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## Governor To Address AHRF Dinner

PHOENIX - The Arizona Human Rights Foundation (AHRF) announces that seats are going very fast for the 14th Awards Dinner and Silent Auction on June 18 at the Arizona Biltmore.

The annual dinner is the organization's premier fundraiser for the year and proceeds are used for programs to secure, protect and defend the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) individuals living in Arizona.

Gov. Janet Napolitano is a confirmed speaker along with Keith Boykin, former special assistant to President Bill Clinton. The evening's theme is "Strength from Adversity" and several awards will be given to individuals and companies who have gone the extra mile to advance the cause of equality for the LGBT community.

"We welcome all fair-minded individuals and organizations to join us at the dinner as we gear up for 2006, where we will face a huge battle for human rights," said Greg Polzin, AHRF's

Executive Director. "We are calling on heterosexual couples in domestic partnerships to join with us to defeat the petition drive by 'Protect Marriage Arizona' to remove domestic partnership benefits in the state of Arizona," he said. "This will be a costly fight."

The dinner and silent auction will raise funds, which will in part be used to defeat the proposed measure and educate the public about LGBT issues. "This night will be the starting point of our charge to turn the tide for equality in Arizona," Polzin said.

Tickets: \$185 each or \$1,850 for a table of ten. For more information and ticket sales at [www.ahrf.org](http://www.ahrf.org) or by calling (602) 650-0900 x2.

The Arizona Human Rights Foundation (AHRF), a 501C3 organization, is the largest educational and political advocacy organization dedicated to the eradication of discrimination against LGBT individuals living in the state of Arizona.

## 'Don't Ask' Ignored As Military Enlistments Continues To Plummet

WASHINGTON, D.C. - For the fourth month in a row the military has failed to meet its recruitment quotas and less than one-quarter of all discharges under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" are from units deployed in support of war operations, suggesting the services are far less likely to discharge Gays and Lesbians serving on the frontlines when replacement troops are hard to come by, reported 365Gay.com.

Nevertheless, the military discharged 653 men and women in 2004 under the Gay ban - many of them critical specialists.

A survey, released Monday, June 13 by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, shows that discharges include at least 41 healthcare professionals, 30 sonar and radar specialists, 20 combat engineers, 17 law enforcement agents, 12 security guards and 7 biological and chemical warfare specialists who were fired because of sexual orientation. At least 9 language specialists were also discharged.

"The military continues to sacrifice national security and military readiness in favor of simple prejudice," said SLDN Executive Director C. Dixon Osburn.

"Americans do not care if the

helicopter pilot rescuing a wounded soldier or the medic treating that soldier is Gay. Lesbian and Gay service members have a valuable role to play on the home front and the frontlines. Their continued discharge weakens our national defense."

The SLDN analysis also showed a continued impact of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" on women and young adults ages 18-25. While women represented approximately 15% of the active duty force in 2004, they accounted for 33% of Gay discharges.

As well, enrolment at military colleges is down suggesting the Pentagon is having trouble training officers.

The military has suffered a decline in enlistees since March when it informed Congress of the situation but it has consistently said it will not recommend repealing 'don't ask, don't tell'.

The Pentagon and the Bush Administration are fighting a bill introduced in Congress to repeal the Gay ban.

The legislation was filed by Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA) in the House of Representatives. The measure has more than 50 Congressional co-sponsors. Rep.

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## Tucson Pride Week Events

TUCSON - The Old Pueblo will be marking Pride during the week of June 16-25.

Pride Week, put on by Tucson Pride Inc., is a ten-day schedule of cultural, educational and recreational activities.

Schedule of Events For Tucson Pride Week - 2005:

Thursday, June 16, 6:30 -10 p.m. - Hotel Congress. "A Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity & Rainbow Build," sponsored by the Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce. Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar, Raffle, and Dancing, with Live entertainment provided by TMI

T-M-I, Too Much Information, Tucson's LGBT band: Clearly the most Diverse group of people ever to play Rock & Roll, Playing their own queer version of songs from the last 25 years and beyond! Tickets: \$25 - individual, \$45 - couple. More information at [tucsonglbtchamber.org](http://tucsonglbtchamber.org) or [info@tucsonglbtchamber.org](mailto:info@tucsonglbtchamber.org)

Saturday, June 18 - Yard Dog, 2449 N. Stone. Yard Dog, "Graduate

Reunion Party" All Day, All Night & Prime Rib Dinner. For more information, please call (520) 624-3858

Sunday, June 19, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m., IBT's, 616 N. 4th Ave. "Hawaiian Beach Party. For more information, please call (520) 882-3053

Monday, June 20, Ain't Nobody Biz, 2900 E. Broadway, Girl's Night Out Strip Show. For more information, please call (520) 318-4838

Wednesday, June 22, Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle, luau. For more information, please call (520) 292-6702.

Thursday, June 23, Venture-N, 1239 N. 6th Ave. For more information, please call (520) 882-8224.

Friday, June 24, Howl at the Moon, 915 W. Prince. For More Information, please call (520) 293-7339

Sunday, June 25, 7 p.m. to midnight, Breakers Water Park, 8555 W. Tangerine Rd. The Ultimate Dance Party with Niki Harris and "circuit" DJ Kio Kio. Tickets are \$10 advance · \$12 at door. Tickets are available at Desert Pride, 611 N 4th Ave, (520) 388-9829, and by TPI

## 49ers Work To Regain Their Image With The GLBT Community

SAN FRANCISCO - Their image tarnished by a team video that infuriated Gays and Chinese Americans, the San Francisco 49ers have called on San Francisco's Human Rights Commission to review diversity policies and training methods.

The 15 minute video, produced to show team members how to deal with the media.

The team's public relations director, Kirk Reynolds portrays Newsom. In one scene there is a mock Lesbian wedding taped at a strip club.

"I know the courts say we can't do this," says Reynolds impersonating the mayor. "We make our own rules here in San Francisco."

The the happy couple then engages in heavy petting.

In other scenes Chinese are mocked.

The video came public attention earlier this month after a copy was

obtained by the San Francisco Chronicle which printed details.

Following a meeting with San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom and the Human Rights Commission, team owners Denise and John York issued a statement saying, "While we believed that we had a good diversity awareness program that reached each and every person in this organization, we understand now that this is clearly not the case."

The commission will review the team's current awareness program, help create diversity awareness, and assist in the creation of specific programs.

Team officials have also met with members of the Gay and Chinese communities and more meetings are planned.

Reynolds is leaving the team, but insists that his departure was not related to the video.

# UPDATE

## Important PMA Forum June 16

TUCSON - A community forum, June 16, 7 - 9 p.m., about the Protect Marriage Arizona (PMA) amendment will take place at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

The PMA was written by the Center for Arizona Policy, a right-wing, anti-GLBT group.

If the PMA gets on the ballot and wins approval by the voters in November 2006, it would: ban recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships, as well rights measures approved by local governmental entities. This measure will affect every Arizonan.

The forum will provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the amendment and the harmful effects it will have on Arizona's families. Discussion will be about Arizona Together's values and mission statement, our statewide campaign, community involvement, and the direct effect this amendment will have on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) and the straight allied communities. Attendees also will have an opportunity to become involved in Arizona Together's committees and activities. A certified ASL interpreter will be provided.

Speakers will include: Cathy Busha, Director of Programs for Wingspan, who will discuss Arizona Together's value and mission statement as well as the impact on the LGBT community on the 11 other states that fought this amendment; Jess Knutson, Public Policy and Outreach Coordinator for Wingspan and the Arizona Human Rights Fund, who will outline the impact of the amendment on the LGBT community; and Laura Penny, Vice President of Arizona Women's Political Caucus, who will discuss the importance of statewide campaigns and the impact of volunteers.

For more information please contact Jess Knutson Public Policy and Outreach Coordinator at (520) 624-1779 ext. 21 or [jknutson@wingspan.org](mailto:jknutson@wingspan.org).

## Position Open At TIHAN

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Action Network (TIHAN) is seeking a Director of Education.

