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## Gay Bashing Unabated Nationwide Study Shows

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As students across the country buttoned their marking the 10th annual National Day of Silence to draw awareness to homophobia in classrooms a new study shows that Gay-bashing remains a major problem in the nation's schools, reported the PlanetOut Network. Three-quarters of students surveyed across America said that over the past year they heard derogatory remarks such as "faggot" or "dyke" frequently or often at school, and nearly nine out of ten reported hearing "that's so Gay" or "you're so Gay" - meaning stupid or worthless - frequently or often.

Over a third of students said they experienced physical harassment at school on the basis of sexual orientation and more than a quarter on the basis of their gender expression. Nearly one-in-five students reported they had been physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation and over a tenth because of their gender expression. The National School Climate Survey was released in Washington by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

The study also showed that bullying has had a negative impact on learning. LGBT students were five times more likely to report having skipped school in the last month because of safety concerns than the general population of students. Students who experience more frequent physical harassment were more likely to report they did not plan to go to college, the study found.

Overall, LGBT students were twice as likely as the general population of students to report they were not planning to pursue any post-secondary education. In addition, the average GPA for LGBT students who were frequently physically harassed was half a grade lower than that of LGBT students experiencing less harassment.

"The 2005 National School Climate Survey reveals that anti-LGBT bullying and harassment remain commonplace in America's schools," said GLSEN Founder and Executive Director Kevin Jennings. "On the positive side, it also makes clear that inclusive policies, supportive school staff and student clubs, like Gay-Straight Alliances, all relate to reduced harassment and higher achieving students."

The presence of supportive staff contributed to a range of positive indicators including greater sense of safety, fewer reports of missing days of school, and a higher incidence of planning to attend college the study found. Students in schools with a GSA said they were less likely to feel unsafe,

less likely to miss school, and more likely to feel like they belonged at their school than students in schools with no such clubs. Jennings said that having a comprehensive policy was related to a lower incidence of hearing homophobic remarks and to lower rates of verbal harassment. Students at schools with inclusive policies also reported higher rates of intervention by school staff when homophobic remarks were made.

Only nine states and the District of Columbia have comprehensive anti-bullying laws that specifically address bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation and only three of these laws mention gender identity. Nine other states have "generic" anti-bullying laws that do not specifically define "bullying" or enumerate categories of protected classes such as sexual orientation or gender identity. The remaining 32 states have no laws at all.

The NSCS found that both states with "generic" anti-bullying laws and states with no law at all had equally high rates of verbal harassment. States with inclusive policies that specifically enumerate categories including sexual orientation and gender identity, however, have significantly lower rates of verbal harassment.

An estimated half-million students are participating in the National Day of Silence nationwide. Some 4,000 schools and colleges will be involved this year. A project of GLSEN in collaboration with the United States Student Association, the National Day of Silence draws attention to discrimination and harassment faced by Gays daily in the nation's schools. Students refrain from speaking to symbolize the silencing of LGBT students by harassment and bullying. Those taking part pass out cards and flyers explaining the plight of younger Gays. Many schools also hold "breaking the silence" event with special events highlighting the impact of anti-LGBT harassment. The Day of Silence was founded in 1996 by students at the University of Virginia, and in years since has swept across the country.

Religious conservatives opposed to the formation of Gay-Straight Alliances and other LGBT school groups and battle anti-harassment policies to protect Gay students have begun holding counter protests. Last year a conservative Christian law group that regularly fights LGBT issues organized the Day of Truth. Held one day after the Day of Silence, the Day of Truth was held in about 350 schools. The Alliance Defense Fund, which organized it, said that this year it expected some 600 schools to be involved.

## Clergy Slams U.S. Faith-Based Office

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An alliance of nonpartisan religious leaders used the resignation of White House "faith czar" James Towey to urge President Bush to dismantle the controversial White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, reported the PlanetOut Network. The Interfaith Alliance joined Wednesday (Apr. 26) with Americans United for the Separation of Church and State in calling on Bush to shut down the office, which they say has created a religious hierarchy among denominations to gain federal funds and discriminated against those without a conservative ideology.

The Rev. Amos Brown, pastor of the Third Baptist Church in San Francisco and member of the Interfaith Alliance, called the office "born in sin." "There was no bipartisan group of leaders consulted to form (the office). It was very disingenuous to conceive a program for the direct funneling of federal money into churches' coffers," Brown said.

The Rev. Welton Gaddy, head of the Interfaith Alliance, said the United States will function best when religions do the work of religions and when government does the work of government. "Govern-

ment must provide for the safety and security of all its citizens. Faith-based groups must be able to serve people, without being yanked around by government strings," he said in a written statement.

Those strings, many churches, rights groups and LGBT leaders say, have mandated that religious groups discriminate against people. In 2003, Towey's office issued a 12-page booklet stating explicitly that church-run government programs should be able to discriminate in hiring on religious grounds. "Towey was the Bush administration's point man in trying to roll back civil rights laws barring religious discrimination in hiring in government-funded programs," said the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, in a prepared statement. Although Towey is gone, religious leaders who decry discrimination say the administration's policies will live on as long as the office remains intact.

John Marble, executive director of the National Stonewall Democrats, told the PlanetOut Network that the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has given undue access and influence to anti-

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## In Their Own Words



"Major combat operations have ended. In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed." - President George W. Bush standing underneath a "Mission Accomplished" banner and announced, May 1, 2003 on the U.S.S. Lincoln during his staged, photo-op event.

This week marked the third anniversary of the "cessation of hostilities," so here's a look at the situation then compared to the situation now, by the numbers thanks to Think Progress.

U.S. Troops Wounded: 542 - May 1, 2003, 17,469 - as of May 1, 2006. U.S. Troops Killed: 139 - May 1, 2003, 2,400 - as of May 1, 2006. Number of Insurgents: 5,000 - May 1, 2003, 15-20,000 - as of May 1, 2006. Insurgent Attacks Per Day: 8 - May 1, 2003, 75 - as of May 1, 2006. Cost to U.S. Taxpayers: \$79 billion - May 1, 2003, \$320 billion - as of May 1, 2006. Approval of Bush's Handling of Iraq: 75% - May 1, 2003, 37% - as of May 1, 2006.

# UPDATE

## Poster Contest Underway For TIHAN Baseball Benefit

TUCSON - The Seventh Tucson Baseball Benefit at TEP Park at the Tucson Sidewinders Pacific Coast League poster contest to advertise the fund raising event is underway with entries due June 1.

In a press release, Dave Locke said that the winner of the poster contest will receive two complimentary tickets, valued at \$30 per person, as well as free entry to the fund raising suite for the ball game, for which a portion of the proceeds will go to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

Posters should include the following: "Dave Locke presents the Seventh Annual Baseball Benefit, July 9, Tucson Electric Park. Cost: \$30 Per Person. Portion of the Proceeds from this year's event to benefit TIHAN. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For \$30.00 you receive a Suite right behind home plate, with a buffet of Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Chips, Soda, Cookies in the suite, with a cash bar outside the Suite."

Proposed posters must be submitted by 5 p.m., June 1, and sent to Dave Locke, 1635 N. Craycroft, #210, Tucson, AZ 85712.

## Forum On Domestic Partner Benefits For Arizona State Employees, May 16

TUCSON - A community forum, sponsored by UA OUTReach, in collaboration with Wingspan, will be held at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., to discuss domestic partner benefits for Arizona state employees.

Among the topics of discussion will be forming a coalition of LGBT and straight Arizona employees (and their partners) who work at state organizations, such as the state universities, the Arizona Department of Corrections, the Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information about the forum, E-mail OUTReach at: [out@email.arizona.edu](mailto:out@email.arizona.edu).

## Burger Benefit For AZ Together May 7

TUCSON - On Sunday, May 7, 5:30 p.m., come join Arizona Together at IBT's, 616 N. Fourth Ave., for a burger, beer (or non-alcoholic drink) and bust the Protect Marriage Amendment (PMA) for only five bucks at their monthly fund raising event.

Thanks to the generosity of IBT's, all proceeds raised go to Arizona Together's effort to defeat the radical, right-wing extremists trying to discriminate against LGBT Arizonans with the PMA.

For more information, call (520) 275-4790, or go online to [arizonatogether.org](http://arizonatogether.org).

## 19th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Extravaganza May 7

TUCSON - The 19th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Extravaganza and Benefit Auction will take place Sunday, May 7 at Woody's Bar, 3710 N. Oracle.

Proceeds from the annual event, funds raised by the wrestlers, grappling in Jell-O, as well as the raffle and auction, go to the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), which help all those living with, an affected by HIV/AIDS.

Tickets for this year's Jell-O Wrestling Raffle, only \$1 each, are on sale now at Woody's, and SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave.

This year's amazing Grand Prize is a one-week stay in the luxurious Pueblo Bonito Condominiums in Mazatlan, Mexico for the week of Nov. 20-27, plus \$250 in cash. There are many other prizes that will be auctioned as well as be part of the raffle as well, organizers said.

Tickets for the Extravaganza are \$6 in advance, \$10 at the door. You can visit the Jell-O Wrestling website to get more information on the entire event, view auction items, or connect to the Pueblo Bonito Mazatlan website! Call Mae at SAAF, (520) 628-7223. E-mail: [events@saaf.org](mailto:events@saaf.org), for more information.

## AGRA 2007 Poster Contest Deadline May 13

PHOENIX - Arizona's Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) poster contest for their 2007 Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR) is underway, with submissions due May 13.

All Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being "2007 Road Runner Regional Rodeo." Exception to the size will be made for computer generated artwork on a CD or zip disk provided with a printed copy of the poster design. Artist's name and phone number must be printed in the upper right-hand corner on the back of the poster. Submissions received with the artist's name on the front of the poster will be disqualified. The winning design and artwork become the property of AGRA. All other entries will be destroyed within two (2) weeks following the judging unless arrangements are made by the artist to pick them up or to be returned at the artist's expense. The artist of the winning entry will receive a \$200 cash prize from AGRA. The contest is open both to AGRA members and non-members.

