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## Gates' Foundation Pledges \$500 Million More For AIDS Care



**TORONTO, CANADA - Microsoft Co-Founder Bill Gates talking to Ex-President Bill Clinton at the 16<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference which got underway Sunday, August 13th in Toronto. See story below.**

SEATTLE - The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation took its support of AIDS-related research and care to a new level Wednesday (Aug. 9), announcing a half-billion-dollar grant to a global fund that provides AIDS assistance in poor countries, reported 365Gay.com. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, based in Geneva, Switzerland, will receive the grant over five years.

The gift dwarfs the \$150 million the Microsoft founder's founda-

tion has given since the fund was created four years ago as well as the additional \$287 million Gates announced last month to speed development of an HIV vaccine.

"The Global Fund is one of the most important health initiatives in the world today," Bill Gates said in a statement announcing the gift. "The fund has an excellent track record, and we need to do everything we can to support its continued success, which will save millions of lives."

## Court Date Set For Trio In San Diego Gay Pride Attack

SAN DIEGO - Three men charged in the brutal attacks on six men leaving Gay pride celebrations earlier this month will appear in court Sept. 12 for a preliminary hearing, 365Gay.com reported.

Prosecutors are attempting to have a 15-year-old teen also charged in connection with the attacks, tried as an adult. An August 23 court date has been set in his case. James Allen Carroll, 24, is charged with two counts of attempted murder, six counts of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of conspiracy to commit robbery and hate crime allegations. Lyonn Taz Tatum, 18, is charged with six counts of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of conspiracy to commit robbery and hate crime allegations. Kenneth James Lincoln, 23, is charged with three counts of being an accessory after the fact. The 15-year-old, who cannot be named, is charged in Juvenile Court with six counts of assault with a deadly weapon, one

count of conspiracy to commit robbery and hate crime allegations.

Police allege all four are members of a "wannabe" street gang called the "Low Lifes." Deputy District Attorney Oscar Garcia said that Lincoln shaved Tatum's head and put tattoos on him after the attacks in an effort to conceal his identity. All of the accused have pleaded "not guilty." The victims were just leaving the pride festival at Balboa Park when the assailants began taunting them with homophobic remarks.

The most seriously injured, Oscar Foster, was hit in the head and upper body 10 to 12 times with a baseball bat. He suffered a fractured skull and may require reconstructive surgery. Another suffered superficial stab wounds. That man and the other victims were treated and released from hospital.

## Gays, 'Ex-Gays' Square Off At Psychology Meeting

NEW ORLEANS - The pro-Gay organization Truth Wins Out held a news conference Friday (Aug. 11) outside the American Psychological Association's annual convention in New Orleans to counter a coalition of anti-Gay protesters seeking to have homosexuality relabeled a mental disorder, reported Advocate.com.

Although the APA removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders in 1974, proponents of the "ex-Gay" notion claim that Gay people can somehow be "cured" — and they want the psychological establishment to recognize that.

"This is the subversion of science and a religious racket designed to con Americans into believing that homosexuality is a mental illness," Wayne Besen, executive director of Truth Wins Out, whose mission is to debunk the ex-Gay myth, said in a written statement.

"This coalition is trying to kill the APA messenger because they don't like their science-based message. These 'ex-Gay' groups keep no statistics, they produce no peer reviewed studies, most of their top leaders have reverted back to homosexuality, and they conveniently disregard scientific evidence that does not conform to their political agenda," Besen said.

Although the APA's official

position is that there is no psychological difference between Gay and straight people, many "ex-Gay" followers use thoroughly unscientific techniques to change from Gay to straight, such as holding exorcisms or drinking Gatorade to supposedly make men more masculine.

"If the quack science is examined, it is clear that conversion therapy is a cruel hoax that is destroying lives and shattering families," said Besen. "The goal of this right wing coalition is to fool voters into thinking homosexuality is mutable, because polls show that when Americans believe people are born Gay, they are more likely to vote in favor of equality," he said.

"After the anti-Gay protest led by the National Association of Research and Therapy of Homosexuality, the APA released the following statement: "For over three decades the consensus of the mental health community has been that homosexuality is not an illness and therefore not in need of a cure. The APA's concern about the positions espoused by NARTH and so-called conversation therapy is that they are not supported by the science. There is simply no sufficiently scientifically sound evidence that sexual orientation can be changed. Our further concern is that the positions espoused by NARTH and Focus on the Family create an environment in which prejudice and discrimination can flourish."

## Virginia G/L Activists Thwarted In Third Enlistment Attempt

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia - Two Gay 19 year olds brought the national "Right To Serve" campaign to Charlottesville and were immediately rejected when they attempted to enlist in the military, reported 365Gay.com.

Wyatt Fore and Rachel Miller walked into the Recruitment Center at a local shopping center under a media spotlight. It took two attempts to get to talk with a recruiter though. At the first attempt they discovered he was at lunch. In the second attempt Fore and Miller emerged after a few minutes to tell reporters that Sgt. Alfred Withrow refused to allow them to fill out applications.

"My sexual orientation doesn't have anything to do with my ability to serve in the military," Fore said, noting that he would like to have joined the Navy because his father and grandfather had both been sailors. "It's very difficult for straight people to understand what life in the closet is about." Withrow asked by the media about the rejection and his refusal to allow the pair to fill out applications said that there would be

no point under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" because "it would be the same as saying 'Yes, I just got out of jail for five years.' - It's not that extreme ... [but] there was no reason to probe any further."

The "Right To Serve" campaign was organized by Soulforce, a nondenominational LGBT group. Earlier this month three young people were turned away when they tried to enlist at an Army recruiting station in Philadelphia and announced they are Gay. The Right to Serve Campaign kicked off in Minneapolis in May when a Gay man and a Lesbian attempted to join the Minnesota National Guard at a Roseville National Guard recruitment center. They were allowed to fill in their applications and after the forms were examined the pair was told the applications would be placed on hold until trespassing charges are dealt with. The charges stem from a Soulforce Equality Ride demonstration at West Point in April. They were among 21 riders who were arrested at the military academy. "Soulforce Equality Riders" protested at schools across the country that bar LGBT

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# UPDATE

## AIDSWalk Tucson 2006 - Take A Step

TUCSON - Take a step onto the beautiful University of Arizona Campus Mall for the 18th Annual AIDS WALK 2006, October 8.

For this year's event, organizers have pumped up the energy with a new location, new date, and new activities. Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by supporting those in the community living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, preventing the spread of HIV, and remembering those we've lost to HIV/AIDS. You can help. Participate in the 10K fun run or 5K walk and raise donations to support the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

This year marks the 25th anniversary since the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced its first warning of the disease later to be known as AIDS. Over the past 25 years, many strides have been made to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS but much more is needed to be done. Anne Maley, Executive Director, SAAF, commented, "Southern Arizona is experiencing a growing need for our services at a time when we are experiencing cuts in government funding. I encourage everyone to join AIDS WALK 2006 and help us increase awareness and the much needed resources to continue providing high quality services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Pima County and southern Arizona."

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: There are an estimated 38.6 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, doubled since 1995. During 2005, an estimated 4.1 million people became newly infected with HIV, including 540,000 children 55% of U.S. adults, ages 18-64, report ever having been tested for HIV, including 21% who report being tested in the last year. This number has been increasing over time Among the more than one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S., an estimated 25% do not know they are infected.

Help stop this global epidemic and support those living with HIV/AIDS while helping prevent new infections by participating in AIDS WALK 2006. Anne Maley added, "One hundred percent of donations raised will stay in Southern Arizona to support critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to fund prevention programs for people at risk for HIV."

AIDS WALK 2006 promises to be fun, festive, and a day of awareness. We have activities for youth, plenty of great food, live music

including a live mini concert following the event, Quilt opening ceremony, and more! Information about the event is being added daily, so check out [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com) or contact (520) 791-WALK (9255) for the latest info. Be ready to gather your friends and family to take a step forward in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

## Camp Reveille Annual Retreat

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC), Tucson's internationally known men's chorus will be starting their 12th year of changing hearts and minds through music with their annual retreat, Camp Reveille, Saturday, Aug. 19., at the Historic Y, 300 E. University Blvd.

RGMC is an internationally known chorus having performed in Canada, México and Brazil. Their last concert, "Reveille Pride," received rave reviews in the local newspapers as well as delighting local audiences with their salute to the Tucson LGBT community through song. Come and see what all the excitement is about.

