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## LGBT Political Machine Shows Maturity

OLYMPIA, Wash. - When he became the first openly Gay candidate to win a seat in the Washington Legislature, the late Cal Anderson couldn't count on a phalanx of experienced consultants, high-priced polling data or slick PR campaigns to help pave the way, reported 365Gay.com. "There were no resources," said state Rep. Ed Murray, who worked on that campaign and eventually followed his mentor to the Capitol. "He had to break ground all on his own." If he were running that same campaign today, Murray could call on a lengthy roster of seasoned operatives and national advisers to help him navigate the particular political waters faced by an openly Gay candidate.

Observers across the country say the proliferation of those efforts, from leading organizations such as the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the Human Rights Campaign, is a sign of the Gay political movement's growing maturity and savvy. At the same time, the intensity of efforts to recruit openly Gay candidates - and get elected ones to come out publicly - also points to how difficult it remains to be "out" in some areas of American politics.

"It's not a minor thing," said Murray, a Seattle Democrat now running for Anderson's former Senate seat. "I still think it's not an easy thing to be Gay or Lesbian and run for elected office in the best of circumstances, even in the best of districts." As they campaign around the country this year, leading Gay political groups hope a sense of aggressiveness will help to capitalize on a perceived tide against the nation's mainstream conservative party. "We're at a place and time where voters are very receptive to openly Gay candidates," said Robin Brand, the Victory Fund's vice president for politics and strategy.

For their opponents, the growing influence of groups like the Victory Fund is evidence that Gay politicians and the social issues they support are no longer immediate underdogs in any given campaign. "It's getting hard for them to portray themselves as hapless victims when their war chest is full and they're exerting their influence from coast to coast," said Robert Knight, director of Concerned Women for America's Culture and Family Institute. "I'd like to think that the influence of these groups has peaked, but that may not be the case," he added.

The Washington, D.C.-based Victory Fund has been advising Gay candidates and officials for years about how best to run as openly Gay or publicly announce their sexuality. But while their training sessions are well known in Gay political circles, the group has started making a more pronounced mainstream pitch for its services. This year, the organization is advertising a new "Coming Out Toolkit," a collection of supportive polling data, talking points and con-

tacts packaged with a slickly produced DVD that features advice and anecdotes from prominent Gay and Lesbian officeholders around the country. The package even highlights some scenarios used to come out publicly: by way of promoting an issue, through a carefully placed news leak, or as a frank "I'm-Gay-but-it's-the-issues-that-matter" proclamation.

By Brand's count, the number of "out" elected officials in all levels of American government has increased 500 percent in the past 15 years. But she still sees nagging dark spots in nine states without a publicly Gay officeholder. "We're hopeful that by having a more formalized program, we'll be able to encourage more people, particularly in those states, to come out," she said.

Those efforts mirror the services long performed by party organizations and ideological groups across the political spectrum, noted Kenneth Sherrill, a political scientist at Hunter College in New York who studies Gay issues. "If you look at the successful way in which religious conservatives have come to dominate much of the Republican Party, it had its beginnings at the local level," Sherrill said.

Along with growing political savvy, some national Gay groups are notably going on the offensive. The Victory Fund says it is endorsing more candidates this year than any other, and it expects to spend a record \$2.5 million on candidates in this election cycle. "What's new now is that the money is available for the entry-level positions," said U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the longest serving openly Gay member of Congress. "That's an enormous improvement. And in American politics, you really need people getting into the entry level positions to move on."

Another example: the Human Rights Campaign is pushing its membership to help with individual campaigns and has doubled its field staff, which plans to be on the trail for up to 100 days before elections, national field director Marty Rouse said. "We've been on the defensive so long, and attacked so much and so long. Finally now, at the local and national levels, the GLBT community is really flexing its political muscle," said Rouse, using an acronym for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people. "We cannot rely upon political parties solely anymore to win GLBT rights. We have to win them ourselves," he added.

But even as greater numbers of "out" politicians make the path ahead for others easier, geography and party affiliation can remain significant hurdles. With the looming retirement of Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., Congress is poised to have only two

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## AHRF Awards Dinner June 17

PHOENIX - Arizona's Human Rights Fund (AHRF), will be holding their annual dinner and awards ceremony, Saturday, June 17, 5 p.m. at the Arizona Biltmore Resort. AHRF's dinner will be one of the best, with special guest, actor, comedienne and activist Kathy Najimy.

Don't miss out on one of the most exciting events of the year - your chance to mingle at the historic Arizona Biltmore Hotel with fellow Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) supporters, elected officials and celebrities. Arizona Women in Tune and the Grand Canyon Mens Chorale will be performing, and The Diva Band will provide the after-dinner entertainment. Tickets are \$200 each and are a tax-deductible donation in support of AHRF's educational efforts.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) is receiving The Barry Goldwater Human Rights Corporate Award. Kevin Jennings, founder of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN) is receiving the Barry Goldwater Human Rights Individual Award. Maricopa Community Colleges is receiving the Arizona Human Rights Foundation Corporate/Organization Award. Kent Burbank, Executive Direc-



Kathy Najimy

tor of Wingspan, is receiving the Arizona Human Rights Foundation Individual Award. Mickie Parsons, a long-time Phoenix LGBT activist, is receiving the Arizona Human Rights Foundation Activist Award.

For tickets, call (480) 477-7444, or go online to: [app.etapestry.com/hosted/AHRF/OnlineGiving.html](http://app.etapestry.com/hosted/AHRF/OnlineGiving.html). For more information, call AHRF at (602) 650-0900.

## NSA Will 'Neither Confirm Nor Deny' Surveillance Of LGBT Groups

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Security Agency (NSA) announced Monday (June 5) that it will "neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence" of any information that may have been obtained through agency surveillance of LGBT groups, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

The announcement was made in a letter to counsel for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), an organization dedicated to ending discrimination and harassment of Gay U.S. military personnel.

The group had filed a Freedom of Information Act request after reports surfaced earlier this year that the NSA had surveilled several LGBT groups,

including those that may oppose "don't ask, don't tell."

SLDN executive director C. Dixon Osburn issued a statement saying, "2006 is the new 1984. The federal government's Orwellian surveillance programs of ordinary, law-abiding citizens violates our right to privacy under current law. The government's refusal to disclose its surveillance programs erodes the public trust."

In January the Department of Defense acknowledged that it had "inappropriately" conducted surveillance on student protesters at numerous universities, which Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has said was "no big deal."

## Navy To Discharge Lesbian Officer Who Spoke Out

NEW YORK CITY - The Navy is kicking out a Lesbian noncommissioned officer who took part in a rally for marriage equality last weekend, after she was heard on a local radio station talking about her female partner, Sirius OutQNews reported on [Advocate.com](http://Advocate.com). Navy petty officer Rhonda Davis was in uniform when she gave the interview to 1010WINS on June 3 as she marched across the Brooklyn Bridge with hundreds of others in support of same-sex marriage.

Davis said she is now losing her job because her superiors heard the broadcast. Navy spokesman Jeff Nichols

confirmed that discharge proceedings are under way, adding that Davis' broadcast comments violated the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Davis, a 10-year Navy veteran and currently serving as a journalist first class, said she's hoping to get an honorable, not a dishonorable, discharge. She said Saturday's rally was the first time she had marched in support of Gay rights—and that even though she's not happy about losing her job, she has no regrets about speaking out because she believes strongly in the fight to legalize same-sex marriage.

# UPDATE

## Sidewinders Baseball Game Benefit For TIHAN July 9

TUCSON - The Seventh Annual Tucson Sidewinders Baseball Game Benefit, Sunday, July 9, 5:30 p.m. at TEP Park will have its proceeds raised going to TIHAN for its programs and services.

Come out and enjoy a baseball game as the Sidewinders play the Las Vegas 51s, from the air-conditioned press box suite directly behind home plate! Tickets are \$30, which includes the game, a hamburger/hot dog buffet with chips, cookies, and soda. There is also a cash bar right outside the suite.

Tickets are now on sale at the TIHAN office (520) 299-6647, or by calling Dave Locke, (520) 326-1952. Credit card orders can be taken by the TIHAN office phone. For more information about these events, go online at [tihan.org](http://tihan.org).

## 'Adam And Steve' At The Loft Cinema June 16

TUCSON - "Adam and Steve," a critically-acclaimed Gay romantic comedy, opens at The Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway, on Friday, June 16.

