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## LGBT Vets Remember Fallen Comrades



SAN FRANCISCO - LGBT veterans across the country take time to remember fallen comrades today, many of whom died in silence, as fearful of disclosing their sexuality to the military as they were of the enemy, reported 365Gay.com.

The exact number of Gays who died in the service of their country will never be known, but through diaries and other historical documents we know that Gays and Lesbians were serving in the military as far back as the American Revolution.

The Urban Institute estimates that today there are more than 1 million Lesbian and Gay veterans in the United States.

Some of those LGBT vets marched to the the U.S.S. Potomac which is moored at Oakland for a special Veterans Day memorial service and to call attention to "don't ask, don't tell" the policy that bars Gays from serving openly. LGBT members of all branches of the military, led by a color guard from the Alexander Hamilton Post, marched to the ship.

Following a moment of silence the vets heard from speakers that will include California Assemblymember Mark Leno and Sharra Greer, Director of Law and Policy, Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. The service concluded with the Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits Drum Circle. The memorial takes place in conjunction with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Annual Creating Change Conference and is sponsored by Equality California.

Across the country, in Georgia, a billboard will be unveiled paying tribute to LGBT veterans. The billboard is the second phase of the "We Are Your Neighbors" campaign by Georgia Equality. Jointly sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of the American Veterans for Equal Rights the billboard is located on Victory Drive, less than a half mile from the entrance of Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. The billboard includes a picture of Andrew Nichols formerly of Georgia, an honorably discharged member of the United States Army who achieved the rank of Sergeant. The caption on the billboard reads: "I fight for your freedom. And... I am Gay." Nichols is in uniform in the picture.

The National Black Justice Coalition

paid tribute to African American Gays who served their country.

"Just as racial segregation denied our armed forces the talent and qualifications of the African American community, the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law also exacts a cost to our national security and military readiness," the organization said in a statement. "And just as the arguments against military desegregation proved to be unfounded, so are the arguments against allowing Lesbian and Gay patriots the opportunity to serve openly. Indeed, those who seek to deny the LGBT community the opportunity to serve use many of the same justifications once used to deny African Americans that same opportunity. Discrimination should never find a home among our nation's fighting forces."

Veterans Day comes as the number of co-sponsors of a bill to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' reached 100. The bill, introduced in March by Representative Marty Meehan (D-MA), is co-sponsored by Republican and Democratic lawmakers, including nine members of the House Armed Services Committee. Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-IL) became the hundredth co-sponsor.

"There is historic, bipartisan progress being made in the fight to lift the ban," said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network.

A recent poll shows that 79% of Americans support allowing Gays to serve openly. According to the Pentagon, it has discharged more than 10,000 service members for being Gay, including nearly 800 with skills deemed "mission critical" by the Department of Defense.

"My husband is a Vietnam combat veteran who probably served with Gays while defending our freedom," said Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), a co-sponsor of the legislation. "In fact, one of the army nurses who cared for him after he was severely injured was a Lesbian. Did her sexual orientation make her or the guys who served with Dexter less qualified? Of course not. This is an unjust policy that hurts our preparedness." Her husband, Dexter Lehtinen is a former acting U.S. Attorney. He received a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam.

## Bush Administration At War With Unions Over LGBT Support

CINCINNATI - The Justice Department is involved in a court case that could affect the way labor unions support LGBT issues, reported 365Gay.com.

The case involves Glen Greenwood, a air-pollution worker for the Ohio EPA. An elder in the Presbyterian Church he objects to his union dues being used by his civil service union in campaigns supporting gay rights and abortion. Greenwood is not a member of the Ohio Civil Service Employees Association but it bargains for him. His dues are paid through a payroll withholding.

Greenwood asked the state to stop withholding approximately \$34 each pay period that the union uses for social issues. His union was involved in fighting last year's constitutional amendment in Ohio to barsame-sex marriage. The measure passed anyway.

The OCSE also has sought domestic partner benefits for G/L couples in its contracts and has lobbied for laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orienta-

tion. When the state refused to stop withholding the money earmarked for social issues Greenwood sought to end all payments to the union but the state continued to hold back the dues.

In court the Justice Department is fighting the state labor contract with its 36,000 public employees, accusing it of violating religious freedoms guaranteed under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. In 1988, the US Supreme Court ruled unions could not use money collected from nonunion workers for political activities if those workers opposed. The ruling did, however, say that unions could impose dues for representing those workers in contract negotiations.

The Justice Department wants all dues dropped if a worker objects to any money being used for issues with which they disagree. Shortly after the Justice Department filed suit the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, filed a second case. The union says the administration is trying to silence unions from becoming involved in social issues.

## EDITORIAL

### It's A New Day In The Old Pueblo

In Tuesday's (Nov. 8) general election, Tucson voters cast their ballots for a positive working coalition to serve the entire community on the City Council, ending the era of questionable spending and favoring special interests that the Republican-led majority embraced in the past four years.

By wide margins of 22% and 31% respectively, voters selected Democrats Karin Uhlich and Nina Trasoff to serve the next four years on the Council from Ward's 3 and 6. Ward 5 Councilmember Steve Leal, a Democrat, was unopposed for a fifth term.

Tucsonans who voted spoke loud and clear, they had enough and it was time for a change for local government. Yes, the political answer "it's the economy stupid," was the correct response.

Some within the campaigns of the defeated incumbents made the hypocritical charges of negative campaigning by the winners, despite the "mud on their hands."

As plainly stated in the Observer editorial, it was the record of the incumbents,

highlighting a microcosm of their decisions, wasting taxpayer money on such boondoggles as the proposed 2002, half-cent sales tax or the garbage fee for questionable city programs and departments, naming two of the many for the past four years, was the factor.

When it is time for consideration, an incumbent elected official run on their record, not hot air, and this time, the two incumbents were deflated on election night.

Voters by a narrow margin said no to giving the Mayor and Council a pay raise, which is understandable with the body that was on the Council during the time for voters to consider. Tucsonans gave a thumbs-up to allowing the Mayor and Council to spend the entire money raised by fees and taxes.

On Dec. 5, a new, positive, working coalition will take their seats on the Council and we think and hope they will budget the monies wisely. If not, in four years time they will have their record to run on. Voters won't forget. Good luck to Councilmember-elect Nina Trasoff, Karin Uhlich, returning Councilmember Steve Leal and the rest of the new coalition. It's a new day in the Old Pueblo.



# UPDATE

## Tucson Listed As A LGBT-Friendly Place To Live

TUCSON - A travel book that will be released this month will highlight Salt Lake City as a "Gay-friendly place to live," reported (AP).

New York, Chicago, Minneapolis and Tucson also made the list compiled by Gregory Kompes, who is the author of "50 Fabulous Gay-friendly Places to Live."

Kompes was so impressed by Salt Lake City's Gay community that he fought to keep the city on the list, finally compromising with his publisher to include Salt Lake as a bonus 51st entry. His publisher simply couldn't reconcile the idea of Salt Lake City's Gay-friendly community because of the Mormon religion and Utah's reputation as a Republican state.

Kompes based his criteria for the 51 cities on factors including nightlife, employment opportunities, local politics and Gay-owned business.

## Festival For Life November 19

TUCSON - The 17th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, 5 to 8:30 p.m., at the U of A Student Union - Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University.

Proceeds from the Festival for Life benefit SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation) to provide services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and prevention programs to reduce the rate of HIV infection.

Festival for Life features fine art from locally and nationally recognized artists, as well as a wide array of holiday items, gifts and gift certificates, jewelry, celebrity collectibles and Paper Prayers will be available as well.

Masters of Ceremony for the event are Lupita Murillo from KVOA-TV and Allen Kath of Skyview Traffic and Rodney Shanks will host the live auction starting at 6:15 p.m. Festivities will also include an hors d'oeuvres buffet, casino-style gaming, a no-host bar and live music by the Street Minstrels and the Tim Schaffner trio with Deb Luna on vocals.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door; please call Mae, (520) 628-7223 for tickets or more information, or visit the Festival for Life website at festivalforlife.org.

## Tucson DP Anniversary Celebration Dec. 3

TUCSON - Since its inception, more than 300 couples had registered with Tucson's domestic partner registry.

Please join the celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 - 6 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., to mark the two year anniversary of Tucson's Domestic Partner Registry with fun, food, and

music. Couples who are currently registered are asked to stop by with their certificate, and get your picture taken.

Couples who want to register as well will be able to do so at the anniversary celebration. All you need to bring is your partner, a check for \$50 made out to the City of Tucson, and a big smile! For more information, call Cathy, (520) 624-1779, cathy@wingspan.org.

## 7th Annual International Transgender Day Of Remembrance, Nov. 20

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA), a program of Wingspan, invites you to join our observance of the Seventh Annual International Transgender Day of Remembrance on Sunday, Nov. 20, 4:30 pm at Catalina Park (4th Avenue and 2nd St). Everyone, Transpeople and our allies are encouraged to attend.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual event commemorating the lives of people who were murdered because of their gender identities or expressions. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on Nov. 28, 1998 inspired a San Francisco candlelight vigil in early 1999. Since then, the event has grown to encompass ceremonies in cities across the world. In 2004, more than 110 cities worldwide participated. This will be Tucson's fifth year of participation.