If you think you'd like to be a part of the RGMC family then Camp Reveille is the best way to meet the members and see what it is they have to offer, go online to [reveillgmc.com](http://reveillgmc.com), or call (520) 617-3100 or Artistic Director, Linus Lerner, (520) 360-5400 for more details.

## Lance Armstrong Autographed Poster In TIHAN Auction

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be auctioning an autographed Lance Armstrong, the seven time winner of the Tour De France, poster donated by Armstrong's coach, Chris Carmichael.

The poster is currently on display at Arizona Cyclist bike shop in the St. Philips Plaza on Campbell and River. Dr. Kevin Carmichael, one of Tucson's top HIV doctors and brother of Chris Carmichael facilitated the donation.

Proceeds raised will benefit AIDS awareness and support services for TIHAN. Opening bids begin at \$1,000 and are being accepting from now until 2:00 p.m., Nov. 17. The winner will be announced at the El Tour de Tucson, Nov. 18. Please send bids by email to Scott Blades Executive Director of TIHAN, [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org). For more information please contact Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN at (520) 299-6647 or email at [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org).

## IN MEMORIAM



**Mark Brunelle  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Saturday, August 19, 2006. 12:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4625 East River Road (Corner of Swan and River) in Tucson, AZ.

### RECEPTION

2:00 p.m. at Howl at the Moon, 915 West Prince Road, Tucson, AZ.

In lieu of flowers, his friends ask that donations be made to TIHAN in Marc's memory.

## Wingspan Launches Redesigned Website

TUCSON - Wingspan has launched a completely redesigned website at [www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org). In conjunction with Godat Design, who completed the redesign as part of a \$20,000 in-kind donation, Wingspan has made the website easier to navigate, easier to read, and has included more detailed information on all of Wingspan's programs and services.

From the home page, readers can quickly and easily locate information on volunteering, reserve meeting space, request a presentation, and sign up for Wingspan's weekly electronic newsletter. And, for the first time, an overview of Wingspan's programs and services is available in Spanish via a direct link from the home page. The core purpose of the website remains the same: to connect community members to resources in Southern Arizona. To that end, the community calendar has been completely restructured to allow viewers to see not only activities taking place at Wingspan, but a variety of upcoming events of interest to the LGBT and allied communities.

Wingspan's new website will also correlate more closely to the eWeekly, a weekly email newsletter that provides information about community events, special programs, calls to action, and other items of interest to the LGBT and allied communities.

Kent Burbank, Wingspan's Executive Director, said that the redesign will allow Wingspan to better serve the community. "The new eWeekly will be a closer fit with the updated website, and both will still bring to community members the same amazing array of news and upcoming events in the LGBT community," he said. "This information is now better organized and easier to read, making the website and eWeekly the ultimate resources for LGBT happenings in Southern Arizona."

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# Apache AIDS Survivor Organizing A Native HIV/AIDS Survivor Gathering

By Isadore Boni

Image I remember sitting in the lobby of the Maricopa County Health Clinic on a scorching summer day in Phoenix, Arizona. The counselor drew blood twenty minutes prior, and I was waiting for the results. My heart was racing a mile a minute. A young white woman opened the door and motioned me to follow. Nervously, I entered a small room where she turned and said "I'm sorry, your results came back positive". That was May 2, 2002. Many Native people in America have been told the same thing. Too many have passed away, while others cling to the notion that they are not infected, too afraid to take an HIV test for fear of knowing the results. Many struggle with issues such as homelessness, disclosure, acceptance, fear, stigma, and confidentiality, to name a few. Twenty-five years after the first AIDS case funding continues to be cut and agencies are closing their doors. Help is becoming unavailable. Or is it?

I believe so. I recently wrote a memo to my local, tribal, and state leaders about the need for a retreat for Native people living with HIV/AIDS. We need a place - a respite from the



**Isadore Boni**

I recently attended a regional HIV/AIDS training a few weeks ago here in Phoenix. I was surprised, like several others in the room, to learn that there are medicine men who will not get close to Natives living with HIV/AIDS. I wondered how many Native people across the country are in need of traditional medicine but are turned away out of ignorance and fear. Something more must be done to help my fellow brothers and sisters, Gay or straight, living with this virus. What can I do?

Is having a national retreat for Natives living with HIV/AIDS possible?

world, to gather and create a community that is safe, loving and caring. An emphasis would be on celebrating life and appreciating the beauty and joy of living. As an AIDS survivor, it has been my experience that love brings healing where medication does not. I began asking people nationwide about a retreat only to be told that it is non-existent. Yvonne Davis, Board of Directors President/Interim Executive Director of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center says "There is none, per se, for Native Americans,

but for sub-populations such as women and/or two-spirited, but not in general". She also said that "there are three organizations that are planning a National Native American AIDS Awareness Day in March 2007". In response to the memo, I received many emails from all over the country, including Washington DC and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

After twenty-five years of the first AIDS case, there are many more questions than answers. It's been four years since I was told I have AIDS. My partner, who is also Apache, is a long-term AIDS survivor. We are both undetectable. We work and live in downtown Phoenix where each day we see homeless Natives who have AIDS getting sicker and sicker. We have car washes to raise money to travel to do AIDS education/awareness, to buy materials for the AIDS memorial quilt, and to travel to an AIDS conference in Alaska. Is having a national retreat for Natives living with HIV/AIDS possible? I believe so. It will take a "national community" to make it happen. It will take dedicated individuals, local and national agencies, working in collaboration to make it happen. How many people have attended a conference or gathering and felt a sense of security, community, or empowerment? I can only imagine a place where Native people living with HIV/AIDS can also gather to strengthen ourselves and each other. A place where our traditional healers will embrace and help heal us of our ailments. A place where we are accepted, and a place where there is no shame. Until a cure for AIDS is

found, we will continue to be like our ancestral warriors by fighting this debilitating disease to the bitter end and offer our love and support to our Native brothers and sisters who are in the same predicament.

If you have any ideas, comments or questions please feel free to contact me at [isadoreboni@yahoo.com](mailto:isadoreboni@yahoo.com).

[Isadore Boni (Apache), AIDS and hepatitis C survivor, is organizing an Native American HIV/AIDS survivor gathering. This piece ran initially in NativeOut (Arizona) Magazine, online at [nativeout.com](http://nativeout.com).]

## Virginia G/L Activists

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students.

For the past two years the military has been unable to meet its recruiting goals. Since 1993, the Department of Defense has discharged more than 11,000 service members under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." According to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), more than 800 of those service members were trained in skills deemed 'mission-critical' by the Pentagon. In June the military was forced to apologize when it was revealed that a Pentagon document listing various "disorders" included the reference to homosexuality decades after mental health experts abandoned that position. A bi-partisan coalition in Congress now supports legislation to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law.



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# Allegations Fly In Alabama Lesbian's 59-Vote Win

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama - Patricia Todd is openly lesbian, and she expected her sexual orientation to be an issue when she ran for a legislative seat in Alabama to represent a majority black district, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. What she didn't anticipate was the fight that broke out over her being white.

Todd, who defeated a black candidate in a runoff election last month, went before a Democratic Party subcommittee Tuesday (Aug. 8) to defend her 59-vote runoff win in House District 54, an area that includes both the richest and poorest neighborhoods of Birmingham. A challenge filed over Todd's victory will turn solely on what happened during the vote and state election law, according to Joe Turnham, the state party chairman.

But the issue people are talking about is whether a white woman should get to represent a mostly black district in a state where blacks couldn't vote two generations ago and where race is still an overriding factor in carving out election districts. A black Democratic leader urged black voters to support Todd's black opponent, Gaynell Hendricks, on the basis of race, and Todd fears that racial politics may taint proceedings before the subcommittee. "When do we get past this?" said Todd, who would become the first openly Gay member of the Alabama legislature. "I can't believe that in 2006 we're still electing people on the basis of race."

An attorney representing Hendricks in the election challenge said the case will center on claims that Todd tried to keep voters from knowing about a \$25,000 donation to her campaign from the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. "She was trying to mislead the voters," said Hendricks's lawyer, Raymond Johnson. "Race isn't



**Patricia Todd**

the issue here."

Winning the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election since no Republican is running in District 54, which has a slight black majority. Composed of an odd demographic mix, the district includes impoverished communities that are virtually all black and a trendy neighborhood called Crestwood, where many white yuppies and Gays have located. Todd, associate director of AIDS Alabama, narrowly led Hendricks, a community activist, in primary balloting. They were vying for a seat held by retiring Rep. George Perdue, who is black, and Todd said she won partly by getting more crossover racial support than Hendricks in a district that is 52 percent black and 48 percent white.

