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## Organ Donation Rejected By CDC Because Man Was Gay



Albert Soto

TUCSON - Albert Soto, a Tucson actor and community activist who died Saturday, (Nov. 26) intended to donate his eyes and tissue after death, but both were rejected because he was Gay, reported the Tucson Citizen.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has established guidelines allowing centers to reject donations from men who have had sex with men within the past five years, said Sara Pace Jones, a spokeswoman with the Donor Network of Arizona.

Soto, an administrator with the Tucson Pima Arts Council, died after suffering a stroke on Thanksgiving Day. Though Soto, 51, intended to be an organ donor, the organ recovery network rejected his donations.

The decision has outraged Soto's family members. They are trying to rally the support of local elected officials to have the guidelines changed.

"It's an odd thing to have to deal with," said Anthony Bernal, 32, Soto's godson and nephew.

"You're trying to mourn, but you're getting caught up in the trampoline of ups and downs of politics," Bernal said.

Bernal said Soto is being robbed of his last wish.

"It's unfortunate that it hinges on that issue," he said.

In addition to his eyes and tissue, Soto's other organs were rejected, but the reason is not clear.

Patient confidentiality bars the network from discussing specific cases, but Pace Jones said fewer than 1 percent of deaths result in suitable organ donations. In some cases, the cause of death can affect whether donations will be accepted.

Pace Jones urged others not to avoid signing the Arizona Donor Registry, a database of people who have agreed to be donors.

"There's definitely a shortage of organ donors, so we need everyone to sign up," Pace Jones said.

More than 44,000 people have signed, she added.

"Don't rule yourself out medically," she said. "You may be ruled out for tissue, but you may be able to donate organs for the purpose of transplantation."

[Information about Soto's Memorial Service is on page two in this week's Observer.]

## Gay Man On Trial Seeks To Keep Partner From Testifying

NEW YORK - A Gay man charged in an \$11.2 million embezzlement case has asked a judge to rule that the state's marital privilege law, which protects husbands and wives from having to testify against each other in criminal court, also applies to same-sex partners, reported 365Gay.com.

Stephen Signorelli, of Manhattan, is fighting charges that he stole at least \$219,000 from a public school district in Roslyn, N.Y., as part of a broader series of schemes that cost the district millions. His domestic partner, Frank Tassone, the district's former superintendent, pleaded guilty this year to stealing \$1 million between 1996 and 2002. As part of his plea bargain, he agreed to testify against other defendants in the case, which meant he might have to take the stand in Signorelli's trial.

In a motion filed before a judge in Nassau County, Signorelli sought to bar such an appearance, saying he and Tassone deserved the same protection as a heterosexual couple. "Mr. Tassone and I have been loving partners for 33 years," Signorelli said in an affidavit, adding that the two had participated in "a solemn religious ceremony" conducted while they were on a Caribbean cruise, "to memorialize our relationship and love for one another." The two also registered as domestic partners in New York City, where they live, in 2002.

"It's our position that the statute should be read gender-neutral," Signorelli's attorney, Kenneth Weinstein, told Newsday this week. "If a heterosexual couple can assert marital privilege, then a homosexual couple should be able to do the same." Weinstein and an attorney for Tassone did not immediately return phone messages left at their offices. Prosecutors have yet to respond to the motion and Judge Alan Honorof has not indicated how he might rule in the case.

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World AIDS Day 2005  
Thursday, December 1  
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## U.S. Catholics Are Divided Over New Vatican Directive On Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Grappling with the implications of a Vatican directive that would bar most Gay men from seminaries, Roman Catholics at several parishes around the country offered sharply contrasting interpretations of its impact on the priesthood, on the potential for sex abuse by clergy members and on the church itself, reported the New York Times.

More than three dozen interviews at churches in Los Angeles and around Boston, Washington and Austin, Tex., underscored that Catholics were as divided as the rest of the country in their attitudes about Gay men and Lesbians. Roughly half the Catholics interviewed praised the Vatican document as upholding church teachings, which consider homosexuality "objectively disordered." But just as many parishioners criticized it as unfair to Gay men, saying that a priest's commitment to celibacy should be the issue, not his sexual orientation.

Similarly, some Catholics said that because the majority of victims in the scandals involving sexually abusive priests were boys, barring Gay men from the priesthood would reduce the likelihood of such abuse in the future. But others said there was no link between homosexuality and pedophilia, especially many parishioners in Boston, an archdiocese profoundly affected by the sexual abuse scandal.

Both sides largely predicted that if the directive, or instruction, was vigorously enforced, it would reduce the number of priests ordained in the Catholic church at a time when it is grappling with an acute shortage of clergy members. Yet supporters of the Vatican's stance said that such a step was necessary to root out priests whom they considered dangerous.

"If it is part of church doctrine, we'd be better off with 5 percent less priests, but who conform to church doctrine, rather than a few more," said Travis Corcoran, 34, the owner of an online DVD rental company, as he left an early Mass at St. Agnes Parish in Arlington, Mass., near Boston. "It's the same way if there's a shortage of school bus drivers. If you drug-test school bus drivers and the result is there are a few less school bus drivers, that's better."

Work on the document began years ago in the tenure of Pope John Paul II, but last spring, Pope Benedict XVI cast the issue in terms of the recent sexual abuse scandals, saying there was a need to "purify" the church. The document, which was published last week on an Italian Catholic Web site, would exclude from the priesthood men "who are actively homosexual, have deep-seated homosexual tendencies, or support the so-called 'Gay culture.'"

It would allow into the priesthood those who had "clearly overcome" what it deemed "transitory" homosexual impulses at least three years before ordination as a deacon, the last step before priesthood. The document did not define "overcome."

Bernadette Ruiz, a stay-at-home mother of three boys in Austin, Tex., echoed many Catholics who said they thought the directive discriminated against Gay men by targeting them for greater scrutiny and possible expulsion.

"Once you enter the priesthood, you

give up sexual activity, whether you're straight or Gay," Ms. Ruiz said as she left Mass at St. Catherine of Siena in southwest Austin. "We're taught to love and forgive and be open. To single out people is to go against what we're being taught." She added: "Some people, they make it seem like if a priest is Gay, they are less than a priest. I don't believe that."

But proponents of the instruction applauded the Vatican for reaffirming a longstanding position on homosexuality, especially in the face of growing acceptance of Gay men and Lesbians in the West. "Somebody has to have standards, not just politically but morally," said Sharon France, 65, a retired building supply executive from Phoenix, who attended Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles with her husband, Tom, 69.

Mr. France said the ban should go even further to encompass anyone who had ever had homosexual tendencies. "I don't think you can make chicken soup out of chicken feathers," he said. "It should be either one way or the other."

Most supporters of the directive said they believed there was a link between homosexuality and the sexual abuse by clergy members that has recently rocked the church, and they said the initiative would make such scandals less likely in the future.

"There were good intentions in the past, with people saying, 'Let's pray for it, treat it,' and now we have to deal with it," said Robert Searby, 49, who was attending Mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale, Va., where his son, James, is a priest. "It should be done with charity, but that doesn't mean meekness."

But many Catholics said the directive served only to scapegoat Gay men, rather than deal with what they see as the root causes of the sexual abuse. Those Catholics say that pedophilia is not tied to sexual orientation and that the church hierarchy is ignoring its own missteps in the scandals.

"They're afraid to look at themselves because they allowed the abuse to happen," said Kevin Thomas, 73, a retired social studies teacher from Woburn, Mass, who was at coffee hour at Sacred Heart Parish in Lexington, Mass. "All those people sent priests back in to abuse more and more."

Some worshipers, including Paul Bjamason, 37, predicted that the directive, if carried out forcefully, could alienate Gay Catholics. "Any time you have something like this, there is bound to be collateral damage," Mr. Bjamason said as he watched his three young children play in the entry hall to Holy Spirit Church in Annandale. "I don't know if it changes much but it brings the issue to the fore, and so people will probably feel more shunned because of it."

Others still said they were disturbed by how the directive could winnow the church of good priests. "I'm disappointed in the Vatican," said Patsy Heuchling, 80, a retiree from Winchester, Mass., at a coffee hour after Mass at Sacred Heart Parish. "I know priests who are Gay, and I fear it will make them uncomfortable - maybe even marginalized. I resent the missed opportunity to welcome young men who are Gay, but are put off. We may never know the good priests we have lost from this."

# UPDATE

## “As We Dream By The Fire” Dec. 3 - 4

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and straight supportive chorus, will present “As We Dream by the Fire” on Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, 2:00 p.m., at the Dunbar Auditorium, 300 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., officially opening their 17th Season.

This group of singers under the direction of Chris Tackett, will wow you with their amazing ability to sing in a wide variety of musical styles from tender ballads to jazzy big band pieces like “I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm”, their toe-tapping show opener. The chorus members work collaboratively with Tackett to develop their shows, drawing from their own experiences in life to create an end product that is way more than a choral concert. Mixing old favorites like “Let It Snow” and “Walking in a Winter Wonderland” with fresh arrangements and songs by both Tackett and accompanist Namoli Brennet, gives their shows a great deal of style and pizzazz. Brennet has contributed two new songs to the show, along with a delightful arrangement of “Auld Lang Syne” that is sure to please.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from chorus members, at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave, or by calling the Desert Voices office at (520)791-9662. Ticket prices are \$15 and \$12 for Seniors and Students in advance and all tickets will be \$18 at the door, if available. Season tickets are also still available at an additional discount and more information about their complete season is available on their website at [desertvoices.org](http://desertvoices.org). Make plans today to see and Hear Desert Voices in “As We Dream By The Fire.” It's a cozy moment you wouldn't want to miss!

## Tucson Marks World AIDS Day Dec. 1

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

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

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

## Celebrate The DP Registry Dec. 3

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

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

Free and open to everyone—straight allies encouraged to attend! Drop by for just a

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

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

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

## RGMC Holiday Concert Dec. 10-11

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

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

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

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

## Anti-Papal Edict Stirs Priest To Resign

MESA - A Catholic priest in Mesa has resigned as a pastor because of “aggressive anti-Gay positions” coming from the pope in Rome and bishop in Phoenix, the Arizona Republic reported.

The Rev. Leonard Walker, 58, who as pastor was chief executive of Queen of Peace church, is the first priest in the Phoenix Diocese to resign over church treatment of Gay men, specifically a new Vatican document aimed at keeping Gay men out of the priesthood.

