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## Congress Passes On LGBT Bills, Goes Home

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congress adjourned on the weekend (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1) without taking up a number of LGBT bills including one that would provide partner benefits for partners of federal workers, another that would include Gays in hate crime laws, and a third that would have extended the Ryan White AIDS care act, reported 365Gay.com.

The only thing positive about the session was the defeat of the so-called federal marriage amendment.

The Republicans in the House failed to muster enough votes in July to advance the amendment that would ban same-sex marriage despite a last minute push from President Bush.

"When activist judges insist on redefining the fundamental institution of marriage for their states or potentially for the entire country, the only alternative left to make the people's voice heard is an amendment of the Constitution," said a statement issued by the Administration.

Nevertheless, the measure fell 47 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed.

An attempt by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Massachusetts) to get legislation passed including Gays and Lesbians in federal hate crime laws failed.

Kennedy has been trying to get the measure passed since 1999. This session he tacked it onto a national sex offender bill. He was forced to pull it after Republicans threatened to block passage of the sex offender legislation and pin the blame on "liberal Democrats" and Gay activists.

Kennedy vowed to keep up the fight. "Congress can't ignore the problem," he said. "They send the poisonous message that some Americans deserve to be victimized solely because of who they are."

The bill would have allowed the Department of Justice to assist local authorities in investigating and prosecuting cases in which violence occurs.

Extending hate crimes law to include members of the LGBT community is endorsed by more than 175 law enforcement, civil rights, civic and religious organizations, including: the National Sheriffs' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

A bipartisan attempt to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", the ban on Gays serving openly in the military, also failed to gain traction with the GOP leadership.

The Republican leadership refused to schedule the bill, authored by Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Massachusetts), and blocked attempts to move the legislation forward.

Meehan has promised to re-

introduce the measure in the next session. Currently the repeal bill has 118 co-sponsors.

Since the passage of DADT a decade ago more than 11,000 men and women have been dismissed under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" according to the Government Accountability Office. More than 800 of those service members were trained in skills deemed 'mission-critical' by the Pentagon.

The GAO also said that it has cost taxpayers more than \$200 million to recruit replacements for LGBT enlisted service members who were discharged.

A study conducted last year for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network concluded that the U.S. military could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits if Gays and Lesbians in the military were able to be open about their sexual orientation.

Last month legislation was introduced in the Senate that would extend family benefits to the same-sex partners of Gay and Lesbian federal workers.

The Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act would provide benefits to federal employees' same-sex partners on the same basis as spousal benefits - including participation in retirement programs, compensation for work injuries and life and health insurance. In addition, the bill would subject federal employees with domestic partners to the same obligations as federally recognized married couples.

The Ryan White CARE Act was the victim of infighting over money. The reauthorization of the AIDS care bill peeled money away from the major cities to fund the fight against HIV in rural America.

The House passed legislation renewing the law 325-98 a week ago but in the Senate Democratic Sens. Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Robert Menendez and Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey opposed blocked the bill.

New York and New Jersey stand to lose more than \$70 million each under the revisions.

As members of Congress were packing up to return to their home districts Capitol Hill was rocked by a sex scandal involving Rep. Mark Foley (R - Florida). Foley submitted a letter of resignation from Congress on Friday (Sept. 29) in the wake of questions about e-mails he sent to a former male page.

On the weekend the House leadership said it would encourage a criminal investigation of Foley, but questions persisted over how much the GOP leadership knew about the affair, and whether they had protected him.

## Big Crowd Gathered To Oppose Prop. 107 In El Presidio Park



Tucson political activist Maurice Grossman speaks to the crowd at El Presidio Park with Senator Paula Aboud Saturday.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - On Saturday, Sept. 30, Arizonans of all walks, stripes, sexual orientations expressed their opposition to Proposition 107.

Proposition 107, one of 19 ballot measures Arizona voters will consider for the Nov. 7 general election, would add an amendment to Arizona's state Constitution banning governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

In Tucson, hundreds of people turned out at El Presidio Park to voice their opposition to Proposition 107.

Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias, D-District 5, told the crowd that we all must work to protect all families, children, the elderly and their benefits and not just a select few individuals.