Who says God didn't create Adam and Steve? The hilarious, romantic and decidedly off-the-wall comedy "Adam and Steve" offers up a new twist on an age old story, following the misadventures of two New Yorkers struggling to make love work in the face of overwhelming odds. Having met in the 80s during a disastrous one night stand, Adam (Craig Chester) and Steve (Malcolm Gets, star of TV's Caroline in the City) don't recognize each other when they meet again fifteen years later. With the help of their offbeat best friends, formerly obese and currently bitter stand up comic Rhonda (indie film queen Parker Posey), and neurotic straight guy ladies man Michael (Saturday Night Live's Chris Kattan), our heroes fall in love only to realize, a year into their relationship, that they met before and unwittingly altered the course of each other's life that fateful night in the 80s. Adam and Steve manage to survive homophobic motorists, irritable bowels and a disaster prone mother in a neck brace, but can they survive each other?

This crowd-pleasing mix of touching romance, smart dialogue and gross-out comedy proves that love truly transcends all labels. Call (520) 795-0844, or check [loftcinema.com](http://loftcinema.com), for show times, tickets or more information,

## Desert Voices Performing At Bisbee Pride June 17

BISBEE - Come hear Desert Voices, Tucson's premiere LGBT and straight supportive chorus, under the direction of Chris Tackett, perform at the 2006 Bisbee Pride Celebration, Saturday, June 17, 5:30 p.m., at the Bisbee City Park Band Shell.

Desert Voices will be performing highlights from their successful Spring concert as well as other favorites for the crowd.

For more information about the Bisbee Pride event, go online at [bisbeepride.com](http://bisbeepride.com), call, (520) 791-9662, on online at: [desertvoices.org](http://desertvoices.org), to learn more about Desert Voices.

## Mr. & Miss Gay Teen-Tucson June 24

TUCSON - Organizers have announced that the Mr. & Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant, will resume and take place Saturday, June 24, 7:00 p.m., at the Historic Y, 300 E. University.

A local group, organization or ongoing effort, according to Mike Pollack of Mighty Mouse Consulting, member of the organizing committee, will receive the proceeds from this year's event. PFLAG-Tucson's Youth Scholarship Fund was selected as this year's beneficiary.

Since 1998 the pageant has been one of the few organized outlets for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth in Tucson to express their creative gender illusion talents and take an active leadership role in the LGBT community. Until 2004 the pageant was produced by Eon, which decided it could no longer produce the pageant. No pageant was held in 2005. For this year, another group decided to revive the pageant. The event is now organized and produced by youth and helps them develop their leadership skills while raising money for the local LGBT community.

For tickets, to make donations or for more information, go online to [mmgtt.com](http://mmgtt.com) or call (520) 312-2630.

## Wingspan Seeking AVP Bilingual Advocate/Educator

TUCSON - Wingspan is presently hiring for the position of Bilingual Advocate/Educator.

The Bilingual Advocate/Educator provides crisis intervention and advocacy services to Lesbian, Gay,

Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) victim/survivors of violence and allies, as well as provides outreach and education about violence within and against the LGBT community with a focus on Spanish-speakers. Additionally, the Advocate/Educator provides administrative support for the AVP. Supervised by the Anti-Violence Project Coordinator.

The position is fulltime, \$23,660 with benefits. To apply send a cover letter, resume and names and contact information of 3 references to: Mail - Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Tucson, AZ 85705, E-mail: [wingspan@wingspan.org](mailto:wingspan@wingspan.org). Fax: (520) 624-0364. No calls please. EOE

## Desert Coyotes Seeking Bowlers

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes LGBT and straight supportive bowling league is seeking bowlers.

Every Wednesday, practice at 6:50, start time 7 p.m., at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 S. 16th Ave., the Desert Coyotes have a howling good time. Ability is not important, having fun is the only prerequisite.

For more information, contact Marge, (520) 481-7151 or Dan, 404-3591.

## GLBT Commission Meeting June 20

TUCSON - The City of Tucson Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues will meet, Tuesday, June 20, 5:30 p.m., EOO Conference Room, 100 N. Stone, first floor. Meetings are open to the public. There will be a call to the audience at each meeting. Meeting agendas are posted each month at both the City Hall and at the Wingspan Community Center a day or more before the monthly meeting of the commission.

Current Co-Chairs are Al Whitehurst and Nancy Robinett, and the membership consists of: Melissa (Mimi) Petro - Appointed by Mayor, Ana "Bertie" Lozano - Ward 1, Amanda Simpson - Ward 2, John-Peter Wilhite - Ward 3, Jean Baker - Ward 4, Bruce Cole - Ward 5, Cindy Jordan - Ward 6, Nancy Robinett - Member-at-Large, Michael Hutchins - Member-at-Large, Brenda Kazen - Member-at-Large, Al Whitehurst - Member-at-Large, Stephen Russell - Member-at-Large, and Glenn Howell - Human Relations Commission Representative.

Tucson's Commission on GLBT Issues: Acts as the official advisory body to the Mayor and City Council on GLBT issues. Respond in an effective and timely manner to GLBT issues that may arise in the City. Examine local policies and practices in the areas of employment, business education, housing, social services, health and mental health and recreation as they affect or relate to GLBT people in the City and to recommend changes as appropriate. Review and make recommendations on proposed local, state and federal legislation affecting GLBT people. Promote educational activities and events related to GLBT issues. Conduct, promote, and facilitate community forums to educate the community about GLBT issues and concerns. Collaborate with the Human Relations and other City Commissions. Serve as a liaison between the Mayor and Council and the education community regarding the needs and rights of the GLBT community and to address other GLBT issues as requested by the Mayor and Council.

For more information, go online to: [tucsonglbtcommission.org](http://tucsonglbtcommission.org), E-mail: [tucsonman@earthlink.net](mailto:tucsonman@earthlink.net), [nancy.robinett@azbar.org](mailto:nancy.robinett@azbar.org), or call (520) 791-4201.

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## PERSPECTIVE

At least once every year or so, we hear some sad news about what a 'jungle' it is out there. We get out our pens and pencils and again write almost the same story in response to the bad news. It is apparent that this 'problem' is not going away, so here we go again.

The following letter was received shortly after last week's issue came out. We have printed it in a larger size type because this message is an important one to learn and we want to impress everyone of that fact!

### TO THE OBSERVER:

I am a life-long Tucson resident and this is the first time I have been compelled to write. It is to my displeasure that I have to report that there is a group of predators out there and attacking Gay men.

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 a.m. I was lured out of a bar by a 30ish, tall Hispanic man. When we got to his car, there were two other men hiding in the back seat. One of the men had a gun. They took me to Greasewood Park and assaulted me, raped me, took my money, and thank God, they let me go.

I spent three days in the hospital. I have since found out that there were at least three victims before me and one, so far, after me on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please be aware and DO NOT go to your car, or anyone else's car alone. If you don't have friends at the bar to escort you, ask a bar employee. They will be happy to do it.

Also, please, if this happens to you and you don't feel comfortable talking to the police. At least call Wingspan's anti-violence hotline. You can report this in total anonymity.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

We hope that the letter-writer is now aware of those rules he outlined above. There are a lot more, but all of them are just plain common sense.

In our Gay community we know that there are plenty of people out there who for some reason or other really hate us because of our orientation. They don't care if it is natural or not. Their parents, their pastor their buddies, etc told them that we are not human beings. We do not rate a place at the table of equality.

It is true that there has been quite a positive change in how we are viewed but there is still that hard-core group of zealots who hate us. Each week in this paper we proudly report a law or story that was in our favor. But another story on

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the same page, we read of a law or event that went against us somewhere else. It seems that for every step forward we make, there is a step backward to reckon with. The battle for total equality is still long, long way off, but it takes all of the pushing and shoving we can muster to keep our goals in reach.

But, meanwhile, back to the people who hate us to the point that they want to cause us bodily harm. Two of the most recent murders that took place in the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue area were caused by the victims wandering about the area late at night and were easy pry to their killers. Just last week we wrote about Richard Heakin who was murdered because he was walking out of a Gay bar alone. That was in 1976 and his death brought about the formation of the Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Community.

The point being that violence is a fairly common event in the lives of Gay and Lesbian people; whether it be bodily harm or verbal harassment.

### COMMON SENSE RULES:

1. Meeting someone new in a bar, restaurant, coffee house, on the street, etc does not mean that he/she is your friend - a person you could trust to get into your car, come to your house or even walk to the park with. A first night new date should be a no-no. Get to know the person - are they sober - their education, habits, how they dress and talk and feel about certain things that you know about. Just because they are the same -sex does not mean you are safely set for the evening.
2. If you have been drinking and cannot wait to go out with the person, at least ask the waiter, bartender or security if they know of the person. Has he/she frequented the establishment before.
3. If you are going out with the person, be sure to tell someone that you are going and point out the person you are going with and where and how you are going if possible.
4. They talk about our Gaydar sense. It works only if you are sober. You can feel if the people you are with are trustworthy. You should be able to tell if the aura around the person is secure and safe.