The position coordinates HIV/AIDS awareness and education programs, and requires experience in volunteer recruitment/volunteer coordination, program administration, education/curriculum planning, and a substan-

tial knowledge of HIV and accompanying issues.

To get a job description, E-mail: [friends@tihan.org](mailto:friends@tihan.org). To apply, submit a resume and list of three professional references to TIHAN, 492 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ, 85711 or E-mail: [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org). AA/EOE

## Speak Out For Arizona Coalition For Fairness June 18

TUCSON - On Saturday, June 18, 2005, the Arizona Coalition for Fairness will have a speakers training the training, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer and learn more about the Arizona Coalition for Fairness as well as a time to improve public speaking skills.

Please RSVP to Jess Knutson, E-mail: [jknutson@wingspan.org](mailto:jknutson@wingspan.org) or call (520) 624-1779, ext. 21

## Gay Themed Musical 'A New Brain' Now Playing Thru June 26

TUCSON - Arizona Onstage Productions, the company that brought "Falsettoland," last year's "Assassins" (winner of the MAC Award - Best Musical of 2004) and this year's side splitting musical comedy "Ruthless!" brings "A New Brain," a musical tale, to Pima Community College Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre for 11 performances June 9-26.

This story revolves around Gordon Schwinn - an openly Gay musical composer tired of writing for children's television shows. He discovers a brain disorder, and is faced with having dangerous surgery. He and his life partner Roger make decisions before this surgery takes place. Along the way, the audience meets singing frogs, M.R.I. machines that turn into sailboats, and mothers smart enough to wear black to "hide the fat".

"A New Brain" is the semi-autobiographical story of William Finn, the Tony-Award winner composer/lyricist (Falsettos, and the new Broadway hit, the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee).

According to Lucinda Holliday,

who wrote, "Arizona Onstage Productions has done it again. This January they pulled off the funniest and Gayest musical in a long time with 'Ruthless! The Musical.'"

Tickets to Arizona Onstage Productions go fast. January's "Ruthless!" was sold-out every performance. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$16 for students/seniors. Call (520) 206-6989 to get your tickets. Visit [arizonaonstage.org](http://arizonaonstage.org) for more information.

## ALERT: Impersonation Scam Resurfacing

TUCSON - Tucson has recently experienced a scam that has occurred from time to time in different parts of the country and in Canada.

In this scam the caller identifies himself as a prominent person in the LGBT community or as the friend of this person. The person is told that there was a terrible car accident, or that he has been robbed and is stranded without money, or some other variation of emergency need. The appeal is for money to help him with his urgent crisis. Recently someone called a Tucson business owner saying he was Kent Burbank (Executive Director of Wingspan) and needed money. It was not Kent Burbank.

If you should receive a call like this, please send no money unless you have verified the events. Typically the caller knows enough about the person he is impersonating to sound believable on a surface level. Ask questions. Get details. Do not give out any personal information about yourself. You can always call the agency the caller claims to be associated with to check on the so-called emergency.

If you feel you have been on the end of a scam appeal, call the police. If someone posing as Kent Burbank has called you recently asking for money, please call the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project, (520) 624-0348.

## Arizona Rainbow Alliance For The Deaf Fund Raiser June 18

PHOENIX - The Arizona chapter of the Rainbow Alliance will be holding two fund raising events, Saturday, June 18 at the Phoenix Deaf Community Center (PDCC), 1545 W. Osborn Road.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Deaf GLOW Conference 2006.

The Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf is a national organization with over twenty chapters in the U.S. and Canada. RAD's mission is to establish and maintain a society of Deaf Gays and Lesbians to encourage and promote the educational, economical, and social welfare; to foster fellowship; to defend our rights; and advance our interests as Deaf Gay and Lesbian citizens concerning social justice; to build up an organization in which all worthy members may participate in the discussion of practical problems and solutions related to their social welfare.

Join the Arizona chapter on June 18 for Cingo, 3 - 5 p.m., and the Luau Party, 6 - 11 p.m. Food, drinks, costume contest, fun activities, and fire show included.

Ticket prices are: Cingo only - \$10, Luau only - \$15, Combo (Cingo and Luau) - \$20, at the door - \$25.00. Check or money order can be mailed to AZRAD, P.O. Box 57821, Phoenix, AZ 85079. Please write down which events you plan to attend, and the names of people attending.

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# America's Religious Zeal Out Of Step With Rest Of World

NEW YORK - Religious devotion sets the United States apart from some of its closest allies. Americans profess unquestioning belief in God and are far more willing to mix faith and politics than people in other countries, AP-Ipsos polling found, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

In Western Europe, where Pope Benedict XVI complains that growing secularism has left churches unfilled on Sundays, people are the least devout among the 10 countries surveyed for The Associated Press by Ipsos.

Only Mexicans come close to Americans in embracing faith, the poll found. But unlike Americans, Mexicans strongly object to clergy lobbying lawmakers, in line with the nation's historical opposition to church influence.

"In the United States, you have an abundance of religions trying to motivate Americans to greater involvement," said Roger Finke, a sociologist at Penn State University. "It's one thing that makes a tremendous difference here."

The polling was conducted in May in the United States, Australia, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, South Korea and Spain.

Nearly all U.S. respondents said faith is important to them and only 2 percent said they do not believe in God. Almost 40 percent said religious leaders should try to sway policymakers, notably higher than in other countries.

"Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian policies and religious leaders have an obligation to speak out on public policy, otherwise they're wimps," said David Black, a retiree from Osborne, Pa., who agreed to be interviewed after he was polled.

In contrast, 85 percent of French object to clergy activism — the strongest opposition of any nation surveyed. France has strict curbs on public religious expression and, according to the poll, 19 percent are atheists. South Korea is the only other nation with that high a percentage of nonbelievers.

Australians are generally split over the importance of faith, while two-thirds of South Koreans and Canadians said religion is central to their lives. People in all three countries strongly oppose mixing religion and politics.

Researchers disagree over why people in the United States have such a different religious outlook, said Brent Nelsen, an expert in politics and religion at Furman University in South Carolina.

Some say rejecting religion is a natural response to modernization and consider the United States a strange exception to the trend. Others say Europe is the anomaly; people in modernized countries inevitably return to religion because they yearn for tradition, according to the theory.

Some analysts, like Finke, use a business model. According to his theory, a long history of religious freedom in the United States created a greater supply of worship options than in other countries, and that proliferation inspired wider observance. Some European countries still subsidize churches, in effect regulating or limiting religious options, Finke said.

History also could be a factor.

Many countries other than the United States have been through bloody religious conflict that contributes to their suspicion of giving clergy any say in policy.

A variety of factors contribute to the sentiment about separating religion and politics.

"In Germany, they have a Christian Democratic Party, and they talk about Christian values, but they don't talk about them in quite the same way that we do," Nelsen said. "For them, the Christian part of the Christian values are held privately and it's not that acceptable to bring those out into the open."

In Spain, where the government subsidizes the Catholic Church, and in Germany, which is split between Catholics and Protestants, people are about evenly divided over whether they consider faith important. The results are almost identical in Britain, whose state church, the Church of England, is struggling to fill pews.

Italians are the only European exception in the poll. Eighty percent said religion is significant to them and just over half said they unquestioningly believe in God.

But even in Italy, home to the Catholic Church, resistance to religious engagement in politics is evident. Only three in 10 think the clergy should try to influence government decisions; a lower percentage in Spain, Germany and England said the same.

Within the United States, some of the most pressing policy issues involve complex moral questions — such as Gay marriage, abortion and stem cell research — that understandably draw religious leaders into public debate, said John Green, an expert on religion and politics at the University of Akron.

The poll found Republicans are much more likely than Democrats to think clergy should try to influence government decisions — a sign of the challenges ahead for Democrats as they attempt to reach out to more religious

voters.

"Rightly or wrongly, Republicans tend to perceive religion as, quote-unquote, 'on their side,'" Green said.

The survey did find trends in belief that transcend national boundaries. Women tend to be more devout than men, and older people have stronger faith than younger people.