Nearly 30 Transgender people were killed since last year's memorial. The local service will be particularly poignant this year, as one of the dead is Amancio "Delila" Corrales of Yuma, whose body was found in the Colorado River in early May.

The event will feature the music of Namoli Brennet and Desert Voices as well as a variety of speakers tentatively including Melita Quance, Program Coordinator of the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project; transgender youth advocate Joseph Nutini; Michael Baughman, Precinct 21 (Yuma County) Democratic Party Committeeperson; Alison Davison, Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, and others. After a candle service and reading the names of those lost in the last year, the gathering will proceed south on 4th Avenue to Wingspan, where a reception will be held after the ceremony.

## LGBT Youth Out In Cold Nov. 19

TUCSON - It is estimated that 20-40 percent of all homeless teens identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender. Out in the Cold is a powerful new documentary that gives a voice to youth that have been rejected by family and are forced to live on the streets.

Join folks surviving similar conditions in our community and their allies for a screening

of Out in the Cold, Saturday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Skrappy's Youth Center, 201 E. Broadway. This event is open to all and is free, with a suggested canned food donation.

A discussion and performance by Eon youth and Teen Theater will follow the film. For more information, call (520) 620-6245, courtney@wingspan.org.

## 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, 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.

## Time To Make Your Tax Credit Donation To A GSA

TUCSON - If you haven't made a donation to one of the 17 active, donation-eligible Gay-Straight Alliances in southern Arizona for 2005 yet, you have until Dec. 31.

GSAs are student-initiated and student-run clubs in public and private schools, typically high schools. A GSA provides a safe, supportive place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) and straight ally youth to meet and discuss sexual orientation and gender identity issues, and to work to create a school environment free of discrimination, harassment, and intolerance.

Tucson GSAs have received thousands of dollars over the past few years thanks to the Arizona tax credit and generous, informed donors. Donations to public schools are eligible for Arizona Tax Credit 322.

Up to \$200 for single filers and \$250 for joint filers can be deducted from your tax due when you file for tax year 2005. Note this is not a tax deduction, but a tax credit.

Details on how to contribute to a GSA and claim the tax credit, including schools and donation forms, are available at [home.earthlink.net/~gsaresourcenetwork](http://home.earthlink.net/~gsaresourcenetwork).

How can I help?



You can make a difference by volunteering with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation!



Volunteer orientations are open to all those interested and are held once a month at our main office, located at 375 South Euclid Avenue.

Sign up today!

Contact Wendy Ascione at 628-7223 or [wascione@saaf.org](mailto:wascione@saaf.org)



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# Despite Loss, Anti-LGBT Vote, Tide May Be Changing

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An analysis of voter trends in Tuesday's (Nov. 8) off-year election shows that the country appears to be mellowing to Gay issues and candidates despite the approval by the electorate in Texas of an anti-Gay marriage amendment. 365Gay.com reported.

The biggest Gay win Tuesday was in Maine where voters rejected an attempt to overturn the state's LGBT civil rights law.

In Cleveland Heights, Ohio, a city council member who fought against the nation's first voter-approved domestic partner registry lost a bid for re-election to a candidate who is openly Gay. The Rev. Jimmie Hicks Jr. lost Tuesday's election to Mark Tumeo. Hicks had sued to block the creation the city's domestic partner registry, which recognizes Gay and unmarried heterosexual couples but gives no legal status or marriage rights. The registry had been approved by voters in 2003 and ruled constitutional by a Cuyahoga County judge. In July, the 8th Ohio District Court of Appeals upheld the ruling, but not before the city spent more than \$100,000 to fight Hicks' lawsuit.

Statewide in Ohio, a state that went for George Bush last year, four other LGBT candidates endorsed by the national Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund were elected. Three of the wins were for new seats, including Joe Santiago for Cleveland City Council, Nickie Antonio for an At-Large Lakewood City Council seat and Joe Lacey for a new seat on the Dayton School Board. Mary Jo Hudson won a seat she was appointed to last year on the Columbus City Council.

The Victory Fund said that of its 55 endorsements of Gay and Lesbian candidates nationwide, 35 won their races or performed well enough to proceed to a runoff.

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Dan Miller garnered 22% of the vote, enough to secure a new seat on the Harrisburg City Council. This marks the first time an openly Gay candidate was elected in that city.

In Texas, where a statewide vote Tuesday to ban legal recognition of same-sex relationships passed overwhelmingly, 33% of Houston voters supported Sue Lovell for an At-Large City Council seat, enough to propel Lovell to a December 6th runoff. Houston is the fourth largest city in the country.

"These candidates bring the skill, talent and passion that the LGBT community has to contribute to our political system and to society as a whole," said Chuck Wolfe, president and CEO of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund. "Winning races at the local level and striving for change within the political process is the surest way to achieve true equality for Gay and Lesbian Americans," Wolfe added.

Anti-Gay attacks against Norfolk, Virginia City Treasurer candidate Vivian Paige appear to have contributed to her loss. Last month, fraudulent flyers placed on cars outside an NAACP candidate forum proclaimed that Vivian Paige, a highly qualified candidate and Certified Public Accountant, is a proud Lesbian and "doesn't care what people think!" A group called Christian Leaders of Tomorrow went on TV with an ad last week targeting Paige's sexual orientation.

# Federal Anti-G/L Marriage Amendment Moves Forward

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The federal marriage amendment was approved by a Senate sub-committee Wednesday (Nov. 9) and is likely to go to a vote of the full Judiciary Committee, reported 365Gay.com.

The sub-committee voted 5 - 4 along party lines to pass the amendment, called the "Marriage Protection Act." It defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman. Democrats on the sub-committee said the amendment is not needed. The Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton already prevents the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage.

Sen. Russell D. Feingold (D-WI), the Ranking Democrat on the sub-committee said the Senate should be concentrating on more pressing issues like ethics and gas prices. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) argued that states should be allowed to make their own decisions on same-sex marriage. They said states are already taking up the issue, pointing to Texas which passed its own amendment banning Gay marriage on Tuesday and Massachusetts which already allows Gay marriage.

The amendment is sponsored in the Senate by Sam Brownback (R-KA). Brownback, expected to be a candidate for the GOP presidential nomination in 2008, is chair of the sub-committee.

The deciding vote Wednesday was cast by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA). Specter, the chair of the full Judiciary Committee, repeating remarks he made, saying that while he opposes the amendment he believes it should receive a vote on the Senate floor. His vote to send the measure to the committee he chairs ensures it will pass the Judiciary and head to the full Senate for a vote. Specter said that when the amendment comes to a final vote in the Senate he will oppose it.

Gay rights activists watched the sub-committee proceedings.

Caroline Fredrickson, Director of the ACLU Washington Legislative Office, told reporters after the vote that "the Constitution exists to protect rights, not undermine them."

Attempts by Republicans in Congress to pass the proposed amendment that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman failed last year. The measure was reintroduced in January. A House version was reintroduced in March.

"Congress rightly rejected this measure last year and it must reject it again. Discrimination against hard-working Americans has no place in our nation's founding document," Fredrickson said.

The Human Rights Campaign in a statement called the resurgence of the amendment "cynical politics."

"As the attention turns to the Senate Judiciary Committee, it's important for fair-minded Americans to make it clear that discrimination doesn't belong in the Constitution. Call your Senators, tell them that all Americans deserve the same rights, responsibilities and protections under law," HRC President Joe Solmonese said.



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## FDA Proposes Condom Labeling That Warns Of Risk

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The FDA wants condom packages to warn that condoms are less effective at stopping some sexually transmitted diseases, such as herpes and human papillomavirus, than others. The agency also wants packaging to advise that condoms that use a common spermicidal lubricant should not be used by people at risk of catching HIV, reported Advocate.com.

In proposed rules posted on its Web site, the Food and Drug Administration said the changes to male condom labels would provide people with more precise information on how well condoms work. They would apply to latex condoms, which make up about 98% of the market; rules for other condoms are forthcoming.

The FDA would not insist condom manufacturers use FDA-provided language, but they would have to include the information in some form on their packages. "More accurate information about the risks and benefits of condom use with respect to STD transmission can lead to better choices by individuals who seek to protect themselves against these infections and potentially to reduced transfer of STDs," the FDA said.

Condom packages now generally note they are effective in reducing the chance of pregnancy and getting an STD, particularly HIV, from intercourse. Under the proposed rules, condom packages would say that they are thought to be less effective against certain STDs, including herpes and human papillomavirus, because those diseases can be transmitted through skin-to-skin contact in places not covered by a condom. However, studies have shown condom use does reduce the chances of a person suffering from some of the worst effects of human papillomavirus, or HPV, which include genital warts and cervical cancer.

In addition, packages of condoms that use nonoxynol-9, which kills sperm, would come with a recommendation that they should not be used by people at risk of catching HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The spermicide can irritate the vagina or rectum, leading to a greater chance that HIV can be transmitted

from an infected partner. Packages of condoms with nonoxynol-9 already include a statement noting that the extent of the chemical's effectiveness in decreasing the risk of pregnancy beyond that of the condom itself is uncertain.

