



## PWAs To Suffer As Congress Slashes Medicaid

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives chopped Medicaid funding in a razor thin vote Friday (Nov. 18) that HIV/AIDS activists say will force a greater number of Americans to rely on the already stretched Ryan White CARE Act, reported 365Gay.com.

The reduced funding was part of a sweeping \$50 billion budget cut that passed 217-215 after a 25-minute-long roll call. "Congress and the White House have abandoned their 'compassionate' side to the extremist conservatives," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "The health of thousands of men, women and children are threatened when the far right wing unravels the health care safety net."

The vote came a day after the release of new data from the Centers for Disease Control detailing racial disparities in HIV infection rates.

"New evidence shows that HIV and AIDS continue to ravage men, women and children at alarming rates, yet Congress callously responds by slashing funding," said Solmonese.

The House version of the budget

reconciliation package — unlike the Senate counterpart — would permit higher premiums and deductibles for many Americans who already find themselves on the edge of being able to seek quality care and treatment.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the vast majority of the savings will come from beneficiaries being forced to cut back on their use of health care services.

The bill now goes to conference committee where the House and Senate versions will be reconciled. During this process, the cuts could either be restored or left as passed by the House.

Medicaid is the nation's largest provider of HIV/AIDS treatment and care and Americans trimmed from the rolls would be forced to seek care through Ryan White CARE Act programs that are already overextended and under-funded."

In many states, budgetary pressures have already forced AIDS Drug Assistance Programs to cut costs by operating waiting lists or limiting the medications available to patients.

## Report: One Gay Arabic Linguist Fired In '04

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Noting that U.S. security depends on the ability to translate foreign intelligence, an advocacy group for Gays in the military reported Thursday that only one Arabic linguist was discharged from the military for violating "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) in fiscal year 2004, reported the PlanetOut Network.

The Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military (CSSMM) also said no Farsi speakers were discharged during that time. According to the CSSMM, the military discharged 54 Arabic and nine Farsi speakers for violating DADT in the first 10 years of the policy's existence — a fact the 9/11 Commission found harmful to the security of the United States.

In 2004, the 9/11 Commission reported the government "lacked sufficient translators proficient in Arabic and other key languages, resulting in a significant backlog of untranslated intercepts."

Aaron Belkin, the director of the CSSMM, told the (AP), "The military does not like to admit firing Gay Arabic linguists during a dire shortage because the public doesn't understand why we would rather fire Gays than have enough Arabic linguists to translate intercepted cables."

A spokeswoman for the Defense Language Institute would not respond to

Belkin's comments, but claimed the Arabic language program has been expanding in recent years.

"It is very robust," Patricia Ryan said of the over 1,200 students enrolled in the Defense Language Institute's Arabic program. "We are meeting the needs of the Department of Defense and expanding Arabic studies as per their direction," Ryan told the AP.

Steve Ralls, spokesman for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), could not say whether there were fewer Gay Arabic linguists or the military was simply reluctant to remove them. "I think what's important to take note of is despite the drop-off, the Pentagon is still firing people every year for being Gay," Ralls said. "We're still losing doctors, engineers and many men and women who are vital to keeping America safe around the world."

Other linguists have been discharged under DADT during fiscal 2004, including 22 Spanish language specialists, three Korean, three French, one Chinese, one German and one Tagalog speaker.

DADT was approved in 1993 by Congress and signed by President Clinton. While it prohibits the military from asking about a soldier's sexual orientation, a soldier can be discharged if his or her sexuality is revealed.

## Study Details Advertising Impact On LGBT Consumers

NEW YORK - As companies plan their advertising budgets for the next year they may want to devote more of their spending to targeting potential Gay and Lesbian customers. A new nationwide survey suggests ads really do have an impact on the Gay community's spending habits, reported the PlanetOut Network.

According to the study by Harris Interactive and Witeck-Combs Communications, Gay men and Lesbians may be more apt to buy something after seeing a product in an ad than their straight counterparts.

"What this shows is our market is pretty vibrant," said Bob Witeck of Witeck-Combs Communications, a strategic public relations and marketing communications firm with special expertise in the LGBT market. "Gay people are a little more information-hungry than non-Gay people, and the commercials and ads we do see speak to us on a deeper level."

About \$145 billion a year is spent on advertising in the United States.

While the majority of those Gay and Lesbian people surveyed said they rarely see themselves or people like themselves in ads, that reality is slowly changing. According to the Commercial Closet Association, a group that watches the advertising industry for Gay

content, more than a third of Fortune 100 companies have developed marketing and advertising campaigns that are Gay-inclusive.

Witeck said there are other cues a Gay person picks up on that will lead him or her to want to buy something. "Gay people dig a little deeper. We want to know is this company talking about my needs, about my family? We pay more attention to the visual cues in these ads that may signal to us this is a company and product for me," he said.

Looking closer at the study's numbers, 21 percent of Gay people say they would be motivated by a magazine to buy something — only 16 percent of heterosexuals say the same. Gay men and Lesbians are less likely to fast-forward or mute TV commercials because they are interruptions — 57 percent compared to 62 percent of their straight counterparts. And more Gay people report that print and television ads give them "information they can use" and do use to buy products.



## Remembering A Great Leader



"And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." - President John F. Kennedy during his inaugural address, Jan. 20, 1961. (Tuesday, Nov. 22, marked the forty-second anniversary of the assassination of President Kennedy.)

# UPDATE

## AHRF Town Hall In Tucson Nov. 29

TUCSON - Do you want to learn more about the Arizona Human Rights Fund and Foundation (AHRF)? If so, AHRF will be holding a town hall, Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6 - 8 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Are you an AHRF supporter but you aren't sure about the organization's role in the LGBT community? Do you want to learn more about ways to get involved in AHRF and in the political process?

This meeting is a chance for AHRF members and supporters members to discuss the organization's mission and how to get involved. For more information, call Amy Kobeta, (602) 650-0900, ext. 4.

## Position Open At TIHAN

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network is seeking a part-time Volunteer and Congregational Coordinator responsible for the recruitment, placement, and retention of volunteers who will support TIHAN's programs, and for ensuring communication and connections between TIHAN and congregations.

Requires experience in volunteer coordination, proven communication and organizational skills, public speaking abilities, and a sensitivity to HIV-related issues, interfaith and multi-cultural issues, and confidentiality. Twenty hours a week, flexible schedule (some evening and weekend hours required), \$11 - \$13.00 an hour, depending on experience, plus benefit package. Bilingual persons and persons living with HIV encouraged to apply. Complete job description available by emailing friends@tihan.org.

Submit resume and list of three professional references to TIHAN, 492 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona 85711 or e-mail to friends@tihan.org. Review of resumes begins Nov. 28. AA/EOE

## Tucson Marks World AIDS Day Dec. 1

TUCSON - Tucson will mark World AIDS Day, Thursday, Dec. 1, with two events.

World AIDS Day 2005: Make the Promise, Keep the Promise, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Pima Community College - Downtown Campus, in the Amethyst Room. Various community groups and organizations are sponsoring this event that will feature performances by local dancers and speakers and information will be available about local resources. Dinner will also be included at this event.

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Net-

work (TIHAN), will mark this day with an Interfaith Service. This service of hope and memory will take place from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., at Prince Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, at 602 South Stone Avenue. For more information, call Diane at TIHAN, (520) 299-6647.

## Celebrate The DP Registry Dec. 3

TUCSON - Come join the Second Anniversary celebration of Arizona's only municipal Domestic Partner Registry, Tucson's own, Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 - 6 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Tucson's Commission on GLBT Issues, Wingspan, Arizona Together and the Arizona Human Rights fund is sponsoring the anniversary party for which there will be fun, food, friends, speakers, politicians, and live music by Tucson's own, Leila Lopez.

Free and open to everyone—straight allies encouraged to attend! Drop by for just a few minutes, or stay for the entire two hours. Registered partners should bring their certificate, and we'll take a picture of you and your sweetie and they will also be registering new couples. All straight and Gay/Lesbian couples who would like to register as domestic partners should bring a check for \$50 and their sweetie! Volunteer notaries will be on-site.

The Tucson DPR is the first and only Registry in Arizona. Since its December 2003 inception, over 350 straight and Gay/Lesbian couples have registered. There will be a ballot initiative in November 2006 to erase Tucson's registry so come find out what you can do to help save it.

