



## High Court Justice Quits, LGBT Leaders Worry

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The resignation of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, 75, caught the country slightly off guard on Friday, and left LGBT leaders deeply worried, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Speculation had of course been swirling around the possibility that William Rehnquist, the ailing 80-year-old chief justice, would leave the high court as the session ended this week. Although no one with a stake in the Gay civil rights movement wanted the Bush administration to be selecting Supreme Court justices, the prospect of replacing the arch-conservative Rehnquist seemed less fraught with peril than filling any other vacancy.

Now, however, it appears that Rehnquist may stick around for at least another year, despite thyroid cancer that has left him weakened. According to the Associated Press, the high court tries if possible to avoid more than one change per session. Law professor David Garrow of Emory University told the wire service that O'Connor likely spoke to Rehnquist in advance, and went ahead with her retirement plans once she learned he was planning to remain on the court.

"Barring a medical emergency," Garrow said, "I think it's certain the chief justice is planning to return in October and believes he'll be fully capable of returning."

The switch means that the court will lose one of its two centrists, and a decisive vote in questions of abortion rights and the separation of church and state. O'Connor sided with the 5-4 majority in last week's decision to remove framed copies of the Ten Commandments from the walls of two Kentucky courthouses. Likewise, she was part of the 5-4 minority that wanted to bar Texas from keeping a Decalogue monument on the grounds of the state capitol.

Justice O'Connor was also part of the 6-3 majority in *Romer v. Evans* and *Lawrence v. Texas*, the two key Gay rights victories of the last 10 years. The loss of her vote is a serious blow to future Gay rights cases, and brings the community further away from the possibility of a successful outcome at the high court level.

Justice Stevens is in his mid-80s, while Justice Ginsburg is a cancer survivor. Many speculate these two members must hang on for another two to four years — and the Democrats must take control of the Senate in 2006 and/or the White House in 2008 — in order to keep the court leaning slightly in favor of equal rights.

Reacting to the news, Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, called on Bush to "consult with the Senate on a justice who walks in Justice O'Connor's footsteps of



Supreme Court Justice  
Sandra Day O'Connor

fairness. Her moderate, thoughtful voice on the bench was a positive influence on the court and we hope that her replacement mirrors those qualities."

Matt Foreman of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called it "a sad day" for the Supreme Court and for America, asking Bush "not to capitulate to the demands of the extremists, and nominate a successor who will — like Justice O'Connor — be driven by the law, not reactionary ideology."

President Bush's conservative constituency is already clamoring not just for a conservative nominee, but for a proven conservative. Justices Souter and Kennedy are both examples of nominees who were expected to be far more conservative than they turned out. This time around, the far right is better organized, more powerful and more focused on controlling the federal judiciary.

In the last month or so, about a dozen names have been tossed out as likely nominees. Only one of the group is a woman, namely Edith Hollan Jones, who has served for over 20 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Jones, like the others on the short list, is a staunch opponent of *Roe v. Wade*, which she has called "an exercise of raw judicial power." She has also criticized the high court of the last 40 years for indulging "modish, untested philosophical notions ... that would have left the framers aghast."

Other federal appellate judges who may be in line for a nomination include Michael McConnell of the 10th Circuit, J. Michael Luttig of the 4th Circuit, James Harvie Wilkinson III of the 4th Circuit and John Roberts of the D.C. Circuit. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has been considered a prospect, as have Texas Sen. John Cornyn and Solicitor General Theodore Olson. According to the Associated Press, Bush is not expected to name a nominee until after he returns from a trip to Europe on July 8.

## Federal Bill Would Give GLBT Couples Tax Breaks

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A bill to eliminate an extra tax burden on thousands of same-sex couples has been re-filed in Congress after dying last year, the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The Domestic Partner Health Benefits Equity Act would treat Gay and Lesbian couples in the same way as opposite sex married couples for the purposes of partner benefits.

The number of companies offering domestic partner benefits is growing rapidly but those taking advantage of it are hit with higher taxes.

This bill, filed by Sen. Gordon H. Smith (R-Ore.) and Charles Schumer (D-NY), would amend the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) to treat those companies and their employees fairly.

Under current law if a Gay man makes \$40,000 a year and his partner's insurance is valued at \$200 a month, he actually will be taxed on \$42,400 at the end of the year.

By comparison, a married person covering his or her spouse in the same situation would be taxed on only the \$40,000.

"Congress should listen to the nation's brightest business leaders," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"The strongest businesses in the country offer domestic partner benefits because fair and equitable workplaces are good for the bottom line. Making those benefits unaffordable through additional taxes is bad for business, and it's not fair to employees."

Corporations that provide same-sex domestic partner benefits are supporting the bill.

"In this competitive global market, offering equal benefits to all employees helps us attract the best and brightest to work for us. This is a common sense, bottom line issue," said John D. Hassell, Director of Federal & State Government Affairs for Hewlett-Packard Company.

"Nike has long been committed to diversity and inclusion and strives to treat our employees equally without regard to sexual orientation. We believe the U.S. tax code should do the same," said Brad Figel, Nike's Global Director of Government and Public Affairs.

At the end of 2004, roughly 45 percent, or 234 companies on the Fortune 500 were providing domestic partner coverage — a tenfold increase from 1995 when just 21 Fortune 500 companies offered the coverage. Nationally, at least 8,277 employers voluntarily offer domestic partner benefits for their employees.

## 'Time To Remember G/L Servicemembers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As people across the country celebrate Independence Day there is call to remember Gays and Lesbians serving in the military, 365Gay.com reported.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said there are 65,000 Lesbian and Gay Americans serving our country today, and one- million LGBT veterans.

"From the American Revolution to the war on terror, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Americans have always served in our armed forces," said SLDN Executive Director C. Dixon Osburn.

"Their service has made our liberty more secure. Yet, from day one, they have also been subjected to second-class citizenship and government-sanctioned discrimination."

Since 1993, more than 10,000 LGBT servicemembers have been fired because of "don't ask, don't tell" the law

that bans out Gays from serving in the military.

"This Independence Day, we call on our elected leaders to end the Gay ban and welcome Gay Americans to our fighting forces," said Osburn.

Meanwhile, "don't Ask, don't tell" is being challenged in court. A federal judge in Boston will hear arguments in the case

The suit was filed last December by twelve Lesbian and Gay former servicemembers who were discharged under the law after they came out.

Each of the 12 has served during the current war on terror in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. In all, they have earned more than five dozen awards, medals and commendations.

The lawsuit asserts that "don't ask, don't tell" punishes Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual service members . . . for their

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# UPDATE

## Arizona Together Update

PHOENIX - Arizona Together, (formerly known as the Arizona Coalition for Fairness), has filed the necessary paperwork has been filed with the Arizona Secretary of State's office to collect donations.

According to Arizona Together, there is no limit to the amount either an individual, business, corporation, etc., can give to fight the proposed Center for Arizona Policy's Protect Marriage Arizona amendment and the ongoing petition drive to get the measure on the November 2006 ballot.

Make checks payable to Arizona Together, and send them to AZTogether.com, 2303 N 44th St, #14-1548, Phoenix, AZ 85008. For more information, go online to: aztogether.com.

## GLBT Community Plays A Part In Tucson's Government

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues was originally formed in November 1998 as a mayoral task force, and became an independent city commission in July 1999.

The Commission's purpose is: To act as the official advisory body to the Mayor and City Council on GLBT issues. To respond in an effective and timely manner to GLBT issues that may arise in the City. To examine local policies and practices in the areas of employment, business education, housing, social services, health and mental health and recreation as they affect or relate to GLBT people in the City and to recommend

changes as appropriate. To review and make recommendations on proposed local, state and federal legislation affecting GLBT people. To promote educational activities and events related to GLBT issues. To conduct, promote, and facilitate community forums to educate the community about GLBT issues and concerns. To collaborate with the Human Relations and other City Commissions. To serve as a liaison between the Mayor and Council and the education community regarding the needs and rights of the GLBT community. To address other GLBT issues as requested by the Mayor and Council.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the EOO Conference Room, 100 N. Stone, first floor, and are open to the public for which there will be a call to the audience at each meeting. Meeting agendas are posted each month at both the City Hall and at the Wingspan Community Center a day or more before the monthly meeting of the commission. The Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues complies with Arizona's open meeting laws.

There are several individuals can become involved in the Commission's work: Attend meetings, they are open to the public. Become active in one of the subcommittees as a community member. Each subcommittee actively seeks interested members to assist in their projects. Often such individuals are later recommended for Commission membership. Apply for membership on the Commission. Members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to 3-year terms. Council members may choose to appoint an individual of their choice. However, the Commission periodically, as positions are vacated, submits a list of recommended candidates for open position(s) to the Mayor and Council - these recommendations are usually followed.

## IN MEMORIAM



Glenn "Rusty" Rust

Rusty passed away on June 29, 2005. He was born on April 11, 1959. He had roots in Idaho and Utah, but had called Tucson home for the past six years.

Rusty was a longtime employee of the Yard Dog Saloon, and he participated in various Yard Dog productions.

He is survived by his many friends and his dog Misty.

There will be a memorial for Rusty on Sunday, July 10 at 5:00 p.m. on the patio of the Yard Dog Saloon. All who knew our friend Rusty are invited to attend and celebrate his life. Donations may be made to the TIHAN Memorial in Rusty's memory.

## Online Observer Resources Link Page Relaunches

TUCSON (ON) - Starting this week on the online Observer, a list of community groups and links to their Web sites will be relaunched.

Due to technical problems with the previous page, as well as the problems The Observer has had in transferring the site to a new web host, no resource links page had been featured to this point.