Walker declined to disclose his sexual orientation, but he said he was no longer comfortable “wearing the uniform” of the priesthood. “It's like a Jew wearing a Nazi uniform,” Walker said. “I could no longer stay in that institution with any amount of integrity.” His decision comes on the eve of the release of an instruction from the Vatican that limits entrance into seminaries primarily to heterosexual men.

The Rev. Chris Carpenter, pastor of Christ the King Catholic church in Mesa, said

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## IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT SOTO

TUCSON - A generous spirit was second nature to Albert Soto, reported the Arizona Daily Star. He gave of his talents, his energy, his support and time.

Finally, when the 51-year-old actor and arts administrator died Saturday, he gave life to others by donating his organs. Soto suffered a massive stroke on Thanksgiving Day, and his family removed him from life support at St. Joseph's Hospital on Saturday, (Nov. 26).

“Albert was very giving; he was fabulous,” said Annabelle Nuñez, who first met Soto in the early 1990s, when he hired her to be his assistant at the Tucson Pima Arts Council. “He was selfless. He gave and gave and gave to the very end. He worked for the under-represented. He gave a voice for those who didn't have one. He was a friend, an advocate, a leader.”

Soto, a Tucson High and University of Arizona graduate, received fame in Tucson in his role as Lucifer in Borderlands Theater's annual production of “A Tucson Pastorela.” He had been with the production since its beginnings 10 years ago, playing the same role with indulgent relish. When he made his grand entrance, cheers usually rose up in the theater. “A Tucson Pastorela” will continue this year without him, but the production will be dedicated to Soto.

While his acting was visible, Soto did some of his best work behind the scenes, connecting artists with money and people. For a long time, he helped determine grant recipients through the Tucson Pima Arts Council. More recently, he had been in charge of the arts component of Art Works, an alternative education program the council runs with the Tucson Unified School District. He especially loved finding struggling artists on the edge artistically and giving them voice and support.

“He cared very much about the arts,” said Barclay Goldsmith, founder of Borderlands Theater and a longtime friend. “I think he wanted very much to have young artists flourish, particularly artists that were often on the margins. He wanted to help them find their voices and their passions. He was very concerned that grants be distributed to as many young and new voices as possible. He was a dreamer. He was doing stuff nobody else was doing.”

His ironic sense of humor coupled with his passion made him a favorite among artists, art lovers and audiences, said Goldsmith.

Soto's volunteer energies went beyond the arts. He worked for children's rights, particularly equity issues in TUSD, and for women's rights, said Nuñez. Earlier this year he was named volunteer of the year for the western region of Planned Parenthood. “He wanted justice in the world,” she said. “This community is going to feel a great loss.” Soto was a Board member of Wingspan, Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT Community Center as well as involved in LULAC, President of Local Council 1057.

Soto is survived by his parents, Frank and Irene Soto, his brother, Joey, and sister, Yolanda Bernal, all of Tucson. Funeral Services are Saturday, December 3, 8:30 a.m. at El Minuto Cafe, El Tiradito (shrine), 354 South Main St, procession to St. Augustine Cathedral, 9:30 a.m. Rosary at St. Augustine Cathedral, 10:00 a.m. mass, followed by a procession to Hotel Congress

The Arts Council is accepting donations for the Albert Soto ArtWORKS! Academy Scholarship Fund. Please make checks payable to: Albert Soto Youth Scholarship Fund, Tucson Pima Arts Council, 10 E Broadway, Ste 106, Tucson AZ 85701.

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# COMMENTARY . . .

## GLAAD: Eye On The Media

GLAAD Calls on Media to Scrutinize Vatican Policy Barring Gay Seminarians: The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) called on the nation's media to carefully examine the implications of a leaked Vatican document that seeks to bar gay men from becoming seminarians and priests.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, an Italian Catholic news Web site called Adista leaked a copy of "Instruction Concerning The Criteria Of Vocational Discernment Regarding Persons With Homosexual Tendencies In View Of Their Admission To Seminaries And Holy Orders." The document, which Vatican officials have said will be released Nov. 29, says that the Catholic Church "cannot admit to seminary or holy orders those who are actively homosexual, have deep-seated homosexual tendencies, or support the so-called gay culture."

**Vigorous Questioning, Scrutiny of Document's Claims:** "This is a situation with tremendous potential for inaccurate and even defamatory coverage," said GLAAD President Neil Giuliano. "And while coverage to date has been generally good, there have been incidents where media have presented without basic scrutiny the Vatican's latest attempt to scapegoat honorable gay priests for the abuse crisis in the Catholic Church."

GLAAD is urging media to carefully examine the language of the Vatican document — including the suggestion that gay men cannot "relate properly with men and women" and the document's vague, peculiar dictate that seminarians may not support "gay culture" — as well as its claim that being gay is "objectively disordered."

"It's important that media look closely and with skepticism at the assumptions underlying this policy, which contin-

ues a history of denigrating gay life, gay identity and the vast, honorable majority of gay priests," said GLAAD Director of National News Cindi Creager. "While the fact that some Catholic leaders are still waging a campaign to scapegoat innocent gay priests is newsworthy, media outlets should neither present nor permit others to present these baseless attacks without vigorous questioning and scrutiny."

**Presenting a Diverse Array of Critical Voices:** In addition, GLAAD is encouraging reporters to seek out and present both credible psychological experts and faith community voices who can focus attention on the manifest irrationality and prejudicial intent of the Vatican's proposal. One faith community voice, Francis DeBernardo of New Ways Ministry, was quoted in the Nov. 23 "New York Times": "It seems that its intent is really to keep homosexuality quiet, to silence gay priests and gay seminarians." The "Times" added that, "Such secrecy, [DeBernardo] said, will make it even harder to find candidates who are well adjusted and sexually mature."

Also on Nov. 23, the "National Catholic Reporter's" Web site posted an article by correspondent John Allen noting that Bishop Matthew Clark of Rochester, New York, wrote in his Nov. 12 diocesan newspaper, "The fundamental concern of formation for a life of celibate chastity is for sexual maturity, not sexual orientation. Good seminary formation needs to provide an environment in which both heterosexual and homosexual candidates can grow to commit themselves wholeheartedly, even joyfully, to chaste and faithful celibacy."

Others, including DignityUSA and the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP), have condemned the Vatican's policy as well. DignityUSA Executive Director Debra Weill said in a Nov. 23 statement, "Catholic seminaries should be looking at the

sexual maturity of the seminarian, not the sexual orientation — and should apply the same criteria to everyone regardless of perceived sexual orientation."

In a media release published Nov. 22, SNAP Midwest spokeswoman Mary Grant said, "This move will have little or no impact on preventing future abuse. It serves only as a distraction from the substantive issues and causes of widespread clergy child sex abuse and episcopal cover ups."

**ARTICLES & RESOURCES:** Los Angeles Times - "Vatican Keeps Blurring the Issue" by Steve Lopez. Los Angeles Times - Nov. 25, 2005. "Pope Benedict: Why Isn't Celibacy Enough?" by R. John Kinkel. The New York Times - Nov. 23, 2005 "In Strong Terms, Rome Is to Ban Gays as Priests" by Ian Fisher & Laurie Goodstein. The New York Times - Nov. 24, 2005. "Priests Citing New Problem in Gay Policy" by Laurie Goodstein. National Catholic Reporter Online - Nov. 23, 2005. "Vatican document bans most gays from priesthood" by John L. Allen, Jr. New Ways Ministry - Nov. 22, 2005. News Release: "Director of National Catholic Gay/Lesbian Ministry Responds to Vatican Document on Gay Seminarians." DignityUSA - Nov. 22, 2005 News Release: "DignityUSA Condemns New Vatican Seminary Admissions Instructions." Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) Midwest - Nov. 22, 2005 "Statement by Mary Grant, SNAP Western Regional Director." Human Rights Campaign - Nov. 22, 2005 News Release: "Vatican Document Scapegoats Gays, Dodges Responsibility."

## School Runs Contest For Best Anti-G/L Essay

PFARMINGTON - An essay contest at a New Mexico high school asks students to explain why preserving marriage between men and women is vital society and why unborn children merit respect and protection, reported 365Gay.com.

The contest, at Farmington's Piedra Vista High School, is being held in connection with an essay contest sponsored by United Families International, an organization whose primary mission is "to strengthen the family by promoting marriage between one man and woman and the protection of human life, including unborn children." The students were given the option of either writing a response to two questions about preserving marriage and the protection of the "unborn" or submitting a personal narrative.

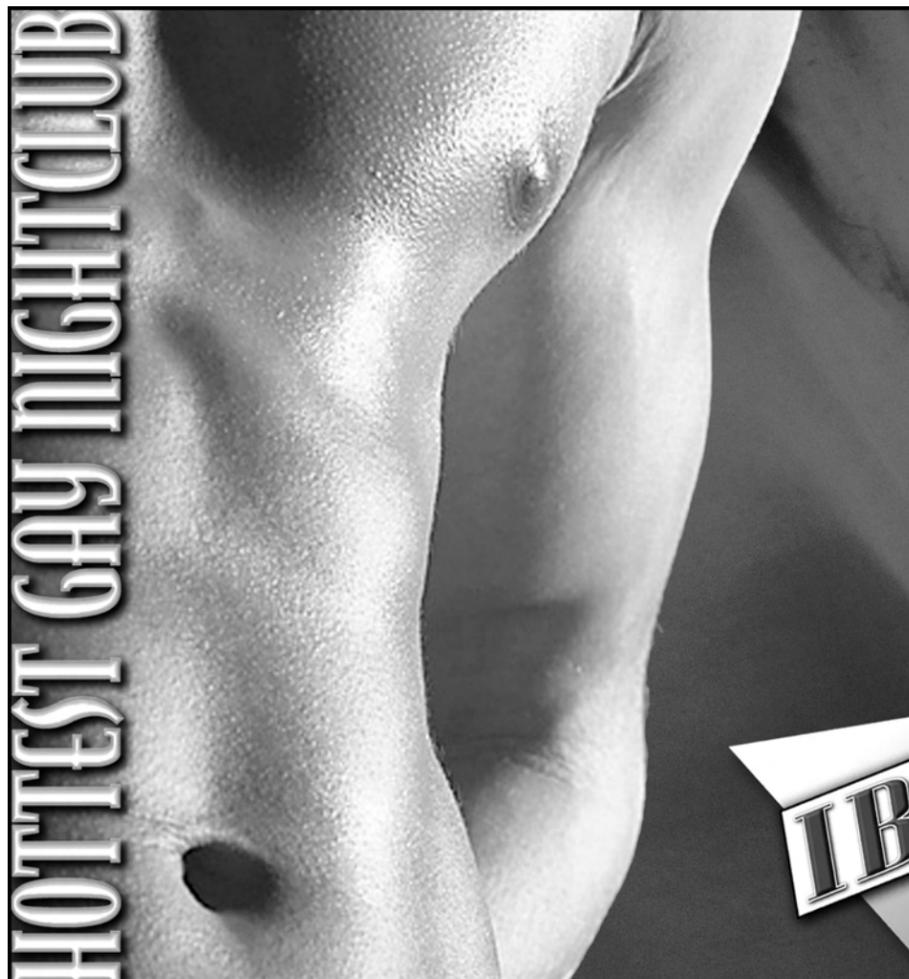
The parent of a sophomore at the school complained about the contest to the ACLU. "The contest had nothing to do with encouraging critical thinking," said ACLU of New Mexico staff attorney George Bach. "It was a tactic to shape students' political views in the guise of an objective school assignment."