The FDA considered, and discarded, suggestions to include social or public health-related advice on condom packages, the agency said. Some activists had worried the FDA would propose far greater changes to current guidelines and exaggerate the failure rate of condoms in accordance with the wishes of some social conservatives. But that didn't happen. "I would hope that the clarifying language marks the start of a real commitment to educating the American public about the importance of condom use—and public-health programs to help people use them correctly and consistently," said Julie Davids, executive director, of the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project. She commended FDA "for sticking to sound public health rather than scare tactics."

The FDA said the financial impact on manufacturers to change their labels would be minimal. A spokeswoman for the Trojan brand of condoms said the company was reviewing the guidelines but declined to discuss them further. The proposed rules are the result of a review mandated by Congress in 2000. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) said the proposed language falls far short. "While I am encouraged that the FDA finally has recognized the inaccurate claims about contraceptives containing nonoxynol-9 and the exaggerated claims of condom protection against sexually transmitted diseases, the agency continues to promote inconclusive assurances that put women unknowingly at risk for cervical cancer, or worse," he said.

Coburn, a physician, dismissed the notion that condoms protect against cervical cancer as speculation, saying there wasn't enough science to prove it. "The FDA should stop playing political games with the health and lives of Americans and immediately comply with the law by ensuring only medically accurate information that is irrefutable on condom labels," he said.

## CDC: U.S. Syphilis Rates Continue To Climb

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced Tuesday (Nov. 8) that syphilis infections are rising, led by an increase among men who have sex with men (MSM), reported 365Gay.com.

The national rate of primary and secondary syphilis (the early stages of the disease) rose for the fourth consecutive year in 2004, since hitting an historic low in 2000. The CDC released the information during a press briefing of its 2004 national surveillance data for syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia.

"(Sexually transmitted diseases) pose a significant and ongoing threat," said Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, the acting director of the CDC's HIV, STD and TB prevention programs. "All three of the STDs ... increase the risk of HIV transmission."

"Syphilis has increased 8 percent during 2003-2004," said Dr. John M. Douglas, director of the CDC division for STD prevention. "The overall increase is attributable to men who have sex with men."

Syphilis rates increased in many U.S. cities with large Gay populations, including San Francisco, which had the highest rate of any city for the third straight year, as well as Chicago, Denver, Miami, New York City and Seattle, among others.

all racial groups," Douglas continued. "But between blacks the rates increased for the first time in a decade, largely attributable to MSM."

The syphilis rate among African-American men rose 22.6 percent in 2004.

Douglas said part of the problem came from sexual meetings arranged through the Internet, which made it difficult to track the course of new syphilis infections.

"When it comes to reducing syphilis in MSM there is no simple solution," Valdiserri said, adding that "innovative screening and prevention programs around the country are having a positive impact in many areas and providing crucial lessons that will help us meet new challenges."

The CDC also reported that the national rate of gonorrhea reached an all-time low in 2004. However, research in 28 cities found an increase in gonorrhea cases that were resistant to fluoroquinolone antibiotics, the first-line treatment for the infection, and the increase was eight times higher for MSM than for heterosexuals.



"This increase has occurred among

# Librarians On Front Lines To Protect LGBT Literature From Censorship

NEW YORK - During the 2004 Republican National Convention as thousands of protesters massed in New York City, a group of 40 volunteers came to their aid, researching questions about the convention and offering "ready reference kits" - city maps, schedules of demonstrations, lists of telephone numbers for lawyers, hospitals and lodgings, reported 365Gay.com.

The group called itself Radical Reference, and its members took to the streets to provide on-the-go information, including an explanation of a protester's rights in the event of arrest. The group's co-founder, Jenna Freedman, a librarian at Manhattan's Barnard College, and many of her colleagues in the library world are proving that the stereotype of the quiet librarian is just that.

Today's librarians are using websites, e-mail, text messages and more to create an international community of like-minded (and tech-savvy) library workers. They're challenging perceptions and redefining themselves as fierce defenders of free speech who make activism part of the job.

Jessamyn West, an Americorp volunteer at libraries in rural Vermont, may be the quintessential radical librarian working hard to protect free and open access to information. "Loosely, I believe people would be better off with less governmental interference," she proclaims on one of her websites, jessamyn.com. "I'm against hierarchies, and I believe that humans have a responsibility to look after each other and take care of one another so that everyone's strengths and creativity are utilized and maximized."

West maintains librarian.net, offering resources and information to librarians. She's also a member of the Social Responsibilities Round Table, which was formed within the American Library Association nearly three decades ago for those who believe libraries have a duty to be actively involved in the day's social issues, including feminism, poverty and racism.

This kind of watchdog activism goes along with the ALA's basic tenets, West said. Attempts at censorship are common. Librarians often encounter issues such as local legislators passing bills that bar libraries from using public funds to buy books on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Lesbian issues, she said.

This summer, at the Guilderland town library in upstate New York, trustee John Daly proposed putting an orange sticker on all young adult novels containing sexual descriptions. Daly argued it wasn't the sexual content he objected to but that he believes libraries "have an obligation to help the parents." The

proposal was ultimately rejected. "If you start labeling books for one type of content, there are lots of other things that people can find objectionable in books: racism, anti-Semitism, violence," library director Barbara Nichols Randall told the Albany Times Union.

Neither West nor the round table group was directly involved with the decision. Many radical librarians credit Sanford Berman with showing librarians that activism and librarianship go hand-in-hand. Berman, who retired in 1999 from the Hennepin County Public Library in Minnesota, has spent most of his life fighting to change subject headings in library catalogue systems that are, in his words, "archaic, foolish, clumsy, inauthentic and biased subject terms."

Because of Berman, such subject headings as ageism and homophobia have made their way into catalogue systems. His work also helped change the heading "color of man" to "human skin color." Even in retirement, he works to improve library resources for the poor and crusades for changes to the Library of Congress' cataloguing system.

Radical Reference has stayed active since the RNC, doing its part to help prevent censorship and spread information by teaching fact-checking to journalists, doing workshops on library resources and participating in other demonstrations. Its members are scattered around the U.S. and in a few other countries. The newest collective was just established in India.

Through the organization's website, questions are submitted to a group of nearly 70 Radical Referencers who research and post answers. Questions have included everything from how to identify the subject of an archival Ku Klux Klan photograph to recent immigration and deportation statistics. Questions can be asked and answered in at least nine languages besides English.

Freedman has also been working on establishing a collection of "zines," small circulation, noncommercial publications that focus on subjects usually found only on the edge of mainstream media, such as Lesbian issues. So far she has about 1,000 zines at Barnard, focusing primarily on women's issues. "The idea was that these were voices not represented in libraries," she said. "If you want an accurate picture of society, you have to hear from everyone."

The changing perceptions of librarians may be attracting more people to the profession. Enrolment in accredited Library and Information Science degree programs have climbed from 18,901 in 1997 to 26,521 in 2003, the library association said. "There's always been a group of progressive librarians, committed to free access, but it used to be harder for them to organize," said West. "The Internet has really helped to get the message out."

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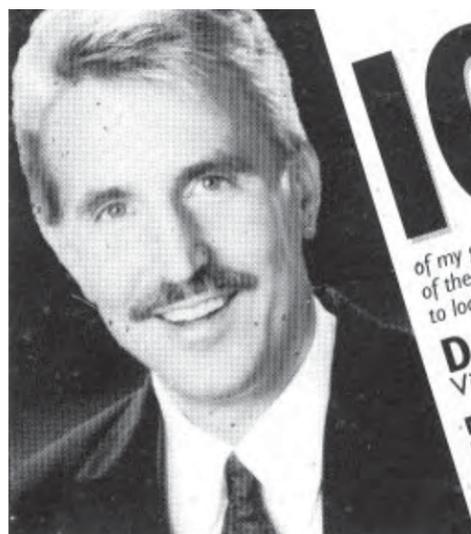
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## Post G/L Films Coming Out

NEW YORK - You better not make any remarks about Gay Perry. He'll kick your butt into next week. He may like your butt. But he'll still kick it, reported the Hackensack [NJ] Express.

"You think that's funny? I'm gonna break your nose now," says Perry (Val Kilmer) to his bumbling straight buddy Harry (Robert Downey Jr.) in "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang," a buddy-buddy detective movie with a double twist: Not only are the buddies Gay and straight, but the Gay guy is a two-fisted macho man, while his straight partner is a comic klutz.

And if you like Gay detectives, how about Gay cowboys ("Brokeback Mountain," opening Dec. 9)? And if you like Gay cowboys, how about Gay soccer players ("Guys and Balls," opening in May)? And if you like Gay soccer players, how about a Gay, deaf, white man and his black partner who are adopting a child ("The Family Stone," opens Nov. 4)?

Ready or not, here come the post-Gay movies. And audiences do seem to be ready. Ready for movies where the characters are not merely Gay - which used to be as much reality as mainstream viewers could take. These new characters are Gay-hyphen.

Such characters have turned up occasionally in supporting roles in the past (James Gandolfini as a Gay gangster in "The Mexican," The Rock as a Gay bodyguard in "Be Cool"). Now, they're center stage.