## TPPL's GLBT Services Committee Helps Library Patrons

TUCSON - The TPPL (Tucson Pima Public Library) GLBT Services Committee was established in 1997 to better serve southern Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) library users.

The Services Committee seeks to fulfill this mission by creating exciting programs such as GLBT author visits, and through participation at various outreach events such as OUToberFEST and Tucson's annual Pride Parade. On a daily basis they review, order and make GLBT materials available for all TPPL users, regardless of age, location or sexual orientation. The Tucson-Pima Public Library's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Services Committee is dedicated to upholding the library's Mission Statement as well as the Library Users Bill of Rights for all of the library's customers.

TPPL is one of the few public libraries in the country to have an established Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Services Committee. For more information about the Committee, go online to lib.ci.tucson.az.us/glb/.

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# What's Their Real Problem With Gay Marriage? (It's The Gay Part)..... PART 3

By Russell Shorto

ANNAPOLIS - The other main avenue by which homosexuality tries to propagate itself, in this view, is by indoctrinating children via the education system. Conservative Christian groups in many states — including, currently, Maryland — have protested efforts to introduce sexual orientation as a topic in school curriculums. A few days after the dinner at the Clarks' house, I spoke with Don Dwyer, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and a leading anti-Gay-rights figure in the state. "They are attempting through the public-school system to teach not only that homosexuality is O.K. but that it's normal," he said. "And now they are going as far as teaching children how to engage in the act. I find that appalling and absolutely unacceptable." State officials deny that the proposed changes would teach children how to engage in homosexual sex. The difference of opinion stems from the value-neutral approach that the state has proposed. To the conservative Christian activists, homosexuality is anything but value-neutral.

I asked Laura Clark if her feelings about homosexuality had evolved over time. "No," she said, "because basically I've been a Christian my whole adult life, and I've known that the Bible makes clear that it's wrong." Her pastor, however, opened up in answer to the same question and told me that his early encounters with homosexuality had actually influenced his approach to the ministry. When he was 14, he said, his father worked as a route salesman for The Baltimore Sun, and he sometimes went with him on predawn deliveries. "In West Baltimore, I saw transvestites for the first time," he said. "It creeped me out. I had been taught in Bible school that there is an

extended level of depravity, and this was it." Later, Racer was working for a greenhouse and got to know a lot of florists. "You'd be amazed how many people in the floral industry are homosexuals," he said. "And that's where I became curious. How do you put it together, that they've chosen to do something that I have such an aversion to, yet I'm finding I can see them as real people? As a Christian, that was a welcome development. Around the same time, a close friend told me he was struggling because he was attracted to men. Over the next two years, I had two other people confide the same thing to me. For some reason, God was putting it in my path. I took a psychology course, and ever since I've seen it as part of my ministry to counsel these people. I tell them that is part of God's challenge to them, and those temptations have to be fought off with spiritual weapons."

Of course, this view of homosexuality — seeing it as a disorder to be cured — is not new. It was cutting-edge thinking circa 1905. While most of society — including the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Education Association, the World Health Organization and many other such groups — eventually came around to the idea that homosexuality is normal, some segments refused to go along. And what was once a fairly fringe portion of the population has swelled in recent years, as has its influence.

Gay rights leaders say that Gay marriage has become useful for their counterparts on the religious right in part because it allows them to tap into an

antipathy toward homosexuality. Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said that the emergence of Gay marriage last year was not the doing of groups like his. "We didn't want this fight," he said. "It is being driven by a certain brand of evangelicals and fundamentalists as part of their agenda and because they sense an opening. I don't think their leaders care about Gay people. And I don't think people as a whole understand how deep-seated the loathing is." In this calculation, Gay marriage serves as a vessel for containing opinions that many social conservatives have but which in the past they might have felt were socially unacceptable to voice.

Robert Knight, the director of the Culture and Family Institute of Concerned Women for America, conceded as much. "People feel liberated," he said. "They feel like we don't have to go along with this stuff anymore, the idea that we're repressed backwater religious zealots just for wanting a decent society in which our children can thrive. It's O.K. today to say that marriage is between a man and a woman. Saying so does not make you a hater or bigot."

Indeed, a constant refrain among the anti-Gay-marriage forces is that they are motivated not by hate but by love. Most of the activists I spoke with say that they know Gay people — several said they have relatives who are Gay — and that they have approached them, with love, to try to get them to change. Rick Bowers, a pastor of a nondenominational church in Columbia, Md., is the head of Defend Maryland Marriage, another activist group, which works with Focus on the

Family. "There are those extremists who say that if a Gay person were on fire you would burn in hell if you spit on them to put out the fire," he told me. "But we're not like that. We love the human being. It's the lifestyle we disagree with."

"Lifestyle" is a buzzword in conservative Christian circles. It's a signal of the belief, and the policy position, that homosexuality is not an innate condition but a hedonistic way of living, one devoted to partying, drugs and wanton sex that ends, often, in illness and early death. In 2004 the Family Research Council put out a book called "Getting It Straight: What the Research Shows About Homosexuality," which purports to explode the myth that homosexuality is natural or genetic and puts forth an alternative theory that it springs from childhood abuse or other developmental factors. Chapter 4, "Is Homosexuality a Health Risk?" lines up studies and statistics to link homosexuality with cancer, alcoholism, mental illness, suicide and reduced life span, in addition to H.I.V./AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The activists opposing Gay marriage echo these points. "My concern is the health issue," said Evalena Gray, an activist in southern Maryland. "I want to get these people away from AIDS, out of that unhealthy lifestyle."

The solution to the problem of the Gay lifestyle in this view is, of course, Christ. The reparative therapy or "ex-Gay" movement has been repudiated by major health and mental health organizations for its assumption that homosexuality is a defect to be repaired — indeed, in May members of the American Psychiatric Association recommended that the organization support Gay marriage in the interest of promoting mental health. But

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## Wingspan In New Offices July 11; Grand Opening August 6

TUCSON - [Editor's Note: If you have stopped by Wingspan, usually located at 300 East Sixth and noticed a lot of moving activity taking place, the staff and volunteers are in the process of moving Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT Center to bigger offices. What follows is a description of the new facilities and the reasoning behind the move from Kent Burbank, Wingspan's Executive Director.]

Wingspan is on the move! On Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Wingspan will open the doors of our new leased building at 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. (1 block east of Antigone Books just off of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue). In Wingspan's 17 years of service to the community, this will be our fourth home. For the past 17 years, Wingspan has made our home in the downtown/4<sup>th</sup> Avenue area and we are pleased to continue that tradition with our new space.

The new building is designed to meet the needs of the tremendous growth that the community center has experienced over the past few years. Today, Wingspan has 17 staff members, over 200 volunteers, and a budget of \$1 million. We are now one of the largest, most active community centers in the country.

With this growth has come a tremendous expansion of services. In addition to the anti-violence and youth programming for which we are commonly known, we now offer the community services including health and wellness, Latino/a outreach, and seniors' programming. Our newest initiative, the Advocacy and Public Policy Project, is focused on helping defeat the anti-Gay constitutional amendment in November 2006. All of these programs will be housed on the second floor (2800 square foot) of the new building.

But the new center is much more than just our programs and services; it is also about the community.

Thus, the first floor of the new building (an additional 2800 square foot) will be for the community itself.

We will have three private meeting rooms to house the myriad of grassroots LGBT organizations, ranging from AA to GLSEN to Buddhist Meditation, that meet in our space.

We will also have an open community living space that will house our lending library and community bulletin boards and have couches and chairs for people to read, relax and socialize. The first floor will also be home to a six-computer CyberCenter that is open to the public at no cost.

The cornerstone of the downstairs area will be our front desk which, since Wingspan's inception, has been the source of information about all things LGBT in Tucson, from social groups to lawyers to local bars. The knowledgeable front desk volunteers will continue to greet visitors, answer community members' questions, and guide people toward appropriate resources and referrals.

Wingspan is of, by and for the

community. The community center has been a labor of love; we owe our existence and vitality to the hundreds of community members who have dedicated countless hours of service to build this organization over the last 17 years. Many of those early volunteers are still active in the community; others live on in our memories.

In order to better serve the community and accommodate all of these groups, Wingspan is expanding its hours. We will now be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. The first floor of the new building is entirely wheelchair accessible and parking for people with disabilities is located at the front of the building. The back of the building has a full parking lot for other center visitors.

We are excited about this big step forward for Wingspan and the community. So, please be patient while we are closed the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> and come visit us as soon as we open on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. We specifically invite community members to drop by our grand opening on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., where we will have refreshments and give tours of the new building. So, please update your address books and plan on joining us for the open house on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Prescott Pride Center Bldg. Vandalized; Culprits Caught

PRESCOTT - Prescott's Pride Center was the target of vandals when their building was damaged by spray paint with homophobic graffiti, causing several hundred dollars damage to the Center.

According to the Prescott Police Department, three male teenage youths admitted to causing the damage and were arrested and brought before Prescott's Juvenile Court.

Prior to the sentencing, which takes place July 18, a letter was received, according to the Center. "... from one of the young boys who vandalized the Pride Center, describing it as a "April Fools prank gone too far."

According to the Center's Web site, "... he and his family wanted it to be shared with the entire community. The Pride Center board appreciates his efforts to make amends, but we also recognize that he may be minimizing his motivation for the crime."

In a written statement to the Juvenile Court judge hearing the case, the Board of Directors offered the following sentencing possibilities for the judge to consider, including:

Mandatory attendance at Camp Anytown, a week-long intensive to help teens take a fresh look at diversity and breakdown their biases toward people they perceive as different.

Active participation in a mediated victim/offender rap session in which community members can share their personal stories about how they were affected by this incident.