These are only a few common sense ideas to help keep you from harms way. But one of the most important things you can do if you do get in trouble such as our letter writer above, is to talk about it. Talk, talk, talk, to the police, to the owner of the establishment where your trouble began, to the security forces of the establishment, and yes, Wingspan's Anti-Violence Project is another great outlet.

If in fact, that there might be four or more other persons who have fallen prey to the same predators is because no one knew of the danger. The victims are silent either because of guilt, shame or just plain scared - think about others who might fall prey to the same predators.

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## Mary Cheney's Book Tanking; Sells Fewer Than 6,000 Copies

NEW YORK - Despite saturation media coverage when it was published a month ago, Mary Cheney's book *Now It's My Turn* has tanked at bookstores, reported *advocate.com*. Published by a conservative imprint of Simon & Schuster, the memoir has sold fewer than 6,000 copies to date, according to Nielsen Bookscan.



the book, which describes her life as the Gay daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney.

The book's sales have declined in each of the four weeks since its release, to only 574 copies sold for the week ending June 3. That's 77% fewer than its first-week sales of 2,445.

At this rate, it will be virtually impossible for Simon & Schuster to recoup the reported \$1 million advance it paid Cheney for

## Aviance Vows To Perform At NYC Pride

NEW YORK - Singer Kevin Aviance who was attacked in the East Village by a group of youths yell-



Kevin Aviance

ing anti-Gay slurs says he hopes the incident sheds more awareness about such attacks, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. "I'm feeling good. I appreciate everything you guys have done," said Aviance, 38, speaking with difficulty through a wired jaw from his hospital bed at Beth Israel Medical Center on Sunday (June 11). "If nothing else, I hope it brings more awareness." On Monday (June 12) Aviance was released from the hospital.

Aviance, whose song "Alive" hit the top of the Billboard dance chart in 2002, still hopes to perform in the Gay Pride parade at the end of the month, said his publicist, Len Evans. The singer underwent surgery for a broken jaw and other injuries. "He's going to try to get his strength back so that he can perform," Evans said. The group of young men attacked Aviance at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday (June 10) on a street corner in Manhattan's East Village. When it was over, a stranger walked him to a hospital, he said. Mayor Michael Bloomberg blasted the attack. "Anybody that thinks they can get away with a hate crime is sadly mistaken," Bloomberg said. "It was a disgrace."

Four people were arrested on charges of first-degree assault as a hate crime, police said. Police identified them as Jarell Sears, of Newark, N.J., and Akino George, of the Bronx, both 20; Gregory Archie, 18, and Gerard Johnson, 16, both of Manhattan. Aviance initially believed he was attacked by as many as seven people, but said from his hospital bed that it may have been only four. Aviance performs in drag but was "dressed like a boy" when he was attacked, Evans said. Clarence Patton, the executive director of the New York

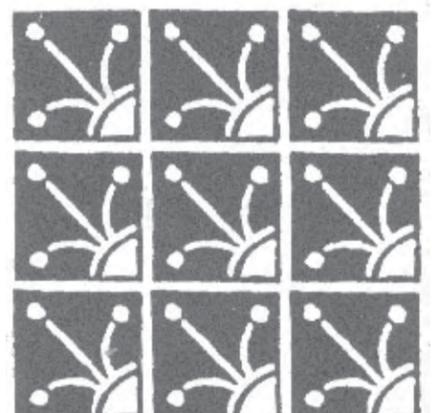
City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, called the singer "a community figure" and said the attack would likely raise fears in the Gay community. "People will say: Here it is. Kevin Aviance in the East Village in boy's clothes, in a place that's supposed to be ours, getting beat up," he said. Aviance's other popular songs have included "Give It Up," released in 2004, and "Din Da Da," which topped the Billboard dance chart in 1997.

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openly Gay members - neither of them from the party of Lincoln, notes Patrick Guerriero, president of the Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay GOP group. "It's an extra layer of challenge for individuals about how and when to come out," Guerriero said. "Particularly when we're talking about a more conservative base in America. It's a great challenge right now."

Along with candidate politics, Gay political activists also continue to focus on state ballot measures. This year, at least seven states are considering constitutional measures aimed at barring Gay marriage; one was just approved in Alabama. On the national stage, conservatives successfully brought a constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage up in the U.S. Senate, although it fell short despite public urging from President Bush. "Times have changed, but they haven't changed that dramatically," Sherrill said.



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# Three LGBT Youths Honored For Courage

NEW YORK - A year ago, Christopher "Cree" Gordon, then 20 years old and living on the streets in Eugene, Ore., was offered \$10 by a clinic to take an HIV test. It came back positive, and he hit rock bottom, the PlanetOut Network reported.

"Over that weekend, I made a decision," Gordon said. "I could let HIV control my life, or I could use my status to do something good for others." With the help of the HIV Alliance in Eugene and a drop-in center for homeless youth, Gordon began putting his life in order, and within weeks he speaking to students in high schools and colleges about being HIV-positive and queer. Gordon's story drew the attention of the Colin Higgins Foundation, which this month presents him with one of three 2006 Colin Higgins Youth Courage Awards for LGBT young people who have overcome discrimination and hardship to make a difference in the lives of others.

"Their courage to fight for freedom, not just for themselves, but for other LGBT youth has made them symbols of compassion and strength as well as beacons of hope within their communities and among LGBT youth," said Vanessa Daniel, primary philanthropic adviser to the Colin Higgins Foundation.

"I feel that everything happens for a reason," Gordon said. "I was infected with HIV but I can still help others." Gordon shares this year's award with Ana Lopez, 21, of Los Angeles, and Captain Young, 20, of Sacramento. Each will receive \$10,000 and will be honored at the Trevor Awards Gala on June 22 in New York City. The three will also be sent to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's "Creating Change Conference" later this year. The foundation was established in 1986 by screenwriter/director/producer Colin Higgins; the awards were first presented six years ago.

At 17, Lopez was kicked out of her parents' home in East Los Angeles by a father convinced her presence would make her younger sister Gay. She attempted suicide twice, then turned her life around after seeing a classroom presentation by Reach LA, a youth media organization. Lopez has made five documentaries on life in East Los Angeles that have been screened nationally and internationally. One film is being used to train teachers throughout the city's schools. She also founded three programs at Reach LA, including "Queer Youth Nation," a nationwide survey of LGBT youth; the "Be an Ally" program, which works in schools to educate teachers and



Christopher "Cree" Gordon



Ana Lopez



Captain Young

students about queer issues through film; and "Reel Ghetto Queer," a workshop to mentor queer youth in filmmaking. She hopes to attend college and to pursue a career in filmmaking and communications.

Young, born as a girl to a drug-addicted mother and an incarcerated father, wore boys' clothes from an early age. By the age of 14, he had already served six months in a juvenile detention facility before being released into a series of foster homes less than accommodating to his gender identity. Young joined the boys' football team and fought for accommodation under Title IX. Young is now a strong advocate for LGBT youth in foster care, working with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and Out of Home Youth Advocacy Coalition. He is a key member of the Karen Bass Committee on Foster Care Reform and is active with the San Francisco Children with Incarcerated Parents Partnership. Young would like to become a writer, exposing the challenges and solutions for young African-Americans in poverty.

Race and poverty also play a part in the awards, as the foundation focuses on historically underprivileged groups such as youth of color, Transgender youth, immigrants, low-income or rural youth and/or youth in reservation communities, Daniel said. Gordon said being biracial - he was born to a white mother and black father in rural Louisiana - was often a bigger problem growing up than being Gay. In addition to helping youth avoid HIV infection, Gordon said, he is working to bridge the two communities. Gordon's \$10,000 grant will go toward his studies at the University of Oregon, where he recently enrolled with a major in family and human services. He said he'll continue speaking up for "LGBT youth who don't have a voice or an advocate."

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## 25th Anniversary Of AIDS Pandemic Marked

LOS ANGELES - Monday June 5, marked the 25th anniversary of the U.S. government's report of five cases of Pneumocystis pneumonia occurring among five Los Angeles Gay men, which are now acknowledged as the world's first officially recorded AIDS cases, reported advocate.com. The pneumonia cases were reported in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's publication "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report."

Although researchers at the time did not realize that the five Gay men with pneumonia had severe immune system damage caused by a yet unidentified retrovirus, an editorial accompanying the case reports provided an eerie foreshadowing of the nature of HIV disease, which to date has claimed more than half a million lives in the United States and more than 25 million worldwide.

"Pneumocystis pneumonia in the United States is almost exclusively limited to severely immunosuppressed patients," the editorial states. "The occurrence of pneumocystosis in these five previously healthy individuals without a clinically apparent immunodeficiency is unusual."