Organizers emphasized that the deadline for entries, is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Entries received after this date/time will not be considered. Mail entries to: AGRA RRRR 2007 Poster Contest, POB 40465, Phoenix, AZ 85067. For more information, contact Ron Trusley, AGRA Rodeo Director, (602) 510-9671, or Gary Hatterman, AGRA President, (602) 284-3285, or the AGRA office, (602) 265-8166.

## IN MEMORIAM



Rev. Robert Moore

TUCSON - The Rev. Robert Moore, 54, a long-time Tucson resident active in Gay-Lesbian concerns, died on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. He had been hospitalized on April 14 with severe abdominal pain and was later diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma, a very rare and highly aggressive disease.

Robert was an ordained Presbyterian minister, social worker, organist-choral director, and counselor. He had been a pastor and church musician in several churches in California and Tucson and had been a social worker in Tucson schools and behavioral health agencies. He was a leader in the More Light movement for GLBT affirmation in the Presbyterian Church USA and a co-founder of the Center for Social Work and Spirituality.

His sudden passing has stunned and saddened family, friends and colleagues. We will miss him greatly. A memorial service to celebrate Robert's life will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 PM at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. Third St, (520) 325-1001.

## Chris King Is Perfect! Coyotes Howl

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes, Tucson's LGBT and straight supportive bowling league, that bowl on Wednesday nights at Santa Cruz lanes, were surprised and elated when Chris King, who is carrying a 195 average, rolled twelve strikes in a row for a perfect 300 game on Apr. 19.

King, who has been with the league for nine years, was just as surprised as anyone to put up a perfect score. After missing practice due to a phone call from his son's teacher, Chris arrived to find that the first game had started without him. Since he made it before the end of the third frame, he was allowed to make up the missed frames and complete the first game, rather than having to use an absentee score. After the eighth strike, others around took notice but stayed away so as not to distract King. By the time the eleventh one was rolled, the entire league was anticipating what could happen. And then it did. Chris rolled the ball for the twelfth time, with the same authority of the other eleven and the same result, all the pins fell and the place erupted with a barrage of cheers and hugs.

This is King's first 300 game. He will receive \$100 from Santa Cruz lanes for his achievement and also a ring from the United States Bowling Congress.

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## Navajo Gay/Straight Alliance Sets Agenda

TSAILE - Diné College's new Gay-Straight Alliance has a message for the Navajo Nation: "Gay Navajos are not going to hide any more," reported Cindy Yurth in an article for the Navajo Times.

And to prove it, says club president Jackie "Jae" Burbank, you're going to see a lot of the alliance in the months and years to come. "We intend to be very active, and not just on Gay issues," Burbank said in an interview at the college April 15. "We want to be a place where LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered) and straight people can work side-by-side on issues important to our community."

Never mind that, nearing the end of their second semester of existence, the club still has more faculty sponsors than it has members. "We haven't had time to organize fund raising activities and get brochures printed," Burbank said. "It took us a while to get off the ground, because there were people who didn't want this group to form. Once people figure out we're here and what we're about, they'll join."

The alliance has already sponsored safe-sex education on campus ("Which is not at all to encourage young students to have sex," Burbank hastened to mention), and participated in a rally for women's safety. Future plans include a website and "Hate-Free Zone" stickers faculty members can put on their office and classroom doors to let students know hate speech against Gays - or anybody else - will not be tolerated there. "Basically it expands a Gay student's comfort zone by letting them know who their allies are," Burbank explained. "If they're having a problem, they know whose door to knock on."

The group would also like to visit high schools around the reservation. "We see a certain percentage of

young Gay Navajos choosing self-destructive lifestyles," Burbank said. "We want to let them know there are mentors out there who can support them and help them." Burbank, finishing her third semester majoring in fine arts, said she was inspired to form a Gay-straight alliance upon returning to the rez after touring the U.S. for five years. "I met so many creative people, most of them in the over-60 age group," said the Cottonwood, Arizona native. "They inspired me to come back and work for change."

Burbank said she herself never experienced discrimination for being a Lesbian, but she heard enough grim stories from other LGBT students that she decided to do something to promote Gay rights, and civil rights in general. "As Gay people, we need to be fighting for everybody's rights," she said. The Gay-Straight Alliance was formed last fall with six members, half of them straight, including vice-president Cheryl Bekay. In spite of some opposition, seven faculty members stepped up to sponsor the group, a pleasant surprise for Burbank. "We knew there were courageous people on this faculty who want to be agents for change," said Burbank, "but we didn't know there were so many of them."

To the group's delight, one of the sponsors was Navajo culture professor Harry Walters. "He teaches about third- and fourth-gendered people in his classes," Burbank said, explaining that "third-gender" is the Navajo term for Gays and "fourth-gender" is the term for Lesbians. "We have a place in our people's history. I think it's so important for young people to know that. If you know where you're coming from historically, it gives you the confidence to achieve greatness. There have been many great third- and fourth-gender artists and medicine people."

Bekay said she has wanted to do something to support Gay rights ever since, as a student at Chinle High School, she observed a Gay teen being tormented by his peers. "I felt really bad about it," she said. "When I met Jackie and saw what she was trying to do, I thought, 'She has some great ideas. She needs support for this.'"

Anyone is welcome to join the alliance, whether or not they're affiliated with Diné College. Burbank would like to see a broader age range, including elders from the community. "When the whole Diné Marriage Act debate was going on, my councilman held a public meeting," she recalled. "A lot of people had things to say about Gay marriage and Gays in general, mostly negative. I was feeling more and more discouraged. The last person to speak was a man in his 70s or 80s. He said, 'Why must we treat our children and grandchildren like this? Allow the rest of America to treat their children like that, but not the Navajo Nation.' 'Nobody spoke after that. He had completely changed the tone of the meeting. I felt so grateful for that man, I can't even express it. 'If we could get a few elders like that in our group, it would mean so much to the youth. They have a lot to teach us.'"

Parents who are trying to come to grips with their child's sexual orientation are welcome to attend the meetings too. "If you just pray for your kid or have ceremonies done for him, that's not going to help him, that's just going to make him feel bad about himself and lead to things like drugs and suicide," Burbank said. "Come and get to know us before you pass judgment."

The Gay-Straight Alliance meets every two weeks, and the best part, according to Burbank, is when they finish their agenda. "That's when people begin to share their stories,"

she explained. "Sometimes we're there till midnight. People become very open, and we definitely enjoy that." To join or learn more about Diné College's Gay-Straight Alliance, join the Diné Listserv on NativeOut.com and post a message to ja\_brnk.

## Clergy Slams

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Gay groups such as Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council. "The office has not only been a depository for kickbacks to special interests like anti-Gay groups that control the GOP, but it has also been a leading tool for the administration to promote junk science, especially related to sexual health, especially transmission of HIV. The office and the administration have promoted abstinence only education to prevent STDs and unwanted pregnancies," Marble said. He said Wednesday's (Apr. 26) announcements from the church leaders suggest an increasing backlash from mainstream and left-leaning religions against the right-wing religiosity of the Bush administration. "I think this is a good thing for the LGBT community. In general it's very important for the Gay community to work with organizations of faith to advance civil rights and freedoms," Marble said.

Leaders calling for the dismantling of the office say they will demand that each member of Congress running for office this year, and presidential candidates in 2008, to announce his or her stand on faith-based initiatives in government. "Our actions are not an opposition to the role of religion in society," said Imam Mahdi Brai, executive director of the Muslim American Society and member of the Interfaith Alliance. "We support religious rights and freedoms, but we don't need an office like this one to do our jobs," he said. "We recognize a higher authority, but that authority does not reside in the White House."

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A University of Arizona Wildcat basketball, autographed by Hall of Fame Coach Lute Olson and the 2005-06 men's basketball team.

Airfare for two and a three-day/two-night stay at the wonderfully-unique House of House of Blues Hotel in Chicago, including their spectacular Sunday Gospel Brunch.

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## Gay Minnesota Senatorial Incumbent Narrowly Wins GOP Endorsement



Senator Paul Koering  
PHOTO: Blogactive.com

LITTLE FALLS - Minnesota State Sen. Paul Koering won the Republican endorsement to seek a new term but it took the support of Senate allies and seven ballots to do it and his main opponent says he may force a primary, 365Gay.com reported. Nine senators, including Senate Minority Leader Dick Day, joined Koering at Tuesday night (Apr. 25) endorsing convention in a show of support.

On the seventh ballot Koering won 63-42, barely above the 60 percent threshold needed for endorse-

Six-Month Family Membership at the Jewish Community Center's exercise facilities. FDJ French Dressing Wardrobe One fun, fashionable chic outfit for each day of the week from French Dressing. Seven complete outfits in your size! "Home Sweet Home" Package from Home Depot Ladders, tools, patio furniture and more will be yours with this fabulous package to enhance your home! Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Sports Package - Football & Basketball - Two tickets to the January 1, 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Football Classic in Phoenix, with two "VIP Only" pre-game party passes and a parking pass. Also includes two tickets to the Chase Fiesta Bowl Basketball Classic featuring a contest between Arizona and Memphis on December 20, 2006 in Tucson, Arizona. An original painting by renowned international artist Jovan Obican (1918-1986). Floor Lamps from Sun Lighting An exquisite collection of lamps to decorate and light up your world and, original art, ceramics, rugs, jewelry, lamps, home furnishings, fine dining gift certificates, trips, and much more!

