jubran was discriminated against on the grounds of sexual orientation.

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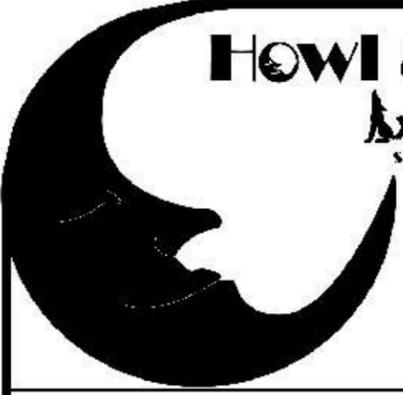
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# The Men's Cancer No One Wants To Talk About

NEW YORK - It's the most common major cancer in America, even though it affects only one sex. Lifetime odds of getting it are 1 in 6. Testing for it is controversial, and treating it robs many of a body part that's important to their sexuality, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

This isn't breast cancer, a disease tattooed into the American psyche. It is its male counterpart, which has made a much fainter mark.

Prostate cancer gets a fraction of what is spent on breast cancer research, and virtually nothing is known about what causes it.

It is the only cancer that doctors debate not just how to treat but whether they should at all. Nine out of 10 men don't need treatment but the rest will die, and there's no good way to tell them apart. It also kills at a higher rate than breast cancer. Nearly 32 men out of 100,000 will die of prostate cancer; 27 women out of 100,000 die of breast cancer.

Advocacy has been weak. Men don't like to wear little blue ribbons, and the field has suffered from lack of support.

Consider Dr. Ernie Bodai's situation. The California surgeon got a special postage stamp that has raised a whopping \$50 million to fight breast cancer, a disease he cuts out of dozens of women's bodies each year. But he's been unable to win a similar stamp for his own cancer.

"The prostate cancer community is 10 years behind the breast groups in terms of being acknowledged and coming forward," he lamented.

Now, many are trying to catch up.

More than a thousand specialists, from surgeons to radiologists to dietitians, met in Orlando recently for a first-of-its-kind conference similar to the breast cancer symposium that's been held in Texas for 27 years.

"As San Antonio is to breast cancer, we want this to be for prostate cancer," said Dr. Eric Small of the

University of California in San Francisco, who organized the meeting with several big cancer organizations.

What emerged from the three-day conference was a clearer picture of this murky disease and new insights into preventing, detecting and treating it. Among them:

The immune system might be more effectively harnessed to fight this cancer than many other types. Doctors reported the first success using this approach.

Smoking has less of an effect on prostate cancer risk than other cancers.

Obesity affects the odds of dying from the disease more than the odds of getting it.

Diet may play a key role. More is known about how specific nutrients affect the risk of prostate cancer than any other cancer type. Diet might even help explain why blacks have double the rate of the disease than whites.

Treatments are improving. New techniques are minimizing surgery's side effects, and newer ways of giving radiation are allowing higher doses and better control of the disease.

Use of the PSA blood test is being refined. Studies are evaluating whether a rising score means more than the score itself, and other ways to fine-tune interpretation. Other potentially better biomarkers for prostate cancer also are being studied.

Doctors are starting to prescribe finasteride for some men at high risk of the disease after a big study found the drug could prevent prostate cancer, much as tamoxifen prevents breast cancer. The study was notable not just for its outcome, but also because 18,000 men took part, after years of studies begging for participants.

"This was a real question in the 1990s: If you gave a party, would the men show up?" said Dr. Howard Parnes, director of cancer prevention at the National Cancer Institute, which funded

the study.

"Only one patient with prostate cancer is entered into a clinical trial for every four patients with breast cancer. That's our biggest challenge," Small said.

More than 232,000 American men are expected to be diagnosed this year with cancer of the prostate, a walnut-shaped gland beneath the base of the penis that makes seminal fluid. About 30,000 will die of it. Worldwide, 680,000 cases and 221,000 deaths are projected - figures that seem low primarily because in many poor countries men don't live long enough to develop it.

Cases climbed dramatically in the United States in 1988 and 1989 with the advent of the PSA blood test, which measures a protein the prostate makes when it's inflamed. The test is controversial because PSA can be high for many reasons, and there's no proof that screening saves lives.

In most men, prostate cancer grows so slowly that it will never threaten their lives. Treatment often leads to problems having sex or controlling the bladder, so finding a way to distinguish which tumors can safely be left alone is the field's top priority.

"We need to know who those people are so they can be spared unnecessary treatment," said Dr. Philip Kantoff, a prostate specialist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

It would help to know what causes the disease. It regresses when men are given drugs to block testosterone, yet the incidence of the disease rises as men age, when levels of the male hormone diminish.

"We still don't understand it to the degree we do any other cancer," said Dr. Durado Brooks, who heads prostate cancer research for the American Cancer Society.

Two genes have been implicated, and both are linked to inflammation, said Dr. William Nelson of Johns Hopkins University. Chronic inflammation or infection may set the stage, and a

carcinogen, like smoking, may finish the job.

Scientists have done elaborate studies on carcinogens, like those generated by cooking meat at high heat. One even examined whether flipping burgers once or multiple times made a difference. The bottom line: Charring meat isn't good.

Diet is emerging as a possible way to prevent the disease. June Chan, a dietitian at the University of California in San Francisco, summarized studies on risk.

Bad: diets high in fat, red meat, dairy products and calcium.

Good: fish, soy, vegetables like broccoli and Brussels sprouts, and cooked tomato products rich in lycopene. Diet may be especially important in later life; a Harvard study found that most of the benefit of lycopene was in men 70 and older.

"This is the only cancer that I'm familiar with where we have this sort of micronutrient information," Brooks said.

Can diet prevent prostate cancer?

"The short answer to that is 'probably yes,'" said Dr. Meir Stampfer, chief of epidemiology at Harvard Medical School, where the possible benefit of selenium was first seen in studies in the 1980s.

"It's taken 25 years to get a randomized trial off the ground," he complained.

Michael Milken wants to help change the situation. The former Wall Street junk bond king founded the Prostate Cancer Foundation after his diagnosis in 1993.

"There was very little support for prostate cancer research," with the National Cancer Institute spending a mere \$37 million, Milken said at the Orlando meeting, which his foundation helped sponsor.

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# Connecticut Senate Passes Civil Union Bill

HARTFORD - By a veto-proof margin of 27-9, the Connecticut Senate passed a civil union bill on Wednesday, April 6, that would make Connecticut the first state in the nation to voluntarily adopt such a law, the PlanetOut Network reported.