"'Will and Grace' and 'My Best Friend's Wedding' have softened us up with regards to the funny Gay character," says Shane Black, writer and director of "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang."

"'Well, all right, he's Gay, but they're so funny, those Gays.' And I thought, that doesn't really cut it. We still haven't seen the heroic Gay character that, when the chips are down, kicks down the door, shoots everybody and saves your butt."

Whether these post-Gay characters

are also post-stereotype is open to question.

Gay Perry is a tough hombre who can slug his way out of a tight corner, but he's also got a cell phone that plays "I Will Survive."

And the soccer players in "Guys and Balls," a German film, are a collection of Gay "types": a leather guy, a flamboyant guy, a hunky guy, a nerdy guy. But considered strictly as a barometer of audience attitudes, these films may be a kind of advanced. They suggest that mainstream viewers, by and large, no longer find Gayness shocking or exotic enough to be of interest on its own. Like the coffee in your local convenience store, it has become humdrum. Hence the need for add-in flavors.

"People know Gay people now, so it's not so much used for shock value," says Mark Reinhart, spokesman for Regent Releasing, which is distributing "Guys and Balls." "It's more like this makes for interesting textures or layers."

Regent and its sister company Here, a Gay TV network, have been pioneering a new market: Gay genre films. While some of the movies they make or distribute are more traditional pieces like "Summer Storm" (a Gay coming-of-age film) and "April's Shower" (about a Lesbian relationship), they have also released niche films like "Hellbent" (a Gay slasher film) and "Eternal" (a Lesbian vampire flick) and the TV drama "Tides of War," about a Gay submarine captain.

While these films are aimed at Gay audiences, some have had crossover success. "Fangoria did whole pieces on 'Eternal' and 'Hellbent,'" Reinhart says. "It tells you there is a wide variety of interest in the film-going audience."

In "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang," Black exploits this new audience savvy about Gay life to turn the conventions of the detective story upside-down. "So much of this was trying to stand the clichés of the tough-guy movie on their head," he said.

## Don't Allow Religious Right To Control Moral High Ground LGBT Activists Told

OAKLAND - More than 2,000 LGBT community leaders from across the country have been told that Gays cannot allow conservative Christians to claim the high ground in the struggle for equal rights, reported 365Gay.com.

Coming on the heels of a vote in Texas where a ban on same-sex marriage was enshrined in the state constitution, a year after 11 other states adopted similar constitutional amendments and in the expectation that at least another ten states will take up the issue over the next year, the Creating Change Conference was an opportunity for grass roots organizations to become mobilized.

The conference in Oakland was organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Executive director Matt Foreman told delegates it is time to seize the moral high ground.

"Let's start by claiming our moral values - liberty and personal freedom for all," Foreman said. He implored delegates to concentrate on two key issues this year: reach out to people of faith and demand that Democrats no longer dance around the issue of Gay marriage.

"The Democrats' response to Gay issues over the last few years has been incoherent and spineless, and that has only worked to their disadvantage," Foreman told Reuters. "There is a sense among large Gay donors to the Democratic party that they need to have the party take a stand for us."

In a keynote address to the confer-

ence University of Chicago teacher John D'Emilio and author Urvashi Vaid said that while national organizations remain vital to LGBT equality much of the work must be done at the grassroots level.

"A movement does not consist of organizations, it consists of people," said Vaid.

D'Emilio told delegates that in the public eye the most visible LGBT people are white, and that this misrepresents the wide diversity of the community

"Until we shift the colors of our visibility," D'Emilio said, "visibility will remain a double-edged sword."

One of the biggest battles over the next 12 months will be in California where two conservative groups are trying to get separate amendments on the ballot to ban Gay marriage.



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# High Court Refuses To Hear Appeal Of Pro-Transgender Ruling

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Supreme Court refused Monday (Nov. 7) to consider shielding employers from discrimination lawsuits by transsexuals, dodging a workplace rights fight, reported the (AP) on Advocate.com.

The court's refusal to intervene leaves in place a victory for Cincinnati officer Philecia Barnes, a Transgender woman who was born Phillip Barnes. A federal appeals court upheld a jury's finding that Barnes had been a victim of discrimination that violated a federal civil rights law. The city was ordered to pay the officer \$320,000 plus another \$550,000 in attorney's fees.

Barnes, a 24-year veteran of the Cincinnati police force, dressed as a man at work but as a woman during off-hours in 1999, when the officer was demoted. Barnes sometimes wore makeup to work and had manicured nails. Richard Ganulin, one of the city attorneys, told justices that employers should be protected from discrimination lawsuits based on "transsexual and homosexual characteristics." The city maintains the demotion was for professional reasons.

Had the court agreed to hear the case, arguments would have been scheduled in the spring, in time for two justices named by President Bush to weigh in. At issue was the scope of the 1964 Civil Rights Acts, which protects people from sexual or racial discrimination. Sexual orientation is not covered in the law, but justices were asked to deal with a related issue: sex stereotyping of transsexual workers.

The case would have been a follow-up to a 1989 Supreme Court decision that made it more difficult for employers to win

lawsuits accusing them of sexual stereotyping and other bias. That case involved a woman who argued she was denied promotion because her supervisors thought she did not act feminine enough.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor played a key role in that case. She sided with the woman and wrote a separate opinion that gave guidelines for lower courts to follow. Victims, she wrote, must show that "an illegitimate criterion (such as sexual stereotyping) was a substantial factor" in the employer's personnel decision.

Bush has named appeals court judge Samuel Alito to replace the retiring O'Connor, and some civil rights groups oppose the nomination. Another Bush nominee, Chief Justice John Roberts, was confirmed in time for the start of the Supreme Court's term last month. Roberts replaced Rehnquist, who had voted against the female worker in the 1989 case.

There are no good estimates of the number of Transgender workers in the United States because of their fears of going public, said Lambda Legal attorney Cole Thaler. "Trans employees are particularly vulnerable to harassment and discrimination because they deviate from employers' ideas of what men and women are supposed to look and act like," said Thaler.

The sixth U.S. circuit court of appeals in Cincinnati said that Barnes had been subjected to an unusual daily evaluation by other sergeants and required to wear a microphone at all times.

# Lambda Disavows Comment By 'Staffer' In New York Times On Alito

NEW YORK - A man identified as an employee of Lambda Legal in a New York Times article on the Supreme Court and who praised high court nominee Samuel Alito does not and has never worked for Lambda the organization said Friday (Nov. 11), reported 365Gay.com.

In an article on concerns conservatives have about the bent of the court the Times quotes David J. Stoll as saying that like Justice O'Connor, Judge Alito would not bring any ideological agenda to cases. "I think he is fantastic," the paper quotes him as saying. The article identifies Stoll as "the former Alito clerk who now works with Lambda Legal," and implies Lambda supports Judge Alito's nomination.

"Mr. Stoll is not a member of our staff or board of directors and his personal or professional opinions are his own and not those of Lambda Legal," said Lambda's Legal Director Jon Davidson. "While we certainly are fortunate to have the support of many talented donors, pro-bono attorneys and cooperating attorneys, none of them speaks to the position of Lambda Legal on this matter."

Attempts to reach Stoll were unsuccessful.

Davidson repeated the organization's position that it has not yet taken a position on Alito's nomination.

"Lambda Legal firmly believes that a strong commitment to equality and fairness for all Americans is a core qualification for a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court. Legal intellect, experience and independence are necessary, but not sufficient," said Davidson. "Our guiding principle as we examine nominees to the Supreme Court is that parties involved in civil rights claims are entitled to a level playing field when they appear before the Court. The Constitution requires this and it is every justice's responsibility to make this promise a reality."

There are few cases that Alito has



Judge Samuel Alito

heard that give an indication of his position on LGBT issues, and those are mixed.

Alito, 55, has been a strong conservative voice in his 15 years on the Philadelphia-based 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He has been dubbed "Scalito" or "Scalia-lite" by some lawyers because his judicial philosophy invites comparisons to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. In 2001, Judge Alito authored a decision in *Saxe v. State* that declared unconstitutional a public school district policy that prohibited harassment against students because of their sexual orientation or other characteristics. But, documents that emerged last week indicate that while a law student Alito advocated the repeal of sodomy laws and called for civil rights legislation for Gays and Lesbians.

Davidson said Lambda will wait until it has completed its own background check on Alito before taking an official position on his nomination. The organization, the only LGBT group likely to argue before the high court, also withheld an opinion of Judge John Roberts until hears on his confirmation were over.



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## Baylor Gay Purge Extends To Grads

WACO - Baylor University has told a graduate, who served for five years on the advisory board for its business school, that he is no longer welcome after learning that he is Gay, reported 365Gay.com.

Tim Smith, a 1983 graduate, was one of 36 members of the Hankamer School of Business advisory panel. In an interview with the Baylor Lariat, Smith says that since graduating from the Baptist school he has personally donated more than \$65,000 to Baylor and raised an additional \$60,000 to establish an academic scholarship.