For more info on the event, go online to wingspan.org or call (520) 624-1779. For Frequently Asked Questions about getting registered, please visit [tucsonglbtcommission.org/DPFAQ.pdf](http://tucsonglbtcommission.org/DPFAQ.pdf)

## Report Back From 'Creating Change' Nov. 30

TUCSON - A "Report Back from Creating Change" will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

The Forum will feature Wingspan staff and community members who attended Creating Change, the country's most unique and stimulating conference for the LGBT political movement. Panelists will share what they learned, and most important, what they plan on doing with it here in Southern Arizona. The Creating Change Conference, put on by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, offers more than 100 sessions on a vast array of topics important to our movement and communities.

From ageism to youth activism, from anti-violence to community-building projects, from anti-racism work to legislative action, Creating Change is a virtual one-stop shop of cutting edge information for activists and

organizers in the LGBT movement. This year's conference was held in Oakland, CA.

## Desert Voices Concert Dec. 4

TUCSON With beautiful music evoking the warm glow of romance discovered in winter-time, Desert Voices will present their winter concert on Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, 2:00 p.m. at Dunbar Auditorium, 325 W. Second Street (corner of Main Avenue and Second Street).

Director Chris Tackett has written beautiful arrangements of songs that will be familiar to the audience as well as mixing in some new melodies, and even some slightly twisted tunes a la Desert Voices to get Tucson's holiday season off to a great start. From the opener "I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm" with a combo featuring piano, bass, guitar, drum and trumpet, the audience will be tapping their toes and enjoying the swinging sounds of the chorus. Other selections will feature the work of Namoli Brennet, local rock star and Desert Voices accompanist, including a new look at 'Auld Lang Syne' and two other brand new songs written especially for the chorus.

Maps to the new concert location can be found on the Desert Voices website at [desertvoices.org](http://desertvoices.org), along with lots more information about the chorus and their concert and community activities. Tickets are now available through the Desert Voices office at (520) 791-9662 as well as at Antigone Books, 411 N Fourth Avenue in Tucson. Season tickets are also available for "Reaching Out", Desert Voices' Seventeenth Season, and you can download a ticket form from their website to ensure that you have premier seating for the entire season.

## Man Sues Over Gay 'Wife Swap' Show

MUSKOGEE - An Oklahoma man who agreed to take part in the ABC show "Wife Swap" is suing the producers for more than \$10 million after the "wife" they sent to his home was a Gay man, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Jeffrey Bedford of Haileyville says in his suit that he was "misled" and "threatened" by the producers. The suit names Walt Disney - the parent company of ABC, the network, and production company RDF Media. Bedford says he became so emotionally distraught that he suffered "physical and mental illness." Bedford claims that when he told the producers he did not want a "Gay wife" they threatened not to tell him his wife's location and would not pay for her to be sent home.

The suit also claims that during the episode when Bedford conducted his regular Bible study at his home for the Haileyville Baptist Church, the Gay swap participant invited a Gay coalition to take part in the study. It also contends that when he continued to protest to producers they repeatedly told him his wife was leaving him. The suit says he became so emotionally distraught he became physically and mentally ill and was forced to drop out of a college course he was taking.

"ABC is confident that RDF Media, the producer of 'Wife Swap,' treats participants professionally and with respect," ABC spokeswoman Anne Fort told the Muskogee Phoenix. "The show is meant to challenge a family's norms and moreover, the agreement between the plaintiff and RDF specifically stated that the swapped spouse could be either male or female."

Fort said that the episode hasn't aired yet, but only because it hasn't been scheduled. "We have a number of 'Wife Swap' episodes stockpiled," Fort told the paper. "Since each is self-contained, we don't have to air them in any particular order, so I can't predict when we'll book this one."

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# Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert Dec. 10 - 11



TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) is very excited to begin their 11th year of changing hearts and minds through music with their holiday concert: Behold That Star, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., and Dec. 11, 3 p.m., at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams St.

a uniquely gay perspective on the holidays.

Their annual Christmas show has become a tradition with so many of their friends in the LGBT community and with supporters throughout Tucson. RGMC will be performing many of your holiday favorites and Artistic director, Linus Lerner has selected some beautiful new music never before performed in Tucson that will move and inspire. In addition, Reveille will sing several humorous numbers that provide

Reveille's special guests for the Saturday evening (Dec. 10) performance will be the local gospel choir Tucson Arizona Mass Choir, and for the Sunday afternoon (Dec. 11) performance Tucson's only LGBT chorus, the popular Desert Voices. Get your tickets early as these shows always sell out.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and are available from any Reveille member or at Antigone Books, online at reveillegmc.com, or by calling (520) 617-3100.

## Gay Families, Neoliberalism, and Organ Theft, Nov. 30

TUCSON - The University of Arizona (U of A) LGBT Studies will host a brown bag talk on Gay Families, Neoliberalism, and Organ Theft, Nov. 30, 6 - 7 p.m., in the U of A Modern Languages Building, Room by Laura Briggs of the Dept. of Women's Studies.

balized adoption "markets" and essentially made adoption available to anyone who has \$20,000. In exactly the same period, however, there has been a forceful outcry against international adoption, particularly in Latin America, embodied memorably in rumors that foreigners were adopting children in order to kill them and harvest their organs.

Since the 1980s, LGBT people have been fighting for more expansive legal definitions of who could adopt children, recently winning nation-wide legal protection in Spain and Canada, with smaller, more local victories in the United States and Mexico. What has actually been more successful, however, is the growing commercialization of adoption, which has glo-

This talk argues that these two, apparently opposed political movements—for queer adoption and against the exportation of children—are connected by the logic of the "neoliberal family."

## Tucson Church To Expand LGBT Support

TUCSON - A Midtown Presbyterian church is poised to become more vocal in protesting the denomination's limits on sexually active Gays and Lesbians, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

"But this is a justice issue for us, and it's not going to go away."

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church will consider becoming the first Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Tucson to become a "More Light" church that supports ordaining sexually active Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people as ministers and church elders - currently prohibited by national church policy. "We've had an inclusion statement for years, quietly being who we are," said the Rev. Robert Moore, a St. Mark's parish associate. "It's time for us to come out of the closet as a church allied with Gay and Lesbian people."

St. Mark's already has a history of reaching out to Gays and Lesbians. In 1993, the church came up on charges before the Presbyterian judicial system after holding a service of solidarity for Jane Spahr, a Rochester, N.Y., Lesbian whose ordination by her own congregation was overturned when church officials learned of her sexual orientation. Charges were dropped in favor of an education program. The 500-member church earlier this year signed on as part of a coalition opposing a proposed amendment to the Arizona constitution that would ban Gay marriage as well as prohibit benefits for the domestic partners of government employees.

Out of approximately 11,106 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations in the country, 125 are More Light churches. More Light churches have a mission of "full participation of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender people of faith in the life, ministry, and witness" in the church.

St. Mark's co-pastor, the Rev. Stuart Taylor, expects the meeting with More Light national organizer Michael J. Adey to yield a firmer commitment from the church to speak out. "We're keenly aware of the risks. We want to proceed thoughtfully and respectfully of people who may have different opinions," Taylor said.



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# Georgia, Where Gays & Lesbians Can't Wed But Children Can

ATLANTA - Ever since her 13-year-old niece wed a 14-year-old boy last year, Sharon Cline has sent lawmakers a slew of letters begging them to change a Georgia law that allows children of any age to marry — and without parental consent — as long as the bride-to-be is pregnant, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. "Some of the lawmakers just didn't believe this could happen," said Cline, who lives in Weston, Fla. "It was very frustrating." They're believers now.

Lisa Lynnette Clark, 37, was charged with child molestation for allegedly having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old friend of her teenage son. Just days before her arrest, she wed the boy under a Georgia law that allows pregnant couples to marry regardless of age and without consent.

Disturbed by the child groom, Georgia lawmakers may soon debate changing a law that many didn't know even existed. Geared toward preventing out-of-wedlock births, the law dates back to at least the early 1960s. "I never knew it was in the code until this morning," Jerry Keen, the state's House Majority Leader, said Tuesday (Nov. 15). "Our legislative counsel — the lawyers who draft the laws — even had to look it up."

Still, Keen and other leaders in the Republican-controlled Legislature stopped short of endorsing a change to the state's marital requirements. "It's very difficult to govern by exception. You have to govern by rule," said Keen, who is from St. Simons. Instead, Keen and Senate Majority Leader Tommie Williams said the state's GOP lawmakers will focus on passing stricter penalties for those convicted of child molestation. Keen said the legislation would require convicts to spend at least 25 years in prison and wear an electronic tracking device within the state's borders after their release.