Arizona House Democratic Leader, state Representative Phil Lopes of Tucson said that Proposition 107 was brought to you by people who will bash, divide and create hatred and citizens must stop it and them.

State Representative David Bradley, D-Tucson said that the people must lead, get the message out to voters that Arizona won't tolerate fear and division, adding, "you are right and they are wrong."

Open Lesbian State Senator Paula Aboud, D-Tucson, stressed to the crowd that this issue was about all of our lives and urged them to work harder to ensure its defeat on Nov. 7.

In addition to the Tucson rally, a get the message out event was held in Flagstaff, with more than 100 people taking part and in Phoenix, when more than 1,500 registered voters were contacted by Arizona Together volun-



Observer political pundit Mark Kerr (L) conferring with State House Democratic Leader Phil Lopes at the rally

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On Thursday, Sept. 28, a fund raiser was held at Colors Restaurant in Tucson to raise funds for the purchase of radio ads to oppose Proposition 107. Organizers of the event, the No on 107 committee reported that more than \$10,000 was raised in the effort.

To donate for the radio ad purchase, organizers said, people can give online at [noon107.com](http://noon107.com).

## Vigil For Hate Crime Survivors, Oct. 7

TUCSON - This past weekend (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1) two members of the LGBT community suffered a hate-motivated assault on 4th Avenue near IBT's.

Chris Davis and Ryan Burchell, two bartenders from Woody's were withdrawing money from an ATM on their way to IBT's when a group of young men started verbally harassing them about being Gay. When they responded, the physical assault ensued. Both Chris and Ryan received physical injuries from the assault. Police responded quickly and arrested two people.

The individuals are being charged with a simple assault which is a misdemeanor crime. Misdemeanors cannot be charged as bias-motivated. However, depending on a few other factors in the case, it may be increased to an aggravated assault charge which is a felony. The Tucson Police Department is working closely with Wingspan.

This is the 27th hate motivated crime reported to the Anti-Violence Project since Jan. 1 of this year, of which many have occurred in the 4th Avenue area. Wingspan would like for the community to come stand together Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m. in front of IBT's, 616 N. Fourth Avenue and make a statement that hate has no place in the community.

This action is to be a peaceful vigil. If you would like to make signs before hand, bring a poster board to Wingspan, 425 E 7th Street at 5:30pm. Join Wingspan in making a statement that our lives as LGBT people are invaluable.

# UPDATE

## Vets For Honor Guard Sought

GLBT Veterans are sought to be the Honor Guard at the Tucson Pride Parade October 15. Call Maurice at 323-2293. "Join us and show your colors, Maurice said."

## Rainbows Festival Oct. 7-8 In Phoenix

PHOENIX - The annual Rainbows Festival will take place, Oct. 7 - 8 at Heritage Square Park, located near 7th Street & Monroe, just two blocks north of Chase Field in downtown Phoenix. Admission to the two-day event is free.

With the food offered, music, and over 200 local vendors, the annual Rainbows Festival is an urban street fair and festival to celebrate the great diversity of Phoenix. This is the largest Gay/Lesbian event in the state of Arizona. It is an opportunity for the Gay/Lesbian community and their friends to celebrate the diversity of the Phoenix community. Each year, the organizers of the annual Rainbows Festival select a group of local Gay/Lesbian non-profit organizations to benefit from the event. The following organizations have been selected for the 2006 Rainbows Festival: Greater Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (GPGLCC), Arizona Human Rights Fund & Foundation (AHRF), Phoenix Pride, Inc (PPI), Lesbian Cancer Project (LCP), 1n10 Youth Services, and Body Positive.

For more information, call (602) 770-8241 or go online to [rainbowsfestival.com](http://rainbowsfestival.com).

## Diva By Diva Oct. 13

TUCSON (ON) - Phoenix Metropolitan Men's Chorus and special guest artists present, "Diva by Diva," Friday, Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m., at the Historic "Y" Theater, 300 E. University.

Tucson's own Reveille Gay Men's Chorus are the hosts for this event, held in conjunction with other Pride in the Desert activities being held that weekend.