If the bill wins approval in the House, as newspapers such as the Connecticut Post expect, Gov. M. Jodi Rell will be pressured into signing the bill into law.

The Connecticut Post notes Rell, a Republican, supported failed GOP amendments Wednesday that would have codified marriage as between a man and a woman.

However, the Associated Press (AP) claims Rell did not take a stand on the bill. The news service adds she supports the concept of civil unions.

If signed into law, same-sex couples will be able to inherit each other's wealth, make life-or-death health decisions and remain together in nursing homes.

The law is modeled after a 1999 statute in Vermont, which was passed after a court order demanded equal rights for same-sex couples.

Sen. Andrew McDonald, D-Stamford, a Gay man who is co-chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told the Connecticut Post that the bill was inspired in part by a Gay couple who lived together for 35 years. But when one died, the survivor had to pay \$90,000 in state succession taxes — something that would have been waived for a married couple.

Sen. John McKinney, R-Fairfield, one of the six Republican senators to vote for the legislation, remembered the cruel treatment his family suffered after his father, U.S. Rep. Stewart B. McKinney, died of AIDS in 1987.

"By doing what we're doing today, by standing up and saying that in the state of Connecticut there are people among us who are Gays and Lesbians in long-term, committed relationships, we will go a long way as a society to make people feel accepted as members of our society," McKinney said.

State Sen. John Kissel, the ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, voted against the legislation, claiming history shows LGBT advocates will continue to press for same-sex marriage.

"It's hard to believe that the train, as it rolls down the tracks, is going to stop at this station," Kissel told the Associated Press. "Going down this road has a price to it."

Anne Stanback, president of Love Makes a Family, an organization supporting same-sex marriage, confirmed Kissel's fears.

"We want to be clear," she told reporters after the historic vote. "This is not the end."

Same-sex marriage advocates have their work cut out for them. A poll released Thursday, April 7, from Quinnipiac University shows Connecticut voters support civil unions (56 percent of registered voters) but oppose same-sex marriage (53 percent).

Nationally, Connecticut bucks a trend.

On Tuesday, April 5, Kansas became the 18th state to pass a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Three other states have marriage bans on the ballot and more than a dozen states are considering them.

Joe Solmonese, president of Human Rights Campaign, told the AP that states that support same-sex marriage will be crucial in the years to come.

"The more places that we are able to extend the same rights and responsibilities to all Americans, the more places we've got a light to shine on what's happening," he said.

"Massachusetts, the last time I checked ... is still there. Marriage is still there," he said. "People are going on with their lives, Gay and Lesbian couples are raising their families and living their lives like everyone else. None of what has been forecast or what we've been warned about seems to have happened there," Solmonese added.

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# POLITICS 2005

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## 'Help Not Wanted'

What do Steve May, Jim Kolbe, Neil Giuliano and Tom Simplot have in common?

According to the Republican wingnuts currently serving in the Arizona House of Representatives, these four individuals, Gay Republicans who have served or currently serve in elected office in Arizona should be fired, or be denied employment because of their sexual orientation, as well as other Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Arizonans in the job market.

"Help not wanted," was the Republican wingnut mantra as the Arizona House took up consideration of bills during the House Committee of the Whole for Thursday, April 7.

One of the proposals being taken up was SB 1339, lengthening the time allowed to protest a subpoena obtained for civil rights investigations.

State Representative Steve Gallardo, D-Phoenix, had announced his intentions to offer a floor amendment to SB 1339 prohibiting discrimination against persons in employment.

Gallardo's amendment would make it illegal for employers to discriminate against persons based on their sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression.

While some federal court decisions provide protections against sexual harassment, nothing in state or federal law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Opening the debate on his floor amendment to SB 1339, Gallardo said that this was an important measure because we need to respect the civil rights of people. "Discrimination is wrong, whether it is because of race, color, religion, gender or because of your sexual orientation," he said.

State Representative Eddie Farnsworth, R-Mesa, one of the leaders of the wingnuts, immediately leapt up, demanding to speak about the Gallardo amendment.

No friend to the Gay and Lesbian community by any means, Farnsworth, the current chair of the Arizona House Judiciary Committee, impatiently declared that the issue had been "addressed the last five years and rejected for good reasons."

"Let's not muddy with this amendment," Farnsworth declared, "creating another protected class."

State Representative Tom Prezelski, D-Tucson, took the floor, asking Gallardo whether there was a state statute covering this issue or a state agency have such policies prohibiting discrimination in employment.

Gallardo said that the only provision was the executive order signed by Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano (D), protecting the rights of workers in the executive branch of state government and is only in effect as long as Napolitano is in office.

State Representative Ted Downing, D-Tucson, took the floor, asking Farnsworth what were the "good reasons" about this issue that the Arizona House

cited in rejecting the proposal in years' past.

Farnsworth didn't answer Downing's question, stating that it was about certain guarantees, since homosexuality is "a lifestyle choice."

"The bills had been assigned to multiple committees in an effort to make sure it didn't get to see the 'light of day,'" said Gallardo, who followed Downing, speaking about his amendment. "There are no differences in discriminating based on the color of one's skin or their sexual orientation."

"People are prosecuted in Arizona for violent crimes based on their sexual orientation," Gallardo continued, "and that prohibiting discrimination in employment is the right thing to do."

State Representative Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, asked Gallardo whether there has been a study showing that sexual orientation and gender identity was a lifestyle choice, for which he responded that he didn't know of one and maybe Farnsworth knew of a study. Farnsworth didn't answer the question.

Gallardo's amendment failed by a 33-20 margin.

Voting yes, from Southern Arizona: Representatives Manny Alvarez, D-Elfrida, Olivia Cajero Bedford, D-Tucson, Phil Lopes, D-Tucson, Ted Downing, D-Tucson, David Bradley, D-Tucson, Tom Prezelski, D-Tucson, Linda Lopez, D-Tucson.

Voting no, from Southern Arizona: Representatives Pete Hershberger, R-Tucson, Steve Huffman, R-Tucson, Marian McClure, R-Tucson.

Not voting: State Representatives Jennifer Burns, R-Tucson, Jonathan Paton, R-Tucson.

## Kansas Becomes 17th State To Pass Anti-G/L Marriage Amendment

Continued from Page Nine as a union between a man and a woman. An 18th state, Hawaii, has an amendment that leaves it to the legislature to define marriage. Following passage of the amendment the legislature passed a Defense of Marriage Act.