Democratic lawmakers, recently in the minority after more than a century in power, may hope a proposal to change the marriage standards

will drive a wedge in the GOP majority. State Rep. Karla Drenner of Avondale Estates said she plans to author a bill that would bar children under age 16 to marry regardless of the circumstances or at least require parental consent.

As the only openly Gay elected official in Georgia's state government, Drenner said the irony of the lax marriage standards for minors is not lost upon her — particularly a year after lawmakers passed a constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage. "We're protecting society from the perceived threat of homosexual marriage, which was already illegal," she said. "But yet if you're pregnant, you can get married — and it doesn't matter if you're 9 years old or 10 years old."

Meanwhile, Daniel Sammons, Clark's court-appointed attorney, said he will likely use the marriage as a shield to prevent the boy from testifying against Clark. Sammons said his defense is also bolstered by a 2004 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that restricted prosecutors from using a wife's taped statement to police to try to undermine her husband at a trial. The ruling, he said, will make it difficult for prosecutors to rely on a witness statement that the boy gave detectives.

Even before Clark's arrest grabbed national headlines, the state's law was last month lampooned on the TV sitcom "George Lopez." In the episode, the title character's daughter threatened to elope in Georgia because her parents didn't approve of her boyfriend. Cline sent every Georgia lawmaker a transcript of the scene to remind them that her family's case is not an isolated incident and does not reflect kindly on the state. "I hope someone starts listening to these stories," Cline said. "I hope they don't think it's a one-time thing. It's happening enough to where the law needs to be changed."

## Australian Government Offers Pension Benefit To Domestic Partners

CANBERRA - The Australian government has announced that it will change the rules for tax-free social security benefits so that Gay couples get the same payout as married spouses, Sirius Out-Q News reported.

The treasury department says the new regulation for the government pension system—called "superannuation"—will allow tax-free death benefits for Gay couples, elderly siblings living together, and adult children caring for elderly parents. That's the same system that now applies

to married couples and to those with children.

Australian wire services report that under the new rules the government will deem a relationship "interdependent" after considering whether it is sexual in nature, involves emotional support, and includes ownership or use of joint property.

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## Elton John's Vegas Show Headed For TV

LAS VEGAS - Elton John brings his Las Vegas show to television with his first NBC special, *Elton John: The Red Piano*, on Dec. 14, reported the Associated Press on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).



honor in a star-studded tribute at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The special will feature John's show from Caesars Palace, incorporating his performance with videos from director David LaChapelle, including two that feature Justin Timberlake as a young Elton John and Pamela Anderson performing a pole dance, NBC announced.

Last December the rock legend was

## Gay Man Runs For APA President

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An openly Gay man is running for president of the American Psychiatric Association. Jack Drescher heads the APA's Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists and is a critic of therapeutic efforts to turn Gay people straight, Sirius Out-Q reported on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). This summer he told *The New York Times* that "most people who go through these experiences often come out feeling worse than when they went in."

mean dark days for them. Alan Chambers of Exodus International said on Focus on the Family's news site that he's "very concerned that our culture is being fed misinformation and that people are reacting in a way that is detrimental to our religious liberties."

One of the leading proponents of reparative therapy, Warren Throckmorton, told Family News in Focus that there's no way of predicting Drescher's agenda but that whatever it is, he'll be highly visible and influential. The APA sends out ballots next month.

Activists in the "ex-Gay" movement say that if Drescher wins the post, it could

## Cologne To Host 2010 Gay Games

CHICAGO - Cologne, Germany, has been selected to host Gay Games VIII in 2010, officials for the sporting event said Monday, Nov. 14, reported Sirius Out-Q on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). The city beat out Paris and Johannesburg, South Africa.

community, their friends, and families with open arms."

The Federation of Gay Games is holding its annual meeting in Chicago this year in part to review plans for 2006's Gay Games VII. FGG copresident Robert Mantaci said, "Progress in Chicago is on track with more sponsors, thousands of athletes already registered, and, for the first time, television coverage of a Gay Games." In addition, Elton John has signed on as one of the Gay Games ambassadors. A competing Gay athletic event, the Out Games, begins in Montreal a week after Gay Games VII closes this July in Chicago. Montreal had originally been selected to host the 2006 Gay Games but lost the event in a dispute with the FGG over budgetary control.

The Gay Games has become a sought-after international event by cities worldwide because it signifies a city's inclusiveness, diversity, and creative spirit by welcoming tens of thousands of athletes, artists, and their friends and families who, during Gay Games week, also generate substantial economic benefit for the host city. The Cologne bid committee said, "As one of Europe's most welcoming and diverse cities, Cologne welcomes the international LGBT

## Logo To Develop Queer-Themed Prime-Time Soap

BNEW YORK - MTV Networks' Logo channel announced Friday (Nov. 18) that it will partner with Maverick TV to develop an queer-themed prime-time soap opera from Spyder Games creators Christian McLaughlin and Valerie Ahern, [advocate.com](http://advocate.com) reported.

twists in the intertwined lives of a group of LGBT friends and foes living in the same apartment complex."

McLaughlin and Ahern have previously written for *Drawn Together* and *The Bold and the Beautiful*; McLaughlin has also received acclaim for his comic Gay novels *Glamourpuss* and *Sex Toys of the Gods*.

Tentatively titled *San Rafael*, the show will follow, according to a network statement, "the unexpected schemes and

## Gay Man's Ordination Defies Church

DOBBS FERRY - A Presbyterian congregation has ordained a Gay man who refuses to embrace celibacy despite the denomination's ban on sexually active homosexuals joining the clergy, the PlanetOut Network reported.

Raymond Bagnuolo was ordained Sunday (Nov. 13) at South Presbyterian Church in Dobbs Ferry. During the ceremony, when asked if he would abide by the church's constitution, Bagnuolo said yes, except for a measure that says ministers must practice fidelity if married and chastity if single. The measure, an amendment approved in 1997 to exclude sexually active homosexuals from the ministry, has split the church and has been defied several times with other ordinations,

A complaint over the action is likely to be filed with a regional panel in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which is among several Protestant denominations embroiled in a bitter debate over what role Gays should have in their churches.

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# Arkansas Appeals G/L Foster Parent Ruling

LITTLE ROCK - An Arkansas law banning foster parents from having adult "homosexuals" living in their households is now under review by a state appellate court, where the state filed written briefs Thursday (Nov. 17), the PlanetOut Network reported. Last year the law was struck in an opinion that is now under appeal. The American Civil Liberties Union and their clients will respond in 30 days.

Enacted in 1999 by the Child Welfare Agency Review Board, the provision describes a homosexual as "any person who voluntarily and knowingly engages in or submits to any sexual contact involving the genitals of one persona and the mouth or anus of another person of the same gender." Such people, in turn, were not allowed to live in the home where a foster child had been placed, and obviously were not allowed to take on the responsibility of being a foster parent.

Judge Timothy Fox ruled last December that the Child Welfare Agency Review Board did not have the authority to lay down moral regulations, but could only dictate matters that affected the "health, safety and/or welfare" of the children in the foster system. Based on trial testimony, Judge Fox went on to determine that the Gay men and Lesbians who might be expected to pass the standard foster parenting investigation would pose no danger to a child's health, safety or welfare. As such, he concluded, the board exceeded its mandate under state law, and the provision was illegal.

Praised by civil rights advocates at the time simply because the law itself was struck, Judge Fox nonetheless ruled that, in theory, the state Legislature could indeed outlaw Gay and Lesbian foster parents on moral grounds alone. While it might be beyond the jurisdiction of the board in question, the

state itself retains the constitutional right to base a law on public morality as long as no fundamental rights are at stake and no protected class of individuals are harmed.

Judge Fox relied on the federal appellate opinion upholding Florida's ban on Gay and Lesbian adoptive parents as the basis for his conclusion. Ironically, while Florida allows Gay foster parents and restricts adoption, Arkansas allows Gay men and women to adopt, while their ability to be a foster parent remains in limbo. For now, there are no restrictions on foster parenting, although that could change if the state appellate court reverses the lower court.

## Judge Releases Gay Files On Mayor's Laptop

RITZVILLE - A judge on Thursday (Nov. 17) granted a newspaper's request to make public Gay-themed material from Spokane Mayor James E. West's City Hall laptop computer, but placed restrictions on the release of images from a Gay-oriented Web site, reported 365Gay.com.