The contest also is being criticized by Equality New Mexico, and NARAL Pro-Choice New Mexico. In a letter to Principal Donny Ortiz they say that the contest violates state regulations banning sexual orientation discrimination by teachers. The groups have proposed offering students a choice of also writing about alternative viewpoints.

Ortiz declined the offer of a competing essay contest saying that New Mexico Secretary of Education Veronica Garcia distributed the original essay contest school districts for interested students only.

"Piedra Vista High School's apparent lack of respect for diversity in thought is troubling," said Alexis Blizman, Executive Director of LGBT civil rights group Equality New Mexico. "Students in taxpayer-funded public schools simply shouldn't be forced to accept one viewpoint over another, regardless of the issue."

TUCSON'S HOTTEST GAY NIGHT CLUB



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Noon - 8pm Happy Hour  
4 - 9pm Martini Madness (Drink Specials on all Martinis)  
9pm - Close DJ Mike Lopez Spinning on the Patio and DJ Q on the Dance Floor

### SATURDAYS

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8:30pm Showtime Starring Ajia Simone  
10pm - Close DJ Q Spinning on the Dance Floor and DJ Mike Lopez on the Patio

### SUNDAYS

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## Kolbe Announces Retirement

TUCSON - U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, the only acknowledging Gay Republican in Congress, announced Wednesday he won't seek a 12th term in 2006.

"I have concluded that it is time for the people of southern Arizona and me to walk down different paths," he said in a statement.

Kolbe, 63, was first elected in 1984. He reluctantly acknowledged in 1996 that he is Gay, beating to the punch, the Advocate magazine that planned to do an article on him as well as Florida Congressman Mark Foley, after they voted against federal recognition of same-sex marriages.

Kolbe did not cite LGBT issues in his reasons for retiring from public life. He told the Associated Press (AP) that he was losing the chairmanship of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Export Financing in 2006, as part of term limits imposed by the Republican Party.

Kolbe also cited a grim mood in Washington. "The mood on Capitol Hill is not a pleasant one. The mood in our country, politically, is not good," he said. "There's a divisiveness that I think we haven't seen in a long time, and I worry about that. I like to think that I've been a moderating influence on that."

Kolbe told the AP he did not have specific plans, but said he always wanted to teach or do consulting work.

John Marble, the spokesman for the Stonewall Democrats, said, "We appreciate the public service of Congressman Kolbe. However the people of the 8th Congressional District deserve a Democratic representative - who will not quietly vote against issues of equality when pressured by the Republican leadership." Marble detailed how Kolbe supported bills that

not only gave money to faith-based organizations, but also allowed them to ignore local nondiscrimination laws.

Patrick Guerriero, president of Gay GOP group the Log Cabin Republicans, described Kolbe's career as "groundbreaking." "As a loyal Republican, Jim Kolbe never wavered in making a conservative case that all Americans should be treated equally, regardless of sexual orientation," Guerriero said.

### Anti-G/L Law Group Prepares More Challenges To LGBT Rights Laws

PHOENIX - A little more than a decade ago, the Alliance Defense Fund was a one-man operation, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Alan Sears worked in an executive suite, trying to build a public-interest legal firm to defend against what evangelical Christians saw as an attack on believers' values.

Today, the organization headquartered in a nondescript office building in north Scottsdale has more than 100 employees, branch offices in six states and files an average of one lawsuit a week - asserting itself in cases involving Christianity and schools, Gay marriage and other social-conservative concerns.

"Our dreams were big and our desires were big, but we've been overwhelmed with the response," Sears said in a recent interview.

Since its founding in 1994, the Alliance Defense Fund has scored victories in cases involving funding and access for Christian student groups, school vouchers in Ohio, the Boy Scouts' policy of excluding

openly Gay leaders and the San Francisco mayor's decision to allow marriage licenses for Gay couples. By the group's accounting, it wins three-quarters of the suits it files, though it has lost some high-profile cases as well, including its efforts to order the reinsertion of a feeding tube for Terry Schiavo.

While some Christian groups have worked to influence legislation, ADF and similar organizations - including the American Center for Law and Justice and the Florida-based Liberty Counsel - are taking the cultural fight to the judiciary.

John Green, senior fellow in religion and American politics at the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, said concern from religious conservatives about legal decisions has been an issue for years. Indeed, rulings such as the landmark abortion case Roe v. Wade helped bring conservative Christians into politics. Judiciary action is at least as important as electoral efforts to the overall movement, he said. "They've been very, very active in court," Green said.

ADF - founded by Focus on the Family's James Dobson, the late Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ and others - started in 1993 to provide legal training and funding for cases involving issues that are important to religious conservatives. Its initial focus was on training and funding cases brought by other groups or individual lawyers. But in the last several years, it has begun litigating more of its own cases because requests for legal aid are coming in faster than volunteers can handle them, and because cases taken by staff lawyers provide good training opportunities for law students and volunteers, said Paul Weber, ADF's vice president of communications and development.

Much of ADF's previous work has been focused on cases involving access or equal funding for Christian groups at universities or public schools. But as the debate over Gay marriage has heated up, ADF has stepped directly into the fray. It fought to have the nearly

4,000 marriage licenses issued to Gay and Lesbian couples in San Francisco revoked, saying the mayor had overstepped his authority and violated state law by allowing them. The California Supreme Court agreed.

The issue of Gay marriage "kind of dropped out of the sky like a brick on your head," said ADF chief counsel Benjamin Bull. "Like a fireman, we rushed to deal with it."

ADF now has a legal team dedicated to Gay marriage cases. Sears and the other lawyers at ADF are insistent that their arguments and lawsuits - though consistent with Christian tradition - also are rooted in legal principles and the Constitution. The ADF and similar groups see the legal system and judges they deem "activists" as key drivers in shifting American culture away from Christian values.

"We want to stop the use of the legal system to be such a culture shifter," Sears said. He said questions of Gay marriage and the right to privacy should be decided by voters or legislators, not the judicial system. "Most of what we do is retaining the status quo," Sears said.

ADF officials see the American Civil Liberties Union, which was founded in 1920, as a religious censor, bent on removing religious expression from public life. It accuses the ACLU of intimidating Christians and other religious people, to the point of attacking Christmas celebrations. ACLU officials deny the accusation vehemently - and say the ADF misrepresents the ACLU's position for publicity.

"They spend a lot of time trying to create an image of the ACLU that isn't true. It's a way for them to get attention," said Emily Whitfield, an ACLU national spokeswoman. She notes the ACLU partnered with numerous groups, including the National

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**SAAF UPDATE**  
**ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION** by Anne Maley

The 17th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival For Life held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the UA Student Center Grand Ballroom was an overwhelming success!

Raising over \$94,000, Saturday's event was SAAF's most successful fundraising Festival ever. The incredible turnout we had (over 600 people were in attendance) and the high quality auction items that were available helped make this event so successful. The Grand Ballroom was over 2000 square feet larger than last year's venue!

Several new touches were added to this year's event: casino style gaming offering special entertainment, a Minstrel duet greeting attendees at the entrance, and Deb Luna and the Tim Schaffner Trio (a jazz ensemble) performing throughout the evening. Over 400 silent auction items were displayed throughout the ballroom and ten items were highlighted as live auction items. Returning from a few years absence was Rodney Shanks as auctioneer. His professionalism, wit, and energy brought heightened excitement to the bidding for these very tasteful items.

Having served as emcees for several

years, Lupita Murillo from KVOA-TV and Allen Kath of Skyview Traffic. The team of Murillo and Kath kept the attendees engaged throughout the evening. Their camaraderie was contagious throughout the event as everyone had a good time.

As mentioned in last month's article, the event was started in 1988 by Robert Markley (Markley Salon, Tucson) and Jérôme Beillard, who was the Executive Director of People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) — one of the organizations that later merged to become SAAF. In 1995, just before his death, the PACT Board voted to name the event in honor of Jérôme Beillard and his contributions to the community. This year we were honored to have present Jérôme's mother, Lysiane Haeseler. Ms. Haeseler currently lives in France yet was able to join us this year.

For those of you who were able to join us, thank you. For those of you who missed out on this evening, please mark your calendar for next year's event, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. I can promise you a most delightful evening and an exciting way to usher in the holidays.

**'Ex-Gay' Publicity Stunt Overshadowed By Parade Tragedy**

NEW YORK - Members of a conservative Christian group handed out "stress balls" promoting a web site that claims homosexuality can be changed through faith at Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. But the publicity stunt was overshadowed by the crash of one of the parade's famous balloons into a light post at Times Square, injuring two people, 365Gay.com reported.

Focus on the Family (FOF) said that it distributed about 5,000 of the balls along the parade route, but hopes that it would be captured by TV cameras were dashed. A spokesperson for producers of the parade telecast said they do not show controversial or political messages. News cameras covering the parade were diverted to Times Square to cover the accident.

Handlers of the giant M & M balloon somehow lost control and it struck a lamp post, sending the light to the ground in a handicapped seating area on Broadway, between 43rd and 44th Streets. Two people were injured and transported to Bellevue Hospital with unknown injuries. Despite not getting their "stress ball" promotion telecast coast-to-coast, FOF called it a success.

Each ball carried the name of its advice site which also covers topics ranging from eating disorders to depression. On the subject of

homosexuality the site says "you do have a choice in the matter. You're not simply wired that way." The promotion was part of a major effort by FOF reach a wider audience during the holidays.