Donation of funds toward a community-wide presentation on the

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# Lutheran Synod Agrees To Welcome Gays & Lesbians

TUCSON - The regional chapter of the country's largest Lutheran denomination, which includes 17 churches in Pima County, has adopted a resolution to publicly welcome Gays and Lesbians to its congregations, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

The Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA - is now one of 23 synods in the country identified as "Reconciling in Christ" that have approved formal welcoming policies to homosexuals. There are 65 ELCA synods in the United States. The Grand Canyon Synod, which includes southern Nevada and all of Arizona, approved the welcoming policy at its annual meeting in Litchfield Park, near Phoenix, last month.

"It underscores a word of welcome to a group that has felt unwelcome by the church," said the Rev. John Lillie of the Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 5102 N. Craycroft Road. "It is significant that our synod, in a rather conservative state, passed such a word of welcome really with little debate."

The ELCA, which includes about 10,000 worshippers in Pima County, does not sanction its pastors to perform same-sex commitment ceremonies, nor does it approve of ordaining Gays and Lesbians to be pastors unless they are celibate. The issue has been one of persistent debate, however, and is expected to be raised again in August, when the denomination, with an estimated 5.1 million members, meets for its annual general assembly.

Tom Ford, president of the local chapter of Lutherans Concerned, which seeks full inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in the Lutheran Church, said the ELCA is slowly moving in the direction of allowing same-sex commitment ceremonies and ordaining Gays and Lesbians to the ministry.

"The ELCA will hopefully recognize the reality of what is already happening quietly," Ford said. "I am sure there are Gay and Lesbian pastors in the Lutheran Church who just don't say anything about it. And on any good weekend with good weather, I'm sure someone in the Lutheran Church in the United States is having a same-sex wedding somewhere."

As with other mainline denominations, the debate over full inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in the ELCA has been divisive.

"There is a lot of splintering going on," Ford said.

Phil Soucy, communications director for Lutherans Concerned/North America, stressed that the ELCA already has publicly stated it welcomes Gays and Lesbians.

"The Grand Canyon Synod has gone one step beyond that by specifically making a statement on their own," Soucy said. "So for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people who are looking for church homes when they are moving from one place to another, they know they can go there and be specifically as opposed to generally welcomed."

Last month's resolution says all people of all sexual orientations and gender identities "are welcome within the membership of the synod, and that, as members, are welcome to full participation in the organizational and sacramental life of this church."

According to a news release from Lutherans Concerned/North America, the Grand Canyon Synod's action will encourage its congregations and specialized ministries to embody the resolution and to reaffirm a call for everyone to respect the rights of all people regardless of sexual orientation.

## 2600-Year-Old Lesbian Love Poem Found

LONDON - A Lesbian love poem written 2600 years ago by Sappho has finally been published, Advocate.com reported.

The poem was discovered by researchers at Germany's Cologne University written on papyrus and used as wrapping around an Egyptian mummy.

Sappho is considered the greatest female poet of ancient Greece. She lived on the Island of Lesbos - in what researchers suggest was the first Lesbian colony.

Called by her contemporaries the "tenth muse", her works once filled nine volumes, but little has survived to modern times.

The papyrus had gone unnoticed for years, until the researchers happened to notice that some of the phrases matched verse fragments already identified as Sappho's.

By comparing all the known fragments with the papyrus the researchers were able to reconstruct missing words and come up with the original poem.

The 12-line verse is only the fourth to have been recovered. It was translated into English by Oxford University professor Martin West and published on the weekend in the London Times Literary Supplement.

It was written late in Sappho's life and begins as a lament about growing old while watching the younger women of the colony.

"You for the fragrant-bosomed Muses' lovely gifts, Be zealous, girls, and the clear melodious lyre: But my once tender body old age now Has seized; my hair's turned white instead of dark."

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# What's Their Real Problem With Gay Marriage?

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for both the national leaders on the anti-Gay-marriage front and Christian community activists, "ex-Gay" and "Gay marriage" are closely connected, the first being the antidote to the second. Shannon Royce, the executive director of the Marriage Amendment Project, advised me explicitly: "The ex-Gay movement is a very important part of the story." Racer spelled it out clearly as well. "I've had quite a few opportunities to counsel people who were in a homosexual lifestyle," he said. "They have generally found themselves in a desperate place. They know that Christ promises an abundant life, but that promise was made with some restrictions. These people have tried to find fulfillment in ways that are against God's principles. So you don't want to further the error by allowing Gay marriage. Most of these folks have had an abusive situation that goes back to childhood. You want to heal that. You want to hold back the tide and not let such a high impact issue harm the whole society."

It may have been March, but the Christmas lights were still up. "The grandchildren like them," Evalena Gray said. She and her husband, Jim, both semiretired opticians, had invited me to their home in Charlotte Hall, a town in the region of southern Maryland that once made its money from tobacco and oysters but now relies on tourism and high-tech industry. The Grays have converted their basement — paneled, wall-to-wall-carpeted, decorated with Jim Gray's Confederate memorabilia (a portrait of Jeb Stuart, framed currency) and the twinkling lights — into an office. They each have a desk here, stacked with brochures and books and buttons. Evalena is Maryland's grass-roots director for Concerned Women for America; she and her husband devote all of their spare hours to convincing fellow citizens of the danger that the institution of marriage is facing. As I visited, they were organizing buses to transport people to an anti-Gay-marriage rally that was to be

held in the state capital two days later. "The threat to traditional marriage will affect our society more than any other issue that's come up," Evalena said. "We're just fighting with everything we have."

As the Grays will tell you, "Gay" is only one-half of the Gay marriage issue. If homosexuality is a heavily laden notion for conservative Christians, so, too, is marriage. Evalena Gray handed me a copy of "Marriage Under Fire: Why We Must Win This Battle," a small, pithy volume written by Dr. James Dobson, the influential leader of Focus on the Family, whose radio commentaries are heard by 200 million people a day worldwide. "Marriage Under Fire" has been available at Focus on the Family events since it was published last year. Dobson begins his book by rooting marriage in the same biblical passage that graces the marriage shrine at the Family Research Council headquarters — "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" — and then goes on to add, "With those 22 words, God announced the ordination of the family, long before He established the two other great human institutions, the church and the government."

To see marriage as in any way a secular or legal union of two individuals is to miss utterly the point and conviction of the Christian forces lined up against Gay marriage. As Dobson states in his book: "To put it succinctly, the institution of marriage represents the very foundation of human social order. Everything of value sits on that base. Institutions, governments, religious fervor and the welfare of children are all dependent on its stability." Every activist on the ground I spoke with said something similar. "Marriage was defined thousands of years ago and has served us well," said Rebecca Denning, a retired secretary in southern Maryland who volunteers along-

side Evalena Gray. "I think marriage is about procreation and families. And I think we're getting into something that we don't truly understand what the ramifications will be."

Some on the other side of the issue — notably Andrew Sullivan — make the argument that extending the marriage franchise into the Gay community will have positive results for everyone: it will encourage Gays and Lesbians to settle down into stable families, and given that about 40 percent of marriages end in divorce, it will bring new devotees to an ailing institution. The anti-Gay-marriage people readily acknowledge that marriage is in a state of crisis, but they counter that the solution isn't to dilute the traditional meaning but to reinforce it. And that meaning, they say, is bound up in biology. "The homosexual community would have us believe that marriage is simply about loving one another," said Rick Bowers of Defend Maryland Marriage. "I say it's about two human beings who are wired completely differently, one with estrogen and one with testosterone, living together in love but with the purpose of procreation. It's a lot deeper than love. So I can't see how someone could look on a same-sex marriage as marriage at all."

At its essence, then, the Christian conservative thinking about Gay marriage runs this way. Homosexuality is not an innate, biological condition but a disease in society. Marriage is the healthy root of society. To put the two together is thus willfully to introduce disease to that root. It is society willing self-destruction, which is itself a symptom of a wider societal disease, that of secularism.

(This was reprinted from the June 19, 2005 edition of the New York Times Magazine.)

# Tony Blair's Son To Work For 'Outed' Congressman

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The son of British Prime Minister Tony Blair will soon be working on Capitol Hill for one of the most conservative Republicans in Congress, 365Gay.com reported.

Euan Blair beat out about 100,000 hopefuls for a slot as an intern on the Hill. The graduate of Bristol University will work for Congressman David Dreier (R-Calif.).

A longtime opponent of LGBT civil rights legislation and a supporter of a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, Dreier was outed by Gay rights activist Michael Rogers on his site BlogActive last year - part of a campaign to expose Republicans who were secretly Gay but voted to deny Gays and Lesbians civil rights.

Dreier who has refused to comment on the reports allegedly lives with his male chief of staff.

Last year Dreier was named a "True Blue" advocate by the Family Research Council - the preeminent anti-Gay lobby organization.

In 1996 Dreier voted for the Defense of Marriage Act which bans the federal government from recognizing same-sex couples. The legislation passed and was signed into law by then President Bill Clinton. In 1999 he voted to ban Gay adoptions in the District of Columbia. That bill was narrowly defeated.

Although he opposes same-sex marriage he voted against the proposed federal marriage amendment. However, he opposes current legislation to protect Gay and Lesbian civil rights in the workplace and include Gays in protected groups in a federal hate crime law.

Although Blair is known for his strong relationship with President George Bush, the appointment raised eyebrows among members of Blair's Labor Party and among Democrats.

Throughout the internship Dreier will serve as the 21 year old Blair's mentor. Euan Blair was a history major at Bristol and is reportedly interested in a political career in the UK.

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# POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

## 'PMA Protection Or An Rapturous Destruction?'

Monday (July 4) marked the 229<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence from which the thirteen Colonies in America announced to the world their intentions to separate from the United Kingdom, forming the United States of America because of "... the history of the present King (George III) of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny..." by his government.