## Gay Chorus' Ballpark Gig Gets Standing Ovation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington performed the national anthem before Tuesday night's (Aug. 8) Washington Nationals baseball game at RFK Stadium, reported advocate.com.

According to chorus members, their performance received a standing ovation - although the crowd in the stadium was probably already on its feet because the Star-Spangled Banner was being performed.

Still, one member described his group's gig as "wildly successful."

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## PROPOSITION 107 UPDATE:

**Decision Disappoints; Appeal To Arizona Supreme Court Filed; Call To Action Made**

PHOENIX (ON) - A judge has rejected a legal challenge to an initiative that would ban same-sex marriage and ruled that the proposed state constitutional measure can go on Arizona's Nov. 7 ballot.

Judge Douglas Rayes of Maricopa County Superior Court on Thursday (Aug. 10) rejected opponents' argument that the Protect Marriage Arizona initiative, which would appear on the ballot as Proposition 107, violated a constitutional requirement that each constitutional amendment be a separate ballot measure.

The measure would define marriage as a union between one man and one woman and prohibit state and

local governments from providing marriage-like legal status to other relationships.

Supporters acknowledged that a second provision would eliminate domestic-partner benefits provided by some Arizona local governments, and opponents of that provision say it should be a separate constitutional amendment because some voters would favor one part of the amendment but not the other.

However, Rayes said the measure satisfies the single-amendment requirement. Both provisions "have but one purpose, the protection of marriage by preventing redefinition and extension of official status to marriage substitutes," he wrote.

"Today's (Aug. 10) decision reinforces that Proposition 107 will take away domestic partner benefits," said Steve May, Treasurer for Arizona Together. "Arizona voters know the difference between domestic partner benefits and same-sex marriage and they want to vote separately on these issues."

This decision narrowly rejected the single-subject rule challenge presented by the plaintiffs in the Aug. 4 hearing. The lawsuit against Proposition 107 was filed by five couples including three retired couples from Tucson and two City of Phoenix employees and their partners and were represented in court by Chuck Blanchard and Lisa Hauser.

During the arguments heard on Aug. 4, attorneys from the Alliance Defense Fund and The Center for Arizona Policy, counsel for Proposition 107 (Protect Marriage Arizona), publicly acknowledged that their initiative would take away existing domestic partnership benefits, such as healthcare benefits and hospital

visitation rights.

Rayes acknowledged this in his decision that the measure would take away healthcare benefits from families across the state as stated in his decision, "proponent concedes that the amendment will ban the government from offering domestic partner benefits."

"The disconnect in this decision is that the judge acknowledged that people will lose domestic partnership benefits but strangely concluded that was equal to marriage, and we know that Arizona voters disagree," said Kyrsten Sinema, Chairwoman for Arizona Together.

"Domestic partner benefits give our family flexibility and more time with our son," said Paul Knobbe, a City of Phoenix fire fighter and plaintiff in the lawsuit. "If Proposition 107 passes it will disrupt our family structure."

"Under our domestic partnership agreement, I was able to make life-saving decisions for my partner Maxine while she was in the hospital last year," said Al Breznay, a plaintiff in the lawsuit. "Today's disappointing decision makes us fear that we will lose our healthcare benefits."

Chuck Blanchard, attorney for the Arizona Together campaign, filed an appeal immediately after the ruling. Blanchard's appeal motion, as well as a response from Dale Schowengerdt, legal counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, representing supporters of Proposition 107, is due Wednesday (Aug. 16). Response motions to each filing are due in court two days later, with an Arizona Supreme Court ruling expected by Aug. 31. ...

A call for volunteers to telephone and e-mail others for support, as well as a donation request followed the court decision

Ken Clark, campaign director of the Arizona Together campaign, said in an interview with another publication, that the next two weeks a volunteer force of "thousands" will mobilize against the proposed amendment as new coalition members enlist in the group's cause.

In an E-mail sent out Monday (Aug. 14), Arizona Together

asks people to either volunteer time in the three offices, hold an event, make a donation or just speak out.

To volunteer, in Flagstaff, contact Lisa Rayner, (928) 774-5942, lrayner@aztogether.org), in Phoenix, contact Kendra Leiby (480) 766-3430, kleiby@aztogether.org). For Southern Arizona, call Michael Coffman, (520) 326-8154 or (520) 275-4790, mcoffman@aztogether.org).

Make a contribution at the Arizona Together website, aztogether.org, or contact Cynthia Leigh Lewis, our Finance Director (602) 254-6401, cl@aztogether.org), to organize a house party for your friends and neighbors.

## U.S. Urged To End Ban On HIV-Positive Travelers

TORONTO - As the 16th International AIDS Conference got under way Sunday (Aug. 13), a coalition of HIV, immigrant, and refugee service advocates called on the United States to end its ban on HIV-positive foreign nationals entering the country, reported advocate.com. The group, Lift the Bar, said the U.S. policy has kept the conference from coming to the United States for 16 years.

Since 1987 HIV-positive foreign nationals have been banned from entering or transiting through the United States. Those already living in the United States have been barred from most types of legal status. As a result, they are ineligible for most public health benefits and at risk for deportation to their countries of origin, except in limited circumstances.

Lift the Bar maintains that U.S. adherence to the travel ban and immigration bar, in defiance of medical knowledge and humanitarian concerns, demonstrates a disturbing commitment to preserving discriminatory practices.

While there is a waiver available to HIV-positive foreign nationals entering the U.S. to attend specially "designated events," it requires individuals to disclose their HIV status - a disclosure that may limit their ability to travel to, or through, the United States in the future. A waiver is required even when a traveler's U.S. stay merely involves changing planes.

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## WorldPride-Goers Evade Ban, Rally For Rights

JERUSALEM - Despite a police order against any public protests, a group of about 200 Gay rights activists held a vigil in a central Jerusalem park Thursday (Aug. 10), the fifth day of WorldPride events in the city, the Jerusalem Post reported on advocate.com.

The protest took place after a long-planned Pride parade in connection with the WorldPride festival was canceled due to the war in Lebanon. The heavily guarded demonstration was allowed to take place after organizers agreed to adhere to police conditions for the gathering, Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby told the Post. But the evening event in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Park was marred after a group of far-left anarchists joined the gathering, then began waving placards against the war in Lebanon and shouting slogans against the Israel Defense Forces.

The low-key protest, which was one-fifth the size of the rally organizers had planned, came near the culmination of the weeklong WorldPride event in Jerusalem. A huge red banner read "Jerusalem is for all," while rainbow-colored placards included such slogans as "The path to God is not always straight" and "Senseless hatred." "We believe that the holiness of Jerusalem is increased by this city being the center of tolerance and coexistence," said rabbi

Ayelet S. Cohen, 32, who lead a delegation from New York City's Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, the world's largest Gay and Lesbian synagogue.

Cohen added that organizers of the event understood that the tone had to be "appropriate" during wartime, when "the voices of tolerance and hope are all the more essential." According to the Post, some Israeli motorists shouted at the protesters to go to Lebanon or to the Palestinian-ruled Gaza Strip. "At a time when Jewish blood is being spilt in Lebanon, all that these self-indulgent, narcissistic, selfish, perverted people can think about is engaging in sodomy," said New York rabbi Yehuda Levin of the Orthodox Judaism groups Rabbinical Alliance of America and the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, who spearheaded an international campaign against the parade.

The international Gay festival, which was originally scheduled to take place last year and had already been postponed due to last summer's Israeli pullout from the Gaza Strip, has been widely criticized by a coterie of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim religious leaders in Jerusalem and around the world as a deliberate affront and provocation to millions of believers around the world.

## Military Cadet's Thesis Challenges 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Alexander Raggio was just 16 when he became the first to learn that one of his relatives was Gay, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. And while that news didn't bother him, watching the painful struggle to keep the secret from other family members gave him a grim introduction to discrimination against Gays.

He carried those feelings into the United States Military Academy, where the Army trains its officers, and in his senior thesis argued that the military's policy banning Gays is not only wrong, but also harmful to the Army. The Pentagon may not agree, but the U.S. Military Academy at West Point gave him an award for the paper. "I love the Army and I think that this is hurting the Army," said Raggio, 24, in an interview with The Associated Press from his new military post at Fort Riley, in Kansas. "I see it as my obligation to say 'I don't agree with what you're doing. I'm not being insubordinate, I just think we're making a mistake here.'"