Tickets for the event are \$50 (\$23 is tax-deductible), and can be purchased by calling (520) 299-6647 or online at tihan.org. Raffle tickets are just \$5 each, or 5 for \$20), which gives those attending TIHAN's biggest annual fund raising event, more chances to win some of the items donated for the evening of fine food, entertainment and auction, all for TIHAN and help those living with, and affected by HIV/AIDS.

ment. A bitter Kevin Goedker, Koering's opponent, said he'll decide whether to fight Koering in the primary. Koering came out last year after taking criticism for voting against a proposed amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

"My decision to come out publicly allows me to answer all the questions that need to be answered ... I'm hoping to put all this behind me by the end of the week and resume doing the job that my district is paying me for," Koering said at the time.



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# Rosie O'Donnell Returns To Daytime TV



Rosie O'Donnell (r) and partner Kelli Carpenter

NEW YORK - It's official. Rosie O'Donnell is joining ABC daytime talk show The View, 365Gay.com reported. Word that O'Donnell was returning to daily television began circulating Thursday night (Apr. 27) and confirmed Friday (Apr. 28) by The View creator Barbara Walters at the Daytime Emmy awards. "We were amazed when she said yes and we're thrilled to have her," Walters said.

O'Donnell will join The View in September. She replaces Meredith Vieira who is leaving to co-host NBC's Today Show - taking over the slot occupied by departing Katie Couric. "We're thrilled to have Rosie back on daytime television and excited that she'll be able to bring stories about her life and family to millions across America," said Neil G. Giuliano, president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"The View" was awarded a GLAAD Media Award in 1999 for Outstanding Television Talk Show. In 2003, O'Donnell was honored with GLAAD's Vito Russo Award, recognizing her outstanding contributions to the fight against homophobia. O'Donnell came out in a national television interview on Mar. 14, 2002 and immediately went to work fighting for Gay spousal and adoption rights. "Part of the reason for doing this interview, I don't think

America knows what a Gay parent looks like. I am the Gay parent," she told ABC's Diane Sawyer back in 2002. "America has watched me parent my children on TV for six years. They know what kind of a parent I am. So when you think of Gay parenting, you don't have an image to hold onto. I will be that image, because I am a Gay parent..."

Two years later she and long-time Partner Keli Carpenter O'Donnell became one of nearly 4,000 couples who married in San Francisco. The marriages were later annulled by the California Supreme Court. With Carpenter O'Donnell, she also operates a cruise line for Gay and Lesbian families that was recently featured in an HBO movie. Recently her production company was given the green light by LGBT TV network LOGO to produce The Big Gay Show which LOGO will also make available on wireless phones, video on demand and portable devices.

For most of America though, O'Donnell is best known for the multi-award winning syndicated talk show that bore her name. Dubbed The Queen of Nice the show went on the air in 1996 and became an instant hit, O'Donnell won six Daytime Emmy Awards in six years as best talk-show host. O'Donnell has acted in a variety of movie, TV and stage shows, including the films A League of Their Own and Sleepless in Seattle and Grease on Broadway. She also produced the Broadway version of Taboo was one of her few flops.

## Students Demand Firing Of 'Lesbian Baiting' Coach

STATE COLLEGE - Penn State University students are demanding that the university fire women's basketball coach Rene Portland who is accused of attacking players she perceives as Lesbians, 365Gay.com reported. Several dozen students staged a noisy rally Wednesday (Apr. 26) accusing the school of not doing enough to fight homophobia and racism. The students marched to the office of President Graham Spanier to present their demands but found themselves locked out.

Earlier this month a Penn State investigation into Portland found that she violated the university's diversity policy by creating a hostile environment for Jennifer Harris, a player she perceived to be a Lesbian. The university fined Portland \$10,000 but Portland has denied any wrongdoing and students say the school needs to set an example and fire

her. The protestors, from a variety of campus minority groups, say homophobia isn't the only problem that Penn State won't deal with, pointing to a series of incidents in which students of color were targeted over the past year.

The investigation into Portland began after Harris, a 6 foot guard played on Penn State's Lady Lions basketball team from 2003 to 2005 filed a federal lawsuit charging Portland with violating numerous federal and state laws and the Constitution. The suit also named the university and Athletic Director Tim Curley, and Penn State as defendants. Harris alleges that Portland repeatedly questioned her about her sexual orientation, repeatedly threatened to kick Harris off the team if she found out Harris was a Lesbian, and eventually told other players not to associate with Harris because she believed that Harris was Gay. In 2005, Coach Portland abruptly told Harris to find somewhere else to play. Harris transferred to James Madison University.



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# Northern Arizona Celebrates Ten Years Of Gay Pride

## Chaka Khan To Headline Weekend Celebration

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Music legend and eight-time Grammy award winner Chaka Khan will headline the ten-year anniversary of Northern Arizona Pride Association (NAPA) at the annual Pride in the Pines event in Wheeler Park on June 9 to 11, 2006.

The weekend festival is the largest multi-day festival in Flagstaff, and is expected to draw thousands of people in support of gay and lesbian rights, including residents, visitors, civic leaders and business owners. This year's theme is "A Decade of Pride: Celebrating Diversity!"

"For a full decade, Pride in the Pines has helped build tolerance and increase education in Arizona by showing support for our fellow community members and creating a forum for understanding and change," said Tommy Elias, co-president of Flagstaff Pride.

"We are proud to see that we have achieved many victories at this ten-year mark, but we must continue to show our pride as we continue to represent this important community," adds Craig Watkins, co-president of Flagstaff Pride.

Wheeler Park will be transformed into a main stage for performers including Chaka Khan, the internationally acclaimed singer known for hits such as "I Feel for You" and "I'm Every Woman." "I am honored to come to Flagstaff to perform for my fans and to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Pride in the Pines," Chaka Khan said.

Other performances will include music by Sophie B. Hawkins, with number one hits "Damn, I Wish I Was Your Lover" and "As I Lay Me Down," which is the longest-running single in Billboard chart history. Sophie B. Hawkins has won audiences over

with her live performances and social activism.

Entertainment for the event will also feature a play by the Theatrikos Theatre Company themed around the gay, lesbian and transgendered communities.

"This year's event theme, 'A Decade of Pride: Celebrating Diversity!' encompasses what this celebration is all about," said David Fiss, managing director of Flagstaff Pride. "We appreciate that musicians Chaka Khan and Sophie B. Hawkins are lending their support and their amazing talent to this monumental celebration."

The festival will also include exhibitor booths, HIV/AIDS education and testing, activities for children and families, art exhibits and a wine tasting.

NAPA's Pride in the Pines event is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Wells Fargo, Bud Light, and Radisson Woodlands Hotel.

For information about Pride in the Pines, a schedule of events, or to purchase event tickets, please visit the organization's newly developed Web site, [www.FlagstaffPride.org](http://www.FlagstaffPride.org) or call 928-213-1900.

Northern Arizona Pride Association was founded in Flagstaff Arizona in 1996. The organization's first event was held on the outskirts of town in the woods for fear of backlash and violence from the small rural community. With 300 in attendance, the inaugural Pride Celebration marched a new wave of liberation in small town America. Now in its tenth year, Pride in the Pines is a weekend-long event expected to draw thousands of visitors and residents.

## Rabbi To Liberty University: G/L Couples Deserve Rights

LYNCHBURG - The leader of the Union of Reform Judaism spoke at antiGay televangelist Jerry Falwell's Liberty University on Wednesday (Apr. 26) and called for the acceptance and support of Gay and Lesbian couples, the JTA news service reported on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). "Gay Americans pose no threat to their friends, neighbors, or coworkers, and when two people make a lifelong commitment to each other, we believe it is wrong to deny them the legal guarantees that protect them and their children and benefit the broader society," Rabbi Eric Yoffie said to shocked murmurs, scattered hisses, and boos at the packed campus stadium.

Falwell chastised his students, telling them he had never been booted in a synagogue. Aside from that, the reception for Yoffie was warm. Falwell said it was the first time in the 32-year history of Liberty University that a rabbi helped him deliver the weekly convocation. Yoffie has been a vocal critic of the religious right, and Falwell's invitation was a signal of reconciliation after some difficult times between evangelicals and Jews. Yoffie began Wednesday's speech by emphasizing common ground on issues such as Israel and defending persecuted religious minorities overseas. He received warm applause when he praised evangelicals for their resolute opposition to what he called "the moral crisis in America."



**Rabbi Eric Yoffie**

But according to JTA, he also laid out Reform Judaism's fundamentals, including church-state separation, a woman's right to be the ultimate arbiter about whether to have an abortion, and legal protections for Gay couples. Falwell said Yoffie's tone was as important as his message. "He came across in a loving, respectful way," Falwell told JTA after the convocation. Students said they were happy to hear differing views and hoped to find common ground on other issues. "This is an opportunity to respect and recognize as legitimate different viewpoints," said Jenni Thurman, a sophomore

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Yoffie said he hoped his appearance was the start of a relationship. "I would hope as we move forward there will be follow-up and there will be coalition building," he said. But Falwell, who said the idea to invite Yoffie came during an interview with journalist Zev Chafets, was noncommittal about a follow-up. He qualified future relations with those with whom he disagrees: "We can differ on many things not essential to the freedoms in our country." Did those "essential" things include the continued denial of legal protections to Gay couples? Falwell was evasive. "We do not believe in Gay marriage or polygamy or any other family form than a man marrying a woman singly," he told JTA.

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# UofA Gay/Bisexual Fraternity Holds Fundraiser



TUCSON (ON) - The University of Arizona's Gay, Bi and straight supportive fraternity held a fundraiser, "Unleashing the Queens," Monday, May 1, at Colors Food & Spirits, 5305 E. Speedway in Tucson, to raise monies to pay for their recently granted charter.

Delta Lambda Phi was recognized in February of this year as an official campus fraternity, for which recognized groups must have a charter, according to U of A Greek system rules. The annual fee for a charter is \$65, for which the proceeds from the event went to help pay for the cost.