Business School Dean Terry Maness asked Smith to step down after he learned of Smith's sexuality. "We must be sensitive to the position of our affiliated denomination, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which has, on previous occasions, stated that a homosexual lifestyle is incompatible with most Baptist interpretations of scripture," Maness said in a statement.

Smith calls the decision blatant

discrimination. "To openly discriminate against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and to do so in the name of God is simply shameful," he told the Lariat. "The Pharisees would be proud."

Maness did not say if the money Smith had donated to the university would be returned. In September Baylor ordered the campus Starbucks outlet to pull a coffee cup campaign that featured sayings from famous people because one of the quotes was from openly Gay writer Armistead Maupin. Maupin, whose "Tales of the City" chronicled Gay life in San Francisco's homosexual in the 1970s and 1980s, is quoted on the cups as saying "I surrendered my youth to the people I feared when I could have been out there loving someone. Don't make that mistake yourself. Life's too damn short."

Earlier this year Baylor won a lawsuit against a Gay student it had forced to leave the college. James Matthew Bass was accused of sending lewd e-mails to employees and their families after his scholarship was withdrawn and he was not able to pay tuition.

## Lawsuit: Colorado Springs Illegally Cancelled G/L Partner Benefits

COLORADO SPRINGS - A Colorado court has been told that the city's cancellation of health benefits to the partners of Gay and Lesbian municipal workers was illegal and that the benefits should be restored.

The argument was made in a brief submitted by the lawyer for two Lesbian couple who say their constitutional rights were violated when Colorado Springs City Council abruptly terminated the benefits in 2003. The city began providing health care benefits to the partners of its Gay and Lesbian workers in 2000. But, in April 2003 a new council ended the plan.

The case was filed in El Paso County District Court by Barb Henson, a 911 dispatcher, and her partner Kaylynn LaGamma, and Connie Trujillo, a unit clerk at the city-

owned hospital, and Susan Osorio identified only as a city employee. The City Attorney Stacy Rouse argued that employee benefits are not protected rights and that the city can add or delete such things from its budget from year to year.

Responding to the city, the plaintiffs attorney Trish Bangert, said that the case is not about the city's right to change the budget but the council's attempt to take away rights of privacy, autonomy and association by taking from same-sex couples something it grants to all other workers.

When the suit was filed in February Bangert said the city council was influenced by conservative Christian groups. Colorado Springs is home to the anti-Gay organization Focus on the Family.

## Gay Man Who Fought Attack Gets Out Of Jail

PHILADELPHIA - A judge threw out a manslaughter charge against a young man who fatally stabbed a teenager who allegedly attacked him because he is Gay, reported the (AP) on 365Gay.com.

Municipal Judge Gerard Kosinski also ordered 21-year-old Lucas Dawson, an aspiring singer, released from jail.

Dawson told police that seven people began taunting him, chasing him down and beating him as he walked to catch a bus Oct. 29. He said he pulled out a small knife and waved it, but when Gerald Knight, 17, punched

him, he stabbed him in the chest. Knight died within the hour.

"He did the only thing he could do, the only thing in his power to stop the attack," defense attorney Kevin T. Birley said. Dawson called police after the attack and led them to the knife. Assistant District Attorney MK Feeney praised him for turning himself in to police, but said a jury should decide if his actions were self-defense. She had not decided if she would appeal.

The day before the attack, Dawson had performed in front of the "American Idol" judges, his family said. He was eliminated after the third round.

## Victims Tell Of Hate Crime Beating

HARTFORD - Hartford detectives are aggressively pursuing leads in a hate crime in the city's south end.

Two Gay women claim they were attacked and beaten. Now, the police department is being criticized for a slow response to the attack. People familiar with the situation say two women left a Gay club and were beaten so badly, they were left with broken bones.

The victims say as they walked to their car just a few blocks away, they were surrounded by a group of young men in white bandanas and puffy jackets. The men knocked the pair to the ground, beat them, yelling names like queer and dyke. Someone called 911.

Sources said the attack victims waited an hour and a half and saw no police, no ambulance. Then some of the young men came back, intimidating the women until they left. The same sources said police did not take a report. A few days later a higher up in the Hartford Police Department learned of the hate crime and got detectives on the case. The department insists though, that a report was taken that day and detectives were assigned to it.

The victims of the attack have been reluctant to talk about what happened. They were so shaken up, they couldn't leave their homes for a week.

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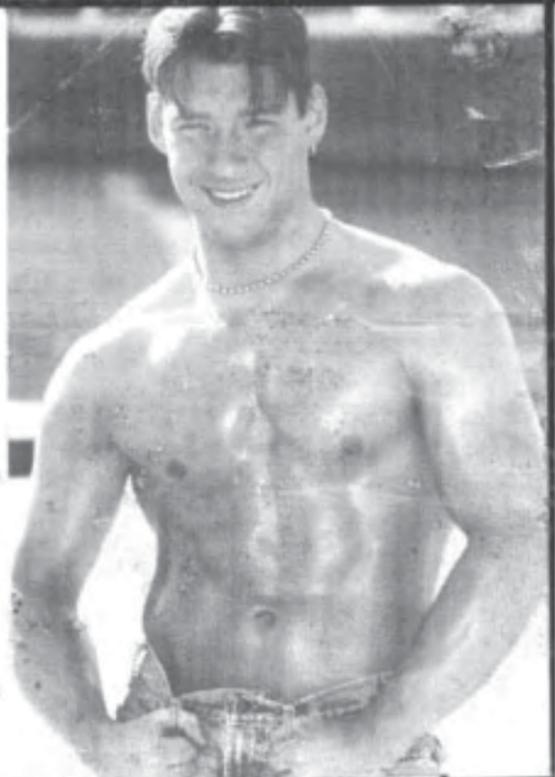
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## POLITICS 2005

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### 'Fraud, Fear, Fowl, Fleeing & A Federal Marriage Amendment'

Dear Gracie:

It's an interesting time in the place that formerly known for democracy and freedom, "the United States of America," especially after recent events and the elections that took place on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

According to Dubya and his crime family, it was the world (France, Britain, Israeli, Russia and the evil United Nations) and their faulty intelligence who got the United States (U.S.) into the war with Iraq. Remember Operation Iraqi Liberation (O.I.L.)? Since this Iraq war that the world got the U.S. involved in isn't going well, with more than 2,000 U.S. soldiers dead and thousands of Iraqis perish costing billions of dollars, so who does Dubya try to blame when the world excuse doesn't work? The Democrats Gracie, despite the fact the Republican Culture of Corruption, who controls the three branches of federal government - executive, legislative and judicial!

This "fraud" doesn't stop just at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. On Capitol Hill you have the Republican Culture of Corruption cutting programs and benefits for veterans and for those in need while giving even more tax breaks to the rich, as well as the ongoing Delay-Frist-Blunt-Abramoff scandals and need we even bring up the federal government's lack of response to Hurricane's Katrina, Rita and Wilma. America is finally waking up to their misdeeds Gracie.

Recent polls showing a majority declaring Dubya to be not trustworthy, more than 60 percent disapproving of the Bush Crime Family policies, more than two-thirds stating Iraq was a mistake, 53% of those surveyed would vote for a generic Democratic candidate while 36% would vote Republican, even if the candidate spoke out against the current cabal, and that only one in 10 voters would cast a ballot for a GOP candidate with the same views as George W. Bush and the Republican Culture of Corruption.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, was the first opportunity for America to sound off and they did in the two gubernatorial and legislative elections in New Jersey and Virginia, as well as municipal elections across the county by casting a blue, Democratic ballot.

LGBT citizens scored a victory in Maine by defeating an attempt to scuttle their statewide, anti-discrimination ordinance. Yes Gracie, the wingnuts won in Texas to the surprise of no one, it's Dubya's fraudulent home-turf but in Maine, the radical right had successfully knocked a law such as the current one of the books several times prior and this time they lost soundly!

So what is a politician and party to do when the chips are down and the political numbers look really bad?

First, try fear but since the supposed terror alert level is at orange-plus, find something else to panic the populace. So America endured "news" reports of eco-terrorists destroying computers and burning land which didn't work so onto the second option, a bird flu pandemic! Former President Gerald Ford tried the infamous "Swine Flu" pandemic in the 1970's to no avail so avian and poultry were next!

Dubya cackled about the upcoming flu season and the onslaught of bird flu that would kill so many Americans just like the 1918 influenza epidemic, blathering that he is "concerned" about it but the populace is

screwed because the feds haven't produced or purchased enough of the Tami-flu vaccine. Why? Due to the fact that the patent for the vaccine is held by a firm named Gilead. On a side note about Gilead, current Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was the former corporate head, and holds a stake in the company valued between \$5- and \$25-million dollars.

This didn't "fly" either so onto the third choice, fleeing to Asia, taking California Governor Arnold with him, who is also licking his electoral wounds, while the Republican troubles continue to mount.

With the "Occupier and Thief" out of the country, Delay and Frist move to their sure-fire answer to motivate the base, a proposed federal marriage amendment for the U.S. Constitution. Yes, smear the queers, just in time for the 2006 elections to try to keep control of Congress and the White House.