In July 1981, The New York Times published the world's first mainstream media story on the AIDS epidemic with a piece titled "Rare Cancer Seen in 41 Homosexuals," which focused on the detection of Kaposi's sarcoma among Gay men, all of whom would later be identified as having AIDS.

Later that year the CDC classified the emergence of these new diseases among Gay men as an epidemic, labeling the syndrome Gay-related immune deficiency, or GRID. In 1982, the CDC dropped the term GRID for the more accurate AIDS—acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

In May 1983 researcher Luc Montagnier at the Pasteur Institute in Paris isolated and identified human immunodeficiency virus as the cause of AIDS; in 1985 the first HIV antibody tests were introduced.

By the end of 1986—just five years into the pandemic—more than 42,000 Americans had been diagnosed with AIDS and nearly 27,000 had died.

In May 1987, nearly six years into the epidemic, President Ronald Reagan spoke to Americans about the disease for the first time. Many AIDS activists believe that the reluctance of the Reagan administration to adequately address the U.S. epidemic in its earliest stages helped fuel its rapid spread among Gay men and injection-drug users in the 1980s and beyond.

Health experts estimate that by the 25th anniversary of the first reported AIDS cases on Monday, more than 1 million cumulative AIDS cases will have been diagnosed in the United States and 559,000 Americans will have died of the disease. The CDC estimates that more than 1 million Americans are currently living with HIV.

Currently, the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS estimates that there are more than 40 million HIV-positive people living in the world, most in sub-Saharan Africa.

## Missouri AG To Drop Lesbian Foster Parent Appeal

KANSAS CITY - Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon said that the state plans to drop its legal challenge to a Kansas City Lesbian's efforts to become a foster parent because a law signed this week by Gov. Matt Blunt makes the appeal impossible, reported 365Gay.com. Nixon cited a bill Blunt signed that toughens penalties against sexual predators. The bill, signed Monday (June 5), also includes language that deletes a long-standing state law banning same-sex sexual contact, one of the key arguments Missouri raised to deny Kansas City resident Lisa Johnston a license to raise a foster child.

A spokesman for Blunt said the governor strongly disagreed with what he called Nixon's "outrageous" plan to drop Missouri's appeal of a February ruling (story) against the state. "We don't believe placing a child with homosexual parents will provide an appropriate environment for foster children," spokesman Spence Jackson told The Kansas City Star for a story Thursday. "If (Nixon) moves forward with his plans to drop this case, he is doing so without the consent of his client."

Both men are running for governor in 2008, and exchanges between Nixon, a Democrat, and Blunt, a Republican, have become increasingly pointed in recent months. Jackson said Blunt supports the appeal, which a Nixon spokesman said would now be legally invalid. "The governor's signature took away the last argument of the state in this case," said Nixon spokesman Scott Holste. Given the governor's signature, he added, "we are going to be

dismissing the appeal."

The issue of same-sex foster parents has ignited Missouri courts for months. In 2003, Johnston applied to be a foster parent to a child she hoped to raise with her partner, Dawn Roginski. She had started her training when her application was rejected under what the American Civil Liberties Union said was an unwritten policy against allowing Gays and Lesbians to become foster parents. Johnston sued on grounds that being a Lesbian wasn't enough for the state to deny her a license. The Department of Social Services argued that a child raised by a same-sex couple might face social disapproval and that Johnston was not of "reputable character" stemming from the state's ban on same-sex sodomy.

ACLU attorneys said the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Lawrence v. Texas, which struck down a Texas law against sodomy in private settings, invalidated Missouri's law. In February, a Jackson County Circuit Judge Sandra Midkiff agreed, ruling that Missouri could not deny a Lesbian a foster parent license. Midkiff ordered the agency to resume training for the couple and to grant Johnston, who has a bachelor's degree in human development and family with special emphasis on child development, a license if she passed. Social Services decided to appeal, and Johnston's application to become a foster parent was put on hold while each side prepared briefs for the Missouri Supreme Court. In the meantime, the department's policy to deny foster-parent licenses to same-sex couples remains in effect, said Deborah Scott, a department spokeswoman.



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# What 25 Years Of AIDS Has Taught Me

By Eric Sawyer

I have been living with symptoms of HIV/AIDS for 25 years, and I am glad to have survived to see this week's marking of the 25th anniversary of the first recognition of the disease. For these many years I have been able to manage my symptoms and contribute to society by educating others about the disease and advocating for stronger public and private action to end the epidemic. That's why it troubles me so much to see that many of the lessons of the last 25 years of AIDS are being ignored by policymakers and government officials. While my own medical fight against HIV infection is being won, on a global level, the fight is still being lost.

Over 11,000 people are infected with HIV for the first time every day, despite clear evidence that, when people understand HIV and have the tools to prevent it, infections can be greatly reduced. Over 8,000 people are dying needless deaths every day, despite the fact that we now have the medications to keep them alive. Why is this happening? The central problem is that a key lesson of the past 25 years - the need to keep ourselves honest in this fight by setting clear timetables for reaching basic goals - is being ignored by world leaders.

The United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS, which I attended, is a case in point. From the outside, this event seemed to represent more progress in the fight against AIDS. Important statements were made, for instance, about the need to end the violence against women that underlies the epidemic in much of the world. But, the meeting failed to produce the clear road map we need to really confront AIDS, in sharp contrast to the UN plan issued in 2001 on the same issue, which included specific milestones. As an American, it was especially appalling to witness the role of US diplomats at this meeting. I had to watch as they fought to prevent the UN from including the specific, time-bound goals that African governments and civic groups had called for just one month ago at a summit in Nigeria. One of these was to deliver AIDS treatment to 80% of the people who need it in Africa by 2010. While US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said the US approach to AIDS is "rooted in partnership with Africa," the US insisted this clear target be left out of the UN plan.

Another instance of accountability-avoidance struck me as bordering on nonsensical. The American public does not want to see the US shoulder the whole burden of the fight against AIDS. Since the US is already providing a significant share of the resources needed, it would make sense to include a clear global funding commitment in the UN declaration. Then, that promise could be used to help persuade Japan, Canada, countries in Europe, and others, to increase their contributions. Yet, oddly, the US government refused to go along with setting such a funding commitment. So, while First Lady Laura Bush told the UN session that "The United States looks forward to working with you, and to finally winning the fight against AIDS," just down the hall US diplomats were insisting the UN statement avoided any commitment to provide the funding needed to actually do this. She also spoke in her address of the benefits of the US contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, while, back in Washington, President Bush has proposed cutting this contribution



Eric Sawyer

by 45%.

Platitudes and vague promises will not win the fight against AIDS. AIDS could kill 31 million people in India and 18 million in China by 2025, according to projections by the UN. In Africa, the toll could reach 100 million. To prevent this nightmare from unfolding, we have to admit that the problem today is not primarily technological or medical. It's that we are still not bringing to this fight the level of seriousness and resolve needed to overcome the problem. We as people who care about the millions suffering and dying have to go beyond more candlelight memorials for those who have died. Instead, let's declare the next 25 years a zone of zero-tolerance for empty rhetoric and insist on results.

[Eric Sawyer is the co-founder of ACT-UP New York, an AIDS activist group, and co-founder of Housing Works, the largest provider of housing for people with AIDS in the U.S. Mr. Sawyer has been HIV-positive since 1981. This is a reprint from [commondreams.org](http://commondreams.org), June 10, 2006.]

## The G/L Marriage Dodge

The U.S. Senate debate over banning same-sex marriage may be one of the all-time channel-changers in national politics. When all else fails, this White House falls back on piety to shift attention.

The same-sex marriage ban stood no chance, appealed to no surging demand and inflamed feelings on a deeply personal topic. But it let the White House and its Senate allies cook up an issue that can be embalmed and retrieved in November.

As if voters weren't weary enough of cynical politics, the ban backers chose primary election day for this stunt. The plan for a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage failed, as it has before and doubtless will again.

Why trot out this loser of an issue? There are several reasons, all of them disreputable. President Bush dearly wants to shift the focus from his subterranean poll ratings with a solemn-sounding stand on family values. He also wants a volatile issue that will mobilize his restless base of religious conservatives. It's a diversion aimed at steering voters away from the wreckage of his overseas wars, mounting federal debt and an addiction to foreign oil, to pick among his failures.

It's time the administration called off its marriage-discrimination crusade. The Senate won't go there, Mr. President. It's also time to stop using the issue to divert attention from Iraq, deficits and so many other mistakes.