Those 56 individuals who gathered from the thirteen Colonies in Philadelphia for that session of the Continental Congress spoke out, dissenting against the unjust actions and treatment, something, this nation continues to follow as parts of its foundation - later enshrined in the U.S. Constitution as the Bill of Rights.

Lynden Munsil, Cathi Herrod, those individuals fronting as the head of the Protect Marriage Arizona (PMA) front organization, as well as the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) who the ones really spearheading the effort in Arizona to enshrine discrimination in the state constitution with their PMA amendment, like King George III, want to control all aspects of society and government with their tyrannical proposal, for which speaking out and dissent, as did those 56 individuals did in Philadelphia with their Declaration, "... would not be allowed," as Herrod said to the East Valley Tribune for a story that ran in the June 18 edition of the newspaper.

This effort by these extremists has been featured in previous editions of this column for this publication, showing the various and numerous laws and ordinances their "protection" would upend focusing on Arizona's Revised Statutes but if the PMA gets the 183,917 signatures needed to get on the November 2006 ballot and somehow wins approval, many provisions of Arizona's constitution as well, on the books since the inception of the state on February 14, 1912, would go primarily by the waste side.

Article 2 of Arizona's Constitution, entitled Declaration of Rights, is under threat with the PMA and the efforts by Munsil, Herrod and their minions to mold society in their image. Especially at risk if the PMA is successful in Arizona's Declaration of Rights are:

Article 2, Section 1, Fundamental principles; recurrence to. Article 2, Section 2 - Political power; purpose of government. Article 2, Section 4 - Due process of law. Article 2, Section 5 - Right of petition and of assembly. Article 2, Section 6 - Freedom of speech and press. Article 2, Section 8 - Right to privacy. Article 2, Section 11 - Administration of justice. Article 2, Section 13 - Equal privileges and immunities. Article 2, Section 33 - Reservation of rights, that aptly reads, "The enumeration in this Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny others retained by the people."

Also under threat are: Article 3, "Distribution of Power." Article 4, "Legislative Department," Part 1 Section 1 - Legislative authority; initiative and referendum. Article 5, "Executive Department," Section 1, Version 2 - Term limits on executive department and state

officers; term lengths; election; residence and office at seat of government; duties. Article 5, Section 9 - Powers and duties of state officers. Article 12, Sections 1 through Section 4, "Counties." Article 13, Sections 1 through Section 7, "Municipal Corporations (Cities)." Article 14, Sections 1 through Section 4, "Corporations." Article 20, Section 7 - Public school system; suffrage.

Despite the blathering from Lynden Munsil, Cathi Herrod, the PMA front organization and the CAP, their proposed state constitutional amendment won't protect "marriage and traditional family values," instead will bring a "rapturous" destruction of the laws,

## Calif. High Court Lets Partner Law Stand

SACRAMENTO - To the delight of LGBT rights advocates nationwide, the California Supreme Court declined on Wednesday, June 29 to hear a challenge to the state's domestic partnership law, which gives registered same-sex couples nearly all of the rights available to married couples, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The justices unanimously let stand an April 4 ruling from the Court of Appeals that upheld the domestic partnership law, AB 205, which was passed by the Legislature in 2003 and went into effect at the beginning of this year.

Conservative opponents charged that AB 205 contradicted the will of state voters, who approved Proposition 22, which prevents the state from recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states. Prop. 22 passed in 2000 with 61 percent of the vote.

The appeals court ruling asserted that Prop. 22's language did not apply to domestic partnerships.

"This is a resounding victory for fairness and equality," said Kate Kendell, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "Domestic partnership is not marriage, and the court soundly rejected the tortured efforts of extreme right-wing groups to distort the language of Proposition 22 to strike down validly enacted legislation protecting Lesbian and Gay people and their families."

"We're pleased the court is allowing this step toward equality to stand," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C.

AB 205 has provided registered domestic partners in California with community property, mutual responsibility for debt, child custody and support obligations, and other responsibilities. It does not allow couples to file joint tax returns, nor does it qualify domestic partners to the more than 1,000 federal protections that married couples receive.

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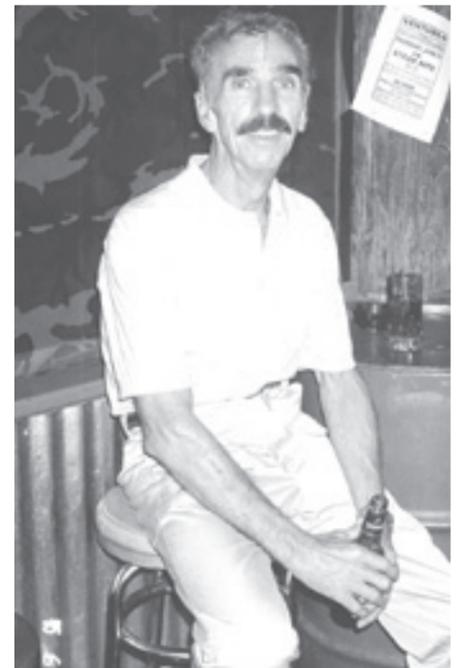
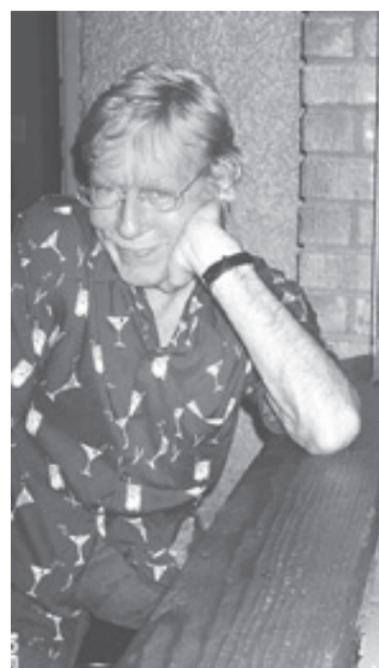
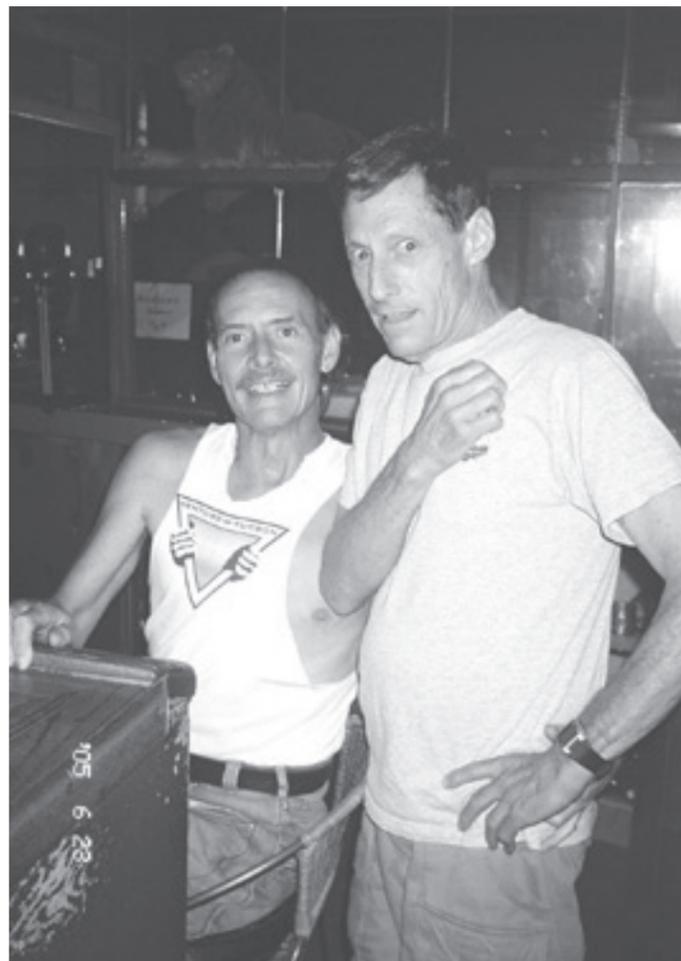
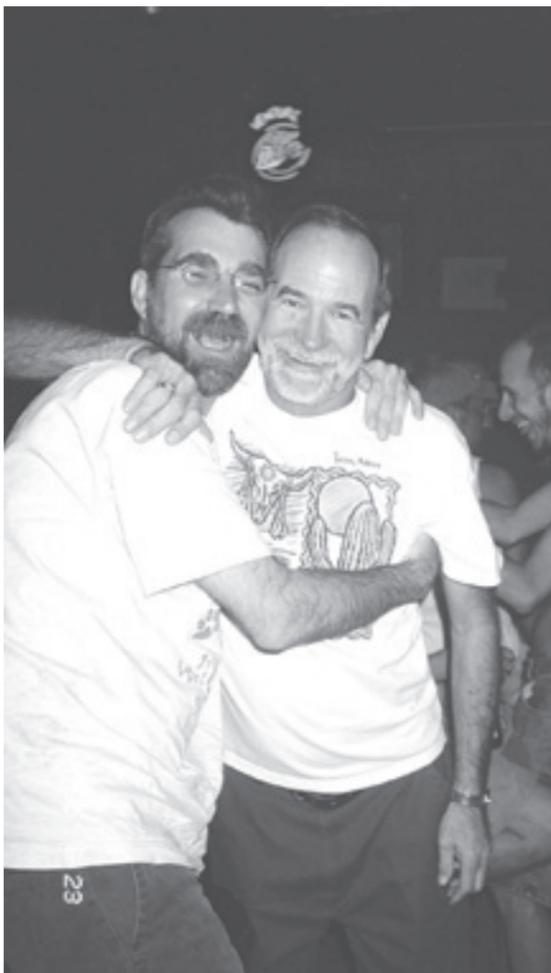
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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

### Alternative Press

by Lee Thorn

Is Tucson the place and 2005 the time for a revival of the alternative press? Due to an unpopular war and a cultural revolution that occurred in the 1960s and '70s, an alternative press arose all across America that was community based and radically free to tell the truth.