Judge Richard Miller ordered the release of an index showing the dates and times West used the computer to access Gay.com and other Web sites. But the judge said the Web addresses of member profiles West viewed on the site's dating service would be obscured, and images on the mayor's hard drive would not be released, to protect the privacy of third parties.

"Clearly the public has the right to

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# In Their Own Words

"I like guys who've never been there that criticize us who've been there. I like that. I like guys who got five deferments [Dick Cheney] and never been there and send people to war, and then don't like to hear suggestions about what needs to be done." - Rep. John Murtha (D-PA), quoted (Nov. 17) by Knight Ridder, rebuking President Bush and Vice President Cheney "for their aggressive new campaign to denounce war critics."

First deferment: Cheney enrolled in Casper Community College in January 1963 — he turned 22 that month — and sought his first student deferment on March 20.

Second deferment: (student), after transferring to the University of Wyoming on July 23, 1963.

Third deferment (student) on Oct. 14, 1964.

Fourth deferment: attended graduate school at the University of Wyoming on Nov. 1, 1965.

Fifth deferment: On Oct. 6, 1965, the Selective Service lifted its ban against drafting married men who had no children. Nine months and two days later, Cheney had his first daughter. Cheney applied for 3-A status, the "hardship" exemption, which excluded men with children or dependent parents. It was granted.

"I have never seen such an outpouring — in the 32 years I've been in Congress — of support, and people with tears in their eyes, people walking along clapping when I'm walking through the halls of Congress, saying something needed to be said. So they're

thirsting for a solution to this and the president can't hide behind rhetoric and neither can the vice president." - Rep. John Murtha (D-PA) on Meet the Press (Nov. 20).



## NO EXIT STRATEGY

BEIJING - The president strode away from reporters looking annoyed after one said he appeared "off his game."

President Bush tugged at both handles on the double doors before admitting: "I was trying to escape. Obviously, it didn't work."

Mr. Bush flew to Mongolia to complete his East Asia tour. (From various wire service accounts)



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## HIV Rates Rose Among U.S. Gays Last Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The number of HIV diagnoses for U.S. men who have sex with men (MSM) increased last year, according to the latest government report, and experts are unsure of the cause, reported the PlanetOut Network.

An analysis of trends released Thursday (Nov. 17) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found an overall stable annual rate of diagnosis of the AIDS virus, and a 5 percent drop in the diagnosis rate for African Americans.

But the study also found an 8 percent increase in HIV diagnoses among MSM between 2003 and 2004, after several years of relatively stable data. Analysts suggest increases in high-risk behavior and syphilis may be the cause, but some say increased HIV testing among Gay men may also be partially to blame.

"We don't yet have all of the answers regarding the factors driving these trends," said Ronald Valdiserri, acting director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention. "Increased diagnoses among men who have sex with men could reflect increased HIV incidents, increased testing or some combination of both."

The analysis relies on data from 33 states. For the first time, New York was included, and the Empire State accounted for 20 percent of new diagnoses from 2001 to 2004.

The number of total diagnoses of HIV disease in these states dropped to 38,685 last year, from 41,207 in 2001. Diagnoses from heterosexual sex and intravenous drug transmissions both declined during that time.

The survey found 61 percent of new male diagnoses came from men who had sex with other males, compared to 17 percent of transmissions from heterosexual sex and 16 percent from intravenous drug use.

"What we do know from these and other data is that HIV continues to exact a tremendous toll on (men who have sex with men) of all races, especially (men who have sex with men) of color," Valdiserri said.

## Gay Man's Suit Against Salvation Army Can Proceed Judge Rules

BNEWYORK - A Salvation Army social worker can proceed with a discrimination lawsuit in which he claims his supervisor harassed him because he is Gay and Jewish and then fired him when he complained, a Manhattan judge has ruled, 365Gay.com reported.

State Supreme Court Justice Richard F. Braun denied the Salvation Army's motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by caseworker Zachary Logan. The Army's lawyers argued that because theirs is a religious organization, it is exempt from religious bias claims. Braun disagreed. He said the Court of Appeals, the state's highest, has ruled that "religious organizations, just like other employers, may not discriminate unlawfully against their employees."

The judge said Logan complained that Michelle Pallak, his supervisor, "acted hostilely toward him because of his sexual orientation and religious background. She undermined him in his job performance and treated him differently than she did heterosexual employees."

Logan, who lives in Astoria, Queens, also says in court papers that Pallak called him offensive names related to his sexual orientation and remarked to colleagues after he was fired that she hoped he "did not play the Gay card."

"If the allegations made by plaintiff are true, he should be compensated for defendant's bad acts," the judge wrote. "This action will go forward." Braun said state and city law do allow religious groups to give employment preference to persons of the same religion as the organiza-

tion, and to promote the religious principles of the organization. "However," the judge said, "those limited exemptions for religious organizations are a far cry from letting them harass their employees and treat the employees in an odiously discriminatory manner during their employment, and to use derogatory expressions toward the employees."

Logan, who counseled World Trade Center attack survivors, worked for the Salvation Army from October 2001 until he was fired Jan. 11, 2002, court papers say.

Cindy Molloy, lawyer for the Salvation Army, noted that Braun did not rule on the truth of Logan's complaint, just that it could go to trial. Molloy said, "We're considering our next step. Justice Braun has a very narrow construction of the religious organization exemption. We are not sure yet whether we will appeal."

Molloy also issued a statement by Major Guy Klemanski, general secretary of the Salvation Army's Greater New York Divisional Headquarters: "The Salvation Army vigorously denies the allegations, abhors the type of conduct that is alleged to have occurred and does not condone harassment as alleged by (Logan)."

Logan's lawyer, Marc Susswein, said he was pleased that Braun found that religious organizations are bound by the same rules as other employers and will be held accountable for unlawful discrimination.

Among females, heterosexual sex accounts for more than three-quarters of transmissions.

New efforts to expand HIV testing may lead to increased HIV diagnoses, the CDC warns, and may suggest increased infection when it is not necessarily the case.

The inclusion of New York may have also affected the results, since the state has seen a sharp decline in infection because of needle exchange programs and educational initiatives.

The 33 states were studied because they have conducted confidential, name-based HIV case reporting for the last four years. California and Illinois are among the states that do not provide such accounting.

The AIDS Project Los Angeles urged California on Thursday to add name-based reporting. A measure to do so failed to reach the state Assembly earlier this fall.

Diagnoses among African Americans in the states fell from 88.7 cases per 100,000 black people in 2001 to 76.3 last year.

But the virus continues to disproportionately affect that community. The survey found the rate of infection was eight times higher for blacks than whites, and blacks make up more than half of all HIV diagnoses. By comparison, there were only nine cases of HIV diagnoses per 100,000 whites last year.

Matt Foreman, head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, was distressed by the statistics related Thursday.

"No Gay or Bisexual person can think that HIV/AIDS is no longer a problem for our own community when nearly two-thirds of new infections among males are from men having sex with other men," he said in a prepared statement. "Clearly, the Bush administration's de-funding, de-prioritizing and de-Gaying HIV prevention programs has been nothing short of a disaster and we call upon Congress to act immediately to begin to address this tragedy."

# UPDATE

## Transgender Day Of Remembrance

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Vigils, services and a variety of other events are being held in Tucson and 250 cities around the world to mark Transgender Day of Remembrance - the day set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-Transgender hatred or prejudice, 365Gay.com reported.

The first Transgender Day of Remembrance was organized by Gwendolyn Ann Smith in 1999 to honor the memory of Rita Hester who was murdered on Nov. 28, 1998 in San Francisco. Smith's candlelight vigil spread nationwide and then around the world. But Hester's murder - like most anti-Transgender murder cases - has yet to be solved.

While there are no official statistics - the FBI does not keep records of trans killings - the national organization Gender Education and Advocacy says there have been 234 killings in the United States based on bias against Transgendered people from 1970 to 2004. More than a dozen transsexuals have been killed this year alone.

"Sadly, that's almost surely an undercount of actual murders," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "It doesn't even touch on the acts of violence and harassment faced on a daily basis. It's past time for these lives to be remembered and honored with dignity and protections under the law."

In September the House of Representatives passed for the first time ever a bill that would give local law enforcement vital tools to fight bias crimes against Gay, Lesbian,

Bisexual and Transgender Americans. The Senate version of the bill excludes the Transgendered from protection. LGBT rights groups are pressing to have the bill amended to include sexual identity.