The Colorado-Springs-based FOF began running ads on the giant electronic billboard in Times Square, and on Monday, it launched ads on "Dr. Phil" and "The Oprah Winfrey Show" on New York television stations. In addition to its Love Won Out "ex-Gay" ministry, Focus on the Family has been a strong supporter of constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage throughout the country. During the controversy surrounding the Supreme Court nomination of Harriet Miers Focus on the Family's James C. Dobson suggested on his radio show that the White House had made guarantees to him that Miers would oppose Gay rights and abortion.

Last year during a speech to a pre-inauguration dinner in Washington Dobson accused an Anti-Defamation League video to promote diversity in schools as nothing more than an effort to encourage acceptance of homosexuality. The video features about 100 children's TV characters including SpongeBob SquarePants. Dobson suggested the animated character is Gay.

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# UPDATE

## Emirates Tries To Distance Itself From 'Forced Hormone Injections' Threat

DUBAI - An official spokesperson for the government of the United Arab Emirates on Monday (Nov. 28) said that an Interior Ministry worker who suggested men arrested at a purported Gay wedding could be forced by the government to receive male hormone shots was speaking only for himself, reported 365Gay.com.

More than two dozen people described by the government as Gay were arrested at what police called "a mass homosexual wedding."

On Saturday (Nov. 26), Esam Azouri, described as a media advisor to the government, told the Associated Press and other foreign news organizations that police, acting on a tip, raided a hotel in Ghantout, a desert region on the Dubai-Abu Dhabi highway, and found a dozen men dressed as female brides and a dozen others in male Arab dress. Azouri said that the men are likely to be tried under Muslim law on charges related to adultery and prostitution. He told reporters that they could face Sharia court imposed male hormone treatments "to direct the men away from homosexual behavior", five years in jail and a lashing.

But on Monday, Colonel Mohammed Ibrahim Al Hajiri, of the Public Relations Department, did not dispute the arrests and said the investigation is ongoing and that no official charges had been laid.

"The reports in local newspapers and foreign news agencies which quoted the Ministry of Interior on the issue of youths arrested in connection with a Gay party is

nothing but a personal analysis of the issue," said Col. Hajiri. "It has nothing to do with the ongoing investigation of the accused. It is not necessarily the ministry's opinion on the issue and does not represent the viewpoint of any of the authorities concerned." Hajiri said. He added that the fate of the 22 would be left to the judiciary - a Sharia court. But, he would not say whether a court could order forced male hormone injections.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack denounced the possibility. "We call on the government of the United Arab Emirates to immediately stop any ordered hormone and psychological treatment and to comply with the standards of international law," he said in a statement.

What is not clear from either Hajiri or Azouri's statements is whether those arrested were all Gay men or if some were transsexuals. The transgendered have no legal recognition in the Emirates and sexual minorities in the region are often lumped into one category, homosexual. Last year, police made mass arrests at another event, also described by authorities as a Gay wedding in the conservative emirate of Sharjah and at the Khor Fakkan beach resort in Fujairah emirate, a police official told the Associated Press.

Two dozen men arrested in Sharjah were given symbolic lashings - meant to humiliate, not inflict pain - and then released from jail, said prominent Emirati lawyer Abdul Hamid al-Kumaiti. Sharia courts which uphold strict Islamic law have a history of imposing harsh sentences.

## LGBT Youth Ward Abuse Suit Will Go Forward

HONOLULU - A federal judge ruled Monday (Nov. 21) that a lawsuit accusing the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility of abusing its LGBT wards would proceed in court, reported the PlanetOut Network.

In September, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Hawaii filed the lawsuit claiming that guards and an administrator at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) harassed a Lesbian ward, a male-to-female Transgender ward and a boy who some of the facility's staff believe is Gay. The lawsuit asserts that state officials knew about the alleged abuse and did nothing to stop it.

A registered nurse practitioner at the facility told state lawmakers that guards repeatedly insulted the girl, telling her she would go to hell. The Lesbian ward escaped and faces possible criminal charges. The boy and the Transgender ward now live at home. Because the three youths are no longer in custody, state attorneys argued that the lawsuit should not proceed.

But U.S. District Judge Michael Seabright ruled against the state on the basis that the youths may have been hurt during their incarceration, and could likely face future sentences in the facility.

Deputy Attorney General John Molay told the Hawaii Star-Bulletin he was disappointed. "We do not believe that the rights of these plaintiffs were violated," Molay said. "We have interviewed our (youth corrections officers), and they have denied the allegations."

ACLU attorney Lois Perrin called the ruling an important step. "The court clearly recognized that the children have the ability to ask HYCF to enter an order to stop the pervasive abuse and harassment of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender kids," she told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Paul Cates, an ACLU spokesman, admitted the national organization does not know the extent of LGBT harassment in youth correctional centers across the country. "Unless we get complaints from victims, we don't know about this stuff. I do know in California they have been having a problem. So if it happens in California and Hawaii, it probably happens everywhere," Cates told the PlanetOut Network.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for Dec. 20.

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## Project Links Computers To Find Best AIDS Meds

NEW YORK - Regardless of a person's educational level or resources, he or she can fight AIDS at home — using a personal computer, reported the PlanetOut Network.

Interested computer users can join the World Community Grid, which links PCs around the world to create a virtual supercomputer charged with finding new therapeutic approaches that are effective in the treatment of AIDS in the face of viral drug resistance. Some 100,000 individuals have signed up for FightAIDS@Home, volunteering the power of 170,000 computers. FightAIDS@Home is the second project that takes advantage of the World Community Grid.

Using the grid, the Human Proteome Folding Project in the past year produced a database describing the structure of approximately 120,000 protein domains which could not be described using traditional approaches. Had researchers used only their supercomputers, it would have taken about 100 years to complete the task. By using the World Community Grid, researchers were

finished in one year. The World Community Grid, which is placed among the top 10 supercomputers in the world, will be the first virtual supercomputer devoted specifically to AIDS research.

Interested individuals, businesses, foundations, associations, universities and not-for-profit organizations are being urged to donate the idle and unused time on their computers by downloading World Community Grid's free software and registering at its Web site. The Scripps Research Institute, a private, not-for-profit biomedical science research organization based in San Diego, is handling the data.

Keith McKeown, the spokesperson for the Institute, told the PlanetOut Network that the data produced on a user's computer is completely segregated from the user's personal operations. "There is no interference with your computer when you want to use it," McKeown asserted. "There is no security problem. It works seamlessly."

## School District Settles Suit Recognizes GSA

COLORADO SPRINGS - School District 11 has agreed to settle a lawsuit filed on behalf of students by the American Civil Liberties Union after the Gay-Straight Alliance group was denied certain privileges at Palmer High School.

The school board approved the settlement Monday (Nov. 21) on a 6-1 vote. The district will pay \$90,000 in attorney fees and fully recognize the alliance and other student groups not directly related to the school curriculum. Alfred McDonnell, the students' lawyer, said he was pleased with the settlement because it gives the club the same rights as others.

District lawyer Eric Bentley said the district didn't believe it discriminated against the students but decided to settle because the

lawsuit was financially draining. "The district defended the case all that time because it believed in the policy," he said. "It's simply become extremely expensive."

Palmer High School had created a two-track system for student groups. Groups deemed to be related to the curriculum were allowed to use the public address system and post notices. Organizations deemed to have no direct connection to curriculum—including the Gay-Straight Alliance—could meet at the school but not use the P.A. system or post notices.

The federal lawsuit was filed in 2003, arguing that the policy was discriminatory and that other clubs not related to the school curriculum, such as the Mountain Biking Club, were given more privileges.

## G/L Polish Citizens March For Rights

WARSAW - For a second day Polish Gays and Lesbians demonstrated in several cities on Sunday, (Nov. 27), demanding that the government abide by European civil rights laws.

The marchers denounced last weekend's (Nov. 19-20) mass arrests of Gays in the city of Poznan, (story) where riot police detailed 65 Gays and Lesbians who refused to disband when they attempted to hold a Gay pride march. Protestors are concerned that the country's new Parliament, dominated by the far right Law and Justice party is embarking on a major crackdown on Gay rights.

During September's election campaign Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, the new Prime Minister, said that if Gays try to "infect others with their homosexuality, then the state must intervene in this violation of freedom."

Warsaw mayor Lech Kaczynski elected this fall as Poland's President under the Law and Justice banner also has a long history of homophobia. In June, he refused to grant permission for a Gay pride parade in the capital. Nevertheless, more than 2,500 people ignored the order and marched anyway. Opponents threw eggs and stones at the marchers, and police detained 29 people.

Kaczynski is still the mayor until December 22 and there were concerns he

would attempt to have police break up the protest. As police looked on, hundreds of Gay rights activists, human rights groups from across Europe, left-wing political parties and others marched under the slogan "The resuscitation of democracy - The Equality March goes on."

About a dozen far-right counter-demonstrators briefly taunted participants with insults, but there were no reports of the violence that marred the June rally.

Smaller demonstrations were reported in Gdansk, Lodz and Torun. Gdansk was the birthplace of the Solidarity trade union movement that led to the downfall of Communism in Poland. The local Solidarity chapter backed the protest. Yesterday (Nov. 26), dozens of Gay rights activists braved near freezing temperatures and heavy rain to march through the streets of Krakow.

The worsening situation for Gays in Poland has led the European Union to issue a stern warning to the government. Last month the European Commission said that if the government continues to oppose Gay rights Poland risks losing its voting rights in the EU. Marcinkiewicz went to Brussels and London to try to ease EU concerns. In London, he was met with protestors when he arrived for a meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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# UPDATE

## Vatican Releases Gay Priest Ban Document

ROME - The Vatican on Tuesday (Nov. 29) officially released its new regulations for men entering the priesthood, although many of the provisions have been known for some time.

Of Gays, the document says, "those people find themselves, in fact, in a situation that presents a grave obstacle to a correct relationship with men and women. One cannot ignore the negative consequences that can stem from the ordination of people with deeply rooted homosexual tendencies."

"If instead it is a case of homosexual tendencies that are merely the expression of a transitory problem, for example as in the case of an unfinished adolescence, they must however have been clearly overcome for at least three years before ordination as a deacon."

For many Catholics the document raises as many questions as answers. What exactly is meant by a "deep-seated homosexual tendency," is unclear since a definition isn't provided. Nor is there an understandable definition of "expression of a transitory problem". The document, called an "Instruction" is only five pages, including footnotes. It was signed by the prefect and secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education on Nov. 4 and says it was approved by Pope Benedict on Aug. 31.