I don't know why this dynamic experiment in journalism died out. All I can say is that it was glorious while it lasted. They called it "alternative" because it was not, like the establishment press, controlled by big corporations. Ads from small businesses and individuals fueled it. Wherever it flourished the alternative press held local government officials to a higher level of accountability. It also seemed to contribute to a sense of community, a feeling of inclusiveness and belonging.

Like all big cities, Tucson currently has a weekly newspaper that bears a very superficial resemblance to the alternative papers of old. In fact that paper is just a part of a large corporate enterprise.

Public television is not owned by corporations but it goes to them for funding and that shows up in reverential coverage of local politicians.

Tucson does have several weeklies that are truly alternative in that they're not owned or supported by big corporations, but unlike the alternative press of the '60s and '70s these papers are aimed at specific segments of the population.

We might now have all the ingredients for an alternative press revival that considers all the literate citizens of Tucson its target audience. We are, local folklore notwithstanding, a big city that could provide lots of readers and small advertisers. We are fighting an unpopular war. Trust in government and establishment media is low. The Internet has drastically reduced journalistic costs by making publication and distribution essentially free. We have a large student population and a large retired population who could afford to work researching and writing the paper for little or no pay.

The tipping point may lie in this last item. It's true that there are Tucsonans who could do credible journalism without receiving substantial compensation, but how do you convince them to do it?

Your recruiting talk would undoubtedly hark back to the glory days of the alternative press. There are at least three other points I think you'd have to make to your prospective reporters. First you'd have to convince them that you had the resources and the game plan to keep the thing going for awhile. Nobody wants to bust hump for a flash in the pan. You'd also have to convince them that the editing was going to be competent, that there weren't going to be made up stories that weren't checked out, the sort that recently brought such disgrace to the New York Times and CBS News. Nobody wants to work for a joke organization unless the pay is good.

You'd finally have to convince them that the paper wouldn't be grinding anybody's political ax. If they want to pretend to be journalists while actually being propagandists there are plenty of places they can work for big money.

A word about the blogs. I've sung their praises in past columns for exposing flaws in establishment media, but to the extent that they profess an "anything goes" attitude they are not doing serious journalism. There is a tradition of journalism in which you try to get the facts straight. Wouldn't it be glorious to bring it back to life right here in the Old Pueblo?

Imagine the local developers being covered by a paper that doesn't take ads from corporate home builders. Imagine the local lending scene being covered by a paper that doesn't take ads from banks. Imagine the local car dealerships being covered by a paper that doesn't have major dealership ads. Imagine someone covering the local politicians with the gloves off. What fun it would be!

[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.]

## London Shows Its Pride

LONDON - More than 300,000 people celebrated LGBT Pride in the British capital on Saturday, July 2, with a massive parade. The march was culmination of two weeks of pride events, 365Gay.com reported.

As Gay civil rights groups, men in leather, club boys and drag queens were getting ready to set off from Trafalgar Square they had a surprise visit from Bob Geldof.

His Live 8 concert to draw attention to poverty in African was just getting under way across town and Geldof had a message for Gays.

"Between what you people are doing and the people in the park are doing and the people around the world, we are going to stop one vast oppression of a vast minority - that's what we are going to do today," Geldof told marchers.

Elton John used Pride day to urge the Blair government to take a stand against worldwide homophobia.

"I want our government, which has presided over many positive changes for Gay people here in the UK - an equal age of consent, partnership rights, the abolition of the rightly reviled Clause 28 - to ensure that ending violations of Gay people's fundamental human rights around the world becomes an explicit issue in its diplomatic relations with other countries," he wrote in an op-ed piece for The Observer.

Of Gay Pride Day, Elton wrote that there is a link between poverty and hate.

"The sheer force of our numbers will ultimately help to end the suffering from extreme poverty and extreme prejudice all over the world.

"There are many parts of the world where such a celebration could not take place, because basic human rights are not respected and people face threats, attacks, prosecution and even possible execution just because of their sexuality."

"I strongly believe that when thousands of us refuse to look away and stay silent we make a difference to what politicians do and say."

Saturday's parade featured more than 40 floats. Marchers made their way along Park Lane, through Westminster, past the Houses of Parliament and along Victoria Embankment.

At a rally following the parade, actor Sir Ian McKellen, London mayor Ken Livingstone and Gay rights activist Peter Tatchell addressed the crowd.

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## COMMENTARY . . . by Steve May

### Facts Versus CAP Fiction

The Protect Marriage Arizona initiative isn't about Gay marriage. It is mostly about big government sticking its nose into heterosexual relationships and furthering the agenda of an extremist organization with a long history of using government to impose its radical views on innocent citizens. Gay and Lesbian Arizonans are collateral damage and an easy smoke screen in their current crusade.

The Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) won passage of legislation in 1996 that banned same sex marriage. The courts have upheld it ever since. The threat of the Gay couple next door suddenly getting a legal marriage doesn't exist.

The current proposal from CAP asks voters to do what they failed to get passed at the legislature in 1999—ban domestic partnerships for both straight and Gay people and to prevent local governments from offering health insurance to domestic partners of their employees. At that time, then Representative Karen Johnson sponsored the bill and testified in committee that, "Gays are at the lower end of the behavioral spectrum." Her colleague Barbara Blewster wrote in support of the measure that "Homosexuality leads to bestiality, animal sacrifice and cannibalism." I met with Mrs. Johnson privately and asked her why she wanted to take away health insurance from citizens who earned it and needed it. She told me that she wanted to stop them from having oral sex and thought this would help. This was too much even in the twilight zone that is the Arizona legislature and the bill died.

CAP has a long history of targeting Gays for legal abuse. In 1997, CAP was successful at convincing the legislature to amend a bill that created special protection for victims of domestic violence to exclude Gays and Lesbians. The legislature changed this in 2002. The initiative that supposedly just "protects" marriage would once again leave Gays and Lesbians living together outside the protection of the law—just the way CAP wants it. CAP opposed including Gays with other minorities in protection from hate crimes (1998), opposed prohibiting workplace discrimination in the private sector (1996-2005), supported a lawsuit to overturn an executive order that prohibits firing state employees simply because they are Gay (2003) and supported laws that regulated private sexual behavior among consenting adults, straight or Gay, married or not (1996-2001). CAP doesn't just want Gays to not be married; they want Gays to be unemployed, without health insurance and without legal protections from abuse.

Why would they want this? Because they want Gays to marry straight people. Len Munsil, the founder and president of CAP, and others associated with CAP and the PMA have said on many occasions Gays should marry someone of the opposite sex in order to have equal rights; in essence, Gays should just play it straight. How many women would like to be in a marriage to a Gay man who could never fully love her and could never fully satisfy her emotionally or physically? How many fathers would wish this for their daughters? Alas, love and honesty don't matter in the CAP world.

Gays aren't their only target. In 1998, CAP convinced the legislature to create "covenant marriage"—a kind of super marriage that is part of CAP's agenda to end no fault divorce. According to Len Munsil, "there is no reason to unite any couple in marriage if they are not willing to embrace a covenant marriage...No Christian should hesitate to choose covenant marriage over the 'no fault divorce' scheme that makes your marriage contract legally meaningless." Of course, most Christians and non-Christians seem to disagree as the number of people who have signed up for this wouldn't be enough to fill the small wedding chapel where Britney Spears began her two and a half day legal marriage.

Domestic partnerships are recognized by most large employers in Arizona and by many local governments. Polling shows that a majority of Arizona voters supports legal recognition of domestic partnerships. Rather than debating the merits of already illegal marriage for same sex couples, we should be debating how to secure certain legal rights for domestic partners such as the right to visit a loved one in the hospital, to make medical decisions for the incapacitated, to have fair access to health care benefits and to have legal responsibility for each others welfare. The CAP supported initiative would remove all possibility of extending such limited rights to people who have chosen to live together—senior citizens who don't remarry due to loss of benefits, people of different faiths whose religion prohibits interfaith marriage, people who have been divorced and aren't ready to marry again, Gays and Lesbians who aren't allowed to marry the person they love and so on. Even worse, while passage of this initiative would intentionally eliminate health insurance for hundreds of families of government workers who currently have it, private employers are only a lawsuit away from having their benefits challenged by CAP in the courts.

Before you sign that petition that says "Protect Marriage Arizona," ask yourself if you want to be affiliated with this radical organization and its extremist agenda. Ask yourself if you want to do harm to your fellow Arizonans who, for whatever reason, are unmarried. Ask yourself if you want our state Constitution to take away rights instead of give them. I ask you to decline to sign.

[Steve May is a former state Representative and the co-chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund and the Treasurer of Arizona Together, the group formed to fight the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment.]

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# Administration Rewrites History To Remove Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Park Service sought out footage of "conservative - right-wing demonstrations" to revise the video shown to visitors at the Lincoln Memorial after being pressured by conservatives who complained the display implied Abraham Lincoln supported abortion, homosexuality and liberal causes, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

Park Service documents released under the Freedom of Information Act show officials purchased video of President Bush, pro-gun advocates and pro-Iraq war rallies and also considered removing images of Democratic former President Clinton at the memorial.

Park Service officials said they wanted the video to be politically balanced but refused to provide a copy of the revision to The Associated Press, saying it was still being evaluated.