This new version is known as the "Marriage Protection Amendment," and is being spearheaded by Kansas Republican Senator, Sam Brownback, who has made his intentions known that he's going to run for the GOP presidential nomination in three years hence. Brownback, who chairs a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, recently held hearings on the proposal, calling the measure "a key issue in this session of the Senate," and that politics had nothing to do with the proposed and that, get this Gracie, "none of them takes amending the Constitution lightly." Right and Kansas has wonderful mountain ranges too!

By a 5-4 party line vote, the proposed amendment was approved and has been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration for which its chair, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who cast the deciding vote said despite the fact he is opposed to the amendment, he voted in favor to allow it a full floor Senate vote. Can we say hypocritical?!

If approved, the "Marriage Protection Act" would rescind the Massachusetts precedent. Brownback's proposed amendment will next be considered Gracie in early 2006. So appropriate, in time for the upcoming Congressional elections and the presidential contest which is just around the corner but of course politics didn't enter into the decision making on this federal legislation.

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A record high 60% say going to war in Iraq was "not worth it." In a finding consistent with previous polls, 54% say it was "a mistake" to send troops there.

Fewer than one in 10 adults say they would prefer a congressional candidate who is a Republican and who agrees with George W. Bush on most major issues.

NEWSWEEK POLL (11/12/05)

Forty-two percent of Americans believe he is honest and ethical.

When asked whether anyone in the Bush administration "acted unethically" in the case involving the leak of CIA agent Valerie Plame's name, a 54-percent majority of Americans said they did.

Sixty-eight percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the direction of the country.



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## Out And Influential

NEWYORK - Out Magazine will release its latest "Out 100" list, which honors annual significant contributions to Gay life. The roster, in the magazine's December issue, will hit newsstands Tuesday (Nov. 15), reported N.Y. Newsday.

In addition to the 100 Gay men and women "who've done something noteworthy this year," according to Out editor Brendan Lemon, the list also recognizes "straight allies" who had a significant influence on Gay life in 2005.

Sharing the cover of the issue are Chicago decorator Nate Berkus (well-known to fans of "Oprah"), Will Wikle (an openly Gay contestant on "Big Brother 5") and Sharon Stone. The Gay-friendly but straight Stone is praised for her anti-AIDS work, as well as for the "serious Lesbian lovin'" in her upcoming film, "Basic Instinct 2: Risk Addiction."

More boldfaced names celebrated include WNBA superstar Sheryl Swoopes, who last month revealed she's in a committed same-sex relationship, now-out singer Lesley Gore (it's her sexuality and she can exclaim if she wants to) and actresses Portia De Rossi (aka Ellen DeGeneres' gal pal) and Cynthia Nixon (even though, the magazine fudges, she "has never officially come out").

Others on the list are Broadway star Nathan Lane, "Desperate Housewives" creator Marc Cherry, writer Bret Easton Ellis, straight Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero (for helping usher in Spain's same-sex-marriage law) and Bisexual actress Angelina Jolie.

"A talk-show host tried to get [Jolie] to reject her Bisexual past," says Out executive editor Bruce Shenitz, who has helped assemble the roster for the past five years, "but she wouldn't go there." To make the list, Shenitz explains, "there has to be something outstanding and current about what each person is doing in their field, whether it's entertainment, business, fashion, sports, whatever."

Which explains how Patty Bouvier,

from "The Simpsons," made the cut. Marge's sapphic sis "boldly told the world she liked girls," notes Out, "and cartoon history was made. Woo-hoo!" Beyond woo-hoos, the magazine issues boos, too. Selected for their noteworthy negative impact on Gay life this year are Jeff Gannon, a homophobic White House reporter later revealed to be a Gay escort, and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who vetoed a bill for same-sex marriage. Writer Terry McMillan gets spanked, too, for noting that most Gay men, like the one she married, "are just like dogs."

## Man Convicted In Gay Date-Rape Case

TAMPA - A jury on Nov. 10 convicted Tampa resident Steven Lorenzo on 10 federal counts involving drugging and sexually assaulting Gay men in the Tampa area, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced, the Tampa Express Gay News reported.

Lorenzo is also suspected of killing two young Gay men, and he and his friend, Scott Schweickert, are expected to face state murder charges.

Lorenzo, 45, a Gay man with a penchant for extreme sadomasochistic sex and bondage scenes, was charged with nine federal counts of using the date-rape drug GHB to subdue unwilling victims whom he then sexually assaulted. He was also charged with one count of conspiracy to possess GHB with intent to distribute. Lorenzo faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on each count. He will be sentenced Jan. 27.

The alleged assaults took place between February 2000 and October 2004, according to the federal indictment. Seven alleged victims testified at the trial in U.S. District Court in Tampa.

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### Fox's O'Reilly Supports Al-Qaida Attack On San Francisco For Opposing G/L Ban

BSAN FRANCISCO - Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly is under fire for suggesting that al-Qaida should "blow up" Coit Tower, one of the San Francisco's most famous landmarks, because voters backed a resolution discouraging military recruiters on public high school and college campuses, reported 365Gay.com.

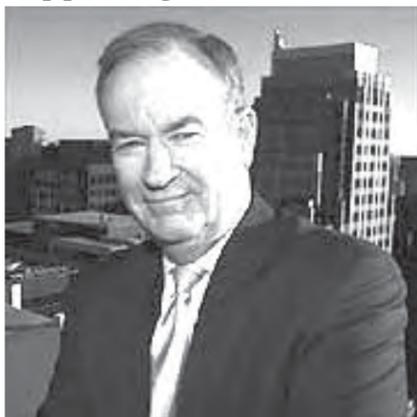
The proposition passed by a healthy majority last Tuesday (Nov. 8). It does not ban recruiters, but it does urge schools to reject them. The proposition is not binding but its let the Pentagon know how the city feels about "don't ask, don't tell" the military's ban on Gays and Lesbians serving openly.

On his Fox television show O'Reilly called for President George W. Bush to withdraw any military protection for the city. "...If al-Qaida comes in here and blows you up, we're not going to do anything about it. We're going to say, look, every other place in America is off limits to you, except San Francisco. You want to blow up the Coit Tower? Go ahead," O'Reilly said.

City supervisors reacted angrily to O'Reilly's comments. "Coit Tower's a monument to San Francisco's firefighters," said Supervisor Chris Daly. "They put out the fires in San Francisco after the great quake. American heroes - they were there on Sept. 11 and now you want al-Qaida to blow up Coit Tower? Give us a break. You are out of line."

In September, Supervisors voted 8 - 3 to reject a plan to berth the USS Iowa on the city's historic waterfront and turn it into a museum and tourist attraction. The Supervisors cited the military's ban on Gays serving in the armed forces for their rejection of the proposal. The same month the California legislature voted to call on Washington to abolish "don't ask, don't tell."

On Veterans Day, LGBT vets held a memorial in Oakland for Gays who gave their lives in the service of their country. A bill was introduced in Congress last March to repeal the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military. It is



Fox News Commentator Bill O'Reilly

sponsored by Representative Marty Meehan (D-MA), is co-sponsored by 100 Republican and Democratic lawmakers, including nine members of the House Armed Services Committee. A recent poll shows that 79% of Americans support allowing gays to serve openly. According to the Pentagon, it has discharged more than 10,000 service members for being gay, including nearly 800 with skills deemed "mission critical" by the Department of Defense.

### Kinky Gay Marriage Backer Runs For Texas Governor

FORT WORTH - Author and musician Kinky Friedman has opened a campaign office in his quest to unseat Texas Gov. Rick Perry, 365Gay.com reported.

Friedman is an Independent and considered a longshot - but the pundits dismissed wrestler Jesse Ventura when he ran for governor of Minnesota in 1998. Wearing his trademark black Stetson and smoking an illegal Cuban cigar, Friedman cut the ribbon on the campaign office in Fort Worth.

To be an independent candidate on the ballot, he must get 45,540 signatures between March 8 and May 11 from registered voters who don't cast a ballot in any party primary or runoff.

"I support Gay marriage," Friedman

says. "I believe they have a right to be as miserable as the rest of us." He then pointed to a blemish on the end of his nose saying it was probably God's punishment for his support of Gay marriage.

But, it wasn't all jokes. Asked about the amendment banning same-sex couples from marrying that was passed on Tuesday (Nov. 8), Friedman said that if elected he'd try to get voters to overturn it.

He also says he's in favor of prayer in schools "I'll also contend you won't find any other candidate that supports Gay marriage and prayer in school, for a very good reason, and that is - the party tells these people what to think," Friedman said.

"So that just shows that I'm honest and that I'm independent-thinking, and if you stop to think about it, that's not a bad trait for a governor." Perry campaign director Luis Saenz



Kinky Friedman

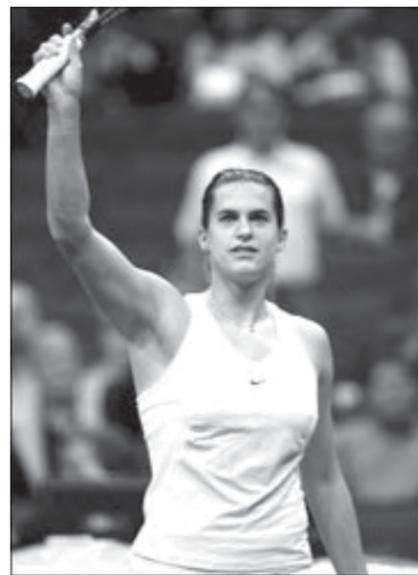
compared the Friedman effort "no less a joke than what Democrats have put up in recent years.