Currently, Delta Lambda Phi has 18 members. It was originally started in 1991 but folded two years later. For more information about the fraternity, go online to: [dlp.org/uacolony/](http://dlp.org/uacolony/).



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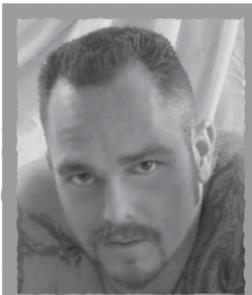
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## Gay Governor's Book 'Won't Name Names'

TRENTON - Former Gov. James E. McGreevey's tell-all book about life as the nation's first openly Gay governor will explore his own struggles as a closeted Gay but will not venture into anyone else's bedroom, say people who are familiar with the contents of the memoir due out in September, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The former governor's confidantes and his publisher will not speak publicly about the contents of the book by McGreevey, who stunned the nation when he proclaimed himself "a Gay American" in August 2004. But three people who know McGreevey who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the book hasn't been published, said McGreevey in the memoir will not "out" any New Jersey politician or staffer.



James McGreevey

writing his memoir with a former investigative reporter. It's due in stores Sept. 19. The book, titled "The Confession," traces McGreevey's life through two failed marriages, his rapid political rise to the governor's office, and the sudden, public implosion of his political career.

McGreevey is being courted by national television personalities like Barbara Walters, Katie Couric, Larry King and Oprah Winfrey, all of whom want to be first to interview him before ReganBooks, an imprint of HarperCollins, publishes the book, people who know him said. McGreevey is barred by contract from discussing the book now - and from talking to the media in general - before the book's release, said Jonathan Capehart, a friend who is fielding media inquiries on behalf of the former governor. Suzanne Wickham, a publicist for ReganBooks, said that she hadn't yet read the manuscript, but that the book will be a candid look at McGreevey's personal and political life. She said the book is still being written.

Still, some have reason to be jittery about how they're portrayed in the book, said the people, who have discussed the book with the former governor. They say McGreevey uses real names and that some people are not portrayed in a positive light. Some may be embarrassed because of personal stories or situations involving them and McGreevey, say those who know him. "He's not writing a score-settling book," according to one person. People who know McGreevey say he is striving for a higher purpose in the book, namely to document his very public coming out in hopes it will help others trying to come to terms with their own sexuality.

McGreevey, 48, announced his homosexuality and his impending resignation in the same nationally televised speech during which he declared he had been involved in an affair with a man. A Democrat, McGreevey was governor from Jan. 15, 2002, to Nov. 15, 2004. After leaving office, McGreevey began

and therapeutic for McGreevey to write. The former governor's struggle with his sexuality and its effect on his Catholic faith are dominant themes, they said. McGreevey, who was raised Catholic, now belongs to an Episcopal church, which he and O'Donnell attend regularly, people who socialize with them said.

People who know McGreevey said the former governor and his partner, private investment adviser Mark O'Donnell, 42, were vacationing in Australia on Friday. The two, who met at a cocktail party last year, have recently been house-hunting in central New Jersey, the people said. They said the book was both painful

## Study: 11% Of HIV+ G/B Men Choose Abstinence

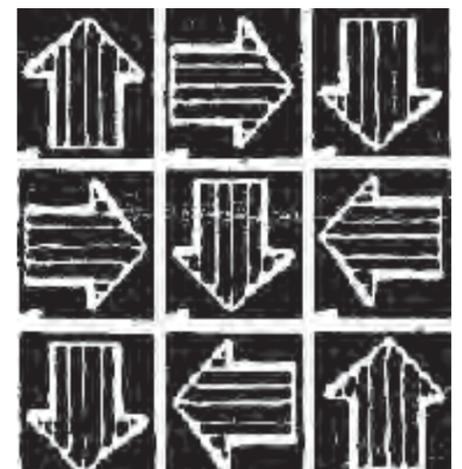
WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new study by the Rand Corp. shows that many HIV-positive Americans choose to be abstinent, including about 11% of Gay and Bisexual men, reported advocate.com. The study, published in the June edition of the American Journal of Public Health, also showed that about 18% each of heterosexual men and heterosexual women are abstinent.

Until now "we really haven't had a good estimate of how many people who are HIV-positive have deliberately chosen to be sexually inactive," said Laura Bogart, a Rand psychologist and lead author of the study. "This information may be useful to those who create HIV education and prevention programs."

Rand researchers analyzed information from 1,339 people who took part in the HIV Cost and Services Utilization Study. Researchers found that 415 of study participants were sexually inactive, but 201 of them said they had deliberately chosen to be abstinent. Gay and Bisexual men who chose to be sexually inactive were most likely to do so out of a perceived responsibility to protect others, according to the study. Heterosexual men and women more often chose to be sexually inactive if they were in poor health. Gay and Bisexual men, heterosexual men, and women were

all less likely to be deliberately sexually inactive if they had a spouse or partner.

Researchers say that fewer HIV-positive Gay men may choose abstinence compared to other groups living with the virus because being HIV-positive creates less stigma in the Gay community than it does in the rest of society. At the same time, this community seems to forge a link between personal responsibility and sexual behavior, the researchers say. "HIV-positive Gay men may be more informed about less risky sexual practices," Bogart said. "We should increase education about safer sexual practices among other groups of HIV-positive patients."



## POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

### PMAA + MPA = Pure BS!

As previously reported in this column and publication, Arizona may be one of several states in November to consider a proposed amendment, for Arizona it is the PMAA (Protect Marriage Arizona amendment) to their respective state constitution barring governmental, judicial and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions, domestic partnerships or any other relations outside that of marriage - defined as between a man and a woman.

Very shortly, within the next few weeks, in the land of scandal and corruption, also known as Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., the GOP-controlled U.S. Congress will be considering legislation to add a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution as well. What does the public have to look forward to, from now until the hearings? A "line" of spin, bile, BS, blather and misinformation on the proposed federal amendment, what it takes to be enacted, its ramifications and so on. So without further adieu, the story so far on the "Marriage Protection Act" (MPA), this year's version of bigotry for the political buck and vote.

On Jan. 24, 2005, Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) proposed the MPA (S.J.Res. 1), which was referred to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights and currently has 29 cosponsors (including Arizona Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ) who is up for election this year). Subcommittee Chairman Sam Brownback (R-KS) held a markup session on Nov. 9, 2005, during which S.J.Res. 1 was approved by a 5-4 party-line vote. S.J.Res. 1 reads as follows: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman."

On Mar. 17, 2005, Representative Daniel Lungren (R-CA) introduced the companion amendment in the House (H.J.Res. 39), which was referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and currently has 20 cosponsors, including Congressman Trent Franks (R-AZ). H.J. Res. 39 differs from the Senate proposal, and reads: 1. Marriage in the United States shall consist only of a legal union of one man and one woman. 2. No court of the United States or of any State shall have jurisdiction to determine whether this Constitution or the constitution of any State requires that the legal incidents of marriage be conferred upon any union other than a legal union between one man and one woman. 3. No State shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State concerning a union between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage, or as having the legal incidents of marriage, under the laws of such other State.

If this reads and sounds familiar to you, flash back to 2004. During that presidential election year, when 13 states considered and voted to approve measures barring same-sex marriage, and in the cases of Ohio and Michigan, barring civil unions and domestic partnerships as well.

The GOP-controlled Congress got into the act with the same proposal, then known as the "Federal Marriage Amendment," holding hearings but failing to get a federal amendment approved. It was twelve votes short of passing a cloture motion in the Senate, in July 2004, to end debate and force a vote on the amendment, with 48 Senators voting for cloture and 50 voting against. In Sept. 2004, the House failed to pass the amendment by a vote of 227-186.

To be adopted, a proposed constitutional amendment must pass with the support of two-thirds of those present and voting in each chamber of Congress, (67 in the Senate and 283 in the House) and then be ratified by three-fourths of the states. Despite this "setback," the proposed FMA achieved the real political result in 2004, getting George W. Bush re-elected. All this was the campaign strategy of presidential advisor, Karl Rove.

Now in 2006, another election year, the Congressional or midterm election, the Republican leadership in the U.S. House and Senate, bereft of accomplishments, ideas or anything relevant, are desperately trying again to fire up their base, the radical right, to go to the polls and vote come November, to maintain their control by using the same political game plan drafted by Karl Rove.

Many amendments, numbering in the tens of thousands have been proposed but only on 17 occasions the U.S. Constitution has been amended, since the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791, expanding the rights of citizens, (with the one exception of the eighteenth amendment - Prohibition which was repealed by the twenty-first amendment), not taking away the rights of citizens by codifying discrimination. As previously reported in this column and publication, the ramifications of such an amendment, either on the state or federal level, on the legislative and judicial avenues that would be lost are well-known and are well-documented.

Contact your Senators and Representative and tell them that you want all Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation, to enjoy federal equal rights and benefits, totaling 1,138. Urge your Senators and Representative to oppose the MPA and speak out, to the corporate media if given an opportunity, but to your friends, family, co-workers and colleagues.

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## Parents Sue School Over Reading Of Gay Book

LEXINGTON - Two sets of parents filed a lawsuit on Thursday (Apr. 27) against a Massachusetts town and its public school system after a teacher read a Gay-themed fairy tale to children without notifying the parents first, their lawyers said. The lawsuit against Lexington, a wealthy suburb about 12 miles west of Boston, seeks unspecified damages after the book King & King was read to a classroom of about 20 children, most of whom were 7 years old.

It also charges that the school broke a 1996 Massachusetts law requiring that parents be notified of sex education lessons. It names Lexington superintendent of schools Paul Ash and several other school and town officials. Lexington officials were not immediately available to comment. Ash told the Reuters news agency that the school was under no legal obligation to inform parents the book would be read. King & King tells the story of a crown prince who rejects a bevy of beautiful princesses, rebuffing each potential mate until falling in love with a prince. The two marry, sealing the union with a kiss, and live happily ever after.