It was the first time he spoke publicly about the paper or the award, which he received last year when he graduated from West Point in New York. While the topic was controversial, and the argument contrary to the military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy, Raggio was presented with the Brig. Gen. Carroll E. Adams Award for the best senior thesis in the art, philosophy

and literature major in the academy's English department.

"It won independent of the subject matter and content," said his thesis adviser Richard Schoonhoven, a philosophy professor at West Point. "It was a closely argued piece of philosophical prose. He tackled a substantive issue, took a stand and didn't back down from the controversy. He presented a good case."

Initially Raggio worried about a backlash from his paper, saying people told him, "there's a possibility this will come back to haunt you, that people will use it against you." But in the end, he said he felt obligated to say what he thought. "The Army often talks of doing the harder right rather than the easier wrong, and now it is time to put the policy where the propaganda is," he wrote in his 24-page thesis. "Allowing the open service of Gays in the military is the right thing to do, no matter how difficult a transition it may be."

Under the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the military is prohibited from inquiring about the sex lives of service members, but those who openly acknowledge being Gay must be discharged. There were 726 military members discharged under the policy during the budget year that ended last Sept. 30.

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**'Facts v. Realities of Proposition 107'**

With the recent decision by Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Douglas Rayes' on the lawsuit (Case# CV2006-010505) filed by five couples seeking continued protection provided by existing domestic partner benefits, on Proposition 107 (the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment (PMAA) is either not stricken from the November general election ballot or upheld through refusal to consider the appeal that has been filed.

The language of Proposition 107 reads: "To preserve and protect marriage in this state, only a union between one man and woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage by this state or its political subdivisions and no legal status for unmarried persons shall be created or recognized by this state or its political subdivisions that is similar to that of marriage."

Currently, the Cities of Tucson, Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale, the Pima County government, Pima Community College, school districts in Pima County, such as the Tucson Unified School District and the Sunnyside School Districts offers domestic partner (for same-and-opposite sex) benefits (medical, dental and life insurance) to their employees. In addition, many Arizona businesses offer domestic partner benefits to their employees as well. The City of Tucson offers a domestic partner registry allowing unmarried couples who register, hospital visitation rights as well as family discounts at Tucson's park and recreation facilities and programs. If this proposed amendment gets on the ballot and is approved, those few, hard-fought rights would be revoked.

Those are just summations of the many realities of Proposition 107, but Protect Marriage Arizona, a front for the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), a Phoenix based, conservative and homophobic, political action committee, wants you to believe it, putting out a "smoke screen" stating this would only just bar same-sex marriages, since according to numerous news accounts and statements, "in the eyes of God, marriage consists of one man and one woman."

Arizona's law covering marriage (ARS 25-101 - Void and prohibited marriages, ARS 25-112 - Marriages contracted in another state; validity and effect) reads as follows:

A. Marriage between parents and children, including grandparents and grandchildren of every degree, between brothers and sisters of the one-half as well as the whole blood, and between uncles and nieces, aunts and nephews and between first cousins, is prohibited and void.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A, first cousins may marry if both are sixty-five years of age or older or if one or both first cousins are under sixty-five years of age, upon approval of any superior court judge in the state if proof has been presented to the judge that one of the cousins is unable to reproduce.

C. Marriage between persons of the same sex is void and prohibited.

Section C (ARS 25-112), also known as the Arizona Defense of Marriage Act (AZDOMA), was ap-

proved by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law by Gov Fife Symington (Rep.), on May 5, 1996.

In 2003, a Phoenix Gay couple filed a legal challenge to AZDOMA, for which the law was upheld in Arizona's courts (including the Arizona Supreme Court in 2004), so same-sex marriage is still illegal in Arizona and there is no effort to create such law.

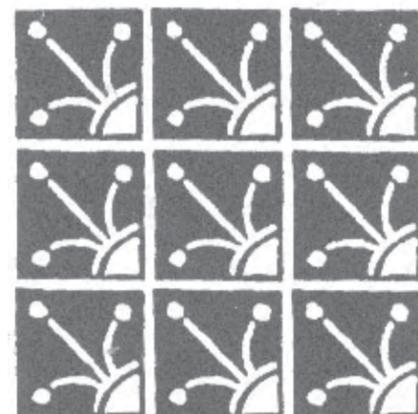
Despite the court precedent, Proposition 107 supporters cite the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision allowing Gays and Lesbians to get married in the Bay State, as a threat to "traditional families consisting of one man and one woman," thus the need to add their proposal to the Arizona Constitution.

This is another "smoke screen," since only Gay and Lesbian Massachusetts residents can marry since current Gov. Mitt Romney (Rep.), invoked an archaic 1913 law on the books, used to prohibit interracial marriages at the time, that prohibited out-of-state residents from getting married in the Bay State, if this marriage would be considered illegal under the law, in their state of residence. This law was upheld in a court challenge, so this threat isn't real either. Protect Marriage Arizona and CAP understands this fact, and the overreaching language of their ballot proposition - reaching into the lives of unmarried but co-habiting straight people and retirees is no accident: they aim to make all Arizonans live according to their code.

Pending the outcome of the court case now before the Arizona Supreme Court, Proposition 107 This battle will not be about the sanctity of marriage but about people finding the courage to face down a sanctimonious radical fringe whose members care nothing for the damage they might do to tens of thousands of ordinary Arizonans. They seem to care only to get out the vote and reshape a free society into a fearful and punished society.

People who find love and offer commitment in this world need feel no shame, but Protect Marriage Arizona, the Center for Arizona Policy and those misguided supporters of Proposition 107 who believe it just protects the "institution of marriage" should feel shame indeed.

If Proposition 107 is voted on and is approved, unmarried couples, Gay or straight, who rely on partner benefits would lose them. The citizens of Arizona, who generally favor fairness and a government that promotes individual freedom and responsibility, should defeat Proposition 107, an overreaching attempt to harm a large portion of Arizona's straight and Gay, young and old population by getting involved because so many will lose by the wants of so few if Proposition 107 is voted on in November and approved.



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## Gay And Lesbian Foster Families Sought

HOUSTON - "My mom kicked me out when I was 14 because I was a Lesbian." Her black hair is cropped short, her eyes serious. Across the street is her latest home: the Covenant House, a Montrose-area youth shelter, reported the Houston Chronicle.

The 21-year-old has flirted with homelessness for the past seven years: first at a foster home, from which she ran away, then a family home, where she said she was sexually abused and later moving from couch to couch at friends' and girlfriends' residences. Now she is trying to remake her life at a homeless shelter.

Blocks from where she stands, smoking on the street corner, a Houston Gay advocacy organization has drafted a plan to save youths like Arthur — or like Arthur seven years ago — from the streets.

The idea — to recruit Gay and Gay-friendly parents to the foster care system — comes amid debates about caregiving by Gays and Lesbians. At least one state, Florida, outlaws adoption by this segment of the population, and others, including Texas, recently debated stopping them from serving as foster parents.

At the same time, Gay rights groups say they've seen an increased push by some government child welfare agencies, including ones in New York City and Philadelphia, to recruit and train Gay-friendly foster parents for Gay, Lesbian and Transgender teenagers.

"Allowing (these youths) to have the type of home life and care in the future that they need improves their ability to be successful as adults," said Jody Marksamer, co-author of a best-practices manual for sexual and gender minorities in foster

care.

Last November, the Montrose Counseling Center, a stronghold in the center of the city's Gay community, sent out a call for Gay-friendly foster parents.

The not-for-profit got at least 12 volunteers, five of whom have registered with a private foster care agency working with the center. That agency will train the parents and help pair foster care kids with them, although none have been placed yet.

Unlike other, similar efforts in the nation, this Gay-friendly recruitment is coming from outside the state's child protective agency.

Ann Robison, executive director of the counseling center, said the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is aware of her organization's effort, but both sides need a face-to-face meeting to work out logistics. The agency oversees foster care for the state, but it outsources some parent training and recruitment to private organizations.

"This is very slow going," Robison said. "I hope we will have it worked out soon."

Right now state officials say they can't guarantee that teens referred by the center will be paired with the parents it recruits. But they welcome the fresh crop of foster parent volunteers.

Gwen Carter, Houston-area spokeswoman for Child Protective Services, said her agency has to consider a host of issues — everything from sexual orientation to drug use and religion — when matching a child to a foster home.