Meanwhile, Tiffany Muller, an openly Gay Topeka City Council member, lost her bid to retain her seat. Muller, a 27-year-old freelance grants writer, was appointed to fill a vacancy last year. The seat was won by Richard Harmon, a 48-year-old attorney.

In the March primary Muller beat Jael Phelps, a granddaughter of anti-Gay pastor Fred Phelps, to face Harmon.



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# Oregon Gay & Lesbian Marriage Ruling In Limbo

PORTLAND - A year ago, a judge gave legislators 90 days from the start of the 2005 session to adopt a civil-unions law, or Multnomah County would be allowed to resume issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, 365Gay.com reported.

That deadline passed Saturday, April 9, but the state Department of Justice says it is not enforceable.

Further, Multnomah County officials say they have made no plans to resume issuing marriage certificates to same-sex couples after Saturday's deadline passes.

The issue arises from Multnomah County's issuance of marriage licenses to nearly 3,000 Gay and Lesbian couples in March 2004 before Circuit Judge Frank Bearden put a stop to the practice.

In his ruling, Bearden set the 90-day deadline for the 2005 Legislature to fix the problem by adopting a civil unions law.

However, in November, 2004, Oregon voters amended the state constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman.

Kevin Neely of the Oregon Department of Justice said the November vote had the effect of nullifying the judge's 90-day order.

"Judge Bearden's order is, if not moot, then certainly unenforceable, based on the constitutional measure," Neely said in an interview with the Statesman Journal newspaper.

The Oregon Supreme Court, meanwhile, is expected to rule soon on a challenge of the state's marriage law.

The legal limbo has kept Senate Democrats from pushing bills that create civil unions and advance Gay rights.

"We didn't want to move forward on the civil-union issue until a

Supreme Court ruling," said Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown, D-Portland. "And we were working on the assumption that it would be before the 90-day window closed."

With no word from the Supreme Court, Brown is finishing a civil-unions bill that she plans to introduce.

Republican leaders in the House also are waiting for the Supreme Court's decision, said Chuck Deister, spokesman for House Speaker Karen Minnis.

"It's presumptuous until we hear from the court," he said.

Many others are also waiting for

word, including officials in Multnomah County who granted licenses to 3,022 same-sex couples last year.

The county isn't planning any action before the Supreme Court's ruling, said Bob Gravely, spokesman for Multnomah County Board Chairwoman Diane Linn.

However, he wasn't sure what officials will do if same-sex couples appear Monday to apply for licenses.

"I'm pretty confident in saying that we have not planned for that," Gravely said.

Portland attorney Kelly Clark,

who is representing the sponsors of the constitutional Gay marriage ban in the case before the Supreme Court, said he thinks the court will issue its ruling soon.

"I would be stunned if Multnomah County concluded that under these circumstances, anything should happen," Clark said.

The state's leading Gay rights group, Basic Rights Oregon, was hoping for a ruling before the 90-day deadline, and isn't sure what the deadline's passing means, spokeswoman Rebekah Kassell said.

"This is already a muddy legal situation, and this certainly adds to that," Kassell said.

## Kansas Becomes 17th State To Pass Anti-G/L Marriage Amendment

TOPEKA - Kansas voters Tuesday accepted a proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. The measure passed by a better than 2 - 1 margin, 365Gay.com reported.

The vote was the first since 11 states adopted similar amendments in last November's general election.

The amendment defines marriage as between one man and one woman. It also declares that only such unions are entitled to the "rights and incidents" of marriage. That clause in the amendment effectively prevents the state from allowing civil unions or offering benefits to same-se couples.

Kansas law already defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman but supporters of the amendment argued it could be overturned in court.

"Putting the rights of a minority up for a popular vote is immoral," Matt Foreman, Executive Director National Gay and Lesbian Task Force told 365Gay.com.

Gays and Lesbians and other critics say the amendment will go far beyond protecting the traditional definition of marriage. They argue it will affect powers of attorney, co-adoption legal agreements and prevent companies providing health benefits to employees' unmarried partners.

"The harm done to thousands of Kansas families is incalculable," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "As voters come to understand the real consequences of this amendment, we hope they understand how wrong this amendment is."

Voting was steady throughout the state. The turnout was lower than for a general election but considerably higher than expected for an election that mostly chooses city councils and local school boards.

In Topeka, voter Wesley Ryder emerging from a polling station said he never thought he'd see the day when the definition of marriage was up for debate. Ryder says he voted for the amendment because it was the right thing to do.

But Amy Eisele of Kansas City, Kansas, voted against it. Eisele says government should stay out of marriage.

In Lawrence, retiree Geneva Pohl also voted against the amendment.

"I just don't think it is wise to pass an amendment to discriminate," the 81-year-old said.

The Rev. Terry Fox, senior pastor at Wichita's Immanuel Baptist Church and a leader of the campaign for the proposal, said he expects opponents to challenge the amendment in court, though he is confident it will stand up.

"We always felt like if Kansans were given an opportunity to vote, they would vote strongly to protect marriage and defend marriage in the way it has traditionally been defined," Fox said. "The real winner here was marriage itself."

Seventeen states have constitutional amendments specifically banning same-sex marriage by defining marriage  
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# MISS GAY WESTERN STATES PAGEANT

TUCSON - The annual Miss Gay Western States Pageant was held at the Doubletree Hotel on Saturday, March 26. This Pageant is an open regional preliminary to the Miss Gay America Pageant to be held later this year. Angela Dodd was the winner of this pageant and she now holds the title of Miss Gay Western States 2005. Tori Steele was First Alternate. Both will be entered to compete in the Miss Gay America 2006 Pageant in October. Also appearing at this pageant, and pictured below were Raquel Chevallier (Miss Gay America 2005); Catia Lee Love (Miss Gay America 2000) and Patti Le PlaeSafe (Miss Gay America 1999) Congratulations to all the contenders, entertainers and to the guys at DRS Productions who put on an excellent professional event.



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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**  
**Going All Out** by Lee Thorn

"Boxed Sets" is the name of the current exhibition at the University of Arizona's Center for Creative Photography. The show runs through May 29. If you don't know anything about art photography or if you suspect that there's no such thing as photographic art, this show's for you. It may well make you a convert.

The curator has chosen the selection of prints most likely to knock your socks off. She had 80,000 in the permanent collection to choose from. She didn't limit herself with even a pretense of a theme. Just went for the gusto and got it.

After years of writing about mediocre shows at this museum, it's a rare pleasure to be able to write about one that hits a grand slam homer, one that can really open your eyes—even doubting eyes—to what a wide range of things the medium of art photography can be.