(Editorial from San Francisco Chronicle)

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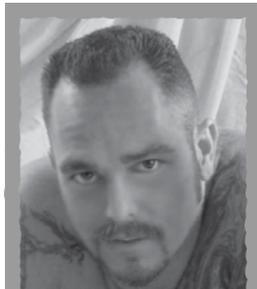
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**POLITICS 2006**  
 by Mark R. Kerr

From, "Rabbit Fire," the 1951 Merrie Melodies (Warner Brothers) cartoon, starring Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd: "Daffy: 'Duck season!' Bugs: 'Wabbit season!' Daffy: 'I say it's Duck season, and I say, fire!'," was the equivalent of what was being said, heard and voted upon, in the U.S. Senate (June 5-7).

As it has been, and as we've all learned, many hold politics, candidates and elected officials in the same esteem as cartoon characters and in many, justifiable cases, the cartoons and the characters in much higher regard. This past week, on Capitol Hill, was no exception to change that, especially for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Americans.

Despite the ongoing problems in Iraq, the domestic economy, the falling dollar, salaries not rising, scarce jobs, rising gas prices and the ever-growing federal deficit, issues for which Americans have stated are much more important, the Republican controlled "Elmer Fudd & Fuddette" Senate, debated S.J. Res. 1, "the Marriage Protection Act," the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would ban government and legal recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partners.

"Be vewy, vewy quiet; We're hunting 'Gays and Wesbians,' ehehehehehe," was the equivalent dialogue blathered by Senate Fudd and Fuddette Republicans during this waste of time and taxpayers' money of this "important debate on a national issue," since they have nothing else to go on, forward or with, in the upcoming elections because they've screwed things up to the point, so the American public, as

most polls conducted indicate, stated that cartoons are respected more than Congress.

So after two days of "dialogue gags," not fitting the usual cartoon length, time wise, the Senate voted 49 - 48 (June 7) to close debate on S.J. Res. 1, for which 60 votes were required to move onto a vote. There are fifty-five Elmer Fudd's and Fuddettes in the U.S. Senate, seven of which read the whole script and voted against closing debate, two Democrats donned Elmer Fudd drag and voted to end debate. Three Senators were not present for this vote.

Victory indeed, as the Fudd's claimed in the press conferences held right after the vote, despite the fact they even didn't get a majority nor the required 60 votes to end debate, or for that matter, have a two-thirds majority needed for passage, required in both houses of Congress to send an amendment to the states, for which it then would need to be ratified by at least 38 state legislatures, all before November's elections, only possible in animation.

One would think that this "political cartoon" would have ended with the "That's All Folks!", as the Merrie Melodies cartoons did but no, on Wednesday (June 7), the lead Elmer Fudd in the U.S. House, Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, announced the House will debate the same measure, known as H.J. Res. 39.

So like all Merrie Melodies cartoons, the Elmer Fudd's and Fuddettes never know what is going on, and in November, just like the ironic ending of "Rabbit Fire," voters will don the hunting gear and inform them be "vewwy, vewwy quiet . . . we're hunting Elmers!"

**LGBT Rights Takes To Satellite Radio**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The nation's largest LGBT civil rights organization is launching a weekly radio show that will mix talk with celebrity news and feature a phone-in segment, 365Gay.com reported. The show will be hosted by Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese and heard on XM Satellite Radio. "The Agenda with Joe Solmonese" will premiere on Monday, July 17, on XM LIVE (XM channel 200) from 6 - 8 pm. There will be additional encore broadcasts airing throughout the week.

"This is a unique opportunity to engage millions of Americans in a real conversation about what it means to be Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender today," said Solmonese. "Our goal has always been to engage more Americans in a dialogue about fairness and equality, and XM's more than 6.5 million subscribers give us an incredible reach into rural as well as urban American homes and cars."

"The Agenda" will mix current events with lifestyle topics and feature audience interaction through live listener calls. Solmonese said that he's working on getting guests, like Cyndi Lauper, George Takei and political leaders like Sens. Russ Feingold and Lincoln Chafee. He also plans on bringing on religious leaders like Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson and national and local community leaders "who are fighting for equality on the front lines." The

program will be broadcast live from XM's Washington, D.C., studios.

Solmonese will be joined each week by "The Agenda" executive producer Mary Breslauer of Boston, a former radio talk show host, former HRC board member and longtime GLBT activist. Coinciding with the Gay Games in Chicago, the debut episode of "The Agenda" will feature live coverage of the games, as well as a look at being GLBT in the Windy City. "Joe Solmonese is a remarkably articulate and authentic voice for our community. Joe's new show feeds an audience that craves more voices, more entertainment and more diversity of programming. And that's the perfect recipe for success in entertainment," said Lisa Sherman, General Manager of Logo, the nation's leading LGBT cable channel and entertainment source from MTV Networks.

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# Macy's Removes Pride Display

BOSTON - Macy's department store has removed a window display marking Boston's Gay Pride week after a group that opposes same-sex marriage complained it was offensive, the Associated Press reported on the PlanetOut Network. The display at the downtown Boston store featured two male mannequins, with one wearing a Gay Pride rainbow flag around his waist, next to a list of several planned Boston Pride Week events.

MassResistance, formerly the Article 8 Alliance, which has campaigned against same-sex marriage and Gay-themed textbooks in public schools, objected to the display and said the mannequin wearing the flag had a "skirt" on, the Boston Herald

reported. The group posted pictures on its Web site and scores of its supporters complained to Macy's by phone and e-mail.

Elina Kazan, a Macy's spokeswoman, said the store decided to remove the mannequins but leave the list of events in order to strike a balance. Displays in previous years did not use mannequins. "We believe in diversity, and our customers are very important to us," Kazan said. "But (the display) did offend a few of our customers, and we had to re-examine it." Sarah Wunsch, a spokeswoman for the ACLU of Massachusetts, criticized Macy's for "succumbing to the bigotry" of what she said was a fringe anti-Gay group.



# Condi Told To Stop Discriminating Against PWAs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A petition signed by 5,000 people was delivered to Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice's office Thursday (June 8) urging her to repeal a policy that led to the department rejecting a job application from a man living with HIV who wanted to be a Foreign Service Officer, 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. Since 1986 the State Department has said that people with HIV will not be allowed to work in the Foreign Service.

government to set the standard in workers' rights," said Hector Vargas, Deputy Director of Education and Public Affairs at Lambda Legal. "Dr. Rice has the power to set the record straight and make clear that discrimination in the workplace is not acceptable, starting with allowing Lorenzo Taylor, Kely Smith, and other qualified and dedicated applicants to serve our nation in the Foreign Service." Lambda represents Taylor in a federal discrimination case. In April the court reserved a decision in the case.

The signatures on the petition were collected online by the LGBT civil rights organization. Lambda said that people are continuing to sign the petition and a second batch will be delivered to Rice's office in the fall if the policy is not rescinded.

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# The Graying Of LGBT America

SAN FRANCISCO - Like other Gay men in their golden years, Jack Norris and Seymour Sirota had heard the horror stories, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. An elderly Lesbian couple is housed on separate floors of a nursing home and kept from seeing each other. A Gay retired college professor feels compelled to keep his sexual orientation a secret after his roommate at an assisted living facility asks to be transferred.

"I thought, 'We are not going to be in that situation,'" the 67-year-old Norris says crisply. "This is not going to happen to us in our final days." That's how the two New Yorkers, partners for 14 years, landed at Rainbow Vision, a just-completed senior community in Santa Fe, N.M. From the private dining room named after Truman Capote to the cabaret where '60s teen icon Lesley "It's My Party" Gore was scheduled to appear this weekend, everything about the 146-unit retirement village was designed with the comfort of graying Gays and Lesbians in mind.

As the generation of Gay men and Lesbians who came out in the 1960s and '70s reaches retirement age, about a dozen specialized senior developments across the country are either up and running or in the works. In such senior-heavy locales as California, Arizona and Florida, as well as less traditionally Gay-friendly places like North Carolina and Texas, builders have found a market in a segment of the Gay population that worries getting old will mean going back in the closet.

"In a retirement community, you want to be with people of like minds and like interests, whether it's a

golf community or a religious community," said Bonnie McGowan, who is spearheading Birds of a Feather, a second Gay senior complex in New Mexico. "Until I feel safe walking down the street holding a woman's hand ... and not feel like I'm going to offend even one person, there is a need for this."

Besides personal safety, specialists in Gay aging issues offer other reasons why the so-called Stonewall Generation, named for the 1969 New York riots that marked the beginning of the modern Gay movement, needs and craves places of its own to retire. Among them are the years of stigma and isolation many Gays who are over 50 experienced, that may have left them estranged from their families, financially insecure and childless.