"If a child says, 'I want to be in

a home that will accept my sexuality,' we will try our best to meet their needs," Carter said.

Handling homeless teenagers, a population the Montrose center wants to serve, can also be complicated. Those kicked out of their houses are declared wards of the state if they are considered abandoned by their parents; this means they are eligible for foster care. But teens who leave voluntarily are often deemed runaways, not foster kids, which means parents who take in these kids get no state assistance.

Robison said just increasing the number of Gay-friendly foster parents makes it more likely that Gay, Lesbian or Transgender kids will find an accepting home.

Sean Reilly, a Houston pharmacist, and his partner, Charlie Finch, are two of the center's first recruits.

The couple, both in their late 30s, had planned to adopt. But when they heard about the counseling center's program, foster care became a new option.

Reilly said he was surprised to hear of anyone recruiting Gay-friendly parents.

"Most of the things I heard (regarding foster care) was about Texas being such a conservative state," he said. "Most often they are against any Gay person having a child in their house, which is just crazy."

Although a handful have tried, no state bans Gays and Lesbians from serving as foster care parents, said Rob Woronoff with the Child Welfare League of America. Woronoff heads the organization's programs for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

youth.

State Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, proposed such measures in 2003 and 2005, but neither passed. Similar bans recently were overturned in Missouri and Arkansas. Talton did not respond to an interview request.

Kelly Shackelford, founder of a political action committee supporting Texas' Gay marriage ban, said he doesn't oppose Gay foster parents, but he doesn't support them, either. Even if foster care children are openly Gay, Shackelford said, the state should look for straight married parents first.

"If you are talking about children that the state has had to take custody of, why would you put another burden in their life?" said Shackelford, also president of Free Market Foundation, a conservative Texas organization associated with the Christian-based Focus on the Family.

In Texas, training on sexuality and gender issues is not mandatory for new foster care parents, although the subject is often discussed, Carter said. Potential parents also aren't asked about their sexual orientation.

The Montrose program, run through its foster care partner, would put parents through an extra level of training, teaching them about issues facing Gay, Lesbian and Transgender teenagers. California recently made this type of training mandatory.

In the Houston area, an estimated 1,700 children under 21 received homeless services, according to a 1999 survey by the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County. The counseling center estimates that about 30 percent of these youths are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or

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# UPDATE

## A Drag Queen In Zimbabwe



**Kudah Samuriwo - Queen Of Africa**

LONDON - Looming over the audience on high heels and batting enormous eyelashes, voluptuous Zimbabwean drag performer - the Queen of Africa - demands attention, reported [bbcnews.com](http://bbcnews.com). "I'm Gay; I'm a drag queen; I love sleeping with men; I love having fun and I was born Gay," says Kudah Samuriwo, cooling himself with a fan after a performance in a hot and sticky London theatre.

During the 1990s, Kudah courted controversy in Zimbabwe, where homosexuality is illegal, when he became the first black drag queen to win the Jacaranda Queen beauty contest - a crown usually worn by coloured (mixed-race) transvestites. At more than 1.8m (six feet) tall, he models himself on African pop divas such as Brenda Fassie and Yvonne Chaka Chaka, whose name he used as his original stage name.

"To me a drag queen is something outrageous, more than a woman. I'm proud to be a man. I'm a drag queen because I'm different." This in-your-face attitude put him on a collision course with Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe, who regards homosexuality as un-African. Mr Mugabe infamously described Gays as "worse than pigs and dogs" at the opening of the Zimbabwe's International Book Fair in 1995. "That changed the world, just those words," says Kudah, who after subsequent harassment fled into exile to the UK.

Nearly four years on, he is taking a qualification to become a care-worker and is writing his show, Queen of Africa. It is a work-in-progress - written in collaboration with Nigerian playwright Diplo Agboluaje - and is a funny, provoca-

tive and often moving account of his experiences. "I don't know what Mugabe has against pigs and dogs; he must have had the worst sex ever with them. Maybe he's had Gays as well that's why he makes comparisons. Experts can be so one-sided," he says during a workshop of the play. Despite his outspoken performance, Kudah says he grew up a shy man "suppressing what I really wanted to do". As early as seven years old he was aware that he was different, but as the eldest son of a local chief, coming out in such a conservative society was out of the question. "I had to be an heir, a man who could go and hunt, so it was difficult hiding behind my mother's skirt," he says.

Kudah lost his virginity at 14 to a distant uncle, the night he returned from the post-independence war against the Ndebele people in the south of the country. But it was not until he went to live in the capital, Harare, after leaving boarding school that his parents found out that he was Gay. To escape their anger he went to South Africa for several years, only reconciling with his family in his twenties after his father's death. The play not only charts Kudah's personal story, but the crackdown on the Gay community since 1995 when homosexuals have been repeatedly bribed, detained, beaten and sometimes raped by the authorities.

"My experience was very hard, because the policemen were clever. They would take us, arrest us and release us without charge, so we didn't have any proof," he explains. Events organised by the Association of Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe (GALZ), which he helped form, were often infiltrated by government spies. "I would end up sleeping with them and teaching them about oral sex." For Kudah, it has been HIV and Aids that has had the most devastating effect on the Gay scene in Zimbabwe, where many cannot afford anti-retroviral drugs. "Organising and attending funerals took a fair share of my time as one by one friends and relatives answered the roll call of death," he says in the play. "We knew it wasn't a divine curse to punish us for what we are. Ignorance was killing more people than HIV."

In the end, it was the constant police intimidation - and petrol shortages that had crippled his minibus business - which prompted his departure. He says he will not return to Zimbabwe until President Mugabe "has left", but he yearns for his former life. "I had a nice car; I had money; I had friends to talk to in my language; I had a maid. "I never used to do any washing, I didn't even know how to iron," he says. Kudah now sees himself as a Gay activist and "freedom fighter" and hopes his play will one day go into production so that he can continue "the struggle" and one day return home. "A queen must protect her subjects even if the president refuses to do so," he says.

## Iranian Lesbian Cannot Be Deported, German Court Says

BERLIN - A German court said Monday (Aug. 7) it has ruled that an Iranian Lesbian cannot be deported to her homeland because she risks facing punishment there for her sexual orientation. The 27-year-old woman, whose name was not released, traveled to Germany in September 2003 and applied for asylum, reported the Associated Press on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

The woman argued that she felt excluded from society in the Islamic republic and wanted to "live

out her homosexuality openly without having to fear persecution," the Stuttgart administrative court said.

The court found that the chance of "disproportionate or discriminatory punishment of a homosexual relationship between women is very high in Iran...because such a relationship is an absolute breaking of taboos, even worse than between men." It argued that the plaintiff also risked punishment for her refusal to wear a head scarf.

## Lesbian Principals Win Discrimination Case

CHEYENNE, Wyoming - A federal court jury has awarded \$160,000 to a Lesbian couple who contended neither was fairly considered for school administrative jobs in Sheridan because of their sexual orientation, the Associated Press reported on [365Gay.com](http://365Gay.com).

Kathleen Milligan-Hitt, a former Sheridan junior high principal, and Kathryn R. Roberts, a former Sheridan middle school principal, sued Sheridan County School District No. 2 in January 2005, saying the school district violated their rights of equal protection, freedom of association and privacy. After about 5 1/2 hours of deliberation Friday (Aug. 11), the jury awarded Roberts \$112,000 and Milligan-Hitt \$48,000.

Patrick Hacker, attorney for the two women, said the two women were happy with the outcome. "They were very appreciative of the fairness of the legal system and very pleased to know the legal system

does work when people are treated unfairly in the workplace," Hacker said. He attributed the disparity in the awards to the difference in lost wages. Roberts sustained more lost wages than Milligan-Hitt, Hacker said.

When the school district consolidated schools in 2003, the women and other administrators had to reapply for five administrative jobs. But Milligan-Hitt and Roberts were not rehired as administrators. Roberts was eventually given a position of physical education teacher, which she resigned. The women now work for schools in Fremont County. Mike Davis, attorney for the school district, maintained that there was no discrimination and that the district hired more qualified candidates.

Kathryn Valido, president of the Wyoming Education Association, said in a statement that the decision vindicated the rights of the two women. The case was presided over by U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer.