A show like this is going to inevitably tip its hat to the great names of the art and to some of their most famous images, but the pleasantly surprising thing is that the big names don't dominate the party. They're just the spice, not the main course.

There's Ansel Adams, some of his artifacts as well as famous images transforming geology into spirituality. There's Edward Weston's famous "Neil" photos that turn a boy's torso into classic marble statuary. There's Harold Edgerton's famous images of bullets going through playing cards and apples. Avedon portraits include Eugene McCarthy, Jimmy Carter and Ralph Nader in shots that almost humanize those towering egos.

Given the eminence of the aforementioned, how dare I go on to say that the Best of Show is a dye transfer print by Joel Sternfeld titled "McLean, Virginia, December 4, 1978?" It's because the "Best of Show" designation is not intended to refute established art history, but merely to indicate what struck one observer most forcefully on one occasion. "McLean" has a small temporary building in a field with a neat stack of pumpkins in front of it and a sign on the roof saying, "McLean Farm Market." In the background, a two-story house is burning and a fire truck with extended ladder is battling the blaze. In the foreground, a large scattering of broken and unbroken pumpkins litter the field. The composition is so perfectly balanced that it exudes serenity. The palette is calm and balanced as well, with everything

taking a backseat to the orange of the pumpkins and the flames.

How can a picture that includes a house fire be so utterly tranquil? Is it because the theme here is acceptance of transition? We go from the carefully stacked pumpkins to the scattered and broken pumpkins to the pumpkin-colored flames of destruction with everything seeming in perfect harmony.

Immediately to the right of the pumpkin masterpiece is another dye transfer print titled "Steph beneath the Great Sandstone Arch, near Monticello, Utah, 6/21/82" by Mark Klett. At first glance it's just a bold stroke of rock cutting through a milky sky. On closer inspection, a tiny woman is standing on the base of the rock formation. A tiny road is cutting through a narrow strip of background landscape. A little community, or perhaps just a group of farm buildings, is hiding behind the rock. A distant mountain range becomes noticeable as does a small rainstorm in its formative phase. What begins as a stark clean stroke becomes a nifty collection of nooks and crannies.

Harry Callahan's gelatin silver print "Eleanor, Chicago, 1949" is a very dry looking head sticking out of gently choppy water. The head looks so detached that the work might be taken as a collage but for the face's distorted reflection in the wavelets.

Besides giving us the strong contrasts of wet/dry and moving/still, the work presents a face that's arresting in itself. The eyes are closed in an expression of untroubled but intense concentration and every hair above the water seems perfectly in place.

In Helmut Newton's "Nostalgic Eroticism" a woman in long stockings, high heels and an evening gown bares her butt to the camera while lying on a couch. There are strong parallels between this work and Mark Klett's "Storm Clouds over Easter Idaho..." which shows the top rear portion of a VW in a cloudscape over a strip of land. If I were teaching a course in art appreciation, I might give the following assignment: "Compare 'Nostalgic' and 'Storm' with special attention to the issues of overall composition and the uses of texture." Of course I wouldn't have told the students about the "strong parallels."

[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.]

**WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK**  
 by Jerry D. Calabazamusic@yahoo.com

Hello readers!

This week we will wish God's speed to someone we might have not all known, but definitely were in view of in one way or another. Gary was one of the dying breed of true queens who filled a bar with grace and presence.

I first met Gary in his best garb, sitting at the Yard Dog drinking with his pinky raised. He was always there to talk to, and wore his dress and makeup the best he knew how. He really made his mark though when he performed in what was the role I will always remember him by. The Yard Dog was set to open its second theatrical production. My other half, Cindy and I had the honor of writing a musical comedy set in Tombstone. The lead role was to be played by an elder woman who was the belle of the West at one time. She had history in her face, and a song in her heart.

There was a lot of disagreements with our production. Songs were changed and costumes argued about. With all that though, Gary was ready to perform. When the show's director had the notion

to make the character an ugly hag, Gary went with it, just like a true stage performer. Even with the ugly nose, the brown teeth and hideous makeup, Gary showed a presence of glamour, and played the audience and cast to his ultimate best.

When the show was performed in Tombstone, thanks to coffee shop Pony Express, Gary was there to make the show a rousing success. The entire town was aware of the lead role, and some even thought it was a true woman in the role.

Now Gary has joined the great queens of the sky, looking down at us with a smile on his face and the wishes of those who knew him well. Say what you may, but that Texas native will always be the corner seat of the bar now matter who sits there.

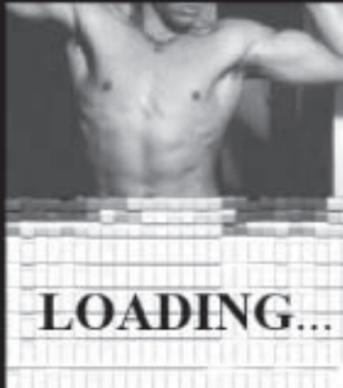
Whenever our play is performed, no matter by whom, Rosie will always be Gary, singing "Those Were The Days". They will be the days of Gary and those who remember him.

God's speed Rosie, the stage is yours forever. Readers save a prayer for him. Have a good one.

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Mercury is on the move and is sure to get a rise out of the entire group collective. This wayward retro planet now redirects and enables us to get the word Out loud, proud and queer. Okay, so what are we waiting for?

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**  
Your first impressions might have been less than stellar during retro Mercury but now you regain your confidence and feel your oats. Oh boy! Proud Rams can step into the limelight and bring the wattage up a few volts. There are a few folks who aspire to gravitate into your orbit. Be brash. Be bold. Mean what you say and say what you mean. Hmm, just what do you mean?

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
It has become so easy to listen to the advice of others. In fact during retro Mercury you might have questioned your own good judgement and relied on too many outside opinions. Stop it and clear the communications static. It is time to listen to those insistent inner voices, go with your gut and see where it leads you. Give your crystal ball a polish and see who glows.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Were you once highly sociable and now find yourself checking and rechecking your breath? If so you can regain your social balance now that Mercury redirects. Pink Twins may have made a few faux pas around pals. They forgive you. Now forgive yourself and get back into the swim of things. Pack a bathing cap for those splashy parties. Everybody into the pool!

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Your professional path had a few potholes in it while Mercury retrograded. Just when you thought that you scored a few points with the powers that be, some of your lobs managed to go into the foul zone. Before you give up the game, try try again this week. Gay Crabs can regain their position and go from the defense to the offense. Err, how offensive will you be, pal?