Ash has said that reading the book was not intended as sex education but as a way to educate children about the world in which they live, especially in Massachusetts, the only U.S. state in which Gay and Lesbian couples can legally wed. It was read during a lesson about different types of weddings. "I see this as a civil rights issue. People who are Gay have a right to be treated equally," Ash said.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. district court in Boston, alleges violations of the federal civil rights of the two sets of parents, David and Tonia Parker and Rob and Robin Wirthlin. It also accuses the town and

school officials of violating the Massachusetts civil rights code and the state's parental notification law, according to the parents' attorney, Boston law firm Denner Associates. "This is plainly a civil rights matter," their lawyer, Jeffrey Denner, told Reuters. The dispute erupted when Robin Wirthlin complained to the school's principal after her 7-year-old son told her about the reading last month. She then turned to the conservative Massachusetts-based advocacy group Parents Rights Coalition, which issued a statement on the case to the media.

David Parker has been at odds with the town's school system since he was arrested a year ago for trespassing when he refused to leave school grounds until authorities promised to excuse his son from classroom discussions on same-sex parents. His son, who at the time was about 5 years old, had brought home a "diversity book bag" that included the book Who's in a Family? The book includes pictures of same-sex parents along with other types of families.

The lawsuit comes as California considers introducing school textbooks highlighting the role of Gays in its history. King & King was ranked eighth among the top 10 books people wanted removed from libraries in 2004, according to the American Library Association. Its Berkeley, Calif., publisher, Tricycle Press, said complaints about the 32-page book first surfaced in 2004 in North Carolina. An Oklahoma legislator last year cited the book as reason to impose new restrictions on library collections. Written by two Dutch women, the book has sold about 15,000 copies in the United States since it was translated and published in 2002. A sequel, King, King and Family, about a royal Gay family, was published two years later.

## Killer Of Lesbian Teen Released From Prison

MADISON - A mother's anger over the 1992 slaying of her 12-year-old daughter, who was beaten and burned alive by four teenagers over her alleged involvement in a Lesbian love triangle, has resurfaced with the release from prison of one of those convicted, the Associated Press reported on advocate.com. Hope Rippey, who was 15 when she and three other girls killed Shanda Renee Sharer, walked out of the Indiana Women's Prison Friday (Apr. 28) after serving about 13 years of her original 50-year sentence.

Sharer's mother, Jacque Vaught, told The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky., Thursday that she adamantly opposes the 29-year-old's release. "I do not accept this," she said. "She murdered my daughter." She said that if Rippey had any remorse for helping to kill the New Albany, Ind., girl, she should show it by remaining behind bars her entire sentence. "To me, it's a very small thing to ask," Vaught said.

Rippey and three other teenagers abducted Sharer after luring her from her home following a punk rock concert in Louisville. According to court testimony, Melinda Loveless, then 16, was jealous of Sharer and wanted her killed because she was involved in a Lesbian love triangle with Loveless and another girl. Before dawn on January 11, 1992, they bludgeoned and sodomized the girl with a tire iron and sliced her legs with

a knife, then drove around with the girl locked in the car's trunk. Hours later, they doused the girl with gasoline and burned her alive along a Jefferson County, Ind., road, about 40 miles northeast of Louisville.

Rippey, Laurie Tackett, of Madison, Ind., and Loveless, of New Albany, pleaded guilty to murder and two lesser charges. Toni Lawrence, who was 15 at the time, completed almost nine years of her 20-year sentence for a criminal confinement conviction and was released in 2000. Rippey was to spend half her sentence in prison under the Indiana Department of Corrections' "good time" provision, which awards one day of credit for each day served without incident. A northern Indiana judge reduced the original sentence to 35 years, making the actual time in prison 17 1/2 years. The judge reduced it by four more years after Rippey obtained her high school GED and then a bachelor's degree from Ball State University. Rippey lost some of her credited time in 1994, when she was twice disciplined for disorderly conduct, but prison officials said her record since then has been clean.

Her progress impressed Martha Adams, a longtime prison volunteer. In 1999, shortly before her death from cancer, Adams hired a lawyer to try to get Rippey's sentence reduced. Adams thought Rippey's confinement "was a waste of a

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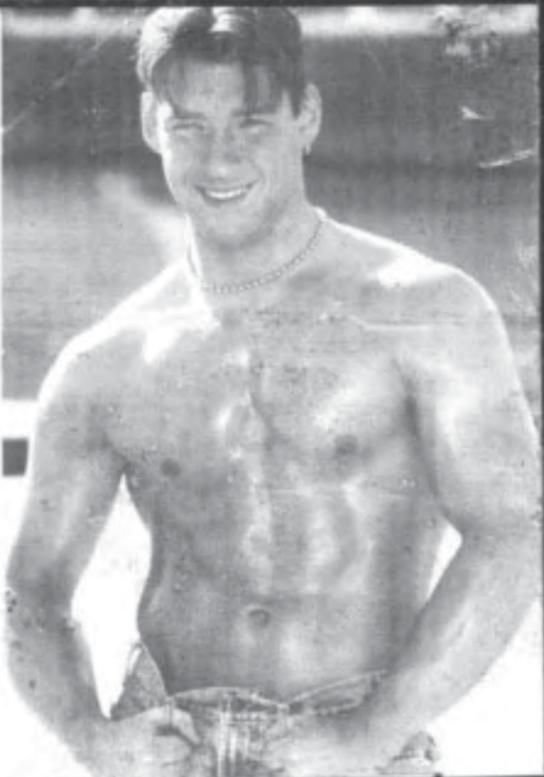
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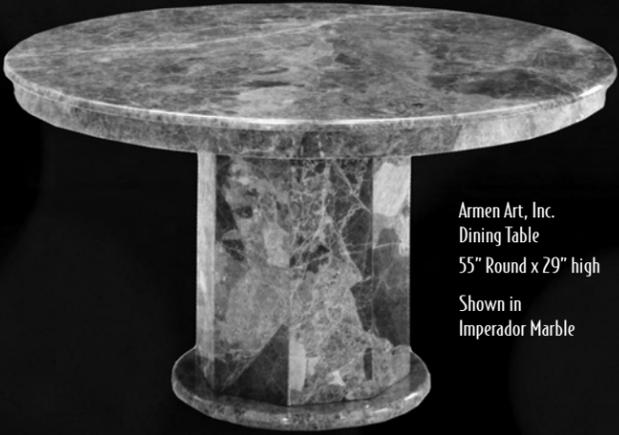
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## U.S. Immigration Law 'Inhumane' To Same-Sex Couples Human Rights Groups Say

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Thousands of U.S. citizens and their foreign same-sex partners face enormous hardships, separation and even exile because discriminatory U.S. immigration policies deprive these couples of the basic right to be together, Human Rights Watch (HRW) and Immigration Equality said in a report released Tuesday (May 2), reported 365Gay.com. The report comes a day after hundreds of gays and Lesbians joined more than a million people across the U.S. to demonstrate against the treatment of illegal immigrants.

In its report HRW and Immigration Equality said that Congress also must end the discrimination that Lesbian and Gay Americans and their foreign partners endure under U.S. immigration law. The 2000 U.S. Census estimated that in the United States there were almost 40,000 Lesbian and Gay couples in which one partner is a U.S. citizen (or permanent resident), and the other a foreign national. This figure does not include the many thousands of binational couples who have to hide the fact they are partners, are forced to live apart, or who have been forced to leave the United States the report said, noting that under U.S. statutes, these couples have no recognition under the law.

"Discriminatory U.S. immigration laws turn the American dream into a heartless nightmare for countless U.S. citizens and their foreign partners," said Scott Long, co-author of the report and director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program of Human Rights Watch. "As Congress debates immigration reforms, it should end discrimination against Lesbian and Gay immigrants as well as their U.S. partners." The 191-page report, "Family, Unvalued: Discrimination, Denial and the Fate of Binational Same-Sex Couples under U.S. Law," is the first-ever comprehensive report on the issue, said Long. It documents the consequences of this discrimination and shows how it can separate not only loving partners from one another, but also parents from children. It also shows how this policy has destroyed careers, livelihoods and lives.

"Our immigration laws are undermining the traditional American values of fairness and family," said Rachel B. Tiven, executive director of Immigration Equality. "U.S. immigration policy is designed to keep families together. But the current law targets an entire

class of American families and tears them apart."

For more than 50 years, family reunification has been a stated and central goal of U.S. immigration policy, the report notes. Immigration law places a priority on allowing citizens and permanent residents to sponsor their spouses and close relatives for entry into the U.S. The report says that although the system remains imperfect, riddled with delays that rising anti-immigrant sentiment only intensifies, U.S. citizens and their foreign heterosexual partners can easily claim spousal status and the immigration rights that it brings. U.S. citizens with foreign Lesbian or Gay partners, however, find that their relationship is considered non-existent under federal law. The so-called "Defense of Marriage Act," passed in 1996, declared that for all purposes of the federal government, marriage would mean "only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife." Since Lesbian and Gay couples are excluded from the definition of "spouse," U.S. citizens receive no legal recognition of their same-sex partners for purposes of immigration.

Based on interviews and surveys with dozens of binational same-sex couples across the United States and around the world, the report documents the pressures and ordeals that lack of legal recognition imposes on Lesbian and Gay families. Couples described abuse and harassment by immigration officials. Some partners told stories of being deported from the United States and separated from their partners. Many couples, forced to live in different countries or continents, endure financial as well as emotional strain in keeping their relationships together the report says.

"No family should be forced apart, no matter what the sex is. This is how immigration laws have affected us," a woman in North Carolina said, describing how her Hungarian partner and their children were forced to leave the United States. "We are separated and without each other.... We just want to be together, that's all."