The Associated Press-Ipsos polls of about 1,000 adults in each of the 10 countries were taken May 12-26. Each has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

## Remembering Philip Walsted June 18

TUCSON - The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project (AVP) will hold a memorial event to remember Philip Walsted on Saturday June 18, 10:30 am to noon, Catalina Park, at 1st Street and 4th Avenue.

Walsted, a 24-year old Gay man, was murdered in the 4th Avenue area on June 12, 2002.

In January, 2005, David Higdon was found guilty of first degree aggravated and premeditated murder and armed robbery. Higdon was sentenced to natural life in prison on March 28.

Family members, Wingspan staff, and others will speak at the event. A tree will be planted in Philip's memory and a stone and bench will be dedicated.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779, ext. 20.



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# UPDATE

## Desert Voices Closes Season At Bisbee Pride

BISBEE - Desert Voices (DV) will bring highlights from their Spring Concert, "Our True Colors" to the stage in Bisbee's City Park, part of Bisbee's Celebration of Pride, 3:30 p.m., Saturday, June 18.

DV will put on a show of color, diversity, rainbows and pride, free to the public. Chris Tackett, music director of Desert Voices, has skillfully arranged most of the numbers performed by the group, so they can be sung a cappella (without accompaniment). This ensures that the group can sing anytime, anywhere. The chorus also uses guitar and small percussion instruments in their performance.

Through a grant from the Alliance Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, Desert Voices has recently purchased a sound system and will debut the system at the Bisbee concert. "Most of our community performances take place outside," said Board President and singer, Mae Krueger. "Having our own sound system provides an opportunity to perform in a variety of venues and situations so we can reach more people with our music and messages of GLBTS Pride."

Songs for the performance will include a beautiful jazz arrangement of the classic "Over the Rainbow," Cyndi Lauper's "True Colors," "De Colores," and Holly Near's, "Fired Up." The show will include some small group numbers, including a wickedly political parody of "Red Roses for a Blue Lady" from Alegria, the women's comedy barbershop quartet as well as a lament for Sponge Bob, Tinky-Winky and Buster the Bunny.

At the concert there will be a raffle drawing for several items, with proceeds being donated to the Rainbow Build project for Habitat for Humanity. For more information on that project, please go to [rainbowbuild.org](http://rainbowbuild.org).

This performance closes out the season for Desert Voices, but the group is already looking ahead to next year. A series of open house rehearsals will be held in late August when new members are invited to join. For more information about Desert Voices, their mission and activities, go to [desertvoices.org](http://desertvoices.org), or call their office at (520) 791-9662.

## 'Don't Ask' Ignored

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Meehan is also a member of the House Armed Services Committee, as are 7 co-sponsors of today's legislation.

Repeal of "don't ask" also has the support of the American public.

A poll released earlier this month shows that nearly 80 percent of Americans believe Gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

A study done earlier this year by the Government Accountability Office shows that more than 10,000 service members have been discharged over the last 10 years under "don't ask, don't tell".

The GAO also reported that it has cost taxpayers more than \$200 million to recruit replacements for LGBT enlisted service members who were discharged.

## Wingspan Open House June 21

TUCSON - Please stop by Wingspan (300 E 6th St) on Tuesday, June 21, 5- 7 p.m., to celebrate Pride Week and say good-bye to the current Wingspan space.

In 1988, Wingspan opened its first space, a small office in the Women's Commission Building on Court Street. In 1992, Wingspan moved to a significantly more visible storefront on Tucson's busy North Fourth Avenue, next to the Food Conspiracy Co-op.

Now, after 8 years at the 300 E. 6th Street location, Wingspan will be moving to a new building!

Please drop by Wingspan on Tuesday, June 21 from 5 to 7pm. You can help us pack a box, share your favorite "remember when?" stories about the current Wingspan space, and learn more about the new Wingspan building.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

## Senior Pride Social June 25

TUCSON - Senior Pride invites all LGBT folks ages 55 and up (and their friends & family) to a Social with Line Dancing on Saturday, June 25, 1 - 4 p.m., at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, 2902 N. Geronimo (2 blocks west of 1st Ave., 1 block north of Glenn)

You don't have to know how to line dance since they will have an instructor in attendance! All abilities welcome, if you'd like to dance, or just to watch!

Senior Pride is a group of, and for LGBT folks ages 55 and up who are busy planning social activities for the community. If you are interested in joining us, please call or email Pat Woelke, (520) 624-1779 x 22, or E-mail: [pwoelke@wingspan.org](mailto:pwoelke@wingspan.org).

## In Their Own Words

"My view is FOX News is a propaganda outlet for the Republican Party and I don't comment on FOX News," - former Vermont Governor and current chair of the Democratic National Committee, Howard Dean said in Chicago, June 12, in response to vice president Dick Cheney calling Howard Dean "over the top" on Fox News on Sunday, June 12, in a taped interview broadcast June 13.

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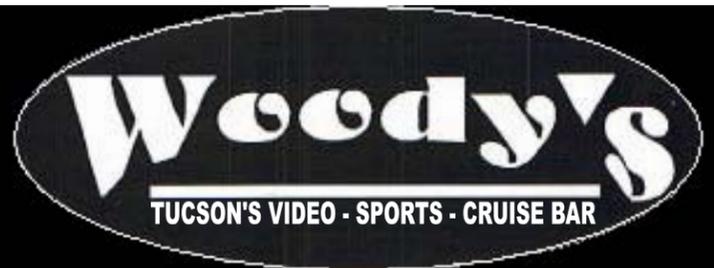
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## More Than 1 Million Americans Now Living With HIV

ATLANTA - For the first time since the height of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s, more than a million Americans are believed to be living with the virus that causes AIDS, the government said Monday June 13, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

Critics say the new estimate reflects a failure of prevention, and it comes in the year that the government had set as its deadline to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that between 1,039,000 and 1,185,000 people in the United States were living with HIV in December 2003. The previous estimate — released in 2002 — showed that between 850,000 and 950,000 people had the AIDS virus.

The jump reflects the role of medicines that have allowed people infected with the virus to live longer, said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, deputy director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention.

"While treatment advances have been an obvious godsend to those living with the disease, it presents new challenges for prevention," Valdiserri said.

The challenges include overcoming a failure by the government to meet its 2005 goal of cutting in half the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections that have occurred every year since the 1990s. Then, Dr. Robert Janssen of the CDC pledged the government campaign would "break the back" of the epidemic.

CDC officials previously have said the country's HIV infection rate has been "relatively stable" and without change. As the National HIV Prevention Conference was set to begin this week, Valdiserri said no new infection data will be available until next year.

However, recent outbreaks of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases in major cities around the country offer a hint that new infections may be as high as 60,000 cases a year, rather than the government estimate of 40,000, said Dr. Carlos del Rio, an Emory University professor of medicine.

"The U.S. has had a clear failure in HIV prevention - I think the increase in prevalence is a reflection of that, of the poor job we do in HIV prevention," del Rio said.

He added that the higher number is not as surprising as why the country has not been able to curb new infections. He said the CDC hasn't been given adequate resources to tackle HIV prevention and that experts have focused too much on whether it's better to promote abstinence or condom use to stop the spread of the virus.

"We're debating too much what to do and are not doing enough," he said.

At the same time, reaching the 1 million mark is "a sign of both victory and failure," said Terje Anderson, executive director of the National Association of People Living With AIDS.

"Part of the reason the number is so big is we're not dying as before," he said. "But the other problem is we have not made a significant dent in new infections."

Estimating the number of Americans with HIV has always been a difficult task for health officials. In the 1990s, the CDC and other agencies generally agreed that between 600,000 and 900,000 people had the virus, according to the University

of California-San Francisco's Center for HIV Information.

Previous estimates - as high as 1.5 million people - from the 1980s were later determined to be too high. For example, the CDC estimated in 1986 that between 1 million and 1.5 million people had HIV. In 1987, that was revised to 945,000 to 1.4 million and was refined in 1990 to 800,000 to 1.2 million.