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
Is it time for a long luxurious trip or even a quick getaway? Perhaps you should start to plan for that fantastic vacation now that Mercury is redirecting. Opportunities present themselves and all sorts of fun things manage to fall into place. If money and time are tight, proud Lions should consider refreshing and recharging any way they can. Let's get creative.

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
If your love missives have been missing their mark, blame your lousy aim on retro Mercury and resolve to give it another try this week. You will be given ample opportunity to connect to others on a deep and meaningful level. Queer Virgins are earthy and sensual when they put their mind to it. Give lovers a piece of your mind, among other things.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
Petty tantrums and silly disagreements may have become your preferred ways of communicating with a certain someone. Well those days are over. Mercury redirects and so should you. Let bygones be bygones and be your natural mellow self with this impossibly manic person. Who knows what can develop between the two of you when you start to smile? Say cheese!

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
All your great efforts at dieting and exercising may have hit a wall during retro Mercury. More pain and no gain.

But today is a new day and proud Scorps can resume their health regimes with renewed vigor and greater success. Even a small modest effort can now produce impressive results. Remember, swimsuit season is upon us unless swimsuits are optional.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
Jolly fun-loving Gay Archers might have found that pleasurable pastimes were more trouble than they were worth during retro Mercury. Not even your innate luck paid off. But before you stow your lampshade hat and go back to work, give your Gay muse another chance. Opportunities abound to re-enter the party circuit and regain your flair. Wrest the best of every fest.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
How many missed phone calls, lost mail and spammed emails have you fielded over the past weeks? How many familial disagreements based on mixed messages have you endured at the same time? Too many! But the coast is clear for saying what you mean and meaning what you say now that Mercury redirects. Get your point across without poking an eye. Ouch!

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
Your communication efforts over the past weeks prove that no matter how polished and erudite you think you are, others can disagree. Isn't it amazing how your delivery can impact your message? But all is not lost, Aqueerius. Mercury redirects and you can turn on the charm to an overcompensating painful blinding glare... but let's try to be a bit more subtle for now.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
The big payoff is yet to come so be patient, Guppie. Even your best fiscal moves did not seem to go in the intended direction during retro Mercury. But you can regain your financial footing this week. The secret of your success is to listen carefully to sage advice, do your necessary research and don't expect instant gratification. Be a bull or a bear but not a pig.

## New York City Honors

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from doing business with companies that did not provide benefits for employees' same-sex partners.

In February Bloomberg admitted publicly that he supported same-sex marriage but then appealed the ruling of a New York judge who said the state's ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional.

"Clearly this mayor has not been with the community on the issues that are important to us," Van Cappelle said.

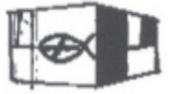
"If you ask for one thing and the mayor says no, then our job is to ask for another thing until we get the job done. That's our job. That's why we're called advocates," Van Cappelle said.

When asked about the next thing ESPA was asking the mayor to do, Van Cappelle replied, "The mayor says he's for same-sex marriage. So we're inviting him to lobby for marriage equality in Albany on May 24."



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# 'Stop Hillary' Campaign Traced to Recently Married Gay Republican

NEW YORK - A national campaign aimed at blocking Hillary Rodham Clinton's reelection has been linked to a Gay Republican advisor known for running dirty tricks operations and whose marriage to another man was exposed on the weekend (April 9-10), 365Gay.com reported.

Thousands of letters titled "Stop Hillary Now!" have gone out over the signature of New York GOP Chairman Stephen Minarik, but former President Bill Clinton said that he understood the fundraising campaign had actually been orchestrated by Arthur Finkelstein.

On the weekend it was revealed that Finkelstein had married another man in a secret ceremony in Massachusetts.

Finkelstein confirmed for the New York Times that he did indeed marry his partner. In what the paper describes as a short interview, the usually secretive Finkelstein said that the wedding had taken place at his home in Boston and that it was in December.

He also told the Times that the two have been a couple for 40 years that they live together with two children. He would not identify the partner, say who was the father of the children, or disclose who officiated at the wedding.

At a news conference about his foundation's AIDS initiatives, former President Clinton said there might be "some sort of self-loathing" for Finkelstein.

"That fellow who used to work for Pataki is doing it. I mean, they give you two stories. One is that he went to Massachusetts and married his longtime male partner and then he comes back here and announces this. I thought, one of two things. Either this guy believes his party is not serious and is totally Macchiavellian in its position, or you know, as David Brock said in his great book 'Blinded by the Right,' there's some sort of self-loathing or something. I was more sad for him."

The Stop Hillary campaign is trying to raise \$10 million. The letter promises a Republican "truth squad" that will "monitor Hillary's appearances and expose her lies."

"She is "the number one target for the right-wing attack machine," it says.

The letter also refers to Clinton six times as a "radical liberal" or "ultraliberal" and says she is the "darling of the wealthy liberal left - especially the Hollywood left" and has a "vast network of far-left contributors."

It appeals to conservatives across the country claiming that Sen. Clinton is running for the White House, although she has denied it on several occasions.

Arthur J. Finkelstein has run attack campaigns for a number of conservative members of the party including former Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina. He has also run campaigns for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.



## The Men's Cancer No One Wants To Talk About

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A decade later, federal spending had risen to \$390 million, but trailed breast cancer's \$699 million. The pattern is the same at the American Cancer Society, which made 175 grants totaling \$98 million this year for breast cancer, and 63 worth \$36 million for prostate.

Milken's foundation says it has raised more than \$230 million in roughly a decade and provided funding to more than 1,200 researchers around the world.

It's also trying to bring celebrity power to the disease. Bob Dole, Rudy Giuliani, Colin Powell and John Kerry have talked about having prostate cancer, but more voices are needed, said Leslie Michelson, the foundation's chief executive.

The National Basketball Association recently started airing "Act Like a Man" commercials to foster awareness. Fortune magazine is donating \$750,000 and has made prostate cancer its charity of the year. New York and California have started income tax checkoffs for donations to research.

A more subtle sign is the box that recently landed on Thomas Kirk's desk in Chicago. Inside were hundreds of pale blue wristbands like the yellow Lance Armstrong ones that have become must-haves of fund-raisers and fashion. Kirk said the prostate cancer support group he heads, Us TOO, has learned a lot from Y-ME, the breast cancer group led by his wife, Margaret Kirk.

mission. It's not one of the ones we're strongest in," he admitted.

The prostate foundation also is working on a lapel pin it hopes men will be willing to wear, shaped like a blue necktie instead of a ribbon.

"We're starting to beat the drums, to get a voice for this important cause," Michelson said.