Many U.S. citizens are forced into exile in countries where their relationships are recognized according to the report. At least 19 nations worldwide provide some form of immigration benefits to the same-sex partners of citizens and permanent residents, while the U.S. still refuses. These include Canada as well as 13

European countries (Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom). On other continents, this list includes Brazil, Israel, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The report calls on Congress to "immediately pass the Uniting American Families Act" Human Rights Watch and Immigration Equality said. The bill, sponsored by Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) would offer binational same-sex couples' relationships the same recognition and treatment afforded to binational married couples.

The proposed law would add the term "permanent partner" to sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act where "spouse" now appears. Thus, a U.S. citizen or permanent resident could sponsor their permanent partner for immigration to the country, just as they can now sponsor such family members as siblings, children or husbands and wives. The bill was introduced in the current Congress on June 21, 2005; it has a total of 104 cosponsors from both houses. In addition to repealing the Defense of Marriage Act of 1996, Congress should enact reforms to U.S. immigration law to guarantee respect for the human rights and labor rights of non-citizens the report recommends. These reforms should include measures that end discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV-positive individuals it said.

### Single Pill HIV Therapy Enters FDA Hopper

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In the latest step toward bringing a single-pill antiretroviral regimen to the U.S. market, Gilead Sciences and Bristol-Myers Squibb filed a New Drug Application with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to combine Gilead's Truvada (which itself combines Viread and Emtriva) with Bristol-Myers Squibb's Sustiva, reported the PlanetOut Network. The companies announced their intention to collaborate on developing a single-pill therapy in 2004 and reported success in clinical trials in January of this year. A Gilead representative said the companies hope the still-unnamed pill will be approved and ready for the public by the end of the year. It will be the only once-daily tablet intended for treatment of HIV-1 infection as a

complete regimen or in combination with other antiretrovirals.

The proposed once-daily single tablet regimen contains 600 mg of efavirenz, 200 mg of emtricitabine and 300 mg of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate to block reverse transcriptase, an enzyme necessary for HIV replication. The collaboration is the first of its kind in the 25-year history of AIDS and represents the culmination of efforts to improve options for people living with HIV, said Gilead representative James Loduca. "You need near-perfect adherence to antiretroviral drugs in order to suppress HIV, and anything that makes the regimen simpler will help," Loduca said.

But Lei Chou, director of mobilization for the Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project, was skeptical about the benefits of the single-pill therapy. "There is not a big difference between taking one pill and taking two pills per day, so I don't think it will improve patient adherence much in the United States," Chou said. "The only major benefit may be for patients with Medicare or private insurance, who will only have to fill one prescription. They may see a reduction in their co-pays."

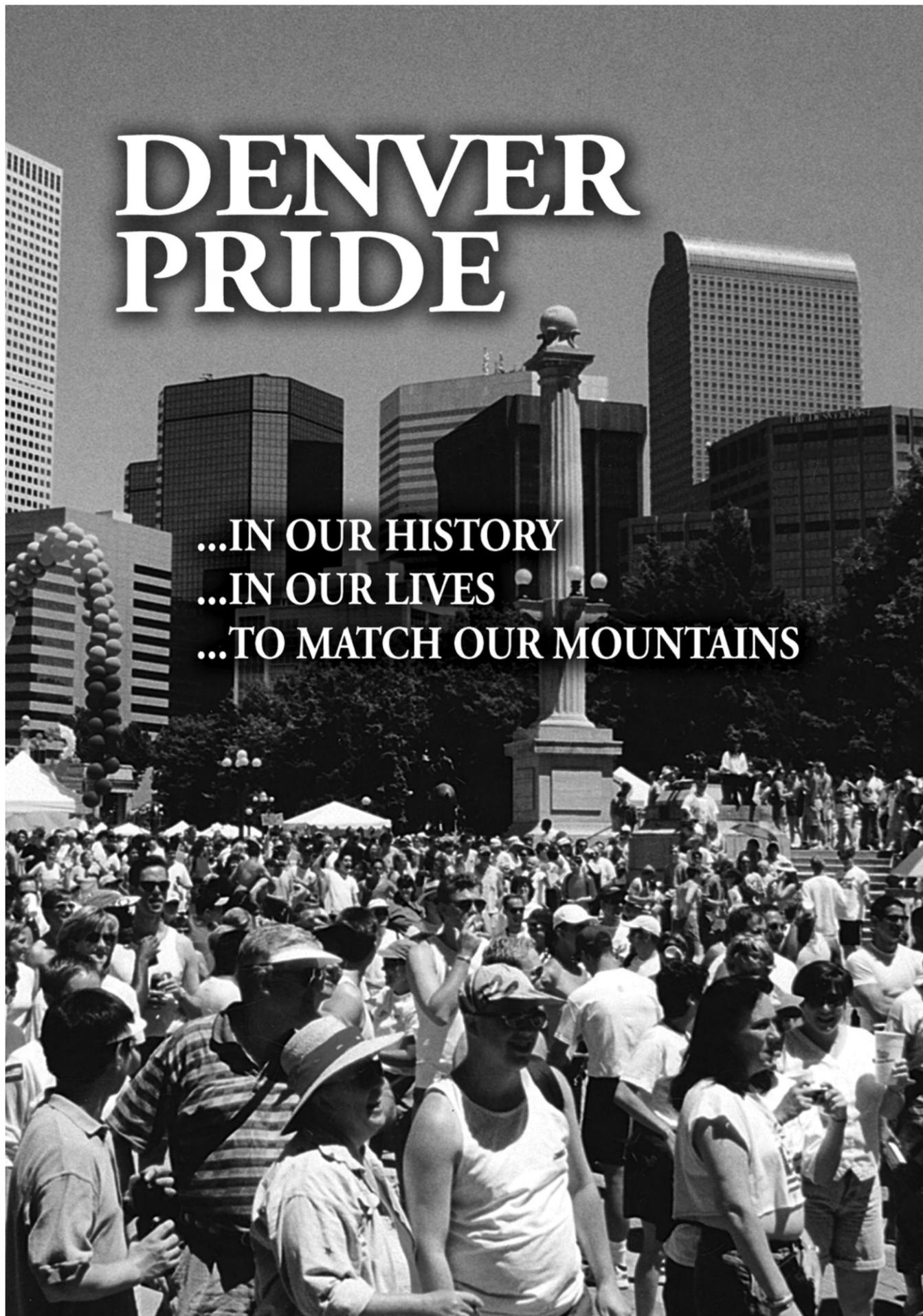
The companies will announce pricing of the new pill upon FDA approval. Loduca said Gilead and Bristol-Myers Squibb are conferring with Merck, which holds the patent for efavirenz, the medical name of Sustiva, for use in the developing world. He did not speculate on when those companies might reach an agreement on how to bring the single-pill regimen to the developing world, nor did he say whether the companies would waive royalties.

Chou said that the pill, if priced low enough, could have a benefit for parts of the world in which drug adherence is a major roadblock to treatment. However, he suggested that a more crucial need in developing countries is second-line protease inhibitors. "Right now, there are no generic protease inhibitors, and people are running into resistance issues with the first-line treatments," he said. Chou pointed to Kaletra as an important therapy for the developing world because it doesn't require refrigeration. Doctors Without Borders is urging Kaletra's manufacturer, Abbott Laboratories, into lowering the price, but until that happens, its benefits will be unrealized in most parts of the world.



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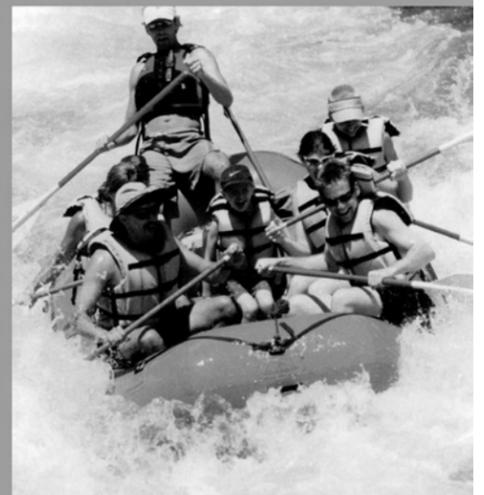


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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## "The Sopranos" Limp Off

by Lee Thorn

THE SOPRANOS has been a groundbreaking TV show. It was based on a simple brilliant idea, making a soap opera about the mafia. The series has had its highs and lows, and it's a little sad to see this good old soap limping off on a low note.

It would be an understatement to say that the soap opera was a well established genre in American drama before THE SOPRANOS appropriated it. The truth is that no dramatic genre was as well established. Soaps centered themselves around a workplace institution such as a hospital or around the institution of the family. The genre developed a set of comfortable conventions, none perhaps more characteristic than that of lighting a fire in one episode that would be stirred but not decisively confronted until several episodes in the future.

THE SOPRANOS, having chosen the family as its focus, ran into a problem that it would never convincingly deal with. Tony, the "hero" of the show, is the father of a family that he nurtures and loves. In his role as committed father he becomes a sympathetic character.

The problem is that he's not supposed to be a sympathetic character because he's a criminal. The series tried to deal with this dilemma by portraying Tony sympathetically most of the time, just a guy trying to do his best to meet his family and occupational responsibilities, but then having him suddenly do something irrational, malicious, gratuitously violent and downright stupid to remind us that he's the bad guy. The result was a character with a split personality that was convincing on the good side of the split and unconvincing on the dark side.

The show's latest attempt to reveal Tony's dark side consisted of having him beat up his bodyguard to show his underlings that he wasn't weak. Among the various plausibility problems with this ploy is that an executive beating up a worker for no reason would not make his associates think he was strong; it would make them fear that the boss had lost his marbles.