## HIV Ad Pulled After Black Complaints

PHILADELPHIA - An advertising campaign urging African-American men to be tested for HIV after black leaders complained about the imagery in the print ads, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

The ads featured an African-American man in the crosshairs of a gun, with the tagline "Have you been hit?" Ad developers say the message they were hoping to convey with the ads was that black men - particularly Gay and Bisexual men - are at a very high risk of HIV infection and that they should seek HIV testing.

But members of the Black Gay Men's Leadership Council say the ad campaign perpetuates violence against black men and against Gays. They say the ads are particularly disturbing since gun violence is on the rise in Philadelphia; as of Aug. 6, 238 people have been shot to death in Philadelphia this year.

"Above and beyond the obvious issues of scapegoating and demonizing HIV-positive people, for a campaign to simulate gun violence in a city that has been ravaged by gun violence, I'm almost speechless," Mark McLaurin, founder of the New York State Black Gay Network, told the Inquirer.

## Santorum Rescinds Support For Employment Diversity Statement



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Less than a week after becoming the 170th member of Congress to affirm that his office does not discriminate in its employment practices based on an individual's "sexual orientation or gender identity and expression," U.S. senator Rick Santorum, a Pennsylvania Republican, on Wednesday (Aug. 9) rescinded his signature on a diversity statement.

"Every person deserves the opportunity to pursue their career and succeed, regardless of whether they are Gay, Transgender, or fit expectations for masculinity or femininity," said Riki Wilchins, executive director of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition. "We were surprised but pleased when Senator Santorum affirmed that his office does not discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. We are disappointed by the senator's new decision and hope he will reconsider in the future."

The diversity statement is a joint project initiated in 2003 by GenderPAC and the Human Rights Campaign that has received bipartisan support on Capitol Hill from members of the House and Senate. Santorum's signature came after a meeting during the week of July 24 between the senator and GenderPac volunteers. After the meeting, Santorum posed for a picture with them. A copy of the senator's statement was faxed to GenderPAC on August 1, and the signature was confirmed the following morning by Santorum's openly Gay senior aide, Robert Traynham.

On Wednesday, Santorum faxed GenderPAC a new statement that read in part, "To be clear, my office has not adopted the proposed 'diversity statement' nor the agenda of your organization.... My name should no longer be reported as having adopted the 'diversity statement.'"

"I am very frustrated with my senator's flip-flopped message to his constituents," said GenderPac volunteer Adrian Shanker. "Pennsylvanians deserve representatives that have a strong record in supporting equality for all. This latest move doesn't come close."

# Boy George Begins Community Service

NEW YORK - With a city-issued broom in his hand, Boy George started his court-ordered community service early Monday (Aug. 14), sweeping leaves and trash off the sidewalks of New York, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com.



It took less than an hour for the former Culture Club front man to get into

a spat with the media. "You think you're better than me?" he yelled. "Go home. Let me do my community service." Boy George took to the streets of Manhattan as a Department of Sanitation worker wearing an orange vest, dark capri pants, shoes without socks, and without the wild makeup and androgynous style that made him so recognizable as the '80s icon who sang "Karma Chameleon" and "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?"

"This is supposed to be making me humble. Let me do this," he said. "I just want to do my job." The singer, born George O'Dowd, was ordered to spend five days working for the Department of Sanitation after pleading guilty in March to falsely reporting a burglary at his lower Manhattan apartment. The officers who responded found cocaine instead.

At 7 a.m. Monday, a sport utility vehicle pulled up at a Lower East Side sanitation depot. The agency planned to issue the singer a shovel, broom, plastic bags, and gloves for the job of picking up trash on the city's streets. In June Manhattan criminal court judge Anthony Ferrara issued a warrant for O'Dowd's arrest after he initially failed to complete the requirements of his plea deal. When O'Dowd appeared in court 10 days later, Ferrara called off the warrant but

warned the singer he could not escape his community service commitment.

"It's up to you whether you make it an exercise in humiliation or in humility," Ferrara told O'Dowd. O'Dowd, 45, initially envisioned a service project more in line with his status as an '80s icon. He petitioned to spend the time helping teenagers make a public service announcement. Among his other proposals to the court: holding a fashion and makeup workshop, serving as a DJ at an HIV/AIDS benefit, or doing telephone outreach.

Boy George's manager, Jeremy Pearce, told reporters shortly after the singer arrived for his first day on the job: "He doesn't show any kind of emotion about these things. He takes it in his stride. He doesn't need to be humiliated. He's a humble person."

"Things outside in the street were a little chaotic," said sanitation department spokesman Keith Mellis. "We'll see if there's some cleaning that can be done inside." The sweeping later resumed in a gated sanitation parking lot. "This is for everyone's safety," deputy sanitation chief Albert Durrell said as photographers crowded outside the gate. He said the day's work also might include mopping inside the depot.

# Kids Confess To Hotel's Rainbow Flag Theft

MEADE, Kansas - Two local boys have admitted to the theft of a rainbow flag that divided a town and led to a series of homophobic attacks on a town hotel, reported 365Gay.com. Until this summer sleepy Meade, Kansas was known only as the home of the Dalton Gang Museum. Now it has the reputation of being a town where homophobia runs rampant.

It all began when the 12 year old grandson of J.R. and Robin Knight

presented them with a colorful flag he'd picked up in California. Neither the boy nor his grandparents realized it was the universal symbol of Gay pride. J.R. says it reminded him and his wife of the movie "The Wizard of Oz" and so they put it up in front of the hotel they run in town.

Others in the small community were not as naive as the Knights and for some the rainbow was like putting a red flag in front of a charging bull. As controversy over the flag grew it mysteriously disappeared. The Knights were not about to be cowed, telling the local newspaper they were not giving in to intolerance and would replace the flag - and keep doing so for as long flags disappeared.

Then a brick was hurled through the hotel's front window. Now a local man has brought his two sons to the Knight's Lakeway Hotel to confess and apologize for stealing the flag. "They apologized and said they'd replace it," J.R. Knight tells The Hutchinson News. But Knight says he still does not know who smashed the window. The brick had the word "fag" painted on it. Knight says that the window will cost about \$500. Two neon beer signs destroyed in the attack will cost another \$1,000 he estimated.

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## Implementation Of DADT Varies Base To Base

WASHINGTON, D.C. - An Army base in Missouri used the "don't ask, don't tell" policy to kick out more soldiers than any other military installation last year, followed by an Army base on the Kentucky-Tennessee border and a Naval base in Virginia, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Sixty people were dismissed last year from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., according to Defense Department documents shared with The Associated Press by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. That was up from 40 discharges under the policy from the training facility in 2004.

The information was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request by the advocacy group, which advises military personnel on the Gay policy.

The second-most number of discharges were at Fort Campbell, a sprawling Army base on the Kentucky-Tennessee line. But the 49 people dismissed there, up from 19 in 2004, also represented the single-biggest increase in discharges anywhere.

Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke confirmed that the Defense Department provided the information to the advocacy group.

It was at Fort Campbell where a soldier, Pfc. Barry Winchell, was bludgeoned to death in 1999 by a fellow soldier who believed Winchell was Gay. Gay discharges from the base went up sharply on the heels of that murder, but later subsided.

"The numbers at Fort Campbell remain disturbing because of the history there," said C. Dixon Osburn, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "The discharge numbers had gone significantly down. This seems to be a rebound. It's not clear why."

A spokeswoman for the base declined to comment on the statistics.

The Pentagon has said overall there were 726 military members discharged under the policy last year - up 11 percent from the year before - but the Pentagon did not publicly release base-specific information.

The data provided to the legal advocacy group showed the Norfolk Naval base had the third highest number of Gay dismissals in 2005, with 35 people leaving under the policy. The Fort Benning Army base, in Georgia, was next with 31 discharges.

The Pentagon policy, which went into effect in 1994 following passage of congressional legislation, prohibits the military from inquiring about the sex lives of service members but requires those who openly acknowledge being Gay to be discharged.

Neither the White House nor the Pentagon has given any indication of dropping their long-standing support

for the policy.

Krenke, the Pentagon spokeswoman, said it is the Defense Department's view that congressional action would be needed to change the policy.

A bill to repeal the policy and allow Gays to serve openly has been introduced in the House, however no such measure has been introduced in the Senate.

Dr. Elizabeth Recupero, an internist and pediatrician discharged under the policy last year, says she is confident it will eventually be repealed.

"It's going to be overturned, because people are needed and it's not going to matter who they're sleeping with," she said. "We're in a situation of high alert and war."