## GOP Digs In To Fight Washington State G/L Rights Bill

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But the action was widely viewed as a killing motion.

Since Jim Hargrove (D-Hoquiam) - one of the two Democrats to support stalling the bill - sits on the Judiciary Committee, the 5-4 advantage held by Democrats is evaporated and the Republicans can keep the bill bottled up. Further, it's already past the deadline for Senate committees to approve House bills.

Murray's bill does not cover same-sex marriage. That issue will be taken up next month by the state Supreme Court. Two lower courts have ruled that denying Gays and Lesbians the right to marry is unconstitutional.



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Dear Dr. X,

I heard from a friend that you went to the White Party this year. Not that I have the right to tell you what you can and can't do, but that event is really about nothing more than "sex, drugs, and rock 'n roll" - oops, I mean disco. I would think that you going to the White Party is not exactly practicing what you preach. Just an observation from a reader.

Signed, Watchdog

Dear Watchdog,

Wow! Have I become so liked (or disliked) that my personal life is now up for public scrutiny?! Does this make me a celebrity? Will I get my own stalker? What about a celebrity romance and breakup? Better parking?

Dr. X did indeed attend the White Party in Palm Springs this year, with a few of his other Letter Doctor friends. It was hardly a secret. All us docs have been talking about it over our golf games and martinis for months. Sex, drugs, and disco you say? You think so? Let's break that down to find out just where the problem lies.

Sex. No surprise there. Gather together a few thousand hot, sexy men in beautiful location for several days, and you can bet that someone is gonna be gettin' somethin'. If you are a regular reader of this column, you are already aware that Dr. X is always in favor of fun, safe, hot sex-and lots of it. Though it is politically popular right now, Dr. X does not favor the abstinence message for Gay men-or any adult, for that matter. I am a firm believer in exploring your sexuality to the fullest. Have as much sex as you can get, provided you are not hurting yourself or anyone else. Since sex is one of the best physical and spiritual exercises you can get, I say train like it was the Olympics.

Drugs. No surprises there

either. Drugs have become a staple of Gay men's culture. Were there men using illegal drugs at White Party? Of course there were. The same guys who use illegal drugs when they go out to their local clubs, or hookup on the Internet at home, were taking drugs at White Party too. Events like the White Party are not the cause of substance use, they are the byproduct of it. And there were a great many guys there who don't partake in that scene, they are there for the...

Music. You're right about the disco. No Rock 'n Roll to be found anywhere. With music being such an important part of Gay men's lives, it's no wonder that most of the party's events are centered around it. For many Gay men, spending the evening on the dance floor is much like spending Sunday afternoon at church. It is a chance to reconnect with a spiritual side of themselves that goes untapped the rest of the week. And the DJ's for these events are like the preacher leading their flock on a spiritual journey. DJ's may prepare for months to play at these events, whether they are playing the afternoon pool parties for a few hundred or the main event at night for several thousand.

partying culture are certainly abundant at events like White Party, something else happens there too. Men come together from all over the country, and the world, to spend some time in each other's lives. They talk, they laugh (and yes, they even have sex) with men they would never have the chance to meet otherwise. New friendships are made, and old ones are rekindled. Occasionally, relationships are born. Many of the friends that I hold most dear were made at events like these, with men who are not into the partying scene. These men were there for the same reasons I was: to relax, have some fun, (maybe get laid), and recharge my spirit.

I think, Watchdog, that you should make a pilgrimage to at least one of these events before you decide that you know what they are all about. Even if you are not into the "partying" scene, go and experience for yourself the magic of spending a few days with a few thousand other Gay men, all of whom share the same trials and triumphs that you face in your life. You can't help but be inspired by it.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

While all those elements of

## G/L Marriage Protest At Royal Wedding

WINDSOR - Prince Charles and his longtime mistress Camilla Parker Bowles were married Saturday, April 9, at Windsor's 17th century Guildhall - and it did not go unnoticed by Britain's most outspoken Gay activist, 365Gay.com reported.

Shortly before the royal couple arrived British at the Guildhall Gay activist Peter Tatchell was hustled away from in front of the building by police.

Tatchell was carrying a sign reading "Charles can get married twice. Gays cannot get married once." The placard was in reference to Britain's civil unions law which will go into effect in December.

The Labor government of Tony Blair has come under fire from Tatchell and some other activist groups for failing to follow Holland, Belgium, Spain and most of Canada in bringing in legislation to give same-sex couples full marriage rights.

Tatchell stood in the crowd in front of the Guildhall with his sign clearly visible to the TV cameras until he was spotted by police.

He was escorted out of the vicinity to a cordoned off area out of camera view that police had set up for protestors that included conservative Anglicans opposed to the royal marriage of two divorcees and anti-monarchists.

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## NON-BAR CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 am Please join Curt for a Day at the Reid Park Zoo. For information and directions, please call Curt at 877-9161.

#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. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): Time TBD Please join Merlin as he realizes a lifelong dream of dancing in a Modern Dance recital. Discount tickets are \$8.00 each but must be purchased by April 8th. For reservations and additional information, please contact Merlin and Lee at 207-5336.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed) 8:30 a.m. join Jack & Mike and Ed & Marcus 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 Mike/Jack at 881-5733 or Marcus/Ed at 407-733.

#2 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.

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jim hosts Mah Jong. 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.

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 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.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for an evening of Pizza and a movie; "Silence of the Lambs". For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Terry for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-2396.

### THURSDAY APRIL 21

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. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

#1 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.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Please join Robert for a trip to Corona de Tucson for an Italian Dinner. We are Carpooling at 6 PM, and there is room for 20. Please call Robert at 400-1376 by April 10th to reserve your spot and additional information.

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 12:30 p.m. Please join Lloyd for Brunch at the fabulous Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Reservations and \$ must be with Lloyd by April 18th. Please contact Lloyd at 792-8537 for additional information and directions.

### MONDAY, APRIL 25

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the "putting out the Newsletter" Night. For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Cowboys & Angels" (after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Bruce at 743-3890.

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 26

#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. 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.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Richard & T. Jay for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay and Richard at 881-7919.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 28

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. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 30

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.

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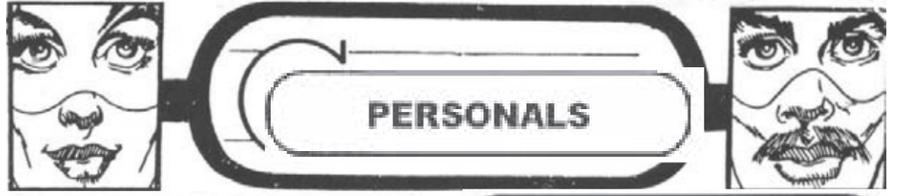
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**Royal Wedding**

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Tatchell is no stranger to royal protests. In January he was briefly detained by police after staging a protest on behalf of asylum seekers at a memorial service for Holocaust victims attended by the Queen.