"There is a real sense of disenfranchisement and also a sense of independence, of 'I don't want to be dependent on family, I want to be dependent on community,'" said Judy Dlugacz, founder of the San Francisco-based Lesbian travel company Olivia Cruises and Resorts. Olivia is currently scouting land in the Palm Springs area for what Dlugacz hopes will be the first of several high-end resort communities geared toward mature Lesbians who are looking either for a vacation home or a place to retire.

Joy Silver, developer of Rainbow Vision, also plans to expand to Palm Springs, a desert community already popular with Gay tourists.

"Back in the day, we could identify each other because the

only place to be Gay was a Gay bar," said Silver, who views her Santa Fe property as somewhere for baby boomer Gays to live their later years as residents of a majority. "Now, we have more options and we may be more out, but it's still going to be hard to find friends or partners," she said. "It doesn't help to live in a Gay-friendly community without any other Gay people."

Along with second chances Silver is planning to throw a prom party "for those of us who didn't go to senior prom with the person we wanted to" Rainbow Vision was designed to foster a sense of immediate belonging. The fitness center was named after Lesbian tennis pioneer Billie Jean King, for example, while services for those requiring ongoing medical care reflect lessons learned from the AIDS crisis. The 26 rented assisted living units comprise a section of the complex called The Castro, after the San Francisco neighborhood that has long been a center of Gay culture. "Just as we have set the trends in music and fashion, (Gays and Lesbians) will be setting trends for the redefinition of family and community," Silver said.

Steven David, a postdoctoral psychology fellow at the University of California, Los Angeles who counsels and researches older Gay men, said the concept of Gay senior housing gets mixed reviews from his clients. He has spoken to some who think living in a Gay environment sounds fun and others who think it sounds awful, "just like some straight people like retirement communities and some don't." Meanwhile, some in his field oppose the idea of separate communities for Gay seniors, which also have taken off in Canada and parts of Europe, as voluntary self-segregation. "There has been an argument of, 'Should we be creating these places in the first place or

forcing society to accept us?" he said.

For his part, Jack Norris says that battle can wait for the next generation. He spent years in a job where he had to silently endure anti-Gay jokes. Sirota, who is 80, did not tell his family he was Gay until the two men got together. Norris said even talking publicly about their new life at Rainbow Vision felt like a revolutionary act. "Seymour was worried maybe we would be getting too much exposure," he said. "But then I said, 'We need to be like Rosa Parks. We can't sit in the back of the bus.'"

## Yahoo! Launches LGBT Pride Web Site

SAN FRANCISCO - In honor of Gay Pride Month, Internet giant Yahoo! has compiled a comprehensive microsite highlighting global pride celebrations as well as LGBT-related services and resources available on the Yahoo! network, Sirius OutQ Radio reported on advocate.com.

The microsite, which is sponsored by online travel company Travelocity, can be found at the URL events.yahoo.com/pride or by performing a Yahoo! search for "Gay pride." It provides LGBT people with a one-stop shop for pride, including travel and destination information, community-building tools, volunteer opportunities with LGBT organizations, original user content through Yahoo! blogs and Flickr photos, and pertinent content from other Yahoo! sites.

The site was conceived and built by members of Yahoo!'s LGBT employee stakeholder group.

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## FDA Approves Cervical Cancer Vaccine

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The first vaccine to prevent cervical cancer won U.S. approval on Thursday (June 8) when health officials cleared Merck's shot to block a sexually transmitted infection that causes the deadly disease, reported Reuters on advocate.com. Public health experts called the Gardasil vaccine a major advance against a disease that kills about 300,000 women worldwide annually. Industry analysts said the product also should help revive the fortunes of struggling Merck with annual sales that could top \$2 billion.

The vaccine blocks infection with certain types of the human papillomavirus, which causes genital warts and most cervical cancer. "This vaccine is a significant advance in the protection of women's health in that it strikes at the infections that are the root cause of many cervical cancers," acting Food

and Drug Administration commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach said.

Given in three doses over six months, Gardasil targets four HPV types believed to cause more than 70% of cervical cancer cases and 90% of genital warts. The vaccine was approved for use in girls and women ages 9 to 26, Merck said. The catalog price for Gardasil will be \$120 per dose, the company said. The approval puts Merck ahead of GlaxoSmithKline, which is developing its own HPV vaccine called Cervarix and plans to apply for U.S. clearance this year.

Most cervical cancer deaths occur in developing countries. In the United States widespread screening catches the disease early when it is treatable, but about 4,000 women die from it each year. Cervical cancer also is an AIDS-defining condition among HIV-positive women.

## Alabama Voters Approve Constitutional Marriage Ban

MONTGOMERY, Alabama - Voters overwhelmingly (81% - 19%) approved a state constitutional amendment on Tuesday (June 8) that bans same-sex marriage, The Press-Register of Mobile reports on advocate.com. Returns showed the marriage amendment passing by wide margins in both rural and urban areas.

Since 1998, Alabama law has prohibited same-sex marriage and refused to recognize such unions from other jurisdictions. The

passage of the amendment puts those provisions in the state's constitution.

Joseph Rembert Jr. told the Press-Register he didn't go to the polls solely because of the amendment, but he was glad it was on the ballot. "I'm all man, so I ain't got nothing to do with that," said Rembert, 32, of Montgomery. "I go by what the Bible says—man and woman." But Gwen Carmack of Mobile said it's not the business of government to decide who can get married and who can't. "I just prefer the state not do that. It's an individual choice," said Carmack, 56, a project manager in health care software.

## County Will Honor Same-Sex Marriages

WHITE PLAINS - Westchester County will be the first in N.Y. state to recognize marriages legalized elsewhere, but can't make cities within its borders do so, the PlanetOut Network reported. The affluent suburb just north of New York City becomes the eighth local government, and the first county in the Empire State, to recognize the rights of legally married Gay men and Lesbians. According to the Empire State Pride Agenda, more than half of the state's population now lives in an area that has expressly acknowledged such legal ties. These include the cities of Nyack, Buffalo, Albany, Rochester and New York, the Journal News reported.

The decision by Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano was greeted with a standing ovation at a local meeting Wednesday night (June 7). Although its symbolism was profound, the executive order will not require cities within the county to follow suit. And obviously, federal and state law still prevent same-sex married couples from receiving hundreds of rights outside the control of county officials.

But the move reflects the expansive public policy that governs New York, a policy of recognizing legal marriages that has been endorsed by the attorney general, Eliot Spitzer. Two years ago, Spitzer's office issued a nonbinding opinion stating that case law and state history indicated that same-sex marriages in Canada, Massachusetts or elsewhere would be respected throughout the state of New York. And last month, even as his office prepared to defend

the gender-based restrictions on marriage before the highest court in the state, Spitzer's office nonetheless issued a friend-of-the-court brief in favor of two men, married in Canada, who sought spousal pension rights from a Long Island school district. Spitzer, who is running for governor, told the media at the time that he saw no conflict between the two positions. Even though he supports same-sex marriage as a candidate for the state's top job, Spitzer's office was required to defend existing law in the case now taken under advisement by the justices.

New York's top court, the Court of Appeals, is expected to rule on the state's marriage law within the next three months. They may well be beaten to the punch by the high court of New Jersey, where oral arguments were held last February and where observers expect an August decision.

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**Mars goes on a rampage** by not only bumping sour Saturn but also opposing dizzy Neptune. So what does this mean for us mere mortals? Actions not only speak prouder than words, they also upend the landscape. Which end is up? Hopefully yours.

**ARIES (3/21 - 4/20)**  
Proud Rams happily chugalug with the best of them. But as Mars moves, don't be surprised if your best chugs cause a ruckus with a few lugs. You are the driver of the party machine and vigorously pump energy into any blowout event. The more is the merrier as you pull into overdrive. Enjoy your merriment but know when to say when. Err exactly when is when ...?

**TAURUS (4/21 - 5/21)**  
Mars creates a paradox for queer Bulls. You are a whirlwind of activity around the house ... to the detriment of your career. There are obligations on both sides of the scale but balance will be everything at this time. Call it a case of corporate burnout. Whatever excuse you make, I don't think retirement is in the cards as of yet. Better shuffle back to the pack, bud.

**GEMINI (5/22 - 6/21)**  
As much as you enjoy giving your opinion, think before you bleat this week, pink Twin. Even your quiet musings will have blaring front page potential as Mars wields the megaphone. Much of what you say has a kernel of truth in it but it is too ripe for certain ears. If you have a few pithy things to get off your chest ask a bosom buddie to nibble them off.

**CANCER (6/22 - 7/23)**  
Gay Crabs go on a wilde spending spree with Mars, Saturn and Neptune. But are you getting your money's worth? Probably not. Look before you buy and part with your dough only after careful deliberation. Of course, that is this week. By next week your purse strings loosen and life looks flush once again. Can money possibly buy happiness? Oh give it a try!