"Diva by Diva" is a fabulous evening of wonderful music and outrageous laughter! Help us celebrate our most adored female vocalist of the past century: Barbra, Judy, Bette, Madonna, Cher, Edith, Billie, Patsy, Dolly, Cyndi, Karen, Patti, Aretha, Tina, Diana, Liza, Ethel, Elaine, Bernadette, Ella, Donna, and many more!

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and students. For more information, go online to [reveillegmc.com](http://reveillegmc.com) or call (520) 304-1758.

## AIDSWALK This Weekend Oct. 8

TUCSON - Take a step onto the beautiful University of Arizona Campus Mall for the 18th Annual AIDSWALK 2006, Oct. 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.

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 AIDSWALK 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.

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."

AIDSWALK 2006 promises to be fun, festive, and a day of awareness, call (520) 791-9255 or go online to [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com).

## 'Homoneurotic' Oct. 20-21

TUCSON - "Homoneurotic," Tucson's new voice in Gay comedy presents its world premiere, Oct. 20-21, 7:00 p.m. at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress.

Explores the funny side of neuroses we all share. Come and experience ninety minutes of comedy, dramedy/pathos and everything in between in this fast paced collection of short portraits of queer life. There are

even a couple of musical numbers!

Tickets are \$10 each. Call Club Congress, (520) 622-8848 for tickets.

## Register To Vote Deadline Oct. 9

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Monday, Oct. 9 is the deadline for individuals who aren't registered to vote to do so for the Nov. 7 general election.

If this is your first time registering to vote in Arizona or you have moved from another county in Arizona, your voter registration form must also include proof of citizenship or the form will not be processed. List of acceptable documents to establish your citizenship:

Arizona Driver's License number or non-operating identification license number issued after Oct. 1, 1996. A legible photocopy of a driver's license or non-operating identification license issued by another state that identifies United States Citizenship on the license. A legible photocopy of a birth certificate that verifies United States Citizenship. A legible photocopy of your United States passport containing your name and passport number. A legible photocopy of United States naturalization documents or the number of the certification of naturalization. If only the number is provided, it will need to be verified before the voter registration can be processed. A Bureau of Indian Affairs Card Number, Tribal Treaty Card Number.

For more information on registering to vote, call the Pima County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4330. To register, go online to [recorder.pima.gov/regvote.html](http://recorder.pima.gov/regvote.html). Monday, Oct. 9 is the last day people can register to vote for the Nov. 7 general election.

In Arizona, there are many political offices on the federal, state, county and local levels will be up for consideration, as well as ballot propositions, including Proposition 107, all voters can go online to: <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/earlyreq.html> to get the details and <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/images/earlyreq.pdf>, to print out the request form, following the instructions and sending it in, or call the Pima County Recorder's Office, (520) 740-4330. Early voting is currently ongoing and the deadline to request a ballot is Friday, Oct. 27.

## UofA Sets Bar For Transgender Access Rights

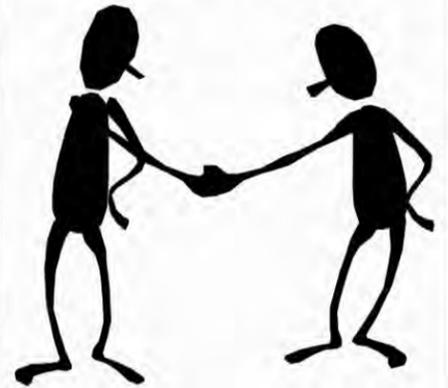
TUCSON - The University of Arizona (UA) allows Transgendered people to use the restrooms with which they best identify, making it one of the most inclusive campuses in the country, a UA official said, the Arizona Daily Wildcat reported. According to a policy issued by the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office in June, the UA "allows individuals to use the restroom that corresponds to their gender identity."

The "Statement on Restroom Access" is based on the UA's policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of gender identity, according to the statement.

"We're actually the only school in the country to make publicly available a bathroom access statement that was endorsed by the (UA) president," said Jessica Pettitt, coordinator of social justice programs for the Social Justice Leadership Center. "I forwarded out the statement to (other

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**COMMENTARY . . . Rushing Off A Cliff**

Here's what happens when this irresponsible Congress railroads a profoundly important bill to serve the mindless politics of a midterm election: The Bush administration uses Republicans' fear of losing their majority to push through ghastly ideas about antiterrorism that will make American troops less safe and do lasting damage to our 217-year-old nation of laws — while actually doing nothing to protect the nation from terrorists. Democrats betray their principles to avoid last-minute attack ads. Our democracy is the big loser.