Since the CDC's previous HIV estimates didn't include demographic information - age, gender, race, sexual orientation - for all 50 states, it's impossible to determine what groups of people account for the increase in the latest estimate of people living with HIV.

However, the CDC estimates that blacks account for 47 percent of HIV cases; Gay and Bisexual men make up 45 percent of those living with the virus that causes AIDS, the health agency believes.

The CDC also warned those demographics may soon change because heterosexual blacks, women and others infected after having high-risk sex (such as with someone with HIV, an injection-drug user or a man who has sex with other men) now account for a larger proportion of those living with HIV than those who are living with full-blown AIDS.

### Italian Court Gives Gay Man's License Back

ROME - A court has intervened after Sicilian authorities had suspended a man's driver's license upon learning he was Gay, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The court ruled, "It is clear that sexual preferences do not in any way influence a person's ability to drive motor cars safely."

The judges added that homosexuality "cannot be considered a true and proper psychiatric illness, being a mere personality disturbance."

License authorities discovered the sexual orientation of the 23-year-old man, identified by the Ansa news agency in Italy as Danilo G., when they discovered he had been exempted from military service because he was Gay.

The authorities suspended his driver's license, promising further checks of his "suitability" to drive.

The man's lawyer, Giuseppe Lipera, called his client's treatment "utterly scandalous and offensive." Lipera demanded 500,000 euros (\$613,500) in damages.

"Danilo ... is deeply perturbed by what has happened. He has lost his hair and is suffering shock," the Ansa news service quoted Lipera.

Scott Long, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Project for Human Rights Watch, told the PlanetOut Network, "I'm glad the guy is going to get a driver's license, but the ruling suggests that while homosexuality is not an impediment, it is still a disorder."

"I think it shows how, 20 to 30 years after the major bodies like the World Health Organization and the American Psychological Association changed their diagnostic manuals to show homosexuality is not a sickness, the perception still persists in the popular imagination in a lot of places — and in the minds of judges and authorities," Long added.

"A lot of education is needed, clearly, with the authorities in Sicily," Long concluded.



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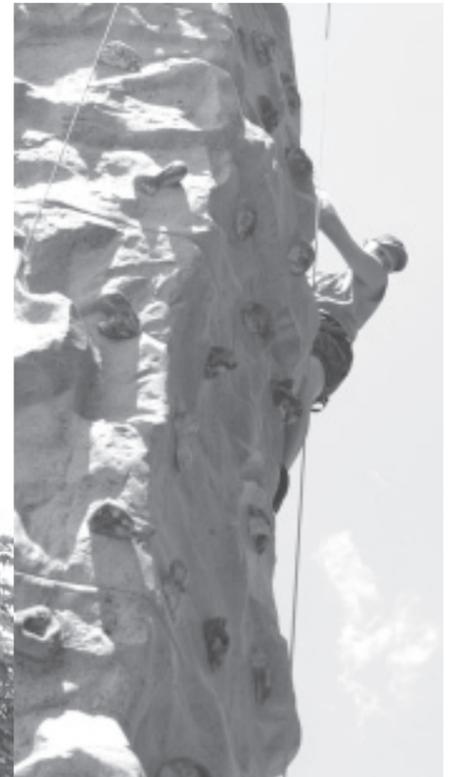
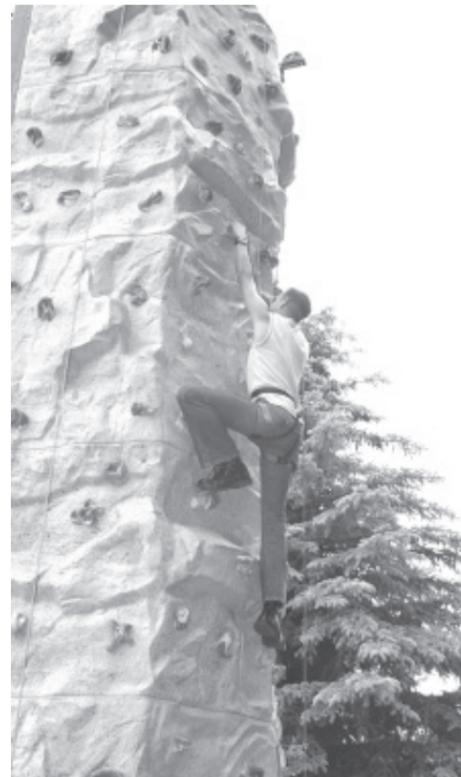
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# Gay And Lesbian Rights Battlefields Spread To Public Schools

NEW YORK - Emboldened by the political right's growing influence on public policy, opponents of school activities aimed at educating students about homosexuality or promoting acceptance of Gay people are mounting challenges to such programs, at individual schools, at statehouses and in Congress, reported the New York Times.

Chief among the targets are sex education programs that include discussions of homosexuality, and after-school clubs that bring Gay and straight students together, two initiatives that gained assent in numerous schools over the last decade.

In many cases, the opponents have been successful. In Montgomery County, Md., for example, parents went to court to block a health education course that offered a discussion of homosexuality, while in Cleveland, Ga., Gay and Lesbian students were barred from forming a high school club of Gay and straight youths.

Leading figures on both sides of the fight say they have never seen passions about public school activities run so high. They agree that much of the reason is conservative groups' eagerness to meet their adversaries with a forcefulness more common to modern-day election campaigns.

"The intensity of the culture wars has heated up over the last few years," said J. Michael Johnson, a lawyer with the Alliance Defense Fund, a conservative group that specializes in issues involving religion. "People are becoming more aware that they have rights, and they're feeling more emboldened to defend them. Across the

country, people are saying enough is enough."

Mathew D. Staver, president and general counsel of another conservative group, Liberty Counsel, said: "We're concerned about the effort to capture youth through indoctrination into the homosexual lifestyle. Students are a captive audience, and they are being targeted by groups with that as an agenda."

The growing conflicts are centering on three issues: whether classrooms are an appropriate venue to explore issues of homosexuality, whether schools should lend sanction to extracurricular activities in which Gay culture is a focus and whether textbooks that acknowledge homosexual relationships are suitable for younger children.

This spring, in one instance of the conservative response, the Alliance Defense Fund organized its first national Day of Truth for high school students uncomfortable with the National Day of Silence, an event sponsored for nine years by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network to protest discrimination in schools.

"We needed to present a counter or Christian perspective," said Mr. Johnson, whose event attracted participation by 340 schools. Kevin Jennings, founder and executive director of the Gay education network, said more than 3,700 junior and senior high schools took part in his group's event.

Mr. Jennings and other Gay rights leaders say the growing opposition to their efforts is in keeping with a predictable trend set off by disputes over

issues like same-sex marriage that are playing out on the national stage.

"These are a bunch of people who very much want to remove from public discourse any mention of homosexuality," said James Esseks, litigation director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. "They don't want any mention of the fact that Gay people exist."

The struggles have broken out everywhere.

Last month in Montgomery County, Md., a parents' group, alarmed because revisions to a health education course for 8th and 10th grades included a discussion of homosexuality and a video that demonstrated how to use a condom, went into federal court and gained a restraining order to halt them. The county school board then voted 7 to 1 to eliminate the amended program, six months after unanimously approving it.

Conservative groups applauded the board's vote as a victory for religious conviction, and described the litigation strategy as a model for school districts across the country.

"This was huge," said Robert H. Knight, director of the Culture and Family Institute, which seeks to apply biblical principles to public policy.

Another battle involved student journalists at East Bakersfield High School in California. They wrote a series of articles for the school newspaper this spring that explored Gay issues through student experiences. But the principal, John Gibson, citing concern for the safety of students who had been interviewed and

photographed, would approve publication only if their identities were withheld.

The journalists refused and, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, sued the school district on May 19, seeking an emergency order that would have allowed the articles to be published in the final issue of the year, six days later. A county judge declined to overrule Mr. Gibson, saying the issues were too important for an instant ruling.

Christine Sun, a lawyer for the A.C.L.U., said that if Mr. Gibson had been motivated only by concern for student safety, "his actions are completely illogical."