He and his group Outrage led the attack on homophobic reggae singers. And, he has been a constant thorn in the side of Zimbabwe strongman Robert Mugabe.

Tatchell's Windsor protest was not seen by Prince Charles and Camilla, who is now the Duchess of Cornwall, or by several dozen wedding guests, including Charles' sons, William and Harry who arrived in a rented bus at the Guildhall. The queen did not attend the marriage ceremony.

Following the brief ceremony the couple emerged arm-in-arm to the cheers of onlookers and a jazz band playing, "Congratulations." They waved to the cheering crowd, but there was no public kiss or embrace.

A Rolls-Royce whisked the couple back to Windsor Castle for a blessing ceremony at St. George's Chapel that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh did attend.

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

**COLORS** - Open 11am. Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with complimentary mimosa. Full menu served 11am-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, includes Bloody Mary or Mimosa. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

**IBT's** - Open Noon. \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or mimosas. til 4pm 4-7:30 Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 5:30-8 Benefit BBQ for community organizations. Dance with Mike Lopez. 2for1 drink specials 10 til closing. All drink specials not available during special events

**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. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$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** - Closed on Mondays.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Monday Munchies 3 - 8 pm with reduced prices on appetizers - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Audio Anomoly 9pm-2am with DJ Trinidad, 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

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

## tuesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-10pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner & Concert" shown on our 52" projection System.

**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 Debbie from 8 - midnight

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Q playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close, All drink specials not available during special events.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Bartender Calls rink specials..

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

## wednesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Free Pool all day. Draught Beer Specials all day. Country DJ Jake plays 8:30 - close

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/ Bunny Fu Fu. HiNrgy dance with DJ Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear- fetish- leather nite w/Gary and Chris 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 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Karaoke from 9pm with Johnny DJ & Dan..

**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 Debbie from 8 to midnight.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Tricked Out Thursday with your Bartenders in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Cocksucker shots 10pm-2am, All drink specials not available during special events.

**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 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

## friday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2.25 well & domestic. Full menu served 4-11pm. 10pm "Guys & Dolls" Hosted by Lucinda Holliday in a 2 girl cabaret show with a different guest each week. Reservations suggested.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the Patio with Susan 6pm-9pm, Hot Dance with David Z from 9pm-2am, All drink specials not available during special events.

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

**WOODY'S** - 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 3-4pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 3-4pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

## saturday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-2am. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Reservations suggested. Karaoke 10pm-close with Johnny DJ & Dan.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$3.00 Burger & Fries all day. DJ playing your favorite country songs 8:30 - midnight, then "anything goes" requests until close. Kitchen open 10 pm - 2 am for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Starr, Circuit Saturday's with DJ Q spinning Hot Club Music. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. Special Happy Hour 10am-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Steak or Mahi Mahi BBQ with all the trimmings \$5, Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza 6-9pm.

**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.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

APRIL 1 - APRIL 23 - Live theatre Workshop late night Series presents "Durang Does Williams including For Whom The Bell Tolls and Desire, Desire, Desire" by Christopher Durang. These two one act plays will provide an evening-long deconstruction of the works of Tennessee Williams. Running in conjunction with Live Theatre Workshop's mainstage production of "The Glass Managerie", these enlightening Durang works will blow out your candles -- Stella. The show runs Friday and Saturday evenings April 1-23. Clal327-4242 for reservations. \$10 General admission. \$8 students, seniors and military. 5317 E. Speedway.

APRIL 16 - Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) hosts their 8th annual benefit "Treasures for TIHAN" at the Doubletree Hotel - Reid Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. This live and silent auction is ssthe major fundraising event that supports the programs and sservices of TIHAN. Not only is it TIHAN's largest event of the year and the biggest revenue-producer for programs, "Tresures for TIHAN" is an event that attrcts several hundred gnerous donors from throughout the Tucson community.s Donation \$50 (\$28 tax deductible). Treasures for TIHAN will be a fun-filled evening with great auction items, wonderfufl food and festive entertainment. Questions? 520-323-1128.

APRIL 16 - Desert Voices Concert and Auction at the Muse Community Arts Center, 516 N. 5th Avenue. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This year's concert "Our True Colors" will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance and

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**WOODY'S** - GMHP Toga Party 9pm to closing. Custom Togas - Drink Specials.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 15

**COLORS** - Lucinda Guy's 'n Doll's guest tonight at 10p.m. is Tucson's Black Cat Ajia Simone

**YARD DOG** - Arizona Theatre Company's "Macbeth" Cast & Crew Party. Come on by and meet the ATC folks. There'll be some entertainment too!

## SATURDAY, APRIL 16

**WOODY'S** - Having an April Birthday? Celebrate your birthday here at 9:00 p.m. Cake, Balloons, Champagne 9pm to close. (Sign up with one of their bartenders). In the afternoon from 3 to 7pm it's Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust.

**YARD DOG** - Prime Rib Dinner starting at 7pm.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 21

**IBT'S** - 80s Prom Party 10pm until 2am. Prom King and Queen Contest. \$80 Cash prize for each. \$2 drink specials all night. 80s movies playing, 80s music spun by DJ Mike Lopez. The contest will be hosted by Ajia Simone.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 23

**YARD DOG** - Prom Night is coming. Make your plans now or be sure to mark your calendar.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 28

**VENTURE-N** - Treat yourself to Bucky's 'Reubens' from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Then it's Steak Night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. followed by the enormously fun event "Locker Room Party" from 9:00 p.m. to close.

## SUNDAY, MAY 1

**WOODY'S** - 18<sup>TH</sup> Annual Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza and Auction to be held here, 3710 N. Oracle Road. Advance tickets available now. Call SAAF, 628-7223

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

are available at Antigone Books, and Desert Pride or by calling Desert Voices at (520-791-9662

APRIL 3 - MAY 5 - Live Theatre Workshop Theatre presents "The Emperor's New Clothes", an original adaptation by Caarolyn Marbry with original music by Jay Everett.

Playing Sundays only at 1:00 p.m. at 5317 E. Speedway, tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5 for 18 and under.