**LEO (7/24 - 8/23)**  
As you scamper onto the center stage in search for fame, fortune and a bit of attention, don't forget that Mars is primed for mischief at your expense. Proud Lions are apt to overstep... right into the pile.... and track it all over town. So tread carefully. If you are not careful, you can be hoisted on your own petard this week. Be sure to wear clean petards just in case.

**VIRGO (8/24 - 9/23)**  
Don't let yourself be carried away with false dreams or mocked by stray thoughts this week. Chances are you will imagine intrigue and conspiracies where there are none. Queer Virgins can unearth all sorts of secrets about certain relationships, or so they think. Give partners the benefit of the doubt and leave your paranoia in the office where it belongs.

**LIBRA (9/24 - 10/23)**  
Friends find ways to get you into rowdy mischief. Small tete a tetes become huge headbangers complete with a morning after hangover. It is not compadres' fault that Mars stirs up the social whirlpool and sucks you into the drain. It is totally up to you. It is better to play the big drip this week, proud Libra, rather than become a washout.

**SCORPIO (10/24 - 11/22)**  
This may not be the best time to make your big career move. You may overreact and unintentionally cause a reassessment of your position. Mars makes you more overbearing than usual and even your best laid plans can lay an egg. Why push when the world is set to push back, Gay Scorp? Enjoy life a little more and work a little less. Who knows, you could get used to it.

**SAGITTARIUS (11/23 - 12/22)**  
Gay Archers dream of accolades and recognition and are not shy about asking for it at every opportunity. This may be the week that you get more exposure than you think, hope for or desire. Keep your opinions to yourself and see if you can fade into the scenery. A hairy, naked Mars moves into the epicenter and drags you along for the ride. Whatever turns you on.

**CAPRICORN (12/23 - 1/20)**  
Grrr. Pink Caps are earthy animals ready for a bit of action. And with Mars as your guide, you are raring, ready and randy this week. But before you plan and embark on your method of attack, check yourself in the mirror and see if you look as luscious as you feel. Chances are you will decide to wait until next week for your big move. Good idea, lover.

**AQUARIUS (1/21 - 2/19)**  
If there are a few things stuck in your craw about a certain relationship, let it stick there a few more days before you pick it out. Aqueerians want more, or at least different and Mars is churning and burning for great changes in partnerships. Hold off and strive for the status quo this week. There is plenty of time for quid pro quo next week.

**PISCES (2/20 - 3/20)**  
Taking on extra responsibility will not produce the desired effect. You think that others would be very appreciative of your industriousness and perhaps even reward you. Keep on waiting Guppie. Those who step up and volunteer while Mars holds the cards only wind up doing all the work while others relax and play. Learn to delegate, or at least look busy.

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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## DeGrazia

by Lee Thorn

It's embarrassing that I've been writing this column for years without ever having devoted an installment to the great Tucson institution known as Ted DeGrazia. DeGrazia was born in Morenci, Arizona in 1909 to parents who had emigrated from Italy. He studied with Mexican muralists Diego Rivera and Jose Clemente Orozco, returned to Tucson and earned a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Arizona, built his famous Gallery in the Sun and opened it in 1965.

The interesting thing about DeGrazia is that he was forced to build his own gallery because nobody in Tucson would show his work. This artist who was and still is almost universally rejected by the Tucson art establishment has probably made more money from his art than all the other graphic artists of Tucson's recent history put together. And, although he died in 1982, his gallery is still going strong. The expression "cash cow" comes to mind. The only problem is that it's so far north on Swan, 6300 to be exact, you risk a nosebleed just driving up there.

With my own strong prejudice in favor of outsider artists, I can't pretend to be objective about his work, but the DeGrazia phenomenon, whether you like the work of despise it, raises an interesting theoretical issue in aesthetics. Ever since the modernists put a shoe on a pedestal in a Paris gallery early in the last century, a crucial element of the definition of fine art has been the intention of the artist to have something – be it a shoe or an XKE – be regarded as art. Since the intention of the artist is now critical, can we dismiss the works of people whose primary intention is something other than making art? Can we dismiss those whose primary intention is to make money or to entertain or to make souvenirs for tourists?

DeGrazia's work has been dismissed as not serious because it's believed he didn't intend it to be serious art. While that position may appeal to our desire for simplicity and our desire to avoid unnecessary mental exertion, it doesn't seem fair to some of the works themselves.

Sure, lots or even most of the stuff is tourist kitsch. But some of it, if you didn't know who the artist was, could be taken quite seriously.

Consider the painting titled "Station 12" depicting a crucifixion in which the figure's torso has fallen forward, away from the cross, so that we see the top of its head rather than its face, and the head is actually lower than the body's outstretched arms. Like everyone else in the Western world, I've seen a few million paintings of crucifixions. I've never seen one like this.

Consider the untitled ceramic horse displayed near the painting described above. If it's a DeGrazia you dismiss it. If someone told you it was a lost Matisse just recently discovered, you'd marvel at it as a brilliant study in balance and claim that it almost seems to be swaying or teetering.

Or consider the painting of Jesus in Mary's lap next to "Station 12." Again we have a very familiar subject given a strikingly original treatment. The simplicity is striking as is the flow of the figures that almost seems to fuse them into a single object.

In another room there's "Baboquivari Mountain," a landscape in really wild blues. If it's a DeGrazia, dismiss it. If someone told you it was a recently discovered painting by Chagall, you'd marvel at the intensity of the otherworldly coloration.

I mention only four, but there are many more works that would be taken seriously if they hadn't been done by the master of tourist kitsch. Is the automatic dismissal of DeGrazia by the fine arts community intellectually honest? It seems ridiculous to suppose that someone who did art straightforwardly for the sole purpose of making money couldn't also have done other art just as straightforwardly for the sole purpose of making art.

It might be prudent for the UA Museum of Art and the Tucson Museum of Art to start hedging their bets a bit on DeGrazia. Instead of pretending he doesn't exist, they might want to find some curator with supreme confidence in his own aesthetic judgment and send him to DeGrazia's gallery for the purpose of acquiring a few pieces of serious art from the works of a not always serious artist.

Artists who are having trouble finding gallery representation today, just as DeGrazia did decades ago, should know that the gallery hosts about a dozen temporary shows for guest artists each year.

I haven't forgotten to mention the buildings of the gallery complex. I just think they deserve a column of their own.

[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.]



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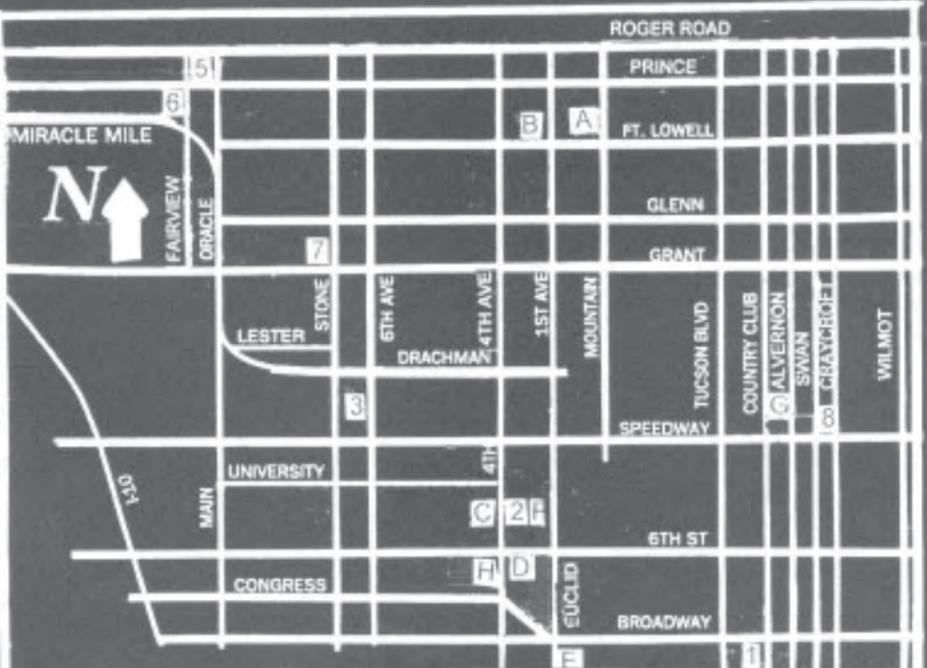
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Wednesday, June 14  
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Thursday, June 15  
 #1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier, Central Tucson, 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, June 16  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 9:00a.m. Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and Chinese Buffet! Call Thom for information and reservations. Meet 9:00a.m. at 1354 W. Irvington...Carpool to Desert Museum...Happily and Gaily Tour the Museum...Return carpool to 1354 W. Irvington...If desired, enjoy late lunch love bites or early dinner together! Don't forget to call Thom at 623-2941...reservations are limited, costs include Museum Ticket, Buffet, and intensive series of 13 Bi-weekly chopstick lessons with hunky trainer!