The current eight-minute video, which has been viewed by millions of visitors since 1994, was created by the Park Service in an unprecedented collaboration with high school students around the country. It shows Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, presidential visits and glimpses of dozens of protest marches at the memorial on the Mall.

Students and teachers who collected money to pay for the project and worked with the Park Service a decade ago said they were surprised by the effort to give their display a more conservative touch.

"The Lincoln Memorial is America's soapbox," said Ilene M. Morgan of Los Angeles, who as a Scottsdale, Ariz., high school student helped organize the project. "This was where people have stood to get America's attention. That's what we were trying to capture."

The service has spent about \$20,000 revamping the video and buying footage - including some from The Associated Press - after conservative political groups criticized the current display and organized a campaign of petitions and e-mails demanding changes.

"The video gave the impression that Lincoln would have supported abortion and homosexuality," said the Web site of Rev. Louis Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition. It cited footage showing events at the memorial staged by abortion and Gay rights supporters and war opponents but no similar footage from Christian and conservative interests.

"Absent from the video were any Promise Keepers marches or Marches for Jesus rallies at the capital. The video was totally skewed to present only a leftist viewpoint," the Web site said. Sheldon did not return repeated phone calls to his office seeking comment.

Documents about the revision were released to two liberal advocacy groups, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the People For the American Way Foundation, after they sued under the Freedom of Information Act. Major portions of the 1,500 pages, provided to AP by the groups, were blacked out on grounds they included pre-decision information that did not have to be disclosed.

"This is yet another example of the Bush administration's efforts to turn the federal government into a right-wing propaganda machine," PFAW president Ralph G. Neas said. "Now they're trying to rewrite history on the basis of ideology and abuse FOIA to conceal the evidence."

Park Service Deputy Director Don Murphy disagreed, saying the service has a "responsibility to present a balanced approach. We do not respond solely to any special interest group."

On Feb. 3, 2003, the conservative Web site CNSNews.com criticized the video, particularly a montage of marchers carrying signs that included, "The Lord is my Shepherd and Knows I am Gay," "Ratify the ERA," and "Keep Abortion Legal."

Sheldon said he complained to the White House and said in a broadcast transcript that was distributed among Park Service executives: "If Bush is in office, let's have it our way. Let's make it fair now."

The agency said no one from the White House ever contacted the Park Service or Interior Department about the video.

But within weeks of the first conservative complaints, the Park Service's Harpers Ferry, W.Va., design center was put to work on revisions.

In a Feb. 20, 2003, e-mail, Tim Radford, a Harpers Ferry Center employee, requested a search of video archives "for footage of conservative - 'right wing' demonstrations (several lines blacked out) Lincoln Memorial. please 'rush.'"

On March 5, 2003, Radford e-mailed his boss: "replacing clinton would require creating a totally new interpretive production. please remember many other presidents, republican and democrat, are shown."

In an Oct. 21, 2003, e-mail, Park Service production assistant Amber Perkins asked CNN for video of a recent ceremony at which a Bush administration political appointee helped unveil a marker at the spot where King gave his famous speech. She also requested "pro-gun rights/NRA events at the Lincoln memorial."

A Feb. 3, 2005, document says the revisions project bought video footage of Bush and his father walking down the Lincoln Memorial steps, protesters carrying signs opposing gun control, a rally supporting the war in Iraq, a vigil supporting the war in Afghanistan and the Million Man March.

In a Dec. 10, 2004, memo, the Harpers Ferry Center said the revisions were the result of "concerns and complaints that the interpretive video in the memorial exhibit space focuses on protests from liberal or special interest groups from one point of view and excludes or minimizes other points of view of a more conservative perspective." Proposed solutions are blacked out.

Vikki Keys, superintendent of parks and monuments on the Mall, said the video work has now been folded into a routine reassessment of the entire

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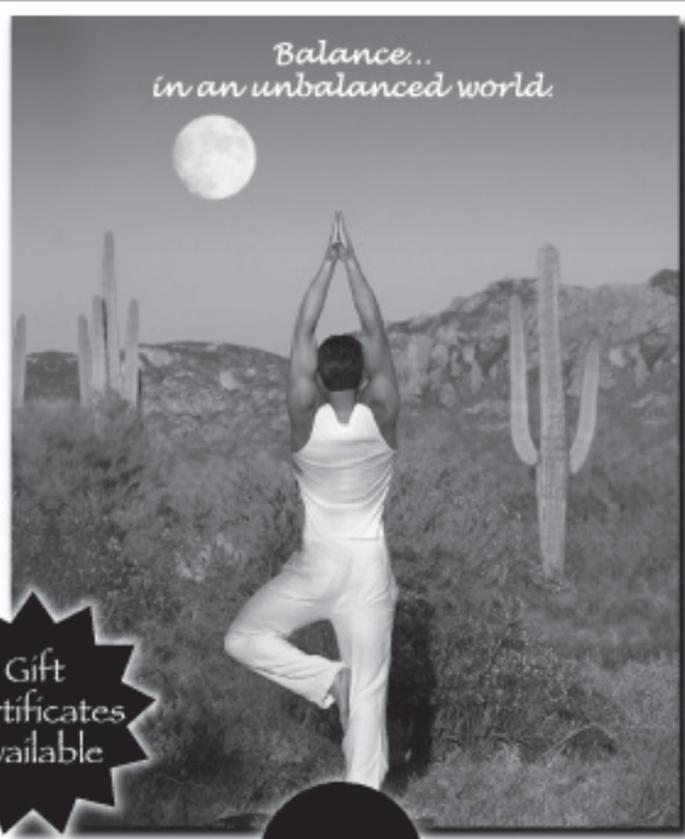
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# Administration Rewrites History

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memorial exhibit.

She said people today appear more interested in Lincoln's life — "how he pulled himself up by his own bootstraps from backwoods frontiersman to president" — than in the memorial's role as a soapbox.

Jaime L. Marquez of Scottsdale, one of the original student organizers, said an exhibit on Lincoln's life would be different from what the students attempted to create a decade ago.

"I hope they don't completely redo it, because a lot of kids hold personal ownership of it. It demonstrates that even if you are a sixth-grader you can still make a difference," she said.

Mrs. Marquez said, "We had support from liberals and conservatives in Congress and we had students who were both. It was not a political platform."

Gregg Behr, who as a student in Pittsburgh's suburbs helped design the exhibit, said the protests shown in the video "should move, provoke or charge us and outrage us. That isn't an endorsement of any view."

"I'm glad Rev. Sheldon is outraged," Behr said. "An exhibit so bland that it offends no one would dishonor all our fellow Americans and friends who came to that space for all sorts of different reasons."

Some of the footage purchased by the National Park Service for use in revising the video played for visitors to the Lincoln Memorial, according to government documents released under the Freedom of Information Act.

President Bush and his father, the former President Bush, walking down the steps.

Protesters carrying signs reading: "Ban criminals, not guns," "No More Gun Control," and "Liberate Iraq."

The Oct. 16, 1995, Million Man March, which crowded the Mall but had its speakers at the Capitol, on the opposite end from the memorial.

A March 23, 2003, rally at the memorial to support the war against Iraq and of a March 16, 2003, "Win Without War" candlelight vigil there by liberal religious groups.

From Associated Press Television News, the service purchased video of a Sept. 24, 2001, Afghan show of support and interfaith vigil at the memorial backing the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan.

Also from APTN, video taken May 25, 1997, of Navy veteran Jim Smith complaining about the government's handling of Gulf War Syndrome complaints: "They're stonewalling us. They are smoking us, not giving us any answers. They are hiding their heads."

## Spanish Lawmakers Green-Light Same-Sex Marriage

MADRID - Spain's parliament legalized same-sex marriage Thursday, June 30, defying conservatives and clergy who opposed making traditionally Roman Catholic Spain the third country to allow same-sex unions nationwide, the Associated Press reported on Advocate.com.

Jubilant Gay activists blew kisses to lawmakers after the vote. The measure passed the 350-seat Congress of Deputies by a vote of 187-147. The bill, part of the ruling Socialists' aggressive agenda for social reform, also lets Gay couples adopt children and inherit each other's property.

The bill is now law. The senate, where conservatives hold the largest number of seats, rejected the bill. But it is an advisory body, and final say on legislation rests with the Congress of Deputies.

After the final tally was announced, Gay and Lesbian activists watching from the spectator section of the ornate chamber cried, cheered, hugged, waved to lawmakers, and blew them kisses.

Several members of the conservative opposition Popular Party, which was vehemently opposed to the bill, shouted, "This is a disgrace." Those in favor stood and clapped.

The Netherlands and Belgium are the only other two countries that allow same-sex marriage nationwide. Canada's House of Commons passed legislation Tuesday that would legalize marriage equality for same-sex couples; its senate is expected to pass the bill into law by the end of July.

Spanish prime minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero noted this in the debate before the vote. "We were not the first, but I am sure we will not be the last. After us will come many other countries, driven, ladies and gentlemen, by two unstoppable forces: freedom and equality," he told the chamber. Zapatero said the reform of the Spanish legal code simply adds one dry paragraph of legalese but means much more. He called it "a small change in wording that means an immense change in the lives of thousands of citizens. We are not legislating, ladies and gentlemen, for remote unknown

people. We are expanding opportunities for the happiness of our neighbors, our work colleagues, our friends, our relatives." Zapatero lacks a majority in the chamber but got help from small regional-based parties that tend to be his allies.

Spanish Gay couples can get married as soon as the law is published in the official government registry. This could come as early as Friday, July 1, or within two weeks at the latest edition, parliament's press office said.