Recupero was discharged last year after an investigation that lasted about five years. She was to be stationed at Fort Drum after doing her medical training but never served there, having been put on leave during the inquiry.

Recupero says she regrets the way things turned out. "I'm an honorable person," she said. "I made a commitment to fulfill my duty, and I never got to do that and I kind of feel lousy about this."

## Voters Oust Commissioners Who Tried To Criminalize Gays And Lesbians

NASHVILLE, Tennessee - Voters in rural Rhea County have turned their backs on five commissioners who voted to make homosexuality a criminal offense, 365Gay.com reported. In elections for the county commission two other commissioners did not seek re-election while four others were returned.

But, for most voters the issue was the 2004 vote on homosexuality that many believed made the community a national laughing stock. In a unanimous vote the county commissioners passed a motion asking its state representatives to introduce legislation to allow it to lay charges against anyone who is Gay and who resides, stays or enters the county. Until the issue came up Rhea's only claim to fame was the adverse notoriety it got as the scene of the "Scopes Monkey Trial". In 1925, high school teacher John T. Scopes was convicted

of teaching evolution and fined \$100. The conviction was later overturned.

When the vote on homosexuality came up there was no discussion - just a vote. But less than a week later, after the story became front page headlines across the country some commissioners moved to have issue reopened. They said they thought they were voting for the power to stop same-sex couples from marrying and nothing more.

The vote was overturned but the fiasco left a sour taste in the mouths of voters - compounded by the excuse that commissioners didn't know what they were voting for. One of those voted out of office was Harold Fisher who had been a commissioner for 20 years and was chairman of the body.



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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

**Annexation**

by Lee Thorn

It's not surprising that Tucson politicians have contempt for local voters. What is a little surprising is how blatantly they display that contempt. According to the ARIZONA DAILY STAR of Aug. 8, Mayor Bob Walkup thinks that getting residents of the Catalina Foothills to vote in favor of becoming a part of Tucson comes down to one thing – "marketing." That's the ticket! Why offer the suckers substantial benefits when you can get them with a new and improved snow job?

The heart of the new marketing strategy appears to involve pointing out that, under state law, the city "can" get tougher on lot splitting than the country can. Instead of actually committing to some city limitations on lot splitting, the marketing is apparently going to focus on what, under state law, the city could do. Won't that be a miracle of salesmanship, even by Mayor Walkup's standards, if they can sell annexation on what they could do without saying what they intend to do? After all, the city "could" establish a citywide minimum wage; it could renounce its porn-shop extortion racket; it could hire competent management to rescue Rio Nuevo; it could charge reasonable impact fees for new construction, it could drastically reduce city salaries in excess of \$100,000 a year and bring them into line with salaries paid for the same positions in comparable Southwestern cities. But do you figure they're likely to do any of that stuff in the near future?

The STAR article quoted David Hamra, Vice President of the Catalina Foothills Association, to the effect that counting on the city to provide a shield against development "would be an uphill battle" because that isn't the city's history. Imagine looking at the city's past to try and figure out what the city will do in the future. Slick! On that same score, the STAR says County Supervisor Ann Day "was flooded by the argument because she said annexation is always developer-driven for developer profits." Supervisor Day is a Republican politician blowing the whistle on this screamingly implausible marketing nonsense.

The author of the STAR article makes an interesting characterization of what he calls the "anti-city reaction." He calls it "reflexive." I take that to mean it's automatic and unthinking. I wonder why he thinks the anti-city reaction is that? Perhaps it's a manifestation of the anti-snow job reflex, an essential survival skill in our hyper-marketed society. Anyway, I'm awaiting his response to an e-mail I sent him on the question.

If we forget about Walkup's attempt to market thin air and take a step back from his fantasy, what are the case for and the case against annexation? First of all, there is the real issue of economy of scale. It's a well recognized principle that one large organization can often perform certain functions more efficiently and economically than several small organizations can. Thus, in theory, Tucson might be able to deliver city services – fire protection, police, water, etc. – at lower costs than they'd been delivered pre-annexation.

There is, however, an important caveat: the people driving the boat have to know what they're doing. Given the performance of this particular city administration to date,

anyone hoping to save a buck due to economies of scale would be well advised to check and then recheck the city's arithmetic. And I refuse to say any phrase starting with the word "Rio." Second, I think you could make a case for county residents wanting to join the city if you could make a case that the city had some meaningful vision of the future. I mean, what does Tucson see itself becoming? Personally, I'm not aware of any answer to that. If anyone in city government has a vision of Tucson's future as anything other than the lackluster, low-wage capital on the lost and directionless, that person has failed to share the vision.

Coming back to the big, realistically speaking, non-issue of population density, the city will do whatever the developers tell it to do because the politicians' lips continue to be locked on the same part of the developers' corporate body that they've always been locked on. I will be amazed if the folks in the Catalina Foothills fall for Walkup's "marketing." If they notice him at all it will be simply to reciprocate his contempt.

[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.]

**G/L Foster Families Sought**

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Transgender .

Homeless teens are at a higher risk for drug addiction and suicide, according to national studies, and can be vulnerable to adult sexual predators.

Police in the Montrose area arrested a 15-year-old believed to be homeless who they say fired a gun at officers working a prostitution sting. The boy is recovering from non-life-threatening wounds he received when police shot back.

Sally Huffer, the counseling center's community projects specialist, said the foster care program is meant to help Gay and Lesbian teens but is also aimed at curbing the Montrose area homeless population, a problem that has drawn complaints from neighborhood groups in recent years.

Many choose the streets because they don't feel safe at home or in foster care placements offered by the state, she said.

Gay advocates say they've been working to change the foster care system since the 1980s.

"We heard kids say things like, 'I got jumped by a bunch of guys in my group home' and the adult in charge said, 'If you weren't a faggot, they wouldn't beat you up,'" said Woronoff. "We heard kids say, 'My foster parents tried to remake me; they sat me down with a family Bible and explained to me why it was wrong to be Gay.'"

In 1984, Los Angeles opened the first shelter solely for sexual and gender minorities; it was followed shortly thereafter by one in New York City.

Only recently, however, have nonprofits and government agencies begun recruiting Gay or Gay-friendly foster care parents, said Marksamer, also a staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights youth project.

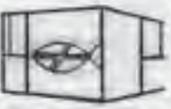
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Washington, D.C., started a program to pair up mentors with Gay and Lesbian foster kids, and New York City and Philadelphia child welfare agencies have issued public appeals for Gay-friendly foster parents, Woronoff said.

Oakland-area organization that works with Gay and Lesbian foster parents, "because there are many families that don't want them."

"There is a huge need for families to take (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) youth," said Jill Jacobs, executive director of an



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Wednesday, August 16  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Canasta! Hosted by Jack at 887-3736. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, August 17  
Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast meeting at the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel on Speedway and Campbell. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m. The charge for members is \$15 and Guests, \$20. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 15 at 520-615-6436

#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 food, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: Pizza night is tomorrow night, so that means that tonight is phone call night! Please call Lloyd now or even right now at 792-8537 if you plan to attend Pizza Night.

Friday, August 18  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. YEAH!!! It's Lloyd again hosting pizza night. Four fabulous flavors from Little Caesar's: Supreme, All Meat, Pepperoni, and Vegetarian. Plus salad and dessert for just \$5.00! Please call ahead to let us know that you will be attending: Lloyd at 792-8537

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

Saturday, August 19  
#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 please 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, August 20th  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com by the Event Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

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

Monday, August 21  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: If you are not out to lunch, then you will want to join Merlin and Lee this Thursday at India Oven on Campbell, at Noon, for the \$6.95 buffet. Those who want to attend should call no later than today at 207-5336. Please always remember: "Ask not what you can do for your country, ask what's for lunch." --Orson Welles

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

Tuesday, August 22  
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.