"These kids were already 'out' on campus," Ms. Sun said of the articles' subjects. "To the extent there is any threat against them, neither they nor their parents were notified by the principal or anyone from law enforcement."

Mr. Gibson did not respond to a call seeking comment.

The war is being waged at the state level as well. Alabama lawmakers are considering a bill that would bar state spending on books or other materials that "promote homosexual lifestyle." Oklahoma passed a resolution last month calling on public libraries to restrict children's access to books with a Gay theme. Louisiana is considering a similar measure.

Charles C. Haynes, a senior scholar at the Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan free-speech advocacy group, said Gay rights issues involving public schools had become a litmus test to many religious conservatives.

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**'The PMA Would Again Protect Which Arizonans'**

On May 16, Lenny Munsil and his gang of cohorts from the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) - the ultraconservative, virulently homophobic organization, disguised as Protect Marriage Arizona, filed the legal to circulate petitions (starting May 17) for a proposed amendment to the Arizona Constitution, barring governmental recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships. Lenny and his bigoted bunch of bullies need to obtain 183,917 valid signatures of registered voters to place their Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMA) on the November 2006 ballot.

Since the initial filing, the launch of the drive with Lenny's "Marriage Mobile Tour" two of the state's largest newspapers have come out in opposition to the PMA in editorials (May 26 and June 7 respectively), but in subsequent articles, the two publications have focused, to the surprise of no one, solely on the Gay marriage aspect. As of press time, Tucson's biggest newspaper, the Arizona Daily Star has not taken a position on PMA, running four stories, consisting of: a fluff interview with Lenny Munsil; the initial filing of the paperwork to circulate petitions, a meeting of Arizona's Catholic bishops and, an article on an unrelated matter referring to Lenny as just a "conservative activist."

As previously reported, there are many local and state laws, that would either be rescinded or is just one lawsuit or legal challenge from being history, if CAP's paranoia and phobias are allowed to be enshrined in the state constitution, and one state statute in jeopardy is Arizona's domestic violence law.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; "battering is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Battering happens when one person believes they are entitled to control another. Assault, battering and domestic

violence are crimes."

Abuse of family members can take many forms. Battering may include emotional abuse, economic abuse, sexual abuse, using children, threats, using male privilege, intimidation, isolation, and a variety of other behaviors used to maintain fear, intimidation and power. In all cultures, the perpetrators are most commonly the men of the family. Women are most commonly the victims of violence. Elder and child abuse are also prevalent, as well as same-sex domestic partner abuse.

Acts of domestic violence generally fall into one or more of the following categories: Physical Battering - The abuser's physical attacks or aggressive behavior can range from bruising to murder. It often begins with what is excused as trivial contacts which escalate into more frequent and serious attacks. Sexual Abuse - Physical attack by the abuser is often accompanied by, or culminates in, sexual violence wherein the victim is forced to have sexual intercourse with their abuser or take part in unwanted sexual activity. Psychological Battering -The abuser's psychological or mental violence can include constant verbal abuse, harassment, excessive possessiveness, isolating the victim from friends and family, deprivation of physical and economic resources, and destruction of personal property. Battering escalates. It often begins with behaviors like threats, name calling, violence in the victim's presence (such as punching a fist through a wall), and/or damage to objects or pets. It may escalate to restraining, pushing, slapping, and/or pinching. The battering may include punching, kicking, biting, sexual assault, tripping, throwing. Finally, it may become life-threatening with serious

behaviors such as choking, breaking bones, or the use of weapons.

Arizona has a law dealing with the problem of domestic violence on the books, (Arizona Revised Statutes 13-3601 through 13-3603), covering misdemeanor and felonious offenses, depending upon the legal circumstances, as well as the following groups, placed in the following classifications:

The victim and the defendant have a child in common. The victim or the defendant is pregnant by the other party. The victim is related to the defendant or the defendant's spouse by blood or court order as a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother or sister or by marriage as a parent-in-law, grandparent-in-law, stepparent, step-grandparent, stepchild, step-grandchild, brother-in-law or sister-in-law. The victim is a child who resides or has resided in the same household as the defendant and is related by blood to a former spouse of the defendant or to a person who resides or who has resided in the same household as the defendant.

So in November 2006, if the PMA managed to get on the ballot and wins approval. Arizona's domestic violence law is in jeopardy. How can this be the case? Consider the following:

Motions have been filed to

dismiss domestic-violence charges against unmarried defendants since the amendment was passed by voters last November in Ohio, one of 11 states to pass amendments to block Gays and Lesbians from marrying, passed in the 2004 election, because the wording in the amendment, known as Issue 1, says the state "and its political subdivisions shall not create or recognize a legal status for relationships of unmarried individuals that intends to approximate the design, qualities, significance or effect of marriage." Two opinions issued by Ohio judge's so far have said unmarried couples are no longer covered due to the amendment's second sentence.

Arizona's domestic law has the same language as Ohio's and the proposed PMA is a carbon copy of Ohio's Issue 1 with following, draconian language, stating "... no legal status for unmarried persons shall be created or recognized by this state or its political subdivisions that is similar to that of marriage ... " So one lawsuit will end Arizona's protections against domestic violence, a very important law, just part of the big picture if CAP gets their way.



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## Christian Coalition: Gays Should Wear Warning Labels

NEW YORK - The leader of a conservative Christian lobby group says that Gays should be required to wear warning labels, reported 365Gay.com.

"We put warning labels on cigarette packs because we know that smoking takes one to two years off the average life span, yet we 'celebrate' a lifestyle that we know spreads every kind of sexually transmitted disease and takes at least 20 years off the average life span according to the 2005 issue of the revered scientific journal Psychological Reports," said Rev. Bill Banuchi, executive director of the New York Christian Coalition.

The journal regularly publishes articles described by many mainstream psychologists as misleading and faulty. The homosexuality morbidity study was conducted by the conservative anti-Gay Family Research Institute.

Banuchi called LGBT Pride celebrations held in New Paltz, north of New York City, and other areas of the country on the weekend (June 11-12) "sad".

He called on people to "pray for those who are deceived by the lies of popular culture, who are caught up in a destructive lifestyle, and for the children who are being zealously evangelized by radical homosexuals."

It is not the first time Gays have been told they should wear labels. In Nazi Germany Gays were forced to wear the pink triangle to differentiate them from other internees at concentration camps.

But, while, Banuchi was denouncing homosexuality, 300,000 people were celebrating Gay Pride in West Hollywood, California, nearly half a million in Boston, and 100,00 in Salt Lake City this weekend.

In West Hollywood, crowds lined Santa Monica Boulevard for the 35th annual Pride Parade. But, this year's choice of grand marshals did not

make everyone in the crowd happy. Christopher Street West, which organizes Weho's Pride festival selected Paris Hilton and her mother, Kathy to host the parade.

"I just don't know what anybody was thinking of. My jaw dropped when I heard it," Dan Berkowitz, a member of the West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, told the West Hollywood Independent. "I'm sure she is a very nice girl and her mother is a very nice woman, but what they have to do with Gay pride in West Hollywood or anywhere else is utterly beyond me."

Christopher Street West defends its choice of a heterosexual daughter and mom saying Paris has agreed to speak out on LGBT issues including Gay marriage.

In Boston, the Pride Parade marched from the South End to Boston Common on Saturday. A number of local politicians were on hand, but two were noticeably missing. Republican Gov. Mitt Romney, who opposed same-sex marriage and continues to block out of state Gay couples from marrying in the state, was in Detroit at his high school reunion. Democratic Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly also skipped the parade.

Reilly who says he supports Gay marriage and opposes a proposed amendment to ban it is seeking his party's nod to run for governor. The other declared candidate for the Democratic nomination, Deval Patrick, attended Pride events.

In Salt Lake City, the annual Pride Parade saw record crowds. Organizers say the parade helped the community develop a renewed sense of purpose following last year's bitter fight over a constitutional amendment which bans same-sex marriage in the state.