"Recent statistics show that Transgender people suffer from 11 percent of bias crimes committed against all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, a percentage of attacks far in excess of their numbers in the population, continuing to make the Transgender community one of the most vulnerable in our society," said Clarence Patton, executive director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project.

Based on data from the 2000 Census, the total number of people now living in a jurisdiction with a Transgender-inclusive, anti-discrimination law in the United States is 78.9 million people, 28 percent of the nation's population.



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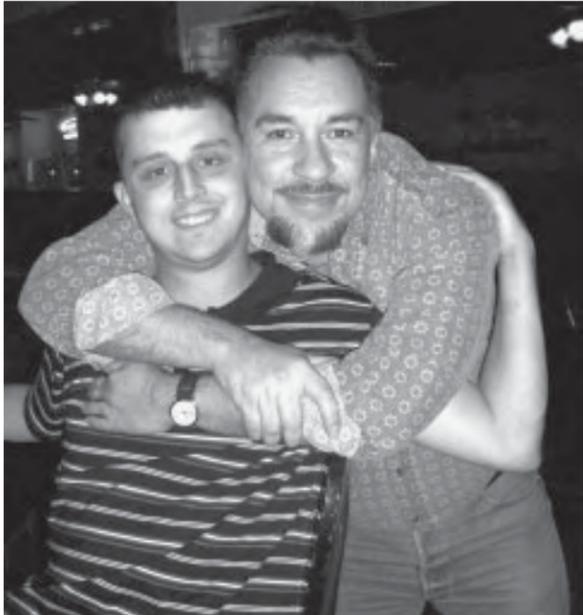
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# POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

## Turkey Trot

On Friday, Nov. 18, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released new figures showing that the number of HIV/AIDS cases has risen amongst Gay/Bi men and on communities of color, the U.S. House Representatives responded to this crisis by voting to slash funding for Medicaid.

House Republicans approved a budget reconciliation measure (H. Res. 4241) by a margin of 217-215, only after the Republican House leadership kept the ten minute vote open for a total of forty minutes, breaking their own rules to get the measure passed. When have the House Republicans actually adhered to the rules, could Tom DeLay give an example of when they have followed them?

H. Res. 4241 also cuts funding, \$49.9-billion for services for the poor, social programs, farm subsidies, student loans, veterans' services and other federal benefits, for efforts to enforce child support payments to cite some of the many cuts.

With the drastically reduced funding of Medicaid, House Republicans will force those living with HIV/AIDS to try to rely on the already stretched Ryan White CARE Act, which the Republican-controlled Congress voted not to increase funding for. Medicaid is the largest provider of HIV/AIDS treatment and services but thanks to the Republicans, those who need the help won't get it and will have to try to get the needed medications and help through state programs, including Arizona's, that are underfunded and overextended, such as Ryan White, resulting in limiting medications and the creation of "waiting lists" to stretch the few federal dollars these programs receive.

Fourteen Republicans voted with all House Democrats to oppose H. Res. 4241 and yes, Gay Republican Congressman, Tucson and Arizona's Jim Kolbe, wasn't one of the fourteen with a conscious, as well as the not-so-heterosexually inclined, California Republican Congressman, David Drier, who both voted to cut funding for HIV/AIDS programs while voting themselves a cost of living pay raise, \$3,100, and to give tax cuts to the rich and the oil companies, for which big oil is suffering through

their biggest profits ever. Talk about giving thanks! . . .

Isn't the proposed Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMAA), as proponents have blathered for months, suppose to prohibit in Arizona: same-sex marriages, civil unions, domestic partnerships and, the extension of medical benefits by governmental entities to the domestic partners and their families of their employees, citing just several of the examples this measure would do if approved by voters?

Haven't those same supporters, such as Lynden Munsil of the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), for whom are spearheading the drive to get this discriminatory measure on the Nov. 2006 Arizona general election ballot, said on numerous occasions (noted in this column and publication) that the PMAA will protect traditional family values and marriage from homosexuals and activist judges who want to important those dreaded "Massachusetts marriages" into the Grand Canyon State?

With voters not-so-inclined to favor their measure, citing recent polling conducted, a possible sign the PMAA may be DOA (dead on arrival), since according to the Nov. 16 CAP Family Facts newsletter, Munsil now claims that the PMAA would protect marriage from . . . polygamy. Huh?

"As we have said repeatedly, the Protect Marriage Amendment, by defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman, would prevent an activist court from declaring that three or four or ten consenting adults could participate in a polygamous marriage," writes Munsil. Uh, when?

He continues, "While the media insists on calling this a 'ban on same sex marriage,' that is not precise - it is really a definition of marriage, and by defining marriage it prevents not only same sex marriage but polygamy. Why is this important? Because polygamists by the thousands, many of them residents of Arizona, are beginning to speak up, and their lawyers are latching onto arguments made by same sex couples to argue that polygamy should also be legalized." Really?

The PMAA's language, filed with the Arizona Secretary of State, May 16, states: "to preserve and protect marriage in this state, only a union between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage by this state or its political subdivisions and no legal status for unmarried persons shall be created or recognized by this state or its political subdivisions that is similar to that of marriage."

In the May 17, Arizona Daily Star article, entitled "Gay Marriage Supporters, Foes Framing Debate for 2006 Vote," Munsil is quoted as saying, "You never know where the next activist judge is going to strike," and ". . . courts here have never been asked to decide whether Arizona has to recognize the marriage of a Gay couple legally performed in another state," citing only one of the numerous interviews the "Boy Blunder" has conducted with the corporate hack media, as well as his many Family Facts newsletters on the subject.

To note, Arizona law already deals with the issue of "multiple marriage," with A.R.S. 13-3606, A.R.S. 13-3607 and A.R.S. 13-3609, so what is the PMAA's point again, Lynden?

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## Matthew Limon Re-Arrested

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TOPEKA - Matthew R. Limon, whose case resulted in the Kansas Supreme Court saying the state can't punish underage sex more harshly if it involves Gays, will be back in court on a new charge in the same case, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Miami County Attorney David Miller said he filed a charge Friday (Nov. 18) of unlawful voluntary sexual relations against Limon in the case that resulted in the high court's ruling last month. His first appearance took place Wednesday (Nov. 23) before District Judge Richard Smith in Paola. Miller said his goal is for Limon to be put on parole for up to five years, not to send him back to prison.

In 2000, Limon, then 18, was sentenced to 17 years in prison on a charge of criminal sodomy for performing a sex act on a 14-year-old boy at a Paola group home for the developmentally disabled. Had one of them been a girl, Limon could have faced only 15 months under the state's "Romeo and Juliet" law allowing lighter punishment for teenage sex when the partners are of the opposite sex. In its ruling, the Supreme Court ordered Limon sentenced as if the law treated illegal Gay sex and illegal straight sex the same. It also struck the language from the law that resulted in the different treatment.

Because Limon had already served more than four years in prison, he doesn't have to serve any more prison time. But Miller wants Limon to be under the supervision of the Department of Corrections supervision, and he said, "That couldn't happen unless he was recharged and went through the judicial process." The prosecutor said he didn't know if the case will go to trial or whether a plea agreement might be struck. "I can't comment on what future plea negotiations might be," Miller said.

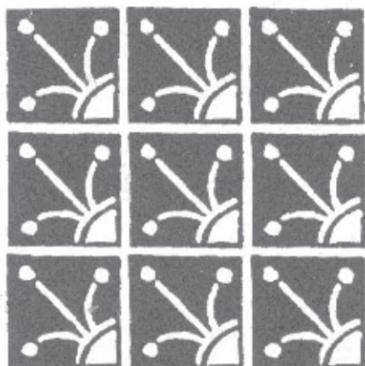
Paul Cates, spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union which represents Limon, said what the prosecutor was doing isn't right. "We're fine with him being recharged under Romeo and Juliet, but it seems like the prosecutor is trying to extend the

supervision," Cates said. "This is for somebody who has served four-and-a-half years in prison for a consensual sex act."

On Nov. 3, the judge ordered Limon released from Ellsworth prison until the state decided its next move. A condition of that release was that Limon be placed under house arrest, limiting his ability to leave the home of his aunt and uncle in western Kansas. He also is barred from having contact with minors, cannot use alcohol and drugs, and must undergo sex offender counseling. The house arrest is due to expire Nov. 26, but Miller said he will ask Wednesday for that to be extended with the same conditions.

During Limon's trial, an official described the other boy, identified only as M.A.R. in court documents, as mildly retarded and Limon as functioning at a slightly higher level but not as an 18-year-old. Defense attorneys said the relationship with the younger boy was consensual and suggested they were adolescents experimenting with sex.