This plot twist makes me wonder if the show, wanting to go out with a bang, has decided to trade in its hallmark plausibility for the cheap thrill of an action sequence. The question of trading plausibility for fireworks arose again when the show had a closeted mafia captain dancing in a Gay bar where he knew the mob made collections. You get the fireworks of the big confrontation when he's discovered at the bar by his associates, but you get it at the price of plausibility.

Just as it expanded the soap opera genre, THE SOPRANOS did remarkable things with humor. It demonstrated on several occasions that you could do broadly humorous scenes without damaging a serious or even grim dramatic thrust. Their parody of DRAGNET in the "custom pizza" caper is a memorable case in point. Students of dramatic theory were undoubtedly surprised to learn that THE SOPRANOS audience could laugh at a joke about drama itself without losing the intensity of the specific dramatic situation into which the joke had been inserted.

The other big lesson of the show was that you can't walk away from your genre. They got this family-based soap up and running, and then they let the family separate. Catastrophe! All of a sudden a show with compelling coherence and meaning became a profusion of pointless and banal tuggery. They brought the family back together and the show instantly came back together.

The final mountain that couldn't be climbed was depicting a bad man who does good things. Why should this be a problem? We all know that in real life bad men do good things. We all know that good men do bad things. Why can't these obvious truths be shown in drama? I read an account of an American film from the 1930s that was censored because the killer in the movie whistled songs to himself. The censors supposedly said you can't have the killer whistle because it makes him a sympathetic character. But wait a second: is it possible for us to believe that of all the killers in the world not one likes to whistle?

The dark side of Tony just wasn't believable. It seemed like something grafted on by a first-year med student. I hope there are budding dramatist out there busily working on characters who can be realistically adorable and convincingly evil without resorting to the implausibility of a Tony or the artificiality of a Dr. Jekyll.

[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.]

## Officer Found Not Guilty Of Assault Of Lesbian Soldier

ALTOONA - An Army Reserve officer was acquitted of charges that he assaulted a female soldier who testified that she had not wanted to file a complaint at the time because she is a Lesbian, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Blair County, Pa., jurors on Thursday (Apr. 27) found Sgt. Douglas Walters, 47, of Altoona not guilty of aggravated indecent assault and indecent assault.

Walters was charged after police said he assaulted the woman in his car last July. Walters told Logan Township police in a statement that he and the woman had had a consensual relationship for two months, the Altoona Mirror reported in Wednesday's (Apr. 26) editions. "What he did to the woman was not a crime if the two consented," Walters's attorney, Norman D. Callan, said Thursday. Walters and the woman are still assigned to the Army Reserve Unit 298th Maintenance Co. in Altoona. Walters admitted violating Army regulations but maintained that he had not broken criminal law, Callan had said.

The woman testified Tuesday (Apr. 25) that she had been ordered by Walters to accompany him on a shopping trip last July and that refusing the order could have led to military discipline. The woman reported the incident the next day to another sergeant after he noticed that she looked depressed. A superior then told Logan Township police. She testified that she didn't file a report immediately because she is a Lesbian. "People in the Army don't know I dated girls," the woman testified. "If I made waves, I was afraid I'd get discharged for it."

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academies, set by Congress and signed by President Clinton, allows Gays to serve in the armed forces if they abstain from homosexual activity and do not disclose their sexual orientation. The revelation surprised some in the courtroom. When asked by Callan why she waited until the trial to reveal her sexual orientation, the woman replied, "You asked, and I told." Assistant prosecutor Ilissa Zimmerman said Thursday that whether the relationship was consensual appeared to be the larger issue with the jury than the woman's sexual orientation. Messages left for officials at the Altoona unit and at the Army

Reserve's 99th Regional Readiness Command headquarters in Coraopolis after the verdict were not immediately returned.

Earlier Thursday, before the verdict was announced, Army Reserve spokesman Jack Gordon in Coraopolis told the Associated Press that the woman's testimony would be reviewed by military officials. Zimmerman rejected notions that the woman concocted a story in order to get out of her military obligations. "It would have been far too complicated to manipulate the system that way," Zimmerman said.

# Non Bar Calendar

Wednesday, May 3  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Canasta hosted by Bruce 743-3890 MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, May 4  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier Central Tucson GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating caffeine enhanced beverages, delicious comestibles, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

Friday, May 5  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. cancelled For May. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come out and totally enjoy putting your acting/miming and pantomime skills to the test. For directions and reservations [(a limited space event, please plan ahead and phone early)], place a telephone call to Lee and Merlin, your gracious yet competitive emcees and moderators, at 207-5336.

Tucson Prime Timers, Cocktails – 5:30 – 7:00, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, May 6  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 8:30a.m. Join Jack and Mike for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and directions please call Mike and Jack at 881-5733.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. We invite you to join us for our monthly Pot Luck Dinner and to get to know the members of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to ogle an array of hot dishes, meet new men, and greet friends. Reservations are not necessary. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you don't cook, bring restaurant, deli, or grocery pre-cooked food. Call Steve at 745-0304 for location and directions.

Sunday, May 7  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail homsepals@hotmail.com by the

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Tucson Prime Timers, Brunch – Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, May 8.  
 Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch – 12:30 P.M., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, May 9  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with men at a deeper level? A Circle Of Men meets every Tuesday evening. Please call Tom at 591-2828 for info and directions.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Play Bridge hosted this evening by John at 744-9017. Bridge nights are generally featured on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, but please check the calendar and phone the host to confirm date, time, location, and emcee. Lay your cards on the table for a "whist" full evening of Bridge! And remember: Bridge is like sex: if you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good

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Friday, May 12  
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Tucson Prime Timers, Cocktails – 5:30 PM, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Saturday, May 13  
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Tucson Prime Timers, Business Meeting – 11 a.m., Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

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## Killer Of Lesbian Teen Released From Prison

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personable young woman," said Shirley Christensen, 73, another former prison volunteer and a close friend of Adams's. "Everybody changes, and [Ripsey] had made a very noticeable change." Vaught remains unconvinced. "She poured gasoline on my 12-year-old child and burned her alive, but she is an asset to society and has strong convictions and is ethical? I don't get it,"

Vaught said. "I just don't get it." Steve Sutton, spokesman for the women's prison, said Ripsey will have to report to probation officials in Jefferson County, where neighbors say Ripsey's parents still live. She will spend five years on probation. Tackett, who was 17 at the time of the killing, and Loveless will likely be in their 40s before they are released.

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Proud Rams put their best foot forward this May in an attempt to show others how great they are. How hard you try to impress is up to you. There may come a point however when your foot trods on the sensibilities of others. If some effete types are too wrapped up in themselves to notice you, just take it all in stride. Dance to your own music even if no one follows along.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
Back up your romantic words with a bit of action this May. Queer Bulls seem especially good and talking and talking about how they feel. Yawn. Remember that actions speak prouder than words. And even if it seems like you are hitting a brick wall in your ardor, a little perseverance will work wonders ... as well as champagne and sweets in large boxes. Hint, hint.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Friends lead you into all sorts of expensive mischief. But how expensive is up to you. Pink Twins may be running with the crowd but they are funding all the action. This is all well and good if the activity is to your liking. However if you find yourself compromising it may be time to switch groups. How about hanging out with a group of well endowed philanthropists?

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Pink Crabs think they are hot stuff around the office. And they behave like they are in charge. Are you really calling the shots or are you parroting what you think the senior staff wants to hear? The chickens come home to roost if your authority is based on hot air. Quietly bank your bonus and plot an eventual revolution. No one will guard your interests like you alone.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
Escape sounds like a pretty good idea. That is until you actually start to plan it out. There will be times this May when proud Lions will find more relaxation at home than abroad. The most important thing will be to find a quiet refuge to relax and recharge. It may not make a difference if it is in Paris, Maui or the Bronx. Well, maybe it would.

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
Queer Virgins fall head over heels for some soulful leatherneck in May. A certain love affair shivers your timbers and shakes your foundation. If you are interested in a connection, you can find some interesting and surprising possibilities in your current stable of compadres. There may be one buckaroo that is worth culling from the herd... that is if you are into tenderloin.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
May will present a challenge to you - how much time do you need to dedicate to your job and how much to relationships? Gay Libras may feel pulled and stretched in two different directions with each side making their non-negotiable demands. Sigh. Balance is everything sweetheart. Do what your heart tells you and you will avoid a great deal of heartburn.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
Stress may build to a breaking point this May. Don't let it get the better of you. Proud Scorps need to either take a long and hard look at their diet or be prepared to just drop it all and chill in

some faraway corner of the world. Interestingly, neither option will have long term impact. Monumental change can only occur with a change of perspective. Err prone?

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
If you have been doing a few interesting things off the books like attending to your Gay muse and satisfying your creative urges, May will bring some interesting payoffs. Gay Archers are not best served by sticking to the straight and narrow (and who is?). Explore the path not taken and if you can, slow down the 9 to 5 rat race. It's just for a bunch of rats anyway.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
You just love to hang around the house this May. So much so that it may create some tension with certain close relationships. Pink Caps can be content to plotz like couch potatoes every weekend night. Boring? It is for you to decide I suppose. But if you can't muster even a bit of get-up-and-go, you may find that partners eventually get-up-and-go without you.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
Your careful instructions may either be ignored or misunderstood this May especially around the office. Aqueerians who are charged with overseeing a major project will have their work cut out for them planetarily. It may be difficult to get things done. Instead of playing petty despot, try instituting a democracy. You may still be elected, if you provide the right stump speech.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
Guppies are angling for a good time all through May. The problem is that your personal funds may not cover your inflated overhead. But don't curtail your jolly times because of it. Work around the problem. Try to either live within your means or find someone who can support you in the style in which you would like to become accustomed.