Gays also celebrated Pride in Washington, DC and nearly a dozen other communities.

## 'Most Homophobic Judge' In America Wins Lifetime Appointment

WASHINGTON, D.C. - William Pryor, the man described as "the most demonstrably antiGay judicial nominee in recent memory," was confirmed Thursday June 9, to a lifetime term on the Federal Court of Appeal, reported 365Gay.com.

"We cannot sit back and turn over the courts to extremists hostile to equality and civil rights," Lambda Legal Executive Director Kevin Cathcart said in a statement following the vote.

"The confirmation of somebody like William H. Pryor, who has a record of blatant hostility to fairness for Gay people, underscores what's at stake-the ability of all people, whether politically popular or not, to get a fair hearing in court."

Senators warred almost three years over the nomination of the former Alabama attorney general. Last month Democrats agreed not to filibuster Pryor and two other judges - Janice Rogers Brown who won confirmation Wednesday, June 8, and Priscilla Owen who was confirmed - in return for the GOP majority not bringing in legislation to limit the use of filibusters.

Both Brown and Owen have records of anti-Gay rulings but Pryor has a lengthy record of homophobia both on the bench and as attorney general.

During the 2003 - 2004 session of Congress, Pryor's nomination to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta was blocked by Senate Democrats, who charged that he was too extreme to make impartial judgments. The president then went ahead and placed him on the 11th Circuit in a temporary assignment set to expire late this year.

In February, without comment, Bush resubmitted Pryor's name to the Senate.

In April, Lambda Legal released a summary of Pryor's record showing he has "repeatedly shown clear hostility to LGBT civil rights" and a bias towards those with HIV, women, people of color, disabled people and others.

While in his temporary position on the court Pryor cast the deciding vote to uphold Florida's outright ban on Gay adoption. Florida is the only state in the country that explicitly bans children from being adopted by Gays and Lesbians.

As Attorney General of Alabama, he was the only attorney general outside of Texas to author an amicus brief in the Supreme Court defending Texas's anti-Gay sodomy statute. Pryor argued that states have an interest in singling out same-sex relations for punishment, even though his own state's statute made no distinction between same-and opposite-sex relations. His brief also compared same-sex relationships to pedophilia, bestiality and necrophilia.

While he served as A.G. of Alabama Pryor had links placed on the state website to anti-Gay organizations and other conservative groups but not to groups with a neutral or differing views.

"The American people deserve justice, not prejudice," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"With judges like Pryor on the courts of appeal, the Supreme Court is more important than ever."

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EDITOR:

Democrats use one feeble excuse after another to explain their 2004 defeat, blaming the superstitious vote, electoral rigging, apathy, etc., etc. There may be some truth in all of these justifications, but each misses the real cause – pervasive hostility by the very constituents the Democrats pretend to speak for. Look at their record with the Gay and Lesbian movement.

It's true that Republicans are led by superstitious bigots and ultraright extremists who legislate against unions, women, minorities, immigrants, civil liberties, environmentalists and the GLBT communities. They're half the problem but not always the worst half. The Democratic Party inevitably betrays voters after elections. They're accomplished phonies who largely agree with Republicans except about which set of felons should hold office. Democratic supporters, including many self-appointed leaders, make the error of projecting their personal views onto candidates who don't share them. We can't win playing their game. When a politician promises us equality, but a business manager who might donate big bucks says equal protection is too costly, who wins? For both parties what truly matters is their stock in trade and chief product – votes to trade for money, privilege, influence, and currying favor with the rich and powerful.

In contrast the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender ed communities have a singular political target - equality. With equality we'll prevail, without it we're in danger. That's our secret agenda.

Clinton and the congressional Democrats approved "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and passed the original national anti-Gay marriage law. Kerry caved on Gay marriage, paving the way for state anti-Gay marriage laws. Michigan Democrats stole union benefits away from Gay families. In Montana, Democrats helped block a state anti-discrimination law. In Minnesota, they insured the victory of the anti-Gay marriage amendment in the state House. In April the California Assembly defeated a bill to legalize same sex marriage, with 25% of the Democrats voting no and Indianapolis Democrats helped defeat a municipal anti-bias act because it offends superstition and would prove costly for businesses.

Democrats didn't lose in 2004 because of evangelical votes or the threat of same sex marriage but because they had wrong answers to the big questions. Victory would have been easy if they'd campaigned for immediate withdrawal from Iraq, embraced trade union programs, rights for ourselves, minorities, immigrants, and women and promised to curb the voracious greed of corporations. But they didn't - it's too costly for business and lobbyists would stop visiting carrying those briefcases crammed with money.

On important questions – read money, wealth, or privilege – the two parties line up shoulder to shoulder, a solid phalanx of felonious fakers whose greed and craving for power are reliable tools used by the rich to safeguard their vested interests and prerogatives. For a century and a half, since Lincoln's reelection in 1864, the American people have looked on elections, candidates and

politics with an indifferent, hostile glare while they repeatedly and sullenly exchange one lesser evil for next years model. In their millions, Americans won't accept the legitimacy of these dismal frauds. Why should anyone?

In trade unions and in the African American community serious steps are being taken to organize political parties independent of the two fraudulent parties. We'd empower ourselves to get out of the political closet and into productive politics if we support those efforts wholeheartedly. Everyone should. For information look at their sites: [thelaborparty.org](http://thelaborparty.org), [cbtu.org](http://cbtu.org), [kclabor.org](http://kclabor.org).

Bill Perdue,  
Las Vegas, Nevada

## G/L Rights Battlefields Spread

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"They feel the public schools are getting ahead of the country," Mr. Haynes said. "They believe the schools are imposing a view of homosexuality that offends their faith and is not consistent with where we are as a country."

Two members of the Southern Baptist Convention have prepared a "resolution on homosexuality in public schools," to be introduced at the denomination's annual gathering this month. The resolution implores Baptist churches to determine whether schools in their area have "homosexual clubs or curricula or programs" and, if so, to encourage parents to remove their children from the schools.

"Churches and parents need to be aware of what's going on," said Bruce N. Shortt, a Houston lawyer who is a co-author of the resolution.

After-school clubs known as Gay-Straight Alliances, which draw together students to share common experiences and concerns, have become a particular source of conflict. The issue has roiled a number of communities, including Ashland, Ky.; Klein, Tex.; Hanford, Calif.; and Cleveland, Ga., where a small group of Gay and Lesbian students were denied permission this year to form an alliance at White County High School.

Federal law often frowns on administrators' barring some clubs while allowing others, but Cleveland school officials told the students that they would abolish all after-school organizations before allowing a Gay-straight alliance.

"They're just scared of change," said Kerry Pacer, 17, who is leading the students' effort. "We live in the Bible Belt. Anything that threatens change, people here don't want that."

Complaints over the students' endeavor led State Senator Nancy Schaefer to introduce a bill that would have required a parent's written permission before a student could join any after-school club. The legislature later deferred to the Georgia Department of Education, which is now considering a modified approach allowing each local school board to develop its own policy.

Ms. Schaefer dismisses the compromise as too weak.

"I just don't feel like homosexual clubs have anything to do with readin', writin' and 'rithmetic," she said.

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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE DEEP THROAT

by Lee Thorn

It's really funny to those of us who lived through it, seeing Nixon's ex-cons on TV talk shows as they solemnly agonize about the less than perfect rectitude of Deep Throat. Why are we not surprised that this crew doesn't feel worshipful toward the man who helped send them to jail?

You really had to live through the Nixon era to fully appreciate how droll this is. These choirboys so earnestly chiding their nemesis for his imagined improprieties weren't always choirboys. When they worked for Nixon they, and Nixon himself, tried their best to talk like thugs. They would have been thugs except for an anatomical shortcoming that delicacy prevents me from naming. Let's just say that former Secretary of State Albright sometimes, for politeness, uses the Spanish word.

But these tough talking thug wanna-bes weren't afraid to hire real thugs to do their dirty work. They did that all right, but they still couldn't bring themselves to let the real thugs completely off their leashes.