Attorney General Phill Kline's office repeatedly described Limon as a predator, noting he had two similar, previous offenses on his criminal record. On Wednesday (Nov. 16), Kline said he wouldn't appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Kansas Court of Appeals rejected Limon's appeal in 2002. The next year, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that criminalized Gay sex and returned Limon's case to the state. Last year, the appeals court again sided with the state, and Limon appealed to the state Supreme Court.



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EDITOR:

In regard to Gary Clark's cartoon (As I See it, Tucson's State of Drag - Observer #1113). I couldn't agree with him more!

Gary has been in Tucson for more years and has probably seen more drag shows than Charles Pierce. For those who don't know who Charles Pierce is, he was probably if not one of the most innovative and premiere female Illusionist in the world.

Here in Tucson, we had our own super drag divas with such names as The Fabulous Monty John, The great Aviva Diamond, and the amazing "Glamazon" herself, Madame X, to name a few of these performers of the past who not only entertained us with there captivating impersonations, beautiful costumes and impeccable charm and wit, they also were fund raising machines in a time when our community had little or no support.

These drag divas of the past knew they had a calling to do some good for so many

countless individuals and organizations that had nowhere else to turn. These Diva Darling were treated like royalty everywhere they went and were local celebrities. they studied their craft and kept us wondering "How'd they do that?"

Today's "performer" seem only to care about looking like girls, grabbing the next pageant tiara, and giving away all the secrets that made the illusion just that. It saddens me to see what was once our own little slice of glamour has turned into a vat of "Stepford" drag with "Lee Press-On" faces and hair that was pulled out of a purse with the wrinkled soiled dresses.

I was recently at a show where the performer and several of the women in the audience were wearing the same outfit. That is not a good show make! I guess today's audience does not demand much from today's performer and that's a shame!

Tomas J. Navan

## What Makes Our Town Tick

by Jerry D

### World AIDS Day Recognized In Tucson

In a recent interview, rock singer Bono called the AIDS epidemic our modern day leprosy. The comparison had been used many times before, but can never be overused to put the disease in a light that just about anyone can understand.

Each year, December 1st is set as World AIDS Day. The global community takes the day to recognize, remember and set goals for the coming year regarding HIV and AIDS. Tucson has been host to events for years and this year is no different.

COPE Behavioral Services, along with SAAF, Pima County Health Department and several other organizations are once again joining to bring World AIDS Day to Tucson. The event is on December 1 and will be held at the Amethyst Room of Pima Community College Downtown Campus. The event kicks off at 5PM

with booths from several organizations handing out information and referral for HIV health and education. The room then becomes the place for music, memories, guest speakers and a dinner. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome.

This year's theme in Tucson is "Make the Promise, Keep the Promise. There will be a promise wall at the event where anyone can fill out a pledge to keep for the coming year. The hosting organizations want all of us to know that HIV/AIDS has not gone away, so we should still be as diligent as ever to work together in removing the disease.

Join in remembering, recognizing and even celebrating the lives of those who have been afflicted, as well as their loved ones. Have a great week!

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Sun in itchy Sadge runs amok and makes proud Rams more "rambunctious" than usual. Grab the world by the orb but be mindful of retro Mercury which sends you conflicting signals. What you think is open season may just be a short window of opportunity. Decide and do after careful consideration. Taste everything that life has to offer except that gray liverwurst.

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

Queer Bulls set the world on fire with Sun in Sadge and can wind up with heartburn if they over-indulge. Use your insatiable appetite to tie up a few loose ends or create some new ties that bind. Before you tighten the knot, seek some psychological centering. Are you falling into the same old patterns of hide and seek? Lie down and tell retro Mercury all about it, bubbele.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**

Don't let yourself be held back by convention. Sun in Sadge sets you on a course of over the top antics that are bound to get you into trouble. So what. It may seem that you can do no wrong. Even retro Mercury conspires to give you a quick advantage. Your appealing attitude converts even your most vociferous detractors. So take a deep bow pink Twin and don't wear undies.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**

It isn't healthy to work so hard Gay Crab. Stress builds to a breaking point as Sun in Sadge spreads you too thin among your assorted commitments. Retro Mercury sez that you can't dance in two places with one tush. Cut the excess and attend to the critical. You will feel much better. Spend your thanksgiving eating turkey and not being the turkey... unless that is your thing.

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

Romance is in the air. Your heart is filled with the possibility of a fantasy forever complete with the pitter patter of little feet (cats...?). But be warned proud Lion - add retro Mercury and your honesty could create a host of unintended awkward moments that can upset your carefully constructed applecort of desire. What goes up must come down. Gee how sad is that?

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

Queer Virgins want to be alone. Okay, not alone persey but reclusive in quiet surroundings where you can relax, recharge and rejuvenate your essential oils. But don't retreat too long; You are apt to feel disconnected. Make up for the lost time by hosting a big thanksgiving dinner complete with all the trimmings and the brimmings. Add a bit of sauce you saucy thing.

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

You need to look no further than your own backyard when the Sun enters Sadge. Proud Libras are often peering over their back fence green with envy at the greener grass next door. No need to let the greedy gremlins bite, comrade. Actually there is everything you need close at hand and yet not underfoot. Stop, look and listen. Comprendez?

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

Your mercenary tendencies can get the better of you if you cannot balance your value system with your valuation system. Not everything has a price tag, Gay Scorp. Sometimes you can do something extravagantly special for someone else without expecting a payoff or monetary reward. Of course those times are few and far between so why quibble?

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

This is your birthday month proud Archer with the Sun in your sign. Set your sights on a new year with an eye to improving the outer you. Why not experiment with a new look? Everyone will notice and may not even laugh. Remember, this is the time when you draw attention to yourself by just breathing. Pack the breath mints, just in case you decide to do the garlic thing.

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

As much as you will try to fade into the background, you can run but you cannot hide. And why should you hide? Pink Caps have every right to be loud, proud and right in the center of attention. It's getting pretty stuffy in that closet of yours. Knock, knock. Open up and come on Out. You have nothing to lose but your straight jacket. And you gain extra storage space!

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

As the Sun dances in Sadge, the social world gravitates to you... and you looove it. Aqueerians ache to be liked and want to be accepted and part of the crowd. Such a waste of raw talent! Don't waste your precious time on simply dancing along with the hoi polloi. You can call the tunes and strike up the band. My advice though is to avoid polkas and anything with harmonicas.

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

As you swim through life, take note of any whirlpools, ebbs and tides that carry you to the next water level. Guppie, this is the week to wring very drop of experience from your sweat rag and make it pay off in impressive ways in your corporate arena. Choose your fights carefully; it would be a shame to be the plate du jour when you were counting on being the head chef.

## Gay Man's Ordination Defies Church

Continued from Page Six which are usually followed by formal complaints that sometimes lead to discipline.

Bagnuolo's ordination "raises the heat," said the Rev. Jerry Van Marter, news director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). "This will just heighten the intensity of the debate. Whether it's good or bad for the church depends on your point of view." Bagnuolo, 54, did not return a call seeking comment. He was approved for ordination by the Hudson River Presbytery, a group of Presbyterian churches north of New York City that is considered liberal and has lobbied for repeal of the amendment. The policy on Gay clergy will be a focus of a national Presbyterian assembly next June.

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### RED BARN THEATRE COMPANY

Red Barn Theatre. 948 N. Main Ave. 622-6973. "Lipstick on a Pig", the bittersweet story of a family in crisis, will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26. \$8 per person. Call 622-6973 for more information.

### ALL TOGETHER THEATRE

Live Theatre Workshop. 5317 E. Speedway Blvd. 327-4242. "The Existence of Faeries", the story of what happens when the fairies of the world decide to perform a musical to announce their existence, continues through Sunday, Nov. 27. Shows are at 1:00 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$5 to \$7. Call 327-4242 for reservations.

### BEOWULF ALLEY THEATRE COMPANY

Beowulf Alley Theatre Company. 11 S. Sixth Ave. 882-0555. Underneath the Lintel continues through Sunday, Dec. 4. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$14.50 to \$18.75. Visit [beowulfalley.org](http://beowulfalley.org) for more information.

### GASLIGHT THEATRE

Gaslight Theatre. 7010 E. Broadway Blvd. 886-9428. Sgt. Preston Saves Christmas, or Yukon Count on Me! continues through Saturday, Dec. 31. Call for specific show dates. \$15.95 adults; \$13.95 students, seniors and active military; \$6.95 children age 12 and younger. Call 886-9428 for more information.