"We are calling on all Catholics of goodwill to speak to their priests and express their deep concern at this decision," said Harry Knox, Director of the Human Rights Campaign's Religion and Faith Program. "We're speaking directly to Catholics in the pews and urging them to consider what Jesus would do if he saw his neighbor treated this way."

Britain's OutRage called the document bigoted and hypocritical.

"It will encourage dishonesty, fuel homophobia and lead to Vatican sex spies snooping on trainee priests," said OutRage's Peter Tatchell. "If these rules had existed in the

past, many existing Archbishops and Cardinals would have never been allowed to enter the priesthood. Given the high proportion of Gay clergy in senior positions in the Vatican, this new policy is rank hypocrisy."

The release of the document comes after Church investigators from Rome probed American seminaries in what has been described as a witch hunt.

The Vatican ordered the investigation of America's 229 seminaries to identify Gays in the aftermath of the child sex abuse scandal. Since his election to the papacy in April, Benedict has reaffirmed the Church's anti-Gay stand. In June, he issued a stinging condemnation of Gay and lesbian families.

Repeatedly driving home his point that marriage can only be a union between man and woman, the Pope called same-sex unions "pseudo-matrimony". Before becoming Pope, Benedict had long history of attacking same-sex unions. As Cardinal Ratzinger he was the Vatican's most outspoken opponent of Gay marriage.

Ratzinger was the author of the a 2003 Vatican directive to priests around the world calling for a proactive stand to stop governments from legalizing same-sex marriage and for a repeal of those those already on the books that give rights, including adoption, to Gay couples.

The 12 page document called on Catholic bishops and lawmakers to oppose the legalization of same-sex unions. He opposes contraception and the use of condoms to combat HIV/AIDS, advocates a diminished role for women in the Church and has called for mandatory celibacy for priests.

In 1999 he ordered two Americans, Sister Jeannine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent, to end their associated with New Ways Ministry which provides educational programs for Gay and lesbian Catholics nationwide.

## American Airlines Launches G/L Micro-Website

DALLAS - After years of promoting themselves as "the official airline of the Gay community," American Airlines has launched a Gay microsite, combining airfare with hotel, rental car and tour package deals for destinations known as being Gay-friendly or that have a special interest to Gay travelers, according to a report in The Advocate.

"We are proud to lead the industry as the first U.S. airline with its own vacation package site specifically for this community," George Carrancho, marketing manager at the Rainbow TeAAM, American's promotion group for Gay and Lesbian travelers, told the paper. The microsite can be found at: AAVacations.com/rainbow.

In addition to the company's AAdvantage miles awarded to frequent flyers, Lesbian and Gay visitors will be awarded up to a 1,000-mile bonus for booking trips through the airline's new microsite. The miles can also be used to purchase hotel stays or other vacation features like spa packages or golf outings.

American Airlines has come a long way in improving both its internal policies and outreach to the Gay community via advertising dollars since negative publicity regarding the Gay community made headlines in the early '90s. After two high-profile incidents, described by Commercial Closet founder Mike Wilke as "AIDS-

phobic and one homophobic" in 1993, American Airlines began a demonstrable commitment to changing their policies while seeking to becoming the official airline of Gay events and organizations.

According to reports, an HIV-positive passenger was kicked off a plane after allegedly refusing to take down his intravenous bag hanging over the seat. In the other, a crew member on a plane flying home with a large group from the March on Washington called ahead to request a complete change of pillows and blankets "due to Gay rights activists on board."

Much has changed since then, however. In recognition of their progressive and fair-minded written policies and employment practices, American Airlines is the only airline in the nation to earn a perfect 100% score four years in a row by the Human Rights Campaign on its Corporate Equality Index.

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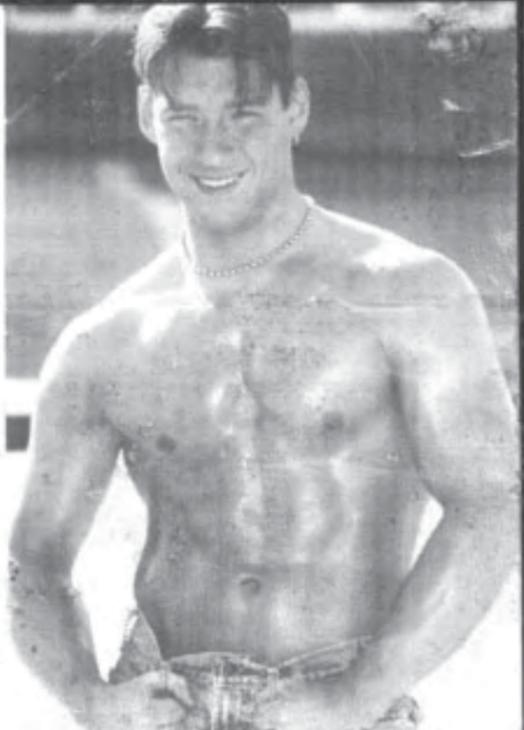
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## Battle For White House Focuses On G/L Moderates

NEW YORK - In New York state, the traditional liberal bastion which hasn't had one of its own elected president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt won a fourth term in 1944, has potential contenders leading the field in both major parties for the 2008 White House nominations, reported 365Gay.com.

A national poll last month from Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion, mirroring other independent surveys, had Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York leading Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the Democrats' 2004 nominee, 41 percent to 17 percent.

On the GOP side, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani led Sen. John McCain of Arizona, 31 percent to 24 percent, although with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in the mix, all three were tied with 20 percent support. Rice, however, has said she will not run.

Neither Clinton nor Giuliani has yet said if they plan to run for president. Besides those two, New York's Republican governor, George Pataki, is eyeing a White House run of his own in 2008, having decided not to seek a fourth term next year. But Pataki is barely a blip in national polls.

It is no surprise that Clinton and Giuliani have been able to move to the fore given their high recognition factor and New York's position as the media capital of the world, said Virginia-based GOP strategist Nelson Warfield.

"They transcend the swamp of New York politics," Warfield said. "Because of their celebrity, Clinton and Giuliani are able to rise above the mire that soils so many other New York politicians."

They are, of course, simply "Hillary" and "Rudy" in the headlines, one, the only first lady ever elected to public office and the other, "America's Mayor" in the wake of his post-Sept. 11 terrorist attack leadership.

Clinton and Giuliani are not the first New Yorkers since Roosevelt to be touted for the White House. Despite the famous newspaper headline, then New York Republican Gov. Thomas Dewey did not beat President Truman in 1948. Former Buffalo Bills quarterback Jack Kemp was on the unsuccessful 1996 GOP ticket as Bob Dole's running mate. And, while former Gov. Mario Cuomo led national polls on the Democratic side before both the 1988 and 1992 presidential races, he never ran.

Cuomo said he isn't surprised by Clinton's standing in the polls, or Giuliani's popularity.

"If you were Merlin and you had taken a young boy with a fragile build and dipped him into the cauldron of boiling juices from lizards'

insides and produced a knight with the biggest, broadest sword ever seen, you wouldn't have a better miracle than Giuliani produced by 9-11," Cuomo said. "I wish I could say he was the product of a developed politics here that is so strong, but he wasn't," the former governor said. "And, neither was Hillary. Hillary was an import from Washington who chose, to our benefit, to come to New York. Both these people, yeah, they are New Yorkers now and very much so, but not a product of New York politics."

"You don't find much presidential timber in New York because the soil is polluted with machine politics. Unlimited incumbency and almost unlimited patronage breed grubby politicians," said Warfield, a top aide on the Dole presidential campaign. "But Hillary Clinton and Rudy Giuliani cut in line to win here without paying dues to the spoils system."

"The difference is Giuliani will drop like a rock when GOP conservatives discover under all his hype there's a flaming liberal," Warfield added, a reference to the former mayor's strong support for abortion and Gay rights.

New York has been losing political clout as the nation's population growth shifted to the South and West. New York had 45 of the House's 435 seats in 1942, the most of any state and 12 more than runner-up Pennsylvania. New York now has 29 seats, behind California's 53 and Texas' 32. That translates directly into electoral muscle when it comes to selecting presidents. New York has 31 Electoral College votes (29 House members and two senators) while California has 55.

Despite that, Cuomo said that with Clinton headed for what he thinks will be a big re-election victory next year - an election he said should be thought of as "the first battle for the presidency in '08" - the focus of the nation could again be on his home state. "The country is going to be in a New York state of mind from 2006 to 2008," the former governor said.

## Crew Files IRS Complaint Against James Dobson's Focus On The Family

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) today filed an Internal Revenue Services (IRS) complaint against Focus on the Family FOF, a conservative, non-profit organization led by its Founder and Chairman James C. Dobson. FOF's organization in Arizona is the Center for Arizona Policy.

The complaint asks for the IRS to investigate activities by the group which may violate IRS regulations and require a revocation of its tax-exempt status.

Although barred from electioneering, Mr. Dobson has endorsed candidates for political office several times. In early April, 2004, Mr. Dobson endorsed Republican Representative Patrick J. Toomey in his race for Senate in Pennsylvania. In addition, it was reported that Mr. Dobson actively campaigned during a rally for Rep. Toomey. Other candidates that Mr. Dobson reportedly endorsed in 2004 include North Carolina Republican candidate Pat Ballentine for Governor and Oklahoma Republican candidate Tom Coburn for Senate.

"Mr. Dobson's egregious violations of IRS code demand an investigation into his improper activities that break both the spirit and the letter of IRS law," Melanie Sloan, executive director of CREW said today.

Recently, the IRS has actively pursued investigations against several perceived liberal groups. The IRS targeted the NAACP's chairman Julian Bond for a July 2004 speech in which he criticized the Bush administration's policies on civil rights and the war in Iraq. Additionally, the IRS has threatened to revoke

the tax-exempt status of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California because of an antiwar sermon there during the 2004 presidential election. In his sermon "If Jesus Debated Sen. Kerry and President Bush," the Rector Emeritus of the church, George Regas, never encouraged parishoners to vote for one candidate over another, but only to vote their deepest values.

Sloan continued, "The IRS has established a track record of scrutinizing organizations, in particular liberal ones, that have purportedly violated electioneering regulations. We hope that the IRS will fully investigate Focus on the Family activities as vigorously as it has targeted those of progressive organizations." CREW has sent copies of the complaint to Sens. Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Max Baucus (D-MT) in their roles as Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee. The IRS complaint is available at [citizensforethics.org](http://citizensforethics.org).