The treasury has run low in the vast empire of Emperor Beaueguard (Cliff Madison), and he hasn;t a stitch to wer to the upcoming Grand Ball. Fortunately, his two Evil Advisors (Sean Marbry & Sara Robison) know a fantastic tailor that can make him a new set of imperial robes out of ... well, nothing. The Emperor's Valet (Bruce Bieski) and Cook (Kristi Lorera) try to stop the two wicked advisors from embarrassing their dimwitted boss because they know it is all a plot to help Duke Wayne (also Cliff Madison) steal the throne.

Find out how this clever musical adaptation of a classic comedy unfolds as ssthesse hilarious characters sing and dance around their dujnderhearded emperor. The whole thester will be laughing out loud and singing along with this all star cast. For reservations call 327-4242.

OCTOBER 16 - 17TH Annual AIDS WALK takes place at Rillito Downs Race Park,s River Road and First Avenue in Tucson. AIDS WALK 2005 will again feture both the traditionala 4K walk as well as a 10K non-competitive run.

Tucson's supposrt of AIDS WALK over the years has made an important and lastsing statemnt about Southern Arizona's commitment to the fight against AIDS. AIDS WALK attracts approximately 4,000 walkers annually and continues to enjoy strong corporate underwriting alliances.

Of reported demographic information from participants, 60% of all registered walkers are female, two thirds are under 35, and one-fourth are under 18. AIDS WALK Tucson hs grown from 8s0 participants in 1989 to more than 4,000 individuals and 79 businesses raising over \$239,000 in 2004 for local HIV/AIDS education, prevention and support programs.

# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

#### 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 call 529-2269, leave name and phone number. [Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 msg. [TucsonSources@aol.com](mailto:TucsonSources@aol.com)

**GAY COWBOY CLUB -** Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

**TNTucsonMEN**, a nudist Gay men's club. We are a social and recreational group. By the way the TN means Totally Naked! Drop us an e-mail at [TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com](mailto:TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com)

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**LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 888-5541

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON -** Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 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 Jerry at 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 info call Scott at 299-6647.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games 2002, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://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](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

**LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND** Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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

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

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

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

**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [tyan@theriver.com](mailto: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; Desert Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Desert 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. Web: <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](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto: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 info.

**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](http://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)

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

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#### LIKE TO READ?

The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Magpie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

**THE MAN TO MAN** Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and sex education. Marc 881-4582

**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/](http://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 118 or older). 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required

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# Wounded Gay Soldier Seeks Return To Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An Army sergeant who was wounded in Iraq wants a chance to remain in the military as an openly Gay soldier, a desire that's bringing him into conflict with the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Sgt. Robert Stout, 23, says he has not encountered trouble from fellow soldiers and would like to stay if not for the policy that permits Gay men and women to serve only if they keep their sexual orientation a secret.

"I know a ton of Gay men that would be more than willing to stay in the Army if they could just be open," Stout said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But if we have to stay here and hide our lives all the time, it's just not worth it."

Stout, of Utica, Ohio, was awarded the Purple Heart after a grenade sent pieces of shrapnel into his arm, face and legs while he was operating a machine gun on an armored Humvee last May.

He is believed to be the first Gay soldier wounded in Iraq to publicly discuss his sexuality, said Aaron Belkin, director of the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California\_Santa Barbara.

"We can't keep hiding the fact that there's Gay people in the military and they aren't causing any harm," said Stout, who says he is openly Gay among most of his 26\_member platoon, which is part of the 9th Engineer Battalion based in

Schweinfurt, Germany.

Stout, who served in Iraq for more than a year as a combat engineer, said by acknowledging he is Gay, he could be jailed and probably will be discharged before his scheduled release date of May 31.

"The old armchair thought that Gay people destroy unit camaraderie and cohesion is just wrong," Stout said. "They said the same things when they tried to integrate African\_Americans and women into the military."

Before the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, enacted in 1993 under the Clinton administration, the Pentagon had explicitly barred Gays from military service. At least 24 countries, including Great Britain, Germany, France, Australia, Canada and Israel, allow Gays to serve openly.

In an e\_mail following the AP interview, Stout said he had been ordered not to speak to the media. "I guess they found out somehow that I was talking to the press and now they are having a fit. I will try to get everything straightened out," Stout wrote.

Martha Rudd, a spokeswoman for the Army at the Pentagon, said soldiers who are discharged under "don't ask, don't tell" typically receive honorable discharges, although the timing would be up to the individual's commanding officer. She declined to comment about Stout, saying the Army doesn't comment on specific cases.

The issue of whether Gays should be allowed to openly serve in the military has received increased attention in recent months as the Army has struggled to meet its recruiting goals. Twelve Gays expelled from the military sued the government in December, citing a Supreme Court ruling that declared unconstitutional state laws against homosexual sex.

The Bush administration has asked a federal court to dismiss the lawsuit.

Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey has said he opposes changing the policy, although Pentagon figures show a sharp decline in the number of U.S. military members discharged for making it known they are homosexual, falling from 1,227 in 2001 to 653 last year.

A recent congressional study on the impact of "don't ask, don't tell" said that hundreds of highly skilled troops, including many translators, have left the armed forces because of the rule, at a cost of nearly \$200 million, mostly for recruiting and training replacements for 9,500 troops discharged between 1994 and 2003.

Gary Gates, a statistician at the University of California at Los Angeles, estimates there are about 65,000 Gays and Lesbians currently serving in the military, accounting for about 2.8 percent of all personnel. He estimates that at least 25 Gay soldiers have been killed in Iraq.

Elaine Donnelly, president of the

Center for Military Readiness, a conservative advocacy group that opposes Gays serving in the military, said a better way to avoid the cost of replacing soldiers who are discharged for being Gay is to make it very clear to people who enlist in the military, including Stout, that they are ineligible to serve if they are Gay.

"I honor and respect his service to this country, but the fact that he's wounded really doesn't change the underlying fact. ... He is not eligible to serve," Donnelly said, adding that there are many reasons why people aren't eligible to serve. "This is just one of them."

Stout said he suspected while in high school that he was Gay but didn't acknowledge it until later. "Then I noticed that it wasn't a phase or anything. This is me," said Stout, who enlisted in the Army after graduating in 2000.

"The 'don't ask, don't tell' policy, when it first came out, was a good stepping stone, but it's outlived its usefulness," he said. "We've progressed past it both as a military and as a society."

Recent media polls indicate some increased public acceptance for allowing Gays to serve openly in the military, with more than six in 10 Americans supporting the idea while about half supported it a decade ago. An Annenberg poll taken last fall among members of the military showed a majority opposed to such service, though half of junior enlisted personnel said Gays should be allowed to serve openly.

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