Popular Party leader Mariano Rajor said after the vote that Zapatero has deeply divided Spain and should have sought a consensus in parliament that recognized same-sex unions but didn't call them marriages. Rajor said that if the vast majority of countries in the world don't accept same-sex marriage, including some run by Socialists, there must be a reason. "I think the prime minister has committed a grave act of irresponsibility," Rajor told reporters.

Beatriz Gimeno, a longtime leader of the Gay rights movement in Spain, held back tears as she hugged her partner, Boti, after the vote. "It is a historic day for the world's homosexuals. We have been fighting for many years," Gimeno said. "Now comes the hardest part, which is changing society's mentality."

The marriage bill was the boldest and most divisive initiative of the liberal social agenda Zapatero has embarked on since taking office in April 2004. Parliament overhauled Spain's 25-year-old divorce law on Wednesday, also irking the church, by letting couples end their marriage without a mandatory separation or having to state a reason for the split-up, as required under the old law. He has also pushed through legislation allowing stem-cell research and wants to relax Spain's restrictive abortion law.

The Roman Catholic Church, which held much sway over the government just a generation ago when Gen. Francisco Franco was in power, had adamantly opposed same-sex marriage. In its first display of anti-government activism in 20 years, it endorsed a June 18 rally in which hundreds of thousands marched through Madrid in opposition to

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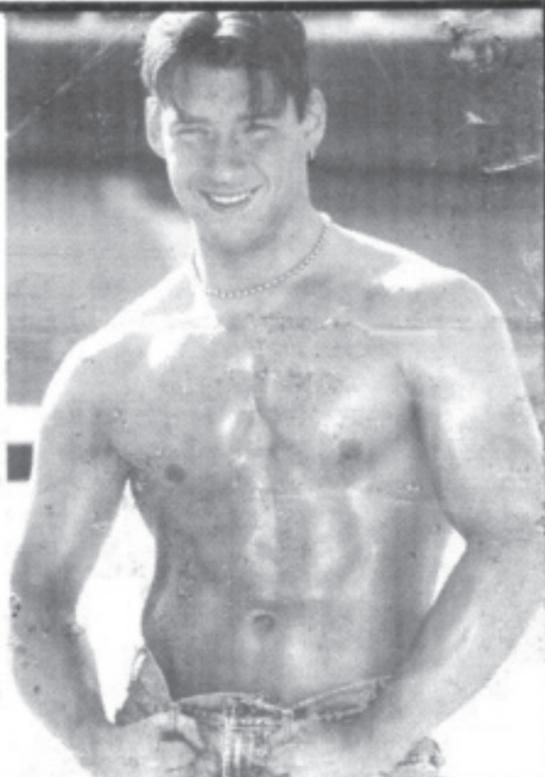
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# In Their Own Words

## Traitors & Purjurers At 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue?!

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan about the Plame leak - September 29, 2003:

McClellan said that if anyone at the White House leaked Plame's identity, he should be fired, and pursued to the "fullest extent."

"No one was authorized to do this. That is simply not the way this White House operates and if someone leaked classified information it is a very serious matter," he said. (WhiteHouse.gov)

Watch Scott try to spin his way away from this words. . . .

George W. Bush about Plame leak - October 6, 2003:

Q - Mr. President, on another issue, the CIA leak-gate. What is your confidence level in the results of the DOJ investigation about any of your staffers not being found guilty or being found guilty? And what do you say to critics of the administration who say that this administration retaliates against naysayers?

President Bush: First of all, I'm glad you brought that question up. This is a very serious matter, and our administration takes it seriously. As members of the press corps here know, I have, at times, complained about leaks of security information, whether the leaks be in the legislative branch or in the executive branch. And I take those leaks very seriously.

And, therefore, we will cooperate fully with the Justice Department. I've got all the confidence in the world the Justice Department will do a good, thorough job. And that's exactly what I want them to do, is a good, thorough job. I'd like to know who leaked, and if anybody has got any information inside our government or outside our government who leaked, you ought to take it to the Justice Department so we can find out the leaker.

I have told my staff, I want full cooperation with the Justice Department. And when they ask for information, we expect the information to be delivered on a timely basis. I expect it to be delivered on a timely basis. I want there to be full participation, because, April, I am most interested in finding out the truth.

And, you know, there's a lot of leaking in Washington, D.C. It's a town famous for it. And if this helps stop leaks of — this investigation in finding the truth, it will not only hold someone to account who should not have leaked — and this is a serious charge, by the way. We're talking about a criminal action, but also hopefully will help set a clear signal we expect other leaks to stop, as well. And so I look forward to finding the truth. (From WhiteHouse.gov) . . .

White House Press Briefing with Scott McClellan - October 10, 2003:

Q - Scott, earlier this week you told us that neither Karl Rove, Elliot Abrams nor Lewis Libby disclosed any classified information with regard to the leak. I wondered if you could tell us more specifically whether any of them told any reporter that Valerie Plame worked for the CIA?

Mr. McClellan: Those individuals — I talked — I spoke with those individuals, as I pointed out, and those individuals assured me they were not involved in this. And that's where it stands. (From WhiteHouse.gov) . . .

Okay, Time magazine agreed last week (ending July 2) to turn over reporter Matthew Cooper's e-mails and computer notes to a special prosecutor investigating the leak of an undercover CIA agent's identity. The case has been the subject of press controversy for two years. Saying "we are not above the law," Time Inc. Editor in Chief Norman Pearlstine decided to comply with a grand-jury subpoena to turn over documents related to the leak. But Cooper (and a New York Times reporter, Judith Miller) is still refusing to testify and faces jail time.

At issue is the story of a CIA-sponsored trip taken by former ambassador (and White House critic) Joseph Wilson to investigate reports that Iraq was seeking to buy uranium from the African country of Niger. "Some government officials have noted to Time in interviews... that Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, is a CIA official who monitors the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," said Cooper's July 2003 Time online article.

Now the story may be about to take another turn. The e-mails surrendered by Time Inc., which are largely between Cooper and his editors, show that one of Cooper's sources was White House deputy chief of staff Karl Rove. - (From Editor & Publisher Magazine, MSNBC.com, Laurence O'Donnell on the McLaughlin Group, CNN and Newsweek).

### Prescott Pride Center Bldg. Vandalized; Culprits Caught

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 impact of hate crimes. (We're thinking of bringing Judy Shepard, mother of Wyoming murder victim Matthew Shepard, to Prescott to make that presentation. The boys would be asked to sit in the front row, so they don't miss a word of it.)

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### Time To Remember

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 sexual orientation and for their private, constitutionally protected conduct. As a result, it has denied and continues to deny them several Constitutional rights, including the right of privacy, equal protection of the law, and freedom of speech."

Last Friday night, July 1, nearly 500 people demonstrated at the Texas legislature to protest a remark about Gay servicemembers by Gov. Rick Perry.

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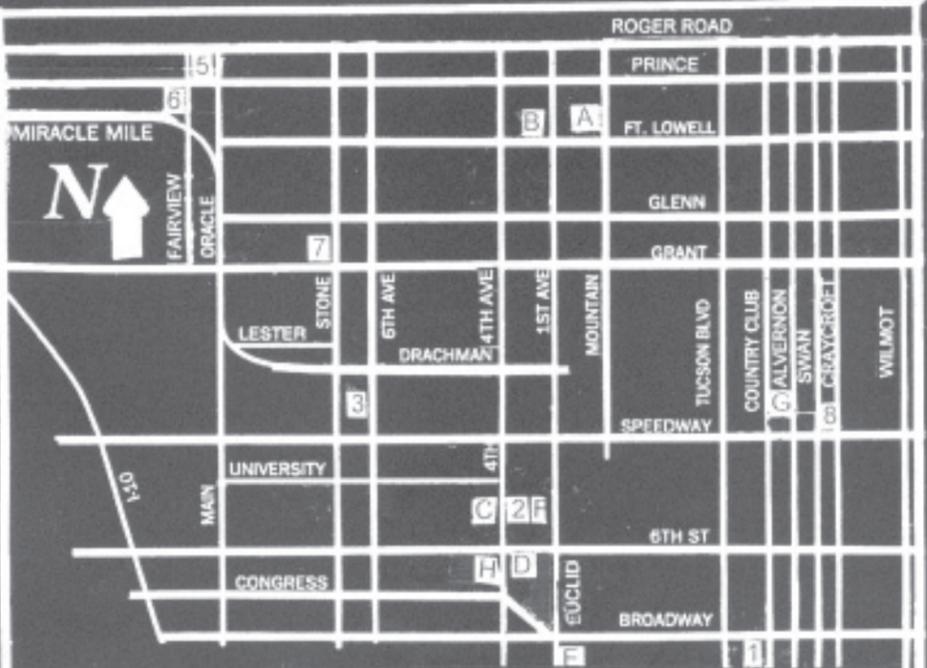
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how he would tell Texas Gay and Lesbian war veterans that they cannot come home from the war in Iraq and get married.

"Texans made a decision about marriage and if there's a state that has more lenient views than Texas, then maybe that's a better place for them to live," Perry replied.

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Back in 1906, a leading American theologian published a best-selling book justifying discrimination against African Americans, saying they were creatures of uncontrollable "sensuality." Similar racist theories were spouted by politicians like the notorious "Pitchfork" Ben Tillman who toured the country under the banner, "Negro equality in politics means social equality, mongrelization, hellfire and damnation!" Belief in the innate immorality of black people, buttressed by selected scriptural references, formed the basis for slavery, segregation and lynchings.

Now come the homophobes, spouting the same hate-filled rhetoric about a different minority group. "Homosexuality is immoral, unscriptural and unhealthy," we are told. It is a "sin," like theft and drunkenness, according to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

The Pitchfork Tillmans of today warn that the "homosexual lobby" wants to bring about the destruction of the American family. Just like their racist antecedents, they are trying to whip up hatred and intolerance in order to build public support for anti-gay laws.