### MAGICAL MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

Mystery Mansion Dinner Theatre. 1800 E. Fort Lowell Road. 624-0172. Murder at Magic Manor—a two-hour, interactive comedy whodunit that includes a three-course dinner; plays at 7 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. Call 624-0172 for reservations and additional information.

### NOT BURNT OUT JUST UNSCREWED

Bookman's. 6230 E. Speedway Blvd. 748-9555. The comedy troupe performs improvised, PG-13-rated scenes from audience suggestions from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. the last Friday of the month. Children younger than 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Call 440-4436 for more information.

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Top Hat Theatre Club. 3110 E. Fort Lowell Road. Agatha Christie's Murder at the Vicarage continues through Sunday, Dec. 18. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. \$17; \$15 students, seniors and active military.



# Non Bar Calendar

### Wednesday, November 23

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, November 24

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Help your hosts Rick and John celebrate Thanksgiving with your MSN family. Open House from 3:00 - 8:00 with dinner served at 4:30 p.m. For directions and reservations, please call Rick and John at 743-3289.

#2 1 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. Rainbow Planet Coffee House may be closed for Thanksgiving Day so call before venturing out.

### Friday, November 25

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, November 26

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, November 28

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

### Tuesday, November 29

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.

### Wednesday, November 30

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, December 1

World AIDS Day 1005 ceremonies will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Pima Community College, Downtown Campus in the Amethyst Room. The event is organizing in collaboration with COPE Behavioral Service, Pima County Health Department, Pima Community College, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, The Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona, TIHAN, Tucson Indian Center, El Rio Special Immunology and Wingspan. For more information call (520) 879-6643

### Wednesday, December 14

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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## Random Pestering by Lee Thorn

Quoth my favorite Tucson daily, the ARIZONA DAILY STAR, "After a 10-year hiatus, the Pima County Sheriff's Department has relaunched checkpoints in search of drunken drivers, and authorities say they are here to stay."

This is from a pretty good STAR article, but they really need to hire some editors. "If a ... driver can complete these tasks...officers...can release them..." "A...driver" is singular. "Them" is plural. Tut, tut.

Getting back to the meat and potatoes, the article gives us two reasons in support of resuming checkpoints. Reason one: "funds have been granted." Reason two: a police official whose name I'm too charitable to mention "is confident that fewer impaired drivers take to the road because of checkpoints."

On the first point, are we compelled to do whatever is funded irrespective of how dumb it may be? If somebody put up money to fund a speed trap to be operated in the middle of the desert in the middle of the night on a weekday?

As for the official who is "confident," why doesn't he share the information that caused him to be confident with the public so that we can determine whether it makes us confident also? Then we wouldn't have to just assume that his confidence is supported by solid data and we could all be confident together and wouldn't that be lovely?

Here again I must tweak the STAR for its lack of editing. When a public official is "confident" that one of his schemes will work, expecting your reporter to ask the obvious follow-up question would not be unreasonable.

Oh the oceans of ink that have been dried up and the forests that have been decimated in arguing the issues of whether random stops are really "searches" and whether they violate our "privacy" rights. The problem is that "search" and "privacy" have become technical legal terms that rely for their meanings more on case law than on common usage. To non-lawyers who speak English, of course a cop sticking his face in your car and smelling your breath is a search that violates your privacy. But that ignores the case law.

So let's leave privacy and searching to the courts and consider the issue of checkpoints in terms of "pestering" and "inconveniencing," terms that have not yet been all lawyered up.

The question then becomes, "Is it good public policy to randomly pester and inconvenience drivers because somebody has given you the money to do so and, on top of that, some police official is confident, for reasons he declines to share, that said pestering and inconveniencing will reduce drunk driving?"

It's hard for me to imagine why law enforcement should do anything at random. There's no shortage of real crimes to investigate. The only rationale I can conjure up for a randomized approach to law enforcement is that it provides far greater opportunities for sitting still and eating your doughnuts.

But if you must investigate me on a random basis, why must you pester and inconvenience me as well? Go ahead, if you must eat your doughnuts, and look at every tenth car that goes through some random intersection, but don't pester and inconvenience the driver on that car unless it looks like he's done something wrong. You may have your

quota of doughnuts to consume; the rest of us have our own various quotas to accomplish.

If anyone wanted to get real about eliminating drunk driving, the technology for doing so has been around for decades. The truth is that nobody's interested. You have a little keypad near the steering wheel. It flashes a number. The driver is required to add a number to the one being flashed and punch the sum into the keypad within a short fixed time period. If he fails to respond correctly, the car won't start for thirty minutes, at which point the test can be repeated. Result: no more drunk drivers, no more Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, no more Drunks Against Mad Mothers, no more drunk driving courts, no more drunk driving schools, no more DUI lawyers, and millions of senile albeit sober seniors suddenly riding the bus. In short, lots of people out of work and lots of geezers extremely annoyed.

Note the striking parallel with the illegal immigrations scam: Instead of putting employers of illegal immigrants in prison and immediately solving the problem, we build ever more elaborate but equally ineffective barriers at the border. Instead of putting a cheap little keypad near the steering wheel, we build enormously complex and reliably ineffective castles of horsefeathers and even random horsefeathers. Follow the money.

[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.]

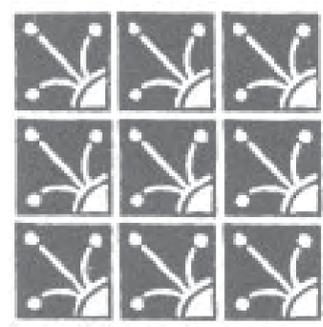
## Judge Releases Gay Files On Mayor's Laptop

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evaluate the mayor's performance," Miller said. But, he added, releasing the pictures "could 'out' people without their permission." Miller said the contents of West's city-owned laptop include about 3,300 images, including about 100 showing male genitalia or buttocks. Many of the images show the upper torso of shirtless men, Miller said.

Attorneys for The Spokesman-Review newspaper went to court to seek release of the files. West fought release of the computer's contents, contending they were private and that the Internet sites were accessed during off-work hours. The city allows employees to make limited use of city equipment to access the Internet for private reasons.

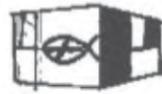
The mayor faces a recall election Dec. 6 over allegations that he abused his office by offering a City Hall internship to an 18-year-old man he met in a Gay.com chat room. West has denied any wrongdoing. He has not been charged with a crime, but FBI agents seized computers from West's home as part of a public corruption investigation.





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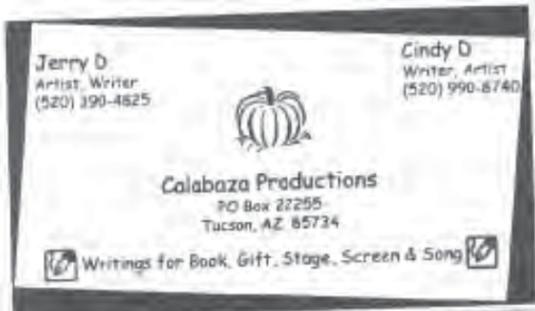
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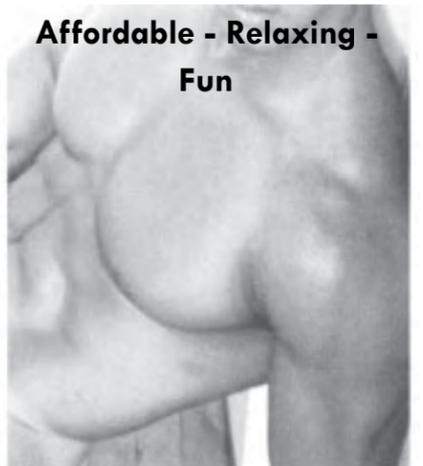
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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

**COLORS** - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 sky Cocktails, \$4 Sky Martinis, \$2.25 Domestic and half price appetizers. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Live music from Bob Feldhaus during Brunch (11:30-2:30) & Dickie Steede during dinner (6:30-9:30)

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11am. Kitchen open until 8pm. Watch the NFL here! \$1.00 Jumbo Hot Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments 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 - Troy's Recovery Bar** noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 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 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

## 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 Craig Carter 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy & Beefeaters Martinis.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Rum until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm

## tuesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2.25 Domestic and half-price appetizers. 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 Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month \$2.00).

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longneck. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm.

## wednesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2.25 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, "Divalicious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Vodka until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm.