Times have changed. The preppie mentality of the current White House is much less dangerous than the Nixon thuggery was. While the current mentality says, "We are preppies allowed to cut corners," it doesn't say, "Anything goes."

Example: A very senior White House guy said that the wife of someone who criticized the administration was "fair game" for retaliation. As despicable as that may be, saying the wife was "fair game" clearly implies that someone else might not be fair game. Perhaps the children of the administration critic would not be fair game. Or if they were, perhaps his dogs and cats might be safe. At any rate some limit is suggested.

The Nixon would-be thugs, at least on a theoretical level, recognized no limits. Nixon himself once said that if a president did something it was, ipso facto, legal. If that were true the president would have more power than any king of England reigning after the Magna Carta. Having been trained as a lawyer, Nixon must have known that this was lunatic nonsense even as he asserted it.

But the thuggery and the potential for thuggery were real. The White House was ordering up felonies and the felonies on its behalf were being delivered.

Where was the line to be drawn? Why was it to be drawn? When Nixon told one of his junior thug wanna-bes to "get" someone, the poor guy didn't know exactly what that meant.

Did "get him" mean have the IRS audit his returns? Did it mean have the FBI bug his bedroom? The junior thug wanna-be was forced to ask a senior thug wanna-be to explain the phrase. The senior unhelpfully replied with something like, "If the president said to get the guy, you'd better get him."

The upshot of Nixon's thug wanna-be mentality was that all kinds of crimes were committed by the president and his thugs manqué, but they stopped short of physically hurting anyone, largely one suspects because of the manqué.

While we bear in mind that the real thugs Nixon supported in Latin America did not stop short of physically hurting, kidnapping, torturing, raping and killing their opponents, let's ponder the possible path that our country might have taken if there hadn't been a Deep Throat

and Nixon had gotten away with it.

Would it be too alarmist to imagine that Nixon's success as a dirty trickster could have emboldened the succeeding crews of wanna-be thugs? Would the next crew, if still incapable of direct thuggery, have let their real thugs off the leash? Could we have become the country of Nixon's fantasies with a Nixon-like figure wielding pre-Magna Carta royal power behind the hollow trappings of a democracy?

I doubt it. I like to think that even if Deep Throat hadn't saved us from Nixonian thuggery, and even if it briefly flourished, there would soon have been a public backlash against his truly slimy skulduggery. Fortunately, we'll never know.

But do enjoy the choirboys. They are too, too cute.

[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?

Calabazamusic@yahoo.com

By Jerry D

Hello readers!

This July marks the 26th anniversary of the Tucson Knight Owls. It's hard to believe that the little club started by local bar patrons has lasted, not to mention accomplished so much in that time.

The club held its monthly meeting last Saturday, combining a potluck with an official election of this year's officers that will lead the group. With no recount occurring, the election was decided in the time of the entire meeting, with good food to celebrate not only the winners, but also all those involved. During the meeting, a question was raised regarding the lasting history of the club. Tucson, and its surrounding areas, has had pledges to Tucson Knight Owls for as long as it has been around.

The process to become a member has changed over the years, but any member is easily recognized by our signature colors. The owl crested by the Arizona silhouette resembles the name, tradition, and location of the group. There is a roster kept, and updated at

each of the monthly meetings. This list has the current members, officers, and lifetime members (currently two).

Current members are those who have dues paid up to the current month, have been inducted into the group by the current members, and are entered in the roster. Those who have been members in the past, but are not on the roster are not forgotten though. There is a call out to those who once wore the colors to come back and join as a member in standing.

You can come to our monthly meetings and see the changes that have occurred since you were last in the group. The Knight Owls welcome you and hope you attend, but more importantly, hope to regain membership in one of Arizona's oldest standing organizations. The next meeting will be on July 30th, a Saturday, at the Yard Dog Saloon. The address is 2449 N Stone (Stone and Grant), starting at 10:30 a.m. Those who have not been members are also welcome to see what the tradition is all about. Don't worry, there is no hazing in this club. Hope to see you all there, and have a great week!

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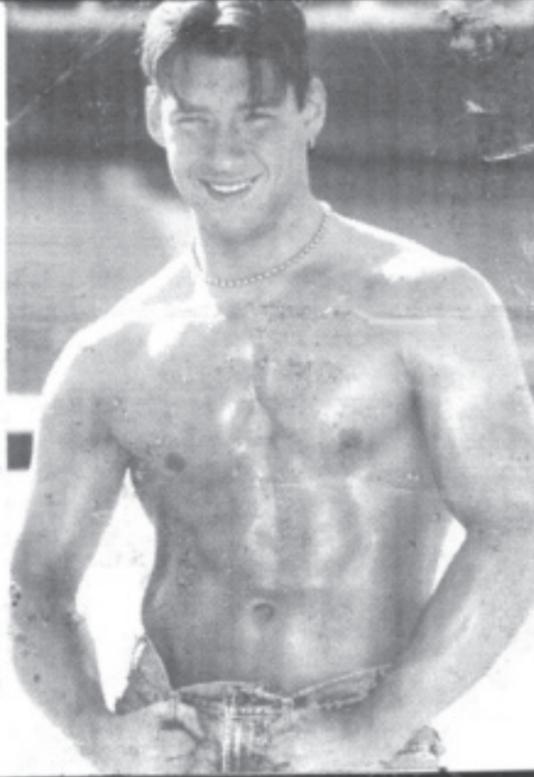
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Just when you thought that the chips were down and your time had run out, Jupiter redirects and magically comes to your rescue. Whoopie! All of a sudden things go your way in a very big way. Hmm, let's just see how big.

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**  
Gay Rams might have found themselves butting heads rather than other parts with partners. Thankfully you can call a truce and kiss and make up now that Jupiter redirects. Concentrate on improving communication and repairing areas of disagreement. Make love, not war, unless partners like it that way. Single Rams can seek, find and make contact ... if they really want to.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
Quit yer bellyaching queer Bull. While your job might really be intense, stressful and a bit chaotic, you will soon find that it is all for a good purpose and an even greater result. Lucky Jupiter redirects and all your frenetic efforts suddenly pay off. Reap those rewards with a shovel and not a teaspoon. Too too soon you are shoved back into rat race. Watch your tail.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
There is fun to be had for all pink Twins while Jupiter redirects. Various delectable temptations vie for your attention and you try to satisfy them all. On the one hand you can take low level ideas and catapult them into genius. On the other hand you may not know when enough is enough and dissipate your best efforts. Be a dish rag later. Bite the apple today.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Home projects finally get back on track with direct Jupiter. Anything that was stuck becomes unstuck and anything that seems to be a bit askew, falls nicely into place. But once the dust has settled, don't content yourself to sit back and enjoy it alone. Gather bosom buddies, family and assorted associates together and celebrate with a barn burner of a party. Oops!!

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
If your communication has been less than effective, you will roar a jolly welcome to direct Jupiter this week. Proud Lions can turn up the volume and make more noise without offending or overwhelming others. Ideas will be better directed and more compelling. So ask for what you want and you may just get it. The real question is - is that what you really want?

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
Jupiter has you splurging and purging all over town. What a sight! Queer Virgins suddenly become much more acquisitive and generous which may change their perspective on what they value. You seek beauty, grace and opulence in anything you do. This is great if you are operating on the higher echelons of society. But will you find it in Walmart? Yes, in aisle three.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
Jupiter redirects in your own sign and sends proud Libras into the stratosphere of popularity. Even the most egregious social faux pas become pas de deux and you charm even the snarliest of snakes. Get serious, compadre and don't waste this fabulous energy on trifles. Waste it on monumental movements that have long lasting impact on us. Did the earth move for you?