Sure, they can try to hide behind morality, but we all know a bigot when we see one. Think about it.

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### ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)

The road to companionship and even true love twists, turns and winds up in a very surprising, exciting destination. No it is not Palm Springs but it is as good. The secret proud Ram is to give yourself up to the fates and float on destiny's river on a dream and a prayer. By mid-month you will wash ashore with the rest of the shells. What will we hear if we hold you up to our ear?

### TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

Impasses at work become no-speed-limit thruways this July. Queer Bulls may have been lead on detours on their corporate route. Expect to hit the accelerator as the month progresses. While you cruise there may be some miscommunication with family but don't let them influence you. Rely instead on a certain colleague who may offer you luck to add to your pluck.

### GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Prepare for a few unexpected potholes in your life journey and maneuver around them carefully. Explosive surprises in your career can upend your careful plans and toss you in new directions. It will be more trouble than it is worth. Instead of pushing and pulling, just lie back and enjoy it. Keep cool this July Gay Twin and resolve to play more than work. That should be easy!

### CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

July increases your sex appeal as well as your appetite. Pink Crabs are tempted to fall claws over heels for a worthless wretch. Before you squander all these good vibes on a false note seek your mood music closer to home. Cull a few good steers from the general herd and lasso them into your pen. Ride 'em cowpoke! Bareback or western saddle? Yeehah.

### LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

The fates find a way to puncture your balloon if you puff yourself up too much. So let patience and rectitude reign through July. The secret of your ultimate success is to spend most of the month sliding through life on your greasy charm. Spread it around and wait until the end of the month before you resume your royal title and all of the privileges that go with it.

### VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

July can be a very profitable time for all queer Virgins who keep their eye on the bottom line. And you won't even have to work hard for your swag - it will find a way to float to you. Enjoy every last dime of it and be generous to your friends. The summer is far too short and those lazy hot nights may be a bit too chilly if you alone count your dough.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Not only do you have charisma to spare, you maximize its potential at every opportunity this July. Proud Libras are the envy of the crowd where even their foul comments are considered sweet nothings. But be aware of your impact on others. By mid-month your sugar can turn to saccharin. Good looks, ample charm and sexy oomph last longer with a dash a salt.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

You have a guardian angel who corrects your foibles and covers your risk. Lucky thing. Early July brings new exotic people into your web and as the month progresses, proud Scorps find ways to strengthen these very valuable relationships. Seek and conquer to build your empire. Hard work pays off much more than backroom politics... well at least for now.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Gay Archers sure know how to party hearty this July and won't stop until they mine every festive nook and cranny. You have boundless energy and become the go to person for extravagant over the top fun. Just where will this all lead? You will know by the end of the summer. Go on a treasure hunt and see who you can uncover. Remember, the fewer the covers the better.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Pink Caps effortlessly scale the corporate walls and launch a coup d'etat. Good thing - you were beginning to feel unappreciated. But all work and no play makes for a less than memorable summer. Know when to put in the sweat equity and know when to relax and kick back. This fall you want to do more than happily reminisce on meetings and conference calls. Or do you?

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Don't sit home and vegetate this July, Aqueerius. Plant your stake in some faraway place. Get out and travel. Nothing else will give you such a charge and bring you unexpected luck. You dream of adventure, love and possible commitment. It is there for the discovering. But watch your wallet. Wilde sprees cost much more than you think. Sprees of any quality are hardly free.

### PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

You make a rather radical first impression this July. And by radical I mean explosive. You jostle the karma and create your own new energies. This may not play out well at work so behave and quietly simmer on the job. But detonate your assorted social bombs as you will in chosen circles. There will be another anarchist ready to hatch a plot with you. Who will crack first?

## Spanish Lawmakers

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the bill. Some 20 bishops took part in the June 18 rally. On Wednesday, July 29, a Catholic lay group called the Spanish Family Forum presented lawmakers with a petition bearing 600,000 signatures as a last-minute protest. Late last year the spokesman for the Spanish Bishops Conference, Antonio Martinez Camino, said that allowing same-sex marriage was like "imposing a virus on society—something false that will have negative consequences for social life."

Despite the street protests in Madrid and elsewhere and the petition drive, polls suggest that a majority of Spaniards support marriage equality for all citizens. A survey released in May by pollster Instituto Opina showed that 62% of Spaniards support the government's action on this issue, while 30% oppose it. The poll had a margin of error of three percentage points. But surveys show that Spaniards are evenly split over whether Gay couples should be allowed to adopt children.

## NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join David & Daniel for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call David & Daniel at 579-9763

Thursday, July 7

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Join Karol for Miniature Golf at Funtasticks. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:30 a.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#3 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): - 7:00 pm Join us for an evening of Mexican Train Dominoes. It's easy to learn; we'll teach you. For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017

#4 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 9

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.

Tuesday, July 12

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

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

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Terry hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you- and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

Wednesday, July 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jack for an evening of Canasta. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you- and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For directions and reservations, please call Jack at 887-3736.

Thursday, July 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, July 15

#1 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.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Robert for Dinner out at Bumstead's on North 4th Avenue. Bumstead's offers a great variety of sandwiches, salads and hot foods. Their desserts are to die for! For reservations and directions, please call Robert at 400-

1376. Please reserve your spot by Monday, July 11th.

Saturday, July 16

#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 Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

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

Monday, July 18

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

Tuesday, July 19

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions

and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for an evening of Dinner and a Movie; "Fried Green Tomatoes", (the secret's in the sauce). For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017

Wednesday, July 20

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Canasta. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you- and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For directions and reservations, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

Thursday, July 21

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, July 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Robert as he hosts Pizza and Game night. For just \$5.00, come and enjoy a night of Pizza, good conversation and your favorite board /card games. For

reservations and directions, please call Robert at 400-1376. Please reserve your spot by noon on Thursday, July 21st.

Saturday, July 23

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, July 25

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the "putting out the Newsletter" Night. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Prom Queen, The Marc Hall Story" (after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

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

Tuesday, July 26

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

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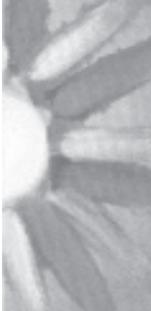


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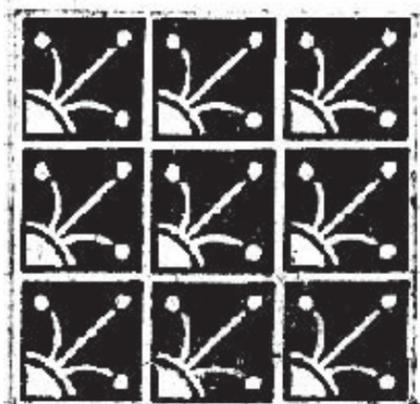


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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

**COLORS** - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. 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 - 1:30pm, - Scrambled eggs, hash brown, biscuit & sausage gravy and your choice of Bloody Mary, Screwdriver or Mimosa. 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, \$3 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, \$3 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.

**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, \$3 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-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 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-2am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$2 Skyy cocktails, \$3 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Amber Norgarrd 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. \$4.00 Cheeseburger & 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 Miguazza 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.

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### CASINOS.....

AVA AMPHITHEATER AT CASINO DEL SOL COMING ATTRACTIONS:(Box office 838-6700 - I-10 Exit Valencia West) JULY 13 - Julia Iglesias

DESERT DIAMOND CASINO UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS: (Box office 393-2799 - I-19 & Pima Mine Road, Exit 80 - 7 minutes south of Tucson)

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.

Of reported demographic information from participants, 60% of all registered walkers are female, two thirds are under 35, and one-fourth are under 18.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**  
**IBT'S** - 9:00 p.m. it's the "DivaLicious Show" starring Bunny FuFu

**THURSDAY, JULY 7**  
**IBT'S** - Today - and every Thursday from noon until 8pm it's a Margarita Special - \$1.50. Then it's Boys Night Out from 10pm to closing with the bar staff dancing on the bar in their underwear and GoGo Boys on the dance floor. Top 40 all request spun by DJ Mike Lopez and \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila specials.

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**  
**YARD DOG SALOON** - DJ Shawn will begins spinning at 9:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
**IBT'S** - 8:30 pm, "Saturday Starrlettes" with Janee Starr

**YARD DOG SALOON** - The day begins early here with breakfast served at 10am. Then at 6pm, welcome the jHavelina Hash House Harriers "Red Dress Run". Don't miss the fun.

**TUESDAY, JULY 12**  
**VENTURE-N** - It's Spaghetti Nite from 6 to 8pm with your Italian chef Ayce - \$2.00.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**  
**WOODY'S** - Sarong/Underwear Party from 8pm until closing.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - GLBT Chamber of Commerce is having an 'Out and About' here from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m

**FRIDAY, JULY 15**  
**WOODY'S** - July Birthday? Celebrate here beginning at 9pm. Woody's brings the cake - balloons - champagne Toast. Register with your favorite bartender by July 13.

**SATURDAY, JULY 16**  
**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Latino Drag Show here this evening with Ellas de Noche and special guest DJ Michelle.

## Ending the violence.

**Wingspan launches the Anti-Violence Project - a community initiative to assist lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender victims of discrimination, domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes. Call the Anti-Violence Project 24-Hour Crisis Line at 624-0348, or toll-free 1-800-553-9387.**



Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

[www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org)



# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-2269, leave name and phone number. [Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org](mailto:Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org)

#### TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm M-F.

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

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

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

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpglcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpglcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED,** a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave 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. (Get Map at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

**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.

## DESERT PRIDE - Your store for Gay Pride and more!

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