## thursday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2.25 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 9am. 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 \$6.00.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. 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 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

## friday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 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.

**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 re-opens 9 pm to Midnight for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm,, Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm-2am.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am.w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 5pm

## saturday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2.25 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Singer, piano player Marilyn Harris performs during dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations suggested.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Kitchen open til 8pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm, \$2 Well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 small pitchers, \$5 large pitchers. \$4.00 Cheeseburger & Fries all day. DJ Johnny D playing your favorite dance & country 9pm to close. Kitchen re-opens 9pm - midnight 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 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9 to close.

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

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 5pm.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**WOODY'S** - A Toga Party starts at 8:00 p.m. and runs until closing. Drink Specials.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**WOODY'S** - Do you have a November Birthday? If so celebrate it at Woody's tonight with your astrological friends. 9:00 p.m. - Cake - Balloons - Champagne.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**WOODY'S** - 3:00 TO 7:00 p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust. Mark your calendars.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

**COLORS** - Celebration of life to honor Mark Schultz - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## Monday, November 21

**YARD DOG** - Something new here - Monday Night At The Movies 7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**WOODY'S** - "Blow and Suck" Party here. 8:00 p.m. until closing. Meet new friends and drink specials.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**VENTURE-N** - Open at 9:00 a.m. Celebrate Thanksgiving here with their Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner starting at 1:00 p.m. Turkey and Ham by Big Jim. See your bartender to list your dish..

**YARD DOG** - Spend a Yard Dog Thanksgiving with your friends for a sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner where they will serve you. Sign up with your bartender.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**WOODY'S** - Boys Gone Wild Party.

## Gays Are Pedophiles Leading Italian Bishop Suggests

ROME - Preventing men "with deeply rooted homosexual tendencies" from becoming priests to avoid possible "negative consequences" is not discriminatory, a top Italian church official has contended, anticipating Italian church guidelines that will reflect a soon-to-be released Vatican document, reported the Associated Press.

Monsignor Giuseppe Betori, secretary general of the influential Italian bishops conference, made the assertion during a five-day bishops meeting that ended Friday (Nov. 18) in Assisi. Concern over suitability of priesthood candidates was heightened in recent years by spreading scandals in the United States of sex abuse by clergy. Many of the cases involved alleged sex abuse of boys by parish priests.

Taking into consideration the "negative consequences that can derive from ordination of priests with deeply rooted homosexual tendencies" represents an important part of assessing future candidates for the priesthood, SIR, the news agency of the bishops' conference quoted Betori as telling reporters earlier in the week during the Assisi meeting. "The word discrimination can be used where there is a right," Betori was quoted as saying. "Vocation is not a right but a gift."

A conservative Italian daily Il Giornale reported that the long-awaited Vatican document says that practicing Gays, those with "deeply rooted" homosexual tendencies or those who support Gay culture cannot be admitted to the priesthood. Avenire, the bishops' conference daily, reported that Betori told reporters that soon-to-be ready Italian church guidelines on seminary admission have "internalized the indications in the still to be released document that the Holy See will shortly publish."

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**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 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**GLBT-friendly AL-ANON** group meets Saturdays at 11am at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson

#### YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 425 E. 7th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLD-WIDE** 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 743-0810, 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,** 425 E. 7th 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)

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**LESBIAN AND GAYAL-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, 425 E. 7th St. 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, contact 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 / MOVIES / ETC!** Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or [joycesmth1@aol.com](mailto:joycesmth1@aol.com). The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity 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)624-1779 x26 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)

**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.

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

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**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, (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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

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# New York Honors Transgender Icon

NEW YORK - The city renamed a street corner in Greenwich Village on Thursday (Nov. 17) after Stonewall veteran and Transgender activist Sylvia Rivera. The event coincided with the annual Day of Remembrance, a day the Transgender community remembers its dead, reported the PlanetOut Network.

Rivera was one of the first protesters to throw a bottle at the police as they raided the Stonewall Inn bar on June 28, 1969. She understood the significance of the moment, calling it a "turning point" for LGBT rights. The next year, Rivera joined the Gay Activists Alliance in an effort to pass a Gay rights bill in New York City — going as far as to crash a meeting on the bill by scaling City Hall walls in a dress and high heels.

But later it was the mainstream Gay culture that made her feel like she was crashing the party. Activists dropped Transgender rights from the proposed city Gay rights bill in an effort to make it more acceptable. "When things started getting more mainstream," Sylvia told Michael Musto in a 1995 interview, "it was like, 'We don't need you no more.'"

Although frequently homeless, Rivera co-founded Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) with Marsha P. Johnson, to provide temporary housing for others in the Transgender community. Rivera died on Feb. 19, 2002.

Riki Wilchins, executive director of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GPAC), described Rivera's final moments in an article for the Village Voice. "She was hooked up to monitors, IVs, and a morphine pump when local Gay leaders stopped by the intensive care unit to ask her advice. Mortally ill, she held back the night long enough to give them hell one last time for not being inclusive enough. She died only hours later, at just 50 years old: a unique lady for a unique time."

Melissa Sklarz, co-chair for the LGBT Committee of Community Board #2, said she acted on a friend's suggestion to name the street corner after the Transgender icon. "In the past we did very somber events," Sklarz recalled. "But we wanted to start celebrating our lives rather than mourning our dead."

Gwen Smith, who started the Day of Remembrance after the unsolved Nov. 1998 murder of Rita Hester in Boston, said of the street naming, "I can't think of anyone who is more deserving. Her and Marsha P. Johnson were really the mothers of the modern trans rights movement."

Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), said Rivera is the first out Transgender person to have a street named after her. "I think it's a wonderfully marvelous gesture."

Sklarz added the naming of the northeast corner of Christopher and Hudson streets after Rivera also had a political message worthy of its namesake. "Right now we're having trouble with the community in Greenwich Village as the residents protest the LGBT people who hang out there as destructive to their way of life," she said. "We thought naming this corner after this iconic figure who once prowled here would remind everyone of the neighborhood's history."

## Doubts Rise Over HIV 'Cure' Claim

LONDON - HIV/AIDS experts continue investigation into the claims of a Gay man, Andrew Stimpson, who said his body rid itself of HIV, Gay.com UK reported.

Andrew Stimpson, 25, was diagnosed with HIV in August 2002, but later was found to be HIV-negative in October 2003. He gave interviews to two papers, submitting letters from the NHS Litigation Authority that said he had tested negative for HIV antibodies in 2003 and 2004 after testing positive for HIV antibodies in 2002. He told the Mail on Sunday, "I can't help wondering if I hold the cure for AIDS."

The NHS Litigation Authority documents guarantee that all tests were definitely on Stimpson's blood and reveal that the results

were "exceptional and medically remarkable." To come up with a more comprehensive explanation, they requested Stimpson to undertake further testing, which he has declined so far. When Stimpson realized he was not HIV-positive, he apparently tried to seek compensation from the Chelsea and Westminster NHS Trust, believing they had mixed up his blood samples. He then told the Mail on Sunday that he was happy to submit to further testing.

Stimpson, from Scotland, who lives in London with his HIV-positive partner, also told the News of the World that he believes he may have cured himself by taking vitamin supplements. Doctors say that it is vital that Stimpson undergoes more tests to clear ambiguities. "This appears to be a highly unusual case, and without further tests it is really impossible to draw any conclusions for living with HIV," said Deborah Jack, chief executive of the Nation AIDS Trust. Stimpson's publicity agent insisted Andrew was seeking "specialist advice" on how he should submit himself for testing.

## Mautner Project Promotes Lung Cancer Awareness

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Mautner Project, a national Lesbian health organization, has joined with other Gay and Lesbian organizations to raise awareness of the risks of lung cancer among Lesbians who smoke. To help promote the agency's "Delicious Lesbian Kisses" smoking cessation initiative, Mautner is selling red wristbands with the words "Delicious Lesbian Kisses" to raise money for the national campaign, advocate.com reported.

"Our hope is to create a sea of red wristbands," says Mautner deputy director and "Delicious Lesbian Kisses" coordinator, Amari Sokoya Pearson-Fields. "Supporting the 'Delicious Lesbian Kisses' wristband campaign is an opportunity for both the LGBT and heterosexual communities to show support for Lesbians fighting lung cancer and other smoking-related illnesses."

Studies have shown Gay men and Lesbians are significantly more likely to smoke than their heterosexual peers and as such are at a higher risk of smoking-related illnesses like lung cancer and emphysema.

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