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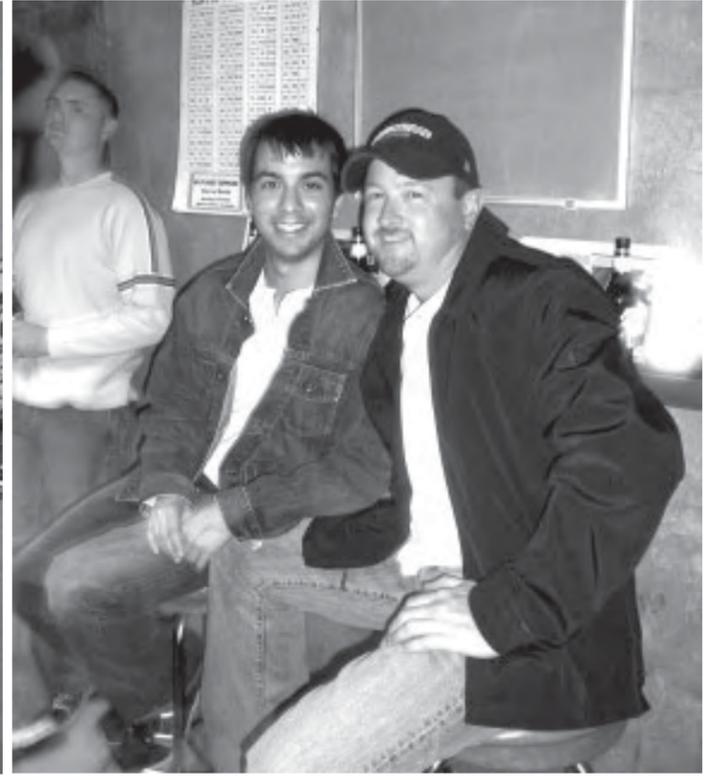
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# POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

## Different Paths

Could it really have been another path, those "new avenues of service," that yearning to teach, a grim mood or the divisiveness in Congress and the country, for which he helped to ferment with his role in the Bush-Delay-Frist Culture of Corruption in the nation's capital, or a reading of the "political tea leaves" showing that the GOP will most likely, lose control of the U.S. House and possibly the Senate as well in next year's elections?

Questions and hypotheses aside, acknowledged Gay Republican Member of Congress, U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe of Tucson made a surprise announcement on Wednesday (Nov. 23), stating he will not be seeking a twelfth-term in upcoming 2006 midterm elections.

"I have concluded that it is time for the people of Southern Arizona and me to walk down different paths," Kolbe said in a statement announcing his retirement. Since his initial election, defeating Democratic incumbent Jim McNulty in 1984, Kolbe and his Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender constituents walked "down different paths."

In the beginning of his Congressional career, according to annual reports compiled by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) on federal legislation of concern, Kolbe's voting record was mediocre at best, ranging 33% and 60% positive on these proposals. It wasn't till 1996 when it began to change and not by the Congressman.

During that Presidential election year, Congressional Republicans, led by then Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, drafted and passed the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), recognizing that marriage was between a man and woman, and that only a "married couple" could qualify for the federal benefits (according to a 2004 report by the Government Accountability Office, totaling 1,158) and rights offered, such as filing of income taxes, Social Security pensions, Veteran's provisions, or death benefits, citing four that today, can't be done as a "civil union" or "domestic partnership" thanks to the Republicans.

DOMA was drafted, as a GOP response to a Hawaii State Supreme Court decision, allowing same-sex couples the right to marry which could result in the invocation of the "equal protection clause" of the U.S. Constitution, where marriages or actions performed in one state must be recognized in all 50 states and territories. It was also crafted to smear then President Clinton on the issue of LGBT rights,

due to his missteps in 1993 to Gay and Lesbian members of the military to serve openly, resulting in the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy. (Note: a measure Kolbe voted for in 1994.)

As mentioned, DOMA sailed through Congress, passing by wide-margins by gleeful Republicans and politically-scared Democrats. When DOMA was voted on in the House in 1996, only one Republican cast a "no" vote on the bill. It wasn't Congressman Jim Kolbe, but another Gay Republican, Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin.

Kolbe, as well as Florida Republican Congressman Mark Foley, voted to pass DOMA and became the subjects of an article written by The Advocate magazine about the two and their voting record on LGBT issues, including DOMA. In the fall of that year, Kolbe acknowledged, albeit reluctantly, his sexuality, coming out, perhaps forcibly, for political reasons or otherwise. Foley is still in denial to this day, refusing to answer the question, posed ever since the DOMA vote.

Since 1996, Kolbe's voting record of LGBT issues improved according to the NGLTF reports but there has been glaring exceptions in sponsorship, voting and for "speaking out" which Kolbe said he had done over his career.

Kolbe co-sponsored the "Solomon Amendment," undermining anti-discrimination ordinances for school districts and public education institutions that protected the rights of LGBT students and staff. This measure, named for the author, former Congressman Gerald Solomon, R-NY, cut off all federal funding if military recruiters were not allowed to go onto the campuses and recruit. Supporting the Workforce Investment Act, letting federally funded, faith-based organizations discriminate against LGBT individuals based on religious beliefs and just two weeks prior, voting to cut Medicaid funding for domestic HIV/AIDS programs.

When it came to speaking out, Kolbe did speak against the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) before Congress last year but he had to ask House Democrats for time to speak on the measure. Kolbe didn't speak out though on the proposed federal Hate Crimes bills or the Employment Non-Discrimination Act annually drafted for consideration by Congress, or the "post-cards" from Arizona's Legislature supporting FMA, for the many anti-LGBT and HIV/AIDS measures enacted into law by the state body, or for the upcoming Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMAA) to be considered in 2006.

Hearing your Member of Congress on issues of concern, either federal, state or local is important to all constituents, including LGBT tax paying citizens. Unfortunately it wasn't something LGBT Tucsonans in CD-8 could count on. It is people over the parties and politics or in other words, public service. People have to be able to look to the government on the respective levels and not be ostracized, shunted or ignored which LGBT citizens have been over the years in Arizona.

There are openly Gay Republicans, elected and served in political office in Arizona, state Representative Steve May, former Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano and current Phoenix City Councilmember Tom Simplot to name the three others, who have spoken out on LGBT issues of concern while serving and forwarding the Republican cause but Kolbe couldn't not be considered in that field with them.

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## Gay Memo Becomes Issue In Former Governor's Trial

CHICAGO - It began with an embarrassing blunder. A memo describing behind-the-scenes efforts to win the Gay vote on Chicago's north lakefront for George Ryan in his 1998 race for governor was supposed to be for internal campaign use only, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

But through an incredible error, the document arrived via fax in the studios of WILL radio in Champaign. Soon, the surprising details it contained were blaring across the airwaves for all to hear. "The secretary is very upset about this," Ryan spokesman Dave Urbanek told anyone who called about the memo, which suggested the then-secretary of state's employees were campaigning on state time.

Democrats grumbled that Ryan, a Republican, was illegally using state employees as campaign workers. And before the dust settled, state police were called in to investigate. Seven years later, the Ryan campaign's low-key, half-hidden efforts to win the Gay vote without triggering a conservative backlash are still touching off fireworks — this time at the former governor's federal racketeering and fraud trial, now heading into its 10th week.

Before the trial recessed for the long weekend, Ryan defense attorney Bradley E. Lerman argued the jury should hear the whole story — including Ryan's record in favor of Gay rights when he was governor — or hear nothing at all about the matter. But U.S. District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer said she didn't want the trial to delve into anyone's record on Gay rights. "I don't want politics in the record unless we can't tell the story without them," she told attorneys as they searched for a way to present touchy evidence without going over the line.

Ryan, 71, and his lobbyist friend, Larry Warner, 67, are charged in a 22-count federal indictment with racketeering, mail fraud and other offenses. Among other things, Ryan is accused of using state employees to do campaign work while they were being paid by the taxpayers. Prosecutors say the memo

about the Gay community proves it. Ryan and Warner say nothing they did was illegal.

Prosecutors say they can whittle away any facts that might potentially prejudice the jury and give jurors a bare-bones account of what they consider the heart of the matter. They say that after the campaign, Warner tried to slip money quietly to leaders of a group called Progressives in Politics that had been formed to mobilize Gay voters for Ryan.

Lerman said whittling away the facts won't be fair to Ryan. "I don't know they can sanitize this," Lerman told Pallmeyer. He said so much would be missing from testimony that it wouldn't give jurors a realistic picture. Instead, it would amount to "a fictionalized account," Lerman said.

The memo accidentally faxed to WILL spells out what Ryan's campaign staff had in mind. It outlined a campaign of guest editorials, ads and letters to the editors of Gay newspapers putting the spotlight on Democratic rival Glenn Poshard's record of opposing Gay rights bills. It also said that an employee in the secretary of state's office "has asked permission to establish a committee to give this drive more legitimacy."

Such a committee, the memo said, "will allow us to focus on more than Gay issues and also provide some cover from the right wing."

Now on the witness stand is former secretary of state employee Glenn Good, who founded Progressives in Politics, a group that was not overtly Gay nor specifically tied to Ryan but that organized support for Ryan in Chicago's "Boys Town" area and nearby neighborhoods. Prosecutors say Progressives in Politics wound up from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in debt after the campaign and went to key Ryan aide Rich Juliano asking to be reimbursed for their expenses.

According to prosecutors, Juliano sent them to Warner, saying Ryan's old lobbyist

friend would give them their money. They did and Warner offered them a check, prosecutors say. But Lerman doesn't want jurors to hear that — especially if they aren't allowed to hear that Ryan was a Gay-rights supporter when he was governor.

Lerman said the story makes it look as if Ryan were sneaking away from his association with Gay voters. He said jurors might draw the wrong conclusion if told "there was some reason why Citizens for Ryan couldn't pay Mr. Good's organization but no one can talk about it here in court."

Defense attorneys have another problem with the story as well. Good and his associates wouldn't take Warner's money. After thinking about it, they tore up the check he gave them, took up a collection among themselves and paid off the debt. Warner attorney Edward M. Genson said it would be unfair to place suspicions in the minds of jurors by saying that the check was torn up or anyone was afraid to take his client's money.

Pallmeyer said she would reserve any decision on how much to allow.

## Spanish Far Right Rallies Against Gays And Other Minority Groups

MADRID - Hundreds of right-wing demonstrators made stiff-armed fascist salutes and shouted insults against Gays, Muslims, and immigrants at a Sunday (Nov. 20) rally marking the 30th anniversary of the death of former Spanish dictator Gen. Francisco Franco, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com.