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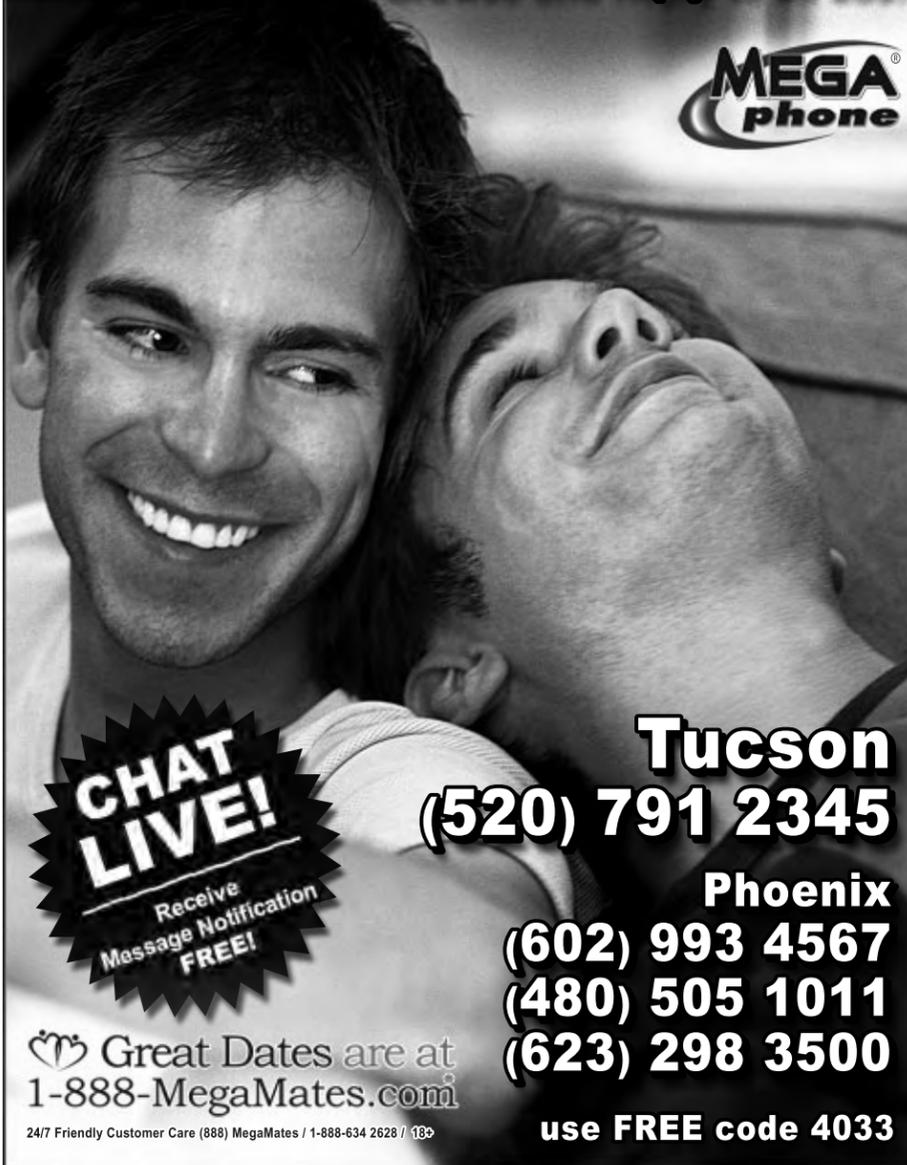
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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

**COLORS** - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Live music from Bob Feldhaus during Brunch (11:30-2:30) & Dickie Steede during dinner (6:30-9:30)

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 pm. 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 Bar open 2pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7pm. \$2.50 Sirloin or Chicken Burgers w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. DJ Jeff on the Patio 9pm. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Monday Munchies 4 - 9 pm with reduced prices on appetizers - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. 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 Martinis 4-8pm.

**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, \$2.50 Domestic and well. 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. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Women-only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:30 p.m. for women only.

**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 7pm. 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, \$2.50 Domestic and well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only.

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. 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, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. 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 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). 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, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Two-step lessons with Amanda every other Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then dance mix 'til close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Rayman spinning club music inside. 9pm-2am.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

**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

### SATURDAY

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well 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.

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**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.

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

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

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## BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Cinco de Mayo Party!!! \$2.00 Mexican Beers. Two-Step lessons with Amanda 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Then DJ Michelle is playing Triple C - Country, Cumbias, and Corridos..

**IBT's** - Cinco de Mayo happy hour til' 8:00 p.m. All day \$3.00 Corona or Pacifico. Taco Bar 4:00 p.m. DJ Raymond spinning on the dance floor 9:00 p.m. and DJ Mike Lopes spinning on the Patio featuring "I'm A Sexy Bitch Night" 10:00 p.m.

**VENTURE-N** - Cinco de Mayo Weekend extravaganza starts tonight with Mamacita Charles' Taco Bar 5:00 p.m. til ????. Piñata Break at 7:00 p.m.

**WOODY'S** - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Party with \$2.50 Coronas/Pacifico/Sol/Tecate or Cuervo Gold Margaritas 6:00 until closing! Taco Bar 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. DJ Jeff on the Patio at 9:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG** - "Cinco de Mayo" Blow-Out Party and Patio re-opening. Deb's Taco Bar at 11:00 a.m. Mexican Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

**VENTURE-N** Cinco de Mayo Weekend extravaganza continues with \$2.00 Bloody Marys and Screws from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Mamacita Charles feeds you again at 5:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG** - "Cinco de Mayo" Blow-Out Party and Patio re-opening. Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. TKO Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

**VENTURE-N** - Cinco de Mayo Weekend extravaganza winds up today with \$2.00 Bloody Marys and Screws from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and then from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.- Mariachis!!! Burgers and more!!!

**YARD DOG** - "Cinco de Mayo" Blow-Out Party and Patio re-opening. Steak Night 7:00 p.m. Cooked to order by Rob and Pete.

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - TMI is back playing your favorite classic rock hits from the 70s & 80s. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 Cover. This is a great band. Don't miss them!

**WOODY'S** - Woody's Surprise Party!!! You won't want to miss this.....

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

**WOODY'S** - 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual TOGA Party. Watch for details.

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**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF),** 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.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 WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 298-6727, 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 of visit our website at [www.botop.com](http://www.botop.com) All are welcome

to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DESERT VOICES,** Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 16 seasons. Check out our website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org), or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus,** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 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, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

**ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE?** The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

**THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP** meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

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

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and indi-

vidual 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 Care Teams 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; Dezerz Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz 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.

**REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Wednesdays 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

**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, and reading from Buddhist spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

**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

The new **MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY** is meeting about honoring the spiritual side of ourselves. It is the men's social/erotic group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities, and real tantric sex education. Call Marc 881-4582 in advance Check it out. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.



# Denied Job Because He's HIV+, Man Sues Condoleezza

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A federal appeals court reserved decision Thursday (Apr. 27) in a case involving a man denied a job by the State Department because he is HIV-positive, 365Gay.com reported. Lorenzo Taylor, who is fluent in three languages, holds a Foreign Service degree from Georgetown University, and easily passed the tough written and oral exams required to be a Foreign Service Officer was rejected in 2002. Taylor, a 48-year-old federal government employee who lives in the Washington, DC, area, appealed the decision through the civil service but was again rejected.

was prepared to use some of his sick and vacation leave, available to all Foreign Service Officers, to travel to see his doctor.

Last year Federal District Court Judge Rosemary Collyer ruled in favor of the State Department saying that the government should not have to accommodate Taylor. Lambda immediately filed an appeal. In the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Thursday Lambda argued that Collyer erred in her ruling. The suit names the State Department and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as defendants.

Since 1986 the State Department has said that people with HIV will not be allowed to work in the Foreign Service. A 1992 Department Procedures Memo noted that "[a]pplicants testing positive for HIV will be medically disqualified" for employment. In a media release dated August 23, 2001, the Department said "pre-employment HIV testing is still required" for all Foreign Service applicants and that "those testing positive [for HIV] are not offered employment in the Foreign Service."

In 2003 with the help of Lambda Legal Taylor sued the State Department in federal court. Lambda Legal charged the State Department is violating the federal Rehabilitation Act, which prohibits the federal government from discriminating against people with disabilities. The suit said that Taylor

Lambda attorney Jon Givner argued that the Rehabilitation Act was designed to require employers to make reasonable accommodations on a case-by-case basis as long as the employee can fulfill the responsibilities of the job. "Lorenzo Taylor is being denied the job of his dreams - after years of preparing for it - because of a 20-year-old policy that bans every person with HIV regardless of over-all health," said Givner. "The blanket policy is in violation of federal law requiring reasonable accommodations." Currently, if Foreign Service Officers are diagnosed with HIV while on the job, reasonable accommodations are made for those employees Givner told the court. There is no evidence to suggest that this has caused any difficulties for the State Department he said. The court gave no indication when it would rule.



# Gay Power Lifter To Vie For World Title

LONDON - Chris Morgan, the reigning Gay Games and World Drug-Free powerlifting champion, has won yet another honor - a qualification for the third annual World Championship Final, 365Gay.com reported.

strongest men in the world."

The world event will be held in November in County Cork, Ireland. "My target now is to be in shape for the Gay Games in Chicago and to participate at my own personal best," he said. Morgan will defend his Gay Games title July 16 at Welsh-Ryan Arena at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. The 32-year-old athlete works as a financial adviser and writes articles for Gay.com's money channel.

Morgan, who competes at a body weight of 75 kilos, or 165 pounds, completed lifts of 225 kg in squat, 117.5 kg in bench press and 257.5 kg in deadlift - 580 kilos total - at the qualifying competition held April 15 in Scotland.

"The weekend was made extremely painful by a neck injury, which was sustained during my final preparations," Morgan said. He delighted Gay fans worldwide by winning the British powerlifting championship in May 2005. "I'm disappointed to have lost my British title, but very proud to have qualified for another World Championship Final," Morgan said. "It's always a huge honor to represent England and test myself against the