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
There is nothing more dangerous than a Gay Scorp with a spark of intuition. As Jupiter redirects, scenarios become crystal clear and you can plot a powerful strategic move that is practically guaranteed to pay off. How evil will you be? Are you seeking revenge or simple personal gain? Be aware of the karmic implications so that you don't reincarnate as a worm in your next life.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
There is a buzz going around about you, Gay Archer. It involves direct Jupiter and your wilde ways. Expect a surge in popularity as everyone wants a piece of you. Your presence alone can make or break an event. Choose from a range of wonderful invitations with high profile glamourpuss crowds. How did that happen? Why ask why. Only ask the time and place.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
There is something brewing at work that may pay off for pink Caps. Jupiter direct carries you off on a wave of success. All your hard work has not been for naught. All your quiet sacrificing is recognized and rewarded. Buff up the corner office for a new occupant! Bring on the stock options, corporate jet and private dining room! And when you wake from your dream...

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
Your reach exceeds your grasp and why not? Aqueerians can have global impact when Jupiter redirects and should not limit themselves to short term, short sighted accomplishments. Now is the time to launch incredible, impactful and international projects. If you can't physically travel, cyber travel. The most important thing is that you get Out there anyway you can.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
Guppies can dive into the deep end and swim in the big leagues when Jupiter redirects. There is something special, sexy and intriguing about you now. Maybe it is your confidence or maybe it is your charm but you seem to attract and reel in anyone you want. Bottle it, sell it and spoil yourself silly. Munch on some chicken fingers in bed. Anyone we know?

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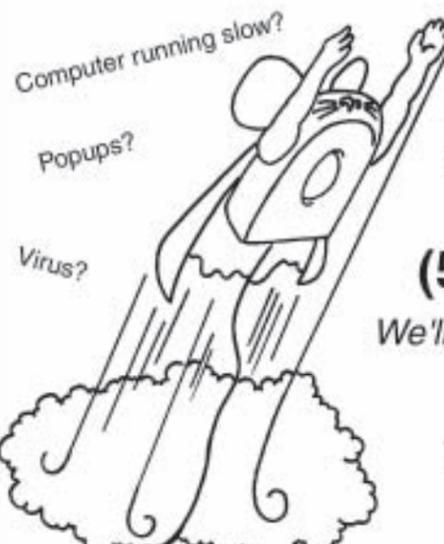
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Thursday, June 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night 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, June 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come and put your acting/miming skills to the test. For directions and reservations, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

Saturday, June 18

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed) 7:30 am 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 407-5733.

#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 Visitors Welcome, Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle  
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Monday, June 20

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Tuesday, June 21

#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.  
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Saturday, June 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

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

Monday, June 27

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Tuesday, June 28

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Wednesday, June 29

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

**COLORS** - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$2 skyy Cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half price appetizers. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 11am - 1pm, \$4.00 - Scrambled eggs, hash brown, biscuit & sausage gravy and your choice of Bloody Mary, coffee, juice or milk. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney at 4 and 7pm. 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, or mimosas. til 4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 5:30-7:30 Beer Bust. 2-4-1 drink specials and DJ Mike Lopez 10pm to close. (Some restrictions apply).

**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. Brunch \$5, 11:30 - 2:30. Patio open 1pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7p. \$2.50 Sirloin Burger or Chicken w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

**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-8pm, DJ Mike Lopez 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. w/Special Happy Hour prices til 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 Skyy cocktails, Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner and a Concert" shown on 52" projection system. Full menus served until 10pm.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke with Debbie from 8 - midnight

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Q playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 80s Nite 9-close. \$1 off to those wearing 80s concert t-shirt. (Excludes draught & schnapps).

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

## wednesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers 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-8pm, 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/ Bunny Fu Fu. HiNrgy dance with DJ Q.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Underwear- fetish-leather nite \$1 off for those wearing underwear-fetish or leather. (Excludes draught & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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

## thursday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 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 w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool all day. NTN Game Nite w/prizes 9-close. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon. Patio bar open 8pm-close

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

## friday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Reservations suggested.

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. 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-8pm,, Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm-2am.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am.w/Special Happy Hour til-2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/ DJ Jeff 9-close.

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

## saturday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-11pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Amber Norgard sings originals and cover tunes 6:30-9:30pm. Reservations suggested.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 11am-1:30pm, \$4.50. 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-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. \$5 Steak or Fish w/all the trimmings 5-9. Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz w/Arthur Miguzza on the patio 6-9. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

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

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# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Gay Men's Health Project "Beach Party" Underwear Night 8pm til Midnight.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 17

**COLORS** - Pride Night here. Hot Jazz & Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis on the new "Baby Grand" piano in the lounge area. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Then at 10:00 p.m. "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday/

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**WOODY'S** - Matt Butterman Jazz Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. \$5. On the Sport Court.

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Gay Pride Event: 'The Graduate Reunion Party' starts with breakfast omelets by Bucky 10:00 a.m. and continues with one of their famous Prime Rib Dinners being served at 7:00 p.m. Got Pride?

## SUNDAY, JUNE 19

**IBT'S** - Pride event here tonight. "Hawaiian Beach Party". Karaoke 4-7pm. Free B-B-Q and \$1.00 Draft Beer 5-8pm. Drag Show 8pm and a male stripper. Wet Underwear Contest 10:30pm - \$75 First prize and \$25 Second place. Drink specials featuring Smirnoff Flavored Frozen Drinks All day and night, \$2.75 Relax in the pool and cool off.

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Patio Bar opens t 3:00 p.m. with Chris. "Who's Your Daddy Contest".at 9:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

**WOODY'S** - Pride Night 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Hula Contest, Limbo Contest, Sexiest Bathing Suit Contest. Great food from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Give-aways and DJ Jeff.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 23

**VENTURE-N** - Steak Nite tonight \$6.00. Bring your own meat or get it here. Includes salad., baked potato and mushrooms.

**WOODY'S** - Intensive Care Night with patient gowns mandatory. Shot specials by Dr. Erik and RN Ricky. Tetanus or Comatose or Rectal Exam \$3.

## FRIDAY, JULY 1

**WOODY'S** - Four day 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration starts here tonight with "free to b u party". Happy Hour pricing from opening to close. Give-aways 8 til close. Dress your Fantasy Contest 10pm. \$75 first place.

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

**WOODY'S** - Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza form 6 to 9 p.m. Steaks or Fish Dinner 5-9. DJ Jeff and Give-aways 9 til close.

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

**WOODY'S** - Brunch 11:30 a.m. Beer Bust 2-7. Sirloin Burgers 5-9pm. Drag Bingo with Janee Starr 8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9 p.m.

## MONDAY, JULY 4

**WOODY'S** - Open at 10am. The All American Picnic and Party 2 - 8 p.m. Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie. IONAZ Party Camera. Patio Bar Open. 9pm Karaoke with Michael D.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUED

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 support of AIDS WALK over the years has made an important and lasting statement 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 has grown from 800 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.

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

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

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

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**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.

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**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. [TucsonSources@aol.com](mailto:TucsonSources@aol.com)

**GET NAKED with TNTucson MEN!** We're a social and recreational club. Have you ever longed to camp, swim, hike or play with others who enjoy the same, dropping all the masks and pretensions? We're for you! [TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com](mailto:TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com), P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

**INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy** for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their

company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at [www.botop.com](http://www.botop.com) All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DESERT VOICES**, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at [www.desertvoices.org](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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT**, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. [www.tucsonglbtchamber.org](http://www.tucsonglbtchamber.org)

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at [www.tucsonpride.com](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; Dezert Girlz MTF Support meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

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

**DESERT DOMINION**, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site <http://www.desertdominion.org> or call (520)792-6424

**SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS.** Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS:** a

confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: [AAPSP.org](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 information.

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

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** — Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](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)

**REVEILLE 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.

**"OUT ON THE TRAILS - EQUESTRIAN FUN!"**

Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

**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 Maggie'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 real Tantric 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 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

**SUN WORSHIPERS OF TUCSON (SWOT)** is a local men's nudist organization for men of all ages. Events feature swimming, hot tubbing and socializing in a relaxed, private setting. Check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swot>. Bi-weekly daytime meetings, Saturdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm. Contact John at 327-3135 for more info and upcoming dates.

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611 N. Fourth Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705 (Across from IBT's, Next to Magpies. Come See Us!) (520)388-9829



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