Waving red-and-yellow Spanish flags with the insignia of the Franco regime's Falange Party, the crowd gathered at the Plaza de Oriente beside the royal palace in Madrid's old quarter, where Franco used to address crowds every year on July 18. That was the day he launched a military uprising against Spain's elected Republican government in 1936, starting the civil war his fascist forces eventually would win.

Franco's regime ended when he died Nov. 20, 1975, after nearly 40 years in power. He was 82. Miguel Menendez Pinar, grandson of the leader of a largely defunct far-right party called New Force, addressed a crowd that jeered Gays and Muslims, saying, "Spain is dying, or—better said—Spain is being murdered." The crowd roared in agreement. Some protesters shouted expletive-laced insults against Socialist prime minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

Franco supporters are a small minority in Spain today, and there is no significant far-right party. The demonstrators Sunday ranged in age from the elderly to young couples pushing strollers. Boys in their teens or younger walked around wrapped in the Spanish flag. Representatives of far-right parties from Germany, Italy, and France also attended the rally. Police declined to give an official crowd

estimate, but one officer said about 1,000 people were on the square. Some arrived earlier Sunday after walking overnight from Valle de los Caidos, the mausoleum 20 miles outside Madrid where Franco is buried.

Mainstream Spanish politicians made no public comment on the anniversary. Socialists tend to let the pro-Franco rallies speak for themselves, and the conservative Popular Party is wary of being associated with that period of Spain's past. Blas Pinar, Miguel's grandfather and head of the far-right New Force, said Franco transformed Spain from a country riddled with poverty and illiteracy into one with "envious industrial development" and a unified national identity. Still, he said Franco is dismissed today as "a mediocre military leader, ambitious and bloodthirsty, a man who enjoyed imposing the death penalty and whose monuments are removed under the cover of night, with hatred."

Angry right-wing demonstrators gathered at Plaza de Oriente in March after the government tore down Madrid's last publicly displayed statue of the late dictator. Right-wing activists blame Spain's post-Franco, democratic constitution for the country's ills, which Pinar described as crime, decadence, and regional separatism. Parliament passed a same-sex marriage bill in June, giving full legal recognition to such unions. The law angered the Roman Catholic Church, which is the nation's leading denomination, and Spanish conservatives, but polls suggest that most Spaniards back it. Spain's constitutional court said in October it would study the Popular Party's appeal against the law.

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

The next four weeks will be a month to remember for all Gay Rams with love in their hearts and a spring in their step. Sweet talk gets sticky fast ... if you are lucky. If you find that you are dipping into your social pool of pals for your sorted activities be sure that you set the ground rules first. While you discover a gem among your trash, it may also lose its luster once it is worn.

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

You live to impress this December ... and impress you will! Queer Bulls make an aggressive first impression and while they are bulldozing their new acquaintances they also manage to boldly spread their holiday cheer around the house. Pushy, pushy, pushy. Will Santa eventually leave you a stocking or toys or coal? With these gas prices you may want the coal.

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

Try not to talk off the cuff this December, pink Twin. It will only get you into trouble. Careful communication will not only help you avoid hidden pitfalls and problems, it will also give you gravitas and impact. Too often you giddily let your best ideas casually float away so others can take credit. Why? Stop being a verbal doormat and become a weighty doorstop.

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

The path of true love may lead you down some pretty interesting highways this December. Gay Crabs discover all sorts of possibilities in some surprising and unusual social circles. But as hot as it starts is as cool as it ends. So how can you navigate safely? Look at the signs - proceed with caution, avoid falling rock zones, expect patches of ice and be slippery when wet.

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

As much as you hanker for center stage, December may be the month to quietly lounge in the background. Proud Lions may step on others tails if they demand all the attention. Be sultry, aloof and all knowing and dispense your charms in tiny increments. Reservedness takes you further than bossing the course and letting it all hang out.... at least in certain circles.

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

Prepare for a few mixed signals this December. Your intuition sends you in the wrong direction and you may misunderstand others' intentions. Queer Virgins can save the day however if they stick to what and who they know and celebrate the festivities closer to home. Warm those chestnuts by the home fires with a certain you-know-who. Is your yule log on fire?

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

Who lights your fire this December? Proud Libras are ready and raring to get into some sexy trouble, with some interesting results. They think nothing of throwing caution to the four winds to see who is ready to celebrate with them. Of course there are one or two amours du jours that might be best to blow off. Err ... that means end it, buster!

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

There is something about the way you talk to others that causes rifts this holiday season. Could it be your flippant manner, your caustic observations or your rash actions? Perhaps a combination. Instead of channeling your energies into career, Gay Scorps need to work less and love more. On the prowl? Cruise the bars with a few merry elves and see what they have in their sack.

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

Give your imagination a rest while you make your holiday plans. The less you expect, the more fun you will ultimately have. Gay Archers will benefit by staying close to the tried and true rather than seeking stimulation in exotic climes. Let's see what can happen under the mistletoe at your home celebration .... or in the supply closet in your office.

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

If you are looking for deep and powerful connections this December, you may have to settle for something a bit more platonic to warm your cockles. Pink Caps find that lust will have its price (doesn't it always....) but that friendship is priceless. Let your pals take control of all festive plans and be there for the ride. Don't forget the eight tiny reindeer .... and the egg nog.

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

Toss some great ideas at your boss and see what happens. You are brimming with brilliance .... at least in your career. Socially however, things are a bit different. Just like a few fairy tale heroes, your charming allure may wear off at the stroke of midnight. But don't despair Aqueerius. The secret to your success this December is to be home and in bed early. Ahem....

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

Your sparks of wit turn quite a few heads this December especially after mid month. Guppies should not be shy around strangers; This is the time to impress powerful people who can help you. Make sure that you get the word Out globally. Launch new projects and see how far you can take them. But don't get bogged down in routine. Hang your tinsel on a few new trees.



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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.

**Thursday, December 1**

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

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 1:00 p.m. Karol hosts a Lunch Out at Red Lobster (Oracle / River location). For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

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

**Friday, December 2**

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

**Saturday, December 3**

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 8:30 a.m. Join Robert 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 Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us for our monthly Pot Luck dinner and to get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. While reservations are not necessary, please call Robert at 400-1376 for location and directions.

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

**Sunday, December 4**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 4:00 p.m. David hosts Pinochle & a B-B-Q. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For the B-b-Q, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided; you can bring a complimentary side dish. For more information, reservations & directions, please call David at 883-7768.

**Monday, December 5**

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

**Tuesday, December 6**

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

**Wednesday, December 7**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

**Thursday, December 8**

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.

**Saturday, December 10**

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.

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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## Murtha

by Lee Thorn

When Congressman Murtha recently argued that we ought to get out of Iraq, my first reaction was, "A Democrat with balls! What will they think of next?" Perhaps my slight vulgarity may be forgiven in light of my astonishment at Murtha's candor.

Here he was saying all the things that all the other Democrats already know but are afraid to say. And did this old warhorse embolden his fellow party members with his spectacular straightforwardness? Not a bit. They're almost all staying firmly under the covers. It would be enough to drive you to despair if you weren't already there.

Good old Murtha, a former hawk, a vet, a guy who weekly visits the young amputees in the Washington hospitals and asks himself what we're getting in return for these young lives. He makes a great speech, not just courageous but laden with momentous arguments, and has its contents generally ignored.

That's right. The media and the politicians decided that the real issue wasn't the content of the speech but whether or not Murtha should have made it and whether or not he's a jerk for having done so. If we go back to the content of the speech, we have to deal with a recent survey of the Iraq population showing that 80% wanted the US out yesterday and 45% thought that attacks against US troops were justified. We're claiming to be trying to set up a democracy in Iraq.

What don't we understand about 80%? Murtha pointed out that we were losing one person a day on average before Abu Ghraib and we've been losing an average of two people a day since. I wish I could think of a slower way to say this so that even the slowest politician could get it: Things ... are ... not ... getting ... better. Things ... are ... getting ... worse. Our ... being ... there ... is ... not ... helping. Our ... being ... there ... is ... making ... things ... worse.

Our occupation of Iraq is pouring gas on the fire of international Islamic radicalism. The political leadership of our country as well as the mainstream media, can, for reasons I can't begin to unravel, both acknowledge and ignore these realities at the same time.

The Secretary of Defense comes on a Sunday morning talk show in reaction to Murtha and trots out the same old lines he's been using for months. He says that things are moving forward because the political dog and pony show is on course. Try that on some vet with his arms blown off. He says that more and more Iraqi troops are ready to take over security from the US. Pssst, Mr. Secretary, we ain't got no security to hand over. He says that Abu Ghraib was just the exuberance of some enlisted guys on the night shift.

The main qualification for being a politician in this country — Nixon, Clinton, Bush, Rummie — has got to be the inability to experience embarrassment. On the Sunday talk show where the Secretary repeated the old bull, his interview was followed by a panel of journalists who actually mocked his answers and laughed at them. You might imagine that when, as a cabinet secretary, your answers to serious policy questions are mocked and laughed at on national broadcast television, you might imagine you'd be in some kind of trouble. No worries. For you to be in any trouble in that situation "There Would Have to Be an Opposition."

There's more content in Murtha's speech that what I've focused on here. He says a lot about the deleterious effects of the war on our overall military readiness. It's really a very

powerful and concise statement and I highly recommend it. I found it on the web by just using Murtha's last name.

A couple of months ago I wrote a column explaining how you know when you've lost a war: it's when you come to a status quo which you can neither change nor maintain and your enemy can either change or maintain it. Murtha's formulations don't sound a bit like mine, but his reasoning takes him to the same destination.

There was a famous saying that came out of World War I, something along the lines of "Old men lied so young men died." We've come back to the shameful point where we are throwing the lives and limbs of young Americans away to save the faces of old politicians.

[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.]

### Anti-Papal Edict Stirs Priest To Resign

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although the document speaks only about seminarians, "clearly it is sending a message that Gay priests are unacceptable, not for what they are doing but for who they are." The new Vatican document reinforces long-standing policy for a church that teaches that homosexuality is immoral. Walker said Monday (Nov. 28) that he had planned to resign quietly, telling his parishioners only that his decision was unrelated to any "accusation, suspicion or request by church authorities."

But, he said, he changed his mind after what he called "mistreatment" by Adamson, who told him that he could not celebrate Mass for the final time at Queen of Peace and that his health insurance would be cut off immediately. Adamson declined to disclose details of the discussion. "I can tell you we were not aware of the reason for his resignation," he said.