Perry is being challenged for the GOP nomination by state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn. Former U.S. Representative Chris Bell of Houston is the best-known Democratic candidate. Meanwhile Friedman has gone some high powered support for his bid for the governor's mansion in form of Willie Nelson. The country star recently held a fundraiser that netted tens of thousands of dollars for the Kinky campaign.

Country Music Television is working on a reality show on Friedman's run for the governorship. The network has already committed to airing a preview of the proposed show based. If it's successful CMT will shoot a whole season, following Friedman and his campaign

across Texas. According to a recent Zogby International poll, Friedman would get 21 percent of the vote. Jesse Ventura didn't reach 21 percent in a similar poll until a week before he was elected Minnesota governor.

### Mauresmo Outslugs Pierce



Amelie Mauresmo

LOS ANGELES - Amelie Mauresmo closed out the pro tennis season with her biggest career victory on Sunday at the WTA Championships in Los Angeles. Mauresmo, an openly gay player from France, outlasted fellow Frenchwoman Mary Pierce in the grueling three-set final, 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-4. The match lasted three hours and six minutes, reported the PlanetOut Network,

After the final point Mauresmo sank to her knees and kissed the court floor. She then met Pierce at the net for a hug and a kiss on the cheek. The WTA Championships is the last tournament of the season and is sometimes called "the fifth Grand Slam," ranking in prestige just below Wimbledon and the Australian, French and U.S. Open tournaments. Mauresmo earned a \$1 million cash prize for her victory; Pierce won \$500,000.

Mauresmo, 26, has never won a Grand Slam tournament. She came closest in 1999, losing in the final of the Australian Open. A former No. 1-ranked player, Mauresmo ends the year ranked third in the WTA Tour rankings, behind No. 1 Lindsay Davenport and No. 2 Kim Clijsters, the Associated Press reported.

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Mercury retrogrades and eventually backs into Scorpio giving us a sense of new oomph with an element of surprise. We find the ability to strategically put out best foot forward but may be unaware of the potholes. Wave the rainbow banner and don't trip on the curb!

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

Travel plans may go awry when retro Mercury loses your luggage. Proud Rams are advised to content themselves with the familiar and routine despite their gnawing desire to spread their wings and soar to new destinations. You find that it is too much trouble to keep all the loose ends tied despite all your best ropes. Leave Paris to the French ... or wherever she wants to go.

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

The temptation will be to speak from your heart this week and let your hands roam into new territories. Check for buried land mines before your paws become ensnared. Lovers send out verbal signals that either seem to miss you entirely or zap you between the eyes. Try not to overreact. Let your passionate embers simmer in preparation for a rousing winter fire.

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

Expect a few set-tos with partners during retro Mercury. Misunderstandings can abound and suddenly not only are you not in sync but there are distinct fissions. Hold the fort together with patience. Single pink Twins may find that their best moves fail to impress. So why bother right now? Gather a few bosom buddies who know you well and just be yourself. Oh dear....

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

This is a great time to escape and do something fun and different. That's because your day to day work will be even more onerous than usual. No matter how hard you try to accomplish your small tasks, they become entangled in the larger picture with false starts, detours and mishaps. Who needs this aggravation? Not you Gay Crab. Take five. Second thought, take ten.

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

This is no time to sit back and let the good times roll. They are apt to roll over you. Proud Lions can't seem to find a way to just relax and have fun while Mercury retrogrades. Expect creative block and scattered priorities. But don't worry cousin. Think of all the momentous work you can accomplish while you wait for a true relaxing moment. How great is that!

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

You mean well around relatives but it seems that no matter what you say or do it is misunderstood. Chalk it up to retro Mercury and practice listening rather than doing. Queer Virgins should probably avoid any home improvements at this time since what you think you want to do will not be the final result. Isn't anyone listening to you? Err yes but you are not making any sense.

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

Your are debonair, sultry and sexy and charm just about anyone ... until you open your mouth. Is that spinach in your teeth, queer Libra? Retro Mercury makes even the smoothest talker an insulting bore. So save your best lines for the bank and let your actions speak louder and prouder than your words. That is, if you don't accidentally spill the drinks into your romantic dinner.

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

Whether you are a bull or a bear there should be no buy or sell while Mercury retrogrades. Instead, put your call out for a quiet (read: cheap) evening. Proud Scorps squander on nonsense and can even be cheated because they are not communicating effectively. You may want what you want when you want it but who the heck knows what that is? Certainly not you!

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

Gay Archers are verbally challenged even in the best of times. Now, during retro Mercury, your gaffs take on mammoth proportions. Try to postpone any important meetings or interviews - you will either be late or wish you were. Let's just hope that others will know you well enough to realize that you are now Sadge to the nth degree before they give you the cold shoulder.

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

Your intuition goes into overdrive and suddenly you are imagining slights, bumps and quarks where there simply aren't any. Things that have come to light over the past few weeks are now fading and are not as frightening as you first thought. So this is not the time to overreact to perceived cosmic rumblings, pink Cap. Perhaps it is just your stomach? Go to lunch. Order wine.

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

Mercury retrogrades and Aqueerians can begin to feel out of the loop socially. Somehow your great group ideas either fall flat or are ignored. Compadres may disagree with you or there may be several instances of gross miscommunication. Oh so what! You are an independent soul. Go your own way for now and wait for the right time to re-emerge as the belle of the ball. Ring-a-ding!

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

You have been very crafty in your professional arena recently but expect a span of corporate peril if you do not speak and listen carefully. Guppies grapple with retro Mercury in their career efforts. That means that important instructions, phone calls and emails may go astray and lead you to wasted efforts or incorrect results. It's a great time to vacation.

## Noel Coward's Partner, Graham Payn Dies

GENEVA - Graham Payn, an actor and singer who was Noel Coward's longtime companion, died this week in Switzerland at the age of 87, according to news reports.

Born in South Africa in 1918, Payn moved to England in 1929. At the age of 14 he first auditioned for the Noel Coward revue, "Words and Music." In 1945 Coward wrote a leading role for Payn in the show "Sigh No More." The production marked the beginning of their professional and personal relationship, which lasted until the playwright's death in 1973.

After performing in several other stage musicals, Payn turned to television and film, with little lasting success. Perhaps his best-known film was "The Italian Job" (1969), in which he shared comic scenes with Coward. Payn lived with Coward in lavish homes in Switzerland and Jamaica, and he worked less and less during the 1960s - a fact Coward commented on publicly. "He is, I fear, a born drifter," Coward said, according to the Telegraph newspaper. "I know his theatrical career has been a failure but there are other ploys to go after. He sleeps and sleeps and the days go by. I love him dearly forever ... and am happy to look after him for the rest of my life but he must do something."

Payn oversaw Coward's estate after his death and co-edited the playwright's diaries in 1982. In 1994 he wrote his autobiography, "My Life with Noel Coward."

"I loved the man totally," Payn said of Coward. "I realized that I wanted nothing more than to share my life with this remarkable man, to help and protect him as best I could. If I had to write my epitaph it would read 'Friend of Noel Coward.'"

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

**Thursday, November 17**

#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.

#2 Call Robert at 400-1376 and reserve by Noon today for Pizza Night on the 18th.

**Friday, November 18**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Lloyd as he hosts Pizza Night. For just \$5.00, come and enjoy a night of Pizza and good conversation. For reservations and directions, please call Robert at 400-1376. Please reserve your spot by noon on Thursday, November 17th.

**Saturday, November 19**

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerome Beillard Festival For Life, a live and silent auction fund raising event for SAAF will take place from 5pm until 8:30pm. The event takes place at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University Blvd. Tickets are \$50 in advance. \$60 at the door. For more information call 628-7223 or email events@saaf.org. Amazing artwork, casino-style gaming and live entertainment. Convenient parking at the Mountain and Second Street Garage.

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 8:30 a.m. Join Robert, Mike & Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack & Mike at 881-5733 or Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Steve at 664-2076.

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

**Sunday, November 20**

3 - 5 p.m. The new Men's Erotic Massage Group is a great way to meet men and have clean, safe erotic fun. Non-sexual. Call Marc in advance at 881-4582 for information and to sign up. We have been doing this group for 15 years. Small fee.

**Monday, November 21**

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Unconditional Love" starring Kathy Bates, Rupert Everett and Dan Aykroyd (after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

#3 Reserve for Thanksgiving Dinner on the 24th at Rick and John's, 743-3289.

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

**Tuesday, November 22**

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

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Jim hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

**Wednesday, 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.

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**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**

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**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.

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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## Treason Lite

by Lee Thorn

I can understand why we have to pretend that the president and his vice president weren't involved in blowing the cover of a CIA agent. Their involvement would amount to a kind of cannibalism/infanticide that is just too horrible to contemplate.