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7:00p.m. It's PIZZA NIGHT starring your host Lloyd and 4 types of pizza! (Lloyd is the one without the cheese.) Featuring salacious salad, bubbly sodas, and spunky desserts for only \$5 Dollars! It's the MSN Ganga of the Month! HEY! Did you contact Lloyd yesterday to let him know that you are coming??? And did you request a pizza flavor or vegetarian pie??? Good! Now you won't have to get ahold of him late and beg or make a scene! Also included tonight are a few game table set-ups for our inveterate gamers.

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

Saturday, June 17  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and directions Call Robert at 400-1376.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for First Saturday Monthly Pot Luck. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay serial killer instincts! Phone host Steve at 644-2076 for location, driving directions, and info.

Sunday, June 18  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Thom and Ken coordinate Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. Tonight's destination is 'Furrs Family Diner'. For reservations and directions, please contact Ken at 294-6606 or Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com before Sunday Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like sharing a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

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

Monday, June 19.  
 Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30 P.M. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, June 20  
 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.

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Friday, June 23  
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#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Join us for a spell as Lee & Merlin host a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Merlin or Lee at 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

#3 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Sunny T's Texas BBQ! Go down for hot grill marks, hunky gushes of sauce, and BBQ tonight! Call Danny for information and directions at 349-5295. (Grant and Stone at Mother Hubbard's.)

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

Monday, June 26  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. The movie, shown after the newsletter is put to bed for this month, is 'Wilby Wonderful', the 2004 gay-themed, day-in-the-life dark comedy! Arlan is hosting this event, and you can contact him at 323-7414 for info and directions.

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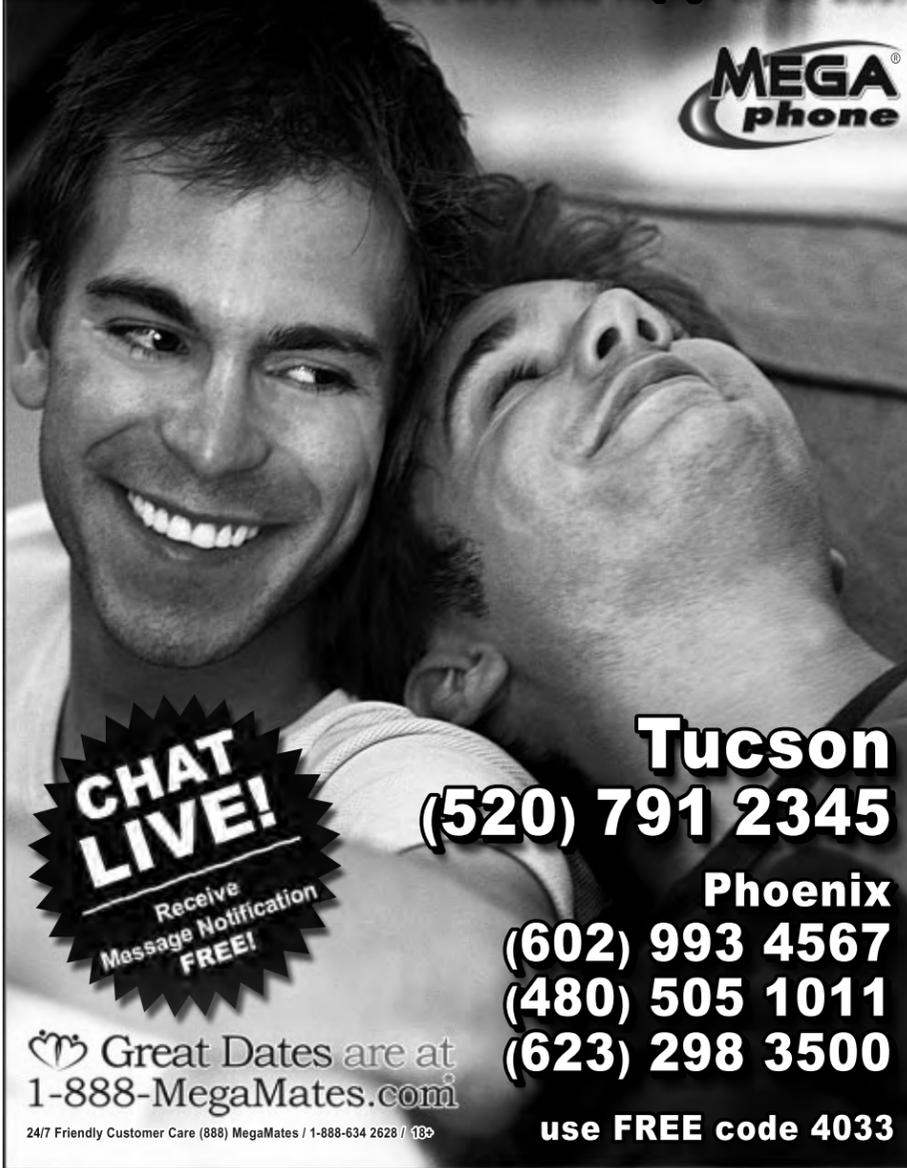
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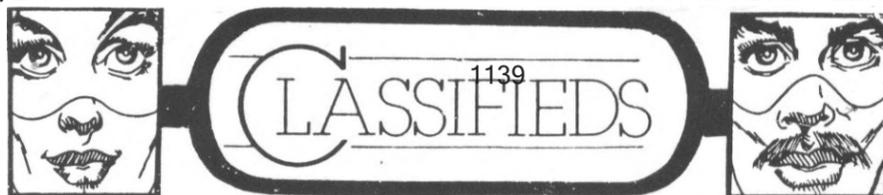
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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

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

**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. Game Night with Dan 5-7pm & nightly dinner specials 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.

**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 Raynman 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

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Hot new Jazz Duo "Sunyatta" performss 7-10pm.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$4.00 Burger & Fries all day. DJ Johnny D playing the best mix in town. Check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight for late night munchies.

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

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

**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.

# Arts and Entertainment

June 15-18

Borderlands Theater presents "El Deseo / Desire" by Victor Hugo at the Beowulf Alley Theatre, 11 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Tuesdays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$7 - \$18.75 at Antigone Books, 792-3715; Yoli's Music, 620-0830 and Borderlands Theater Office 882-7406. Susan, a middle aged American professor and Victor, a young working-class Columbian, fall passionately in love. Their lives will change forever as their unbridled sexual desire and love intertwine with profound differences in age, culture and class.

Friday, June 16

Casino Del Sol AVA Amphitheater presents the Timeless Tour of Martina McBride. Ticketmaster 321-1000. I-19, exit Valencia West. 838-6700.

Now playing thru June 18

Top Hat Theatre Club presents Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" At the theater 3110 E. Ft. Lowell at Country Club. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. Sundays. For reservations call 326-6800.

# Arts and Entertainment

Continued

Now Playing thru June 25

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# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Ellas de Noche - Latino drag show starting at 10:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

**VENTURE-N** - Special event tonight 8:00 pm. To closing. Uncle Mike's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Fifty & Filthy! He deserves to be spanked. 8:00 p.m. Fajitas by La Cocina. 9:00 p.m. \$2.00 Swats. Proceeds donated to Petwatch.

**WOODY'S 70s Disco Inferno** Party with Frank Costume Contest and 70s Videos 8 to closing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Flag Day Special Red, White and Blue Underwear Party. \$1.00 off your mixed drink or Long Neck beer for participating. Hosted by David 8 til close.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

**WOODY'S** - June Birthday Party. Sign up to celebrate at Woody's - Cake, balloons and champagne..

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - National Capital Cities Pageants for Miss Latina Arizona & Miss Latina Western Regional. Preliminaries at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

**WOODY'S** - Fathers' Day celebrated here. Special Party for Daddy's!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

**WOODY'S** - "Splash" Party

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Too Much Information (TMI) is back starting at 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 Cover.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

**IBT'S** - "The Wet Party!" - All day! Cocme ready to get wet.

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**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, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30\_9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit [www.azgaydance.org](http://www.azgaydance.org)

**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 individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

**LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND** Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

**TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN),** a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

**ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING** is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Anabeli at 325-0892

**SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training)** a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

**AZdykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail [tyan@theriver.com](mailto:tyan@theriver.com) and request guidelines.

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; 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.

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.

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



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