Walker, a member of the Salvatorian religious order, said he also took a leave of absence from the order. In the Catholic Church, a priest is ordained for life unless he resigns or is defrocked, a lengthy legal process. Priests serve in a variety of roles. Walker said he will continue to work as a hospice chaplain until he decides whether to leave the priesthood. He said that Olmsted has been "aggressively anti-Gay," unlike previous bishops, and that the Vatican also has taken anti-Gay positions.

### Anti-G/L Law Group Prepares More Challenges

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Association of Evangelicals, in 1995 to provide guidance on religion in schools and asked as recently as September to be allowed to file a brief in federal court in New Jersey supporting the right of a student to sing a religious song at a school talent show.

Kevin den Dulk, a political science professor at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, said that while the ADF has been fairly effective in its legal strategies, it overestimates the influence of the judiciary on culture as a whole. "As a political scientist, I would say the influence of the judiciary over the culture is often overstated. Culture is generated in lots of ways," said den Dulk, who wrote his dissertation on the Christian right and the legal system.



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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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month \$2.00).

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longneck. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 80s Nite 9-close. \$1 off to those wearing 80s concert T-shirt. (Excludes draught & schnapps).

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

## wednesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2.25 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Divalicious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Underwear- fetish-leather nite \$1 off for those wearing underwear-fetish or leather. (Excludes draught & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

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



## thursday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2.25 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$6.00.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool all day. NTN Game Nite w/prizes 9-close. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon. Patio bar open 8pm-close

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

## friday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Reservations suggested.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen re-opens 9 pm to Midnight for late night munchies.

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

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

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

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

## saturday

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

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

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

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

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

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

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**WOODY'S** - Boys Gone Wild Party 8:00 p.m. til closing!

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

**IBT'S** - Money! Success! Fame! Glamour! The second annual Party Monster Ball from 10:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Hosted by Janee Starr with DJ Mike Lopez. Costume contest at midnight. Dress in your best Club Kid attire. \$100 first place and \$50 second place. Drink specials and GoGo Boys!

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Country/Western Nite - Drink Specials. Welcome 'Hank Williams: Lost Highway' Cast Party

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**WOODY'S** - 11:30 a.m. Brunch \$5.00 (includes a bloody mary or screwdriver or mimosa.) 2-7 p.m. Beer Bust. 2:00 p.m. heated patio bar opens. 5-9 p.m. Sirloin Burger Bar-B-Que. 8:00 p.m. drag Bingo with Janee Starr and Stella Virgin. 8:00 p.m. Karaoke with Michael D.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Monday Night Movie: 'Whatever Happened To Baby Jane' 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

**WOODY'S** - Fetish Nite. Got leather or a fetish. Wear it on Thursdays and party with Frank 8:00 p.m. til close, and get drink specials.

**VENTURE-N** - 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party!!! A stroll down memory lane. Buffet at 6:00 p.m. Specials 7:00 p.m. to closing.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

**VENTURE-N** - 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary party continues with a Buffet at 6:00 p.m. Then Leather Night with specials for men in gear from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**VENTURE-N** - Bucky's 'World Famous' Omelettes being served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Celebrate!

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - AGRA mixer with the Phoenix chapter. More details soon.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Holiday Drag Show - Special night of holiday cheer!

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Ring in the New Year here! Spirits, Food, Music, Balloons, Streamers, Noise makers, the works.

## Pastor Accused Of Hate Speech Acquitted

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Sweden's highest court on Tuesday (Nov. 29) acquitted a Pentecostal pastor accused of hate speech for having denounced homosexuality as a "cancerous tumor" in a sermon, reported the Associated Press.

Ake Green's contentious sermon in 2003 was protected by freedom of speech and religion under the European Convention on Human Rights, the Supreme Court said in a 16-page ruling. Green, 64, became the first clergyman convicted under Sweden's hate crimes legislation, when a lower court found him guilty of inciting hatred against homosexuals. An appeals court overturned the ruling earlier this year, but Sweden's chief prosecutor appealed the acquittal to the Supreme Court.

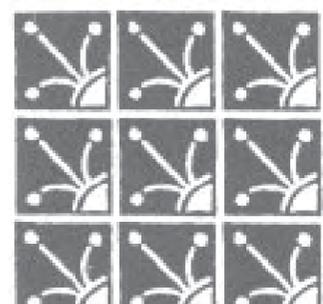
Green said the Supreme Court ruling was a relief both for him other preachers. "This means we can continue to speak the way we have, and therefore it feels very good that they have ruled in way that that there should not be any infringement in our way of preaching," he told Swedish public radio.

In 2003, Green told his congregation that homosexuality was "a deep cancerous tumor on all of society" and warned that Sweden risked a natural disaster because of leniency toward Gays. He also said Gays were more likely than others to rape children and animals. Green told the Supreme Court that his sermon was meant to warn Gays that their lifestyle will result in an "eternal divorce" from God. "If two men sleep with each

other, or if two women do so, it is abnormal, just like pedophilia," Green said in his testimony.

The trial ended earlier this month, but the verdict was not issued until Nov. 29. "We are obliged to consider the European Convention on Human Rights and the way in which the convention has been applied by the European Court of Justice," Supreme Court Justice Johan Munck said. "We believe that it is probable that a conviction against Pastor Green would not hold up in the European Court of Justice."

The case attracted widespread international attention, with some religious groups saying a conviction would be a threat to freedom of religion and speech. Others said an acquittal would open the door to fiercer attacks against Jews, Muslims and Gays.



# 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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## Banned By Networks, LGBT Ad Wins Award

NEW YORK - A television ad that was banned by NBC, CBS and UPN has won a prestigious national advertising award, reported 365Gay.com. The commercial, produced last year for the United Church of Christ, was aimed at attracting Gays and others who feel alienated by other denominations.

The 30-second spot features two muscle-bound "bouncers" standing guard outside a picturesque church and selecting which persons are permitted to attend Sunday services. Written text interrupts the scene, announcing, "Jesus didn't turn people away. Neither do we." A narrator then proclaims the United Church of Christ's commitment that: "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

CBS told the denomination that because the ad implies the acceptance of Gay and Lesbian couples it violated network standards. Viacom, which owns CBS also owns UPN. NBC declared the spot "too controversial." The ad also was refused by ABC.

A number of privately owned stations, some affiliated with the networks, aired the commercials anyway. This month the ad was hailed by the Association of National Advertisers which awarded the UCC its 2005 Multicultural Excellence Award. The commercial beat out MasterCard and Microsoft for the award.

"This is a biggie," declared Marilyn Dubasak, project manager for the UCC's Stillspeaking Initiative which was responsible for the ad campaign. The commercial was produced by Gotham Inc. of New York City.

"I have been in the business for 26 years and you don't have too many moments

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like this," said Michael Jordan, creative director for Gotham. The ad also has won an Addy Award for best single national spot and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's outstanding advertising award.

The UCC has a long reputation for welcoming Gays and Lesbians. Although its individual churches are mostly autonomous, many offer blessing services for same-sex couples. In 1972 it became the first mainstream denomination to ordain an openly Gay man.

## State Supreme Court Vacates L/G Co-Parent Ruling

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Supreme Court on Wednesday (Nov. 23) vacated a Court of Appeals ruling that said Lesbian partners who agree to conceive a child through artificial insemination are both the legal parents of any children born to them, reported 365Gay.com.

The high court said it based its decision on technical grounds and did not address the merits of the case. The ruling sends the case back where the court where it originally began. Legal experts predicted that eventually the case will return to the state Supreme Court, but that could take years.

The case involved Dawn King who sought co-parenting status to the daughter born to her former partner, Stephanie Benham. At the time the child was born both women were in a long-term relationship. When they broke up King sought visitation rights. A Monroe Circuit Court judge who found that King had no legal standing because she was not a biological parent.

King appealed and the Indiana Court of Appeals in a unanimous ruling said that "no (legitimate) reason exists to provide the children born to Lesbian parents through the use of reproductive technology with less security and protection than that given to children born to heterosexual parents through artificial insemination."

This time Benham appealed to the Indiana Supreme Court. The child is now six years of age and has not seen King since she and the child's biological mother broke up.

## LGBT Leaders Vow To Monitor Human Rights Abuses

SEATTLE - LGBT leaders from around the world said Monday (Nov. 21) that they passed a "historic" resolution during the Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference, reported advocate.com

The document calls on "all nations and governments to adopt a vocal, clear, and consistent policy on international human rights abuses against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people that includes a call on other countries to abolish sodomy laws." Attendees, some of whom traveled from as far away as Sri Lanka and Poland, vowed to continue to bring attention to the horrific record of some countries on this issue. For instance:

There are reports that in Iran more than 4,000 citizens have been executed since 1979 because they are Gay or Lesbian. In Malaysia "carnal intercourse against the order of nature" is punishable by up to 20 years' imprisonment and whipping. Being Gay in Saudi Arabia can lead to jail terms or even beheadings.

The conference is a program of the Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute, the nonprofit sister organization of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The leaders also approved a resolution to "encourage all LGBT legislators and all other LGBT public officials to be open and honest about their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

"These resolutions reflect the quality of the discussions that occurred and the seriousness of the issues discussed," said Chuck Wolfe, president of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. "As the LGBT community continues to gain voices at all levels of policy-making and implementation, it's incumbent that we continue to speak up for those whose voices are silenced in countries that deny them rights simply because they are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender."

## WHO Director Apologizes For Missing HIV Treatment Goal

GENEVA - World Health Organization director Jim Yong Kim apologized on Monday (Nov. 21) for the failure of the organization to reach its goal of having 3 million HIV-positive people in poor nations on antiretroviral therapy by the end of the year, BBC News reported on advocate.com.

The "3 by 5" initiative has managed to get anti-HIV drugs to about 1 million HIV-positive people, only one third of its goal, according to a WHO report released earlier this year. But the report also noted that the health organization has made enormous strides in improving the health care infrastructures in many poor countries, which is a key to being able to successfully and consistently get antiretroviral medications to poor HIV patients who need them.

A report released by WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS showed that there were about 5 million new HIV infections worldwide in 2005, the highest number on record. About 3 million people died of AIDS-related causes this year.

# There's No Place Like Home...



As families gather around their tables to celebrate the holidays, many homeless and unwanted pets gaze through kennel bars wondering when they will have a home of their own.

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