I mean the CIA is the president's baby, pure and simple. For the president or vice president to rat out an agent in order to punish her husband would be like a father killing his daughter in order to annoy a particularly unpleasant boyfriend.

But what I don't understand is why the reporter who wrote the column outing the CIA agent has apparently escaped any serious form of public rebuke. He still writes his column. He still has several regular TV gigs. Why isn't this unpatriotic snitch a social pariah?

I'm not saying that he broke any law. I'm not saying that he committed treason. "Treason" as a crime is of course a legal term whose technical ramifications I'm happy to leave to lawyers.

What I am saying is that, under purely colloquial usage, the man is a "traitor." He betrayed his country's secret to the world — friend and foe alike — for the sole purpose of sucking up to the rich and infamous.

And I haven't heard any credible justification offered for his treachery. I haven't heard anyone argue that he couldn't have made whatever point he was trying to make in his column without betraying his country.

I haven't heard anyone argue that he didn't know what he was doing. In fact I saw the snitch himself say that he checked with the CIA about whether they'd mind his proposed revelation and they asked him not to make it.

I haven't hear anyone say that it didn't matter. And here's where it's getting more interesting of late. Some Democratic congressmen are currently trying to find out how much it did matter; they want to see the official CIA damage assessment.

It's a weighty question. When somebody's been a spy for twenty years, she's presumably developed several assets in several countries. When our snitch outed her, all of the intelligence agencies in the countries where she's operated said, "Wow! She was a spy."

Let's take a look at all our nationals who've had contact with her and make sure they weren't her agents."

It's hard to know just how much damage our snitch has caused because we can't know what our spy's agents will be able and willing to reveal when their fingernails are being roughly removed. There's the possibility of a domino effect, not the imaginary kind of Dr. Kissinger, but a real one where a tortured agent of our outed spy identifies agents who the CIA didn't even know about. In other words, the outing of our spy may lead to the unraveling of networks unknown even to us.

So how does our snitch justify his betrayal? How does he keep his jobs and why does everybody treat him like he's done nothing wrong?

There once was a CIA agent who wrote a book called INSIDE THE CIA in which he named active agents. He justified his action as being a patriotic duty by claiming that the CIA was doing harmful things which actually undermined our national interests. He claimed to be helping his country by making it more difficult for the CIA to do things that hurt it.

A lot of people bought that agent's argument. They were people who felt that the CIA had gotten completely out of hand and was

engaging in international crimes that were making the U.S. unpopular overseas.

Our current snitch is not making a similar argument. The only credible claim that I've heard made in his defense is that he may not have done anything illegal. So I guess it's okay to betray your country's interests to punish someone who's been critical of your friends just as long as you find a way to do it that's not illegal.

I don't think there's a freedom of the press issue here. I'm not arguing for prior restraint or for subsequent legal sanctions. I don't think we're dealing with a crime in this instance.

I'm just wondering why, when a contemptible snitch damages his country to suck up and doesn't even pretend to have an excuse or a justification, why in that situation said snitch doesn't reap the obloquy he so richly deserves.

[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.]

## Complaint Filed Over Anti-Military Campus Protest

RENO - A College Republicans leader at the University of Nevada, Reno, has gone to court over the campus "kiss-in for justice" protest against military recruiters, reported (AP) on Advocate.com.

In a complaint filed in Washoe County district court, group vice chairman Matt Beiser accuses student protesters of intimidating and verbally abusing students trying to talk to recruiters at a UNR career fair. The complaint against the Queer Student Union, Nevada Students for Peace and Solidarity, and Act Now to Stop War & End Racism seeks a temporary restraining order and unspecified legal costs. "The idea behind it was that it's not fair that those groups should be able to dissuade people from finding out about the military recruitment on campus," Beiser told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Representatives of the three groups denied the charges and decided Friday night to allow the American Civil Liberties Union to file a motion to dismiss the complaint. About two dozen protesters stood with signs around recruiter tables and handed out literature about nonmilitary career options after some protesters kissed each other. They were protesting recruiters' presence on campus as well as the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay service members.

"We don't believe kissing and holding hands is a form of harassment and believe that this lawsuit is a homophobic reaction and a blatant attempt at intimidation," the Queer Student Union said in a statement. ACLU officials said the lawsuit was flawed and moot because it merely sought a temporary restraining order.

The complaint was filed the same day the two-day career fair ended. But George Higgins, state chairman of College Republicans, said he's hopeful a permanent restraining order banning similar demonstrations would be issued.

Protesters also were accused of blocking access to recruiters' tables. But UNR assistant police chief Todd Renwick said three officers were sent to the career fair and nobody reported any problems. "If they [protesters] were blocking tables, it was never pointed out to us," Renwick said.



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**Expert: Mayor Downloaded Gay Images**

SPOKANE - The embattled mayor of Spokane, Wash., used his City Hall computer to voluntarily download photos and files from a Gay Web site, a computer expert said in an affidavit filed Friday (Nov. 11), reported 365Gay.com.

The statement from Josiah Roloff of Global CompuSearch LLC refutes the contention of Mayor Jim West's lawyers, who say that the files — including over 1,000 photos of young Gay men — were downloaded automatically without his knowledge when he visited sites like Gay.com.

The two sides are waiting to hear whether a Spokane County Superior Court judge will grant a newspaper's request for access to the mayor's computer.

Mayor West, a Republican who has championed anti-Gay causes, is fighting for his political life after the newspaper, the Spokesman-Review, revealed last May that he sought sex with young Gay men in chat rooms and offered city jobs to one or more of them. The scandal resulted in a citizens' initiative to recall the mayor by special election on Dec. 6.

Roloff, working with the Spokesman-Review, said in the affidavit that an index of West's computer files indicated that he had visited Gay.com 56 times, with many of those visits requiring a user name and password. "The Gay.com site will not display personal profiles and the images included on the profiles absent the computer user's affirmative choice to view a certain profile," Roloff said, as reported by the Associated Press (AP).

The Department of Justice is also conducting an investigation of West, but so far no charges have been filed.

In an interview with the AP, West refused to discuss his sexual orientation but expressed remorse for his online activities. "I wish I had never gone online at all. I just wish I hadn't," he said. "I scratch my head today. I can't tell you why."

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

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**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.

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## 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.

# G/L Bosnians Want Out Of Their Own Country

**SARAJEVO** - Many Gays and Lesbians in Bosnia are so afraid of discrimination and rejection that they conceal their sexual orientation or make plans to leave the country, a Gay rights group said Monday (Nov. 7), reported the (AP) on Advocate.com.

"When it comes to Gay rights, we are now where the Western world was in the 1950s and 1960s: Most Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual persons fear if their secret would be made public, they would be rejected by their families, colleagues, and friends," said Svetlana Djurkovic, coordinator of Bosnia's only registered group for Gays, the Q Association.

She said her group interviewed a number of Gays in Bosnia. "Up to 50%...told us they want to leave the country," she said. Among the 214 people interviewed, 90% said they keep their sexual orientation a secret, and 24% said they felt discriminated against either at work or elsewhere. Djurkovic said the study would be expanded.

Open discussion of homosexuality is not yet common in Bosnia. A film depicting Gay love during the 1992-1995 Bosnian war sparked fierce debate in Sarajevo last year even before it was finished. Sarajevo director Ahmed Imamovic's film Go West tells the story of two Gay men—a Serb and a Muslim transvestite—who attempt to flee the besieged Bosnian capital and are captured at a checkpoint by Bosnian Serbs.

Imamovic told reporters in a recent interview that "families easier accept if a member of their family is a war criminal than if he's Gay." More than 75% of Bosnians said in an opinion poll published in May that they would feel "unpleasant" in the company of a Gay person, and 80% had a negative view of homosexuality. The poll of 1,500 Bosnians over age 18 was carried out by the Prism Research agency and was the first survey to question Bosnian attitudes toward homosexuality. Djurkovic said she hopes life for Bosnia's Gays will improve as Bosnia seeks to gain membership in the European Union.



# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LESBIAN AND 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.

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

**LIKE TO READ?** The Guys' Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join us. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday, at 6:30 p.m. Reading selections include Gay-themed novels, bios and other nonfiction. For location or more info, email Bryan at [Briansct@aol.com](mailto:Briansct@aol.com)

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

**LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP.** Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, a reading from a Buddhist religious text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Meets every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Sean Seeba at 622-8759 for more information.

**LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment.** Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

**NEW TUCSON SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP.** Secular Organizations for Sobriety - Sundays 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. at 739 N. 4th Avenue. Contacts Rick R. 520-792-2604 or Gary S. 520-323-1969. More information at [www.secularhumanism.org/sos/](http://www.secularhumanism.org/sos/) This group is an alternative to 12-step programs.

**MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP** (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, (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.

**MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY FORMING** for anyone wanting quality friendships, better health and more passion in their lives. This group has far-reaching benefits for those who want to explore their own spirituality, sexuality and purpose in life. Weekly social events include Keys to Healthy Relationships, and Be Your Own Best Lover. Also events include entertainment like dinner, movies, theater and art. Group discussions. Group fun with intimacy, spontaneity and play. A great way to meet other men who are on a more focused path. Contact Marc Haberman, Holistic Health Practitioner at 881-4582.



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