Wednesday, August 23  
#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcome. Canasta! Hosted by Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

Thursday, August 24  
#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: Noon Lead a Lunch Life for \$6.95 with Merlin and Lee at India Oven on Campbell Avenue. Did you call no later than last Monday? You should have! "I went to this restaurant that was set up like a big buffet in the shape of a Ouija board. You'd think about the kind of food you want, and the table would move across the floor to it. - Steven Wright

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

Friday, August 25  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Merlin and Lee 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 Lee and Merlin at 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

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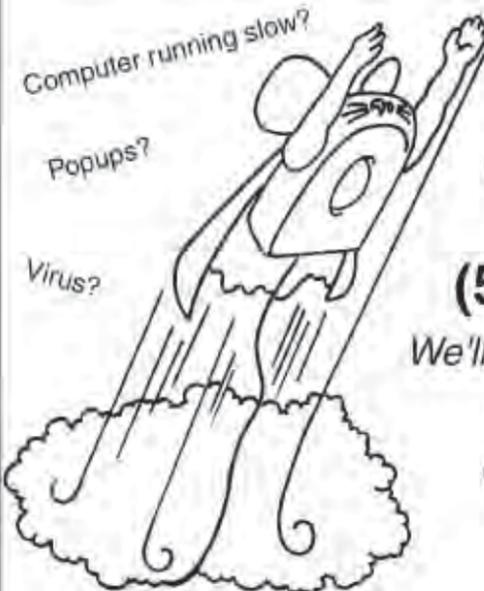
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**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
Even though there are a few unsavory types lurking behind the scenes to do you ill, there is something lucky and unforeseen that protects you from any fallout. Chalk it up to either that innate Gay Sadge luck or that Jupiter Uranus trine. Thank your guardian angel and remember to envision all possibilities and don't be surprised by the results.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
Will relationships feel the heat from disaffected friends? It is up to you queer Bull. Somehow you will find a way to make the platonic area of your life blend well with the passionate area thanks to Jupiter trine Uranus. And if not, you find creative ways of separating the warring factions and making each side feel that they have won. You would be the first.

**CAPRICORN (DEC.23 - JAN. 20)**  
Friends are there for you when you need them most. At least that is the case when Jupiter trines Uranus. They offer some surprisingly good advice, should you decide to ask. Mingle and swingle in your social circle. Old familiar faces and a few new ones can open doors for you. Pink Caps are sometimes too proud to ask for help. Oh you can never be too proud, comrade!

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Success is first achieved on a small scale and eventually translates to long term professional accomplishments. That means that seemingly low level tasks lead you larger responsibilities. Nothing is beneath you, pink Twin. Fetch the coffee with joy in your heart. Jupiter trine Uranus has a way of remixing the status of the power elite. What did you put in that coffee?

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
Are you expecting a raise or a promotion? Don't be surprised if a few career opportunities come your way when Jupiter trines Uranus. Aqueerians have had some good luck in their professional path recently but nothing seemed to truly pay off until now. Perhaps "pay off" is too literal. Don't spend it until you've got it in your hand. Even then, try to bank a bit of it.



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**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
A great idea can take off from nowhere and suddenly have global impact. At least it seems that way when Jupiter trines Uranus. Pink Crabs know just what to do to create an international stir. Don't spoon it out at home. Travel and give your best ideas a platform for success. If money and time are tight, try a cyber jaunt in interesting sites. Expose yourself ... to new stimuli.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
Guppies are poised for greatness, even in their own minds. Your confidence rises. You command attention with your provocative ideas and even more provocative appearance. Who is this diva? Cause a commotion, compadre. You never know what front page picture will get you that contract. Or is it contact? No matter what, find a way to rub the world. Rubadub.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
Your home becomes your lair and not a moment too soon, proud Lion. Jupiter trines Uranus and enables you not only to create a comfortable domestic situation, it can also be used as a launching pad for any amorous assaults. The more the merrier, or so it seems. But try to rein in your more ambitious antics lest your eyes become too big for your head. Oh how typical!

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**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
Conversations about relationships and with partners become much more intense, expansive and life changing. What is it that sticks in your craw queer Virgin? Can it be changed or are you wishing for a miracle? Jupiter trines Uranus and reveals to you the boundaries of your influence and the strength of your desires. Blend to perfection. Then stand back world!

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
Upend the landscape at work and unearth a gem or two in the rubble. Gay Libras may tire of the game playing, the face saving and the pencil pushing for their daily bread. Look forward to the sun and see a new dawn when Jupiter trines Uranus. Grab yourself a bit of courage and take a calculated risk. Who knows what can happen when the revolution begins?

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
You are a shining star and have been for a while. However this week, Jupiter trines Uranus and you are not only charismatic, you are also obsessively creative. This is a strong combination

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## LGBT Sports Events Windfalls For Montreal And Chicago

CHICAGO - With only preliminary numbers in both Chicago and Montreal say they raked in tens of millions of dollars from the Gay Games and Outgames. Additionally both sets of competing sports events expect to show surpluses, reported 365Gay.com. Montreal's Board of Trade said Tuesday (Aug. 8) that the First Outgames attracted about half a million people to the city, spending close to \$90 million.

"Ticket sales to sports & cultural events exceeded our estimates by almost 50 percent" said Gay Games spokesperson Kevin Boyer. Official numbers from the Gay Games and Outgames won't be available until fall. Gay buying power in the US alone is estimated at over \$600 billion.

The Chamber of Commerce for the province had a higher estimate - saying that about \$150 million was spend in Montreal during the weeklong games which wrapped up on Sunday (Aug. 6). The figures were similar in Chicago where the Gay Games were held a week earlier.

Figures are still being compiled by the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau but Jennifer Martinez, a spokesperson for Mayor Daley told 365Gay.com on Tuesday that it appears the impact was between \$50 and \$80 million. The figures are based on a spending average of \$348 on lodging, meals and transportation on each of the eight days.

The figures appear almost identical to predictions by Games officials. Both sets of games also will finish in the black.

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournaments at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around.

**IBT's -Troy's Recovery Bar** noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am. Brunch \$5, 11:30 - 2:30. Patio Bar open 2pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7pm. \$2.50 Sirloin or Chicken Burgers w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. DJ Jeff on the Patio 9pm. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

**YARD DOG** - Open 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm.

## 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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm

## TUESDAY

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menus served until 10pm.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Women-only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:30 p.m. for women only.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month \$2.00).

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

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## 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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## 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 7pm.

## 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 7pm

## SATURDAY

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Singer, piano player Marilyn Harris performs during dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations suggested.

**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 7pm.

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### September 9 thru 30

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" as part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national theater initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Directed by Jon Jory who directed last seasons elegant "Pride and Prejudice". ATC Box Office 520-622-2823

## BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

**VENTURE-N** - Locker Room Party. Towels and Drink Specials. 8:00 p.m. until closing.

### FRI-SAT-SUN, AUGUST 18-19-20

**WOODY'S** - Welcome Back Students Party! Friday, Bud Light Party with prizes and \$2.50 Bud Light 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Sunday Aug. 20, Special show with Ajia Simone and Chane Jordan. 8:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Live music with TMI. Classic rock, blues and more. Starts 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 cover..

**VENTURE-N** - Book Signing - Join friends of Stan and Mark for Stan's Book Signing Party. Sample the Gigantic Watermelon and get your copy of Stan's new book. 4:00 p.m. to ???

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

**WOODY'S** - 8:30 p.m. a special 2-performer show featuring Ajia Simone and from Phoenix, Chane Jordan. Karaoke with Michael D. 9:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Burgers, Dogs and Bratwurst at 5:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 21

**WOODY'S** - Gay Idol Karaoke Contest continues at 9:00 p.m. Last chance to enter!

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

**WOODY'S** - Sarong Underwear or Not Party 8:00 to close. Drink specials for those who participate

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

**VENTURE-N** - Steak Nite 6:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Native American Little League fund raiser with Tex-Mex band, drag shows and Raffles. Starts at 6:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG** - Hawaiian Luau V. Hawaiian Dinner and Costume Contest

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

**WOODY'S** - Rawhide Country Western Party. Check it out...

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**VENTURE-N** - Jungle Party. Get your costumes ready. Great prizes.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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**P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

#### YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 298-6727, leave name and phone number. [Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org](mailto:Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org)

#### TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm M-F.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS.** Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center**, 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpglcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpglcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. [TucsonSources@aol.com](mailto:TucsonSources@aol.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th St. All alcoholics welcome.

**MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK:** Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE** to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games 2002, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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

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

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

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.** Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

**ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA)** seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

**DESERT DOMINION**, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site <http://www.desertdominion.org> or call (520)792-6424

**SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS.** Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS:** a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: [AAPSP.org](http://AAPSP.org) or e-mail: [AAPSP@aol.com](mailto:AAPSP@aol.com) or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY.** Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.** Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

**REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at The Historic Y, corners of University Blvd and 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

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

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

**LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP.** Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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

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

**MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP** (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

**SUN WORSHIPERS OF TUCSON (SWOT)** is a local men's nudist organization for men of all ages. Events feature swimming, hot tubbing and socializing in a relaxed, private setting

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





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