Republicans say Congress must act right now to create procedures for charging and trying terrorists — because the men accused of plotting the 9/11 attacks are available for trial. That's pure propaganda. Those men could have been tried and convicted long ago, but President Bush chose not to. He held them in illegal detention, had them questioned in ways that will make real trials very hard, and invented a transparently illegal system of kangaroo courts to convict them.

It was only after the Supreme Court issued the inevitable ruling striking down Mr. Bush's shadow penal system that he adopted his tone of urgency. It serves a cynical goal: Republican strategists think they can win this fall, not by passing a good law but by forcing Democrats to vote against a bad one so they could be made to look soft on terrorism.

The White House and three Republican senators announced a terrible deal on this legislation that gave Mr. Bush most of what he wanted, including a blanket waiver for crimes Americans may have committed in the service of his antiterrorism policies. Then Vice President Dick Cheney and his willing lawmakers rewrote the rest of the measure so that it would give Mr.

Bush the power to jail pretty much anyone he wants for as long as he wants without charging them, to unilaterally reinterpret the Geneva Conventions, to authorize what normal people consider torture, and to deny justice to hundreds of men captured in error.

These are some of the bill's biggest flaws:

**Enemy Combatants:** A dangerously broad definition of "illegal enemy combatant" in the bill could subject legal residents of the United States, as well as foreign citizens living in their own countries, to summary arrest and indefinite detention with no hope of appeal. The president could give the power to apply this label to anyone he wanted.

**The Geneva Conventions:** The bill would repudiate a half-century of international precedent by allowing Mr. Bush to decide on his own what abusive interrogation methods he considered permissible. And his decision could stay secret — there's no requirement that this list be published.

**Habeas Corpus:** Detainees in U.S. military prisons would lose the basic right to challenge their imprisonment. These cases do not clog the courts, nor coddle terrorists. They simply give wrongly imprisoned people a chance to prove their innocence.

**Judicial Review:** The courts would have no power to review any aspect of this new system, except verdicts by military tribunals. The bill would limit appeals and bar legal actions based on the Geneva Conventions, directly or indirectly. All Mr. Bush would have to do to lock anyone up forever is to declare him an illegal combatant and not have a trial.

Coerced Evidence: Coerced

evidence would be permissible if a judge considered it reliable — already a contradiction in terms — and relevant. Coercion is defined in a way that exempts anything done before the passage of the 2005 Detainee Treatment Act, and anything else Mr. Bush chooses.

**Secret Evidence:** American standards of justice prohibit evidence and testimony that is kept secret from the defendant, whether the accused is a corporate executive or a mass murderer. But the bill as redrafted by Mr. Cheney seems to weaken protections against such evidence.

**Offenses:** The definition of torture is unacceptably narrow, a virtual reprise of the deeply cynical memos the administration produced after 9/11. Rape and sexual assault are defined in a retrograde way that covers only forced or coerced activity, and not other forms of nonconsensual sex. The bill would effectively eliminate the idea of rape as torture.

There is not enough time to fix these bills, especially since the few Republicans who call themselves moderates have been whipped into line, and the Democratic leadership in the Senate seems to have misplaced its spine. If there was ever a moment for a filibuster, this was it.

We don't blame the Democrats for being frightened. The Republicans have made it clear that they'll use any opportunity to brand anyone who votes against this bill as a terrorist enabler. But Americans of the future won't remember the pragmatic arguments for caving in to the administration.

They'll know that in 2006, Congress passed a tyrannical law that will be ranked with the low points in American democracy, our generation's version of the Alien and Sedition Acts.

(The above was an editorial that appeared in the Sept. 28 edition of the New York Times.)

**Proposition 107 Invades Private Rights**

Marriage is a favored institution in our society. There are benefits of many kinds for those who tie the knot.

But government does not prohibit divorce. Government does not operate state-mandated matchmaking services for those who remain single.

And Arizona should not enshrine the sentiments of Protect Marriage Arizona in the state Constitution.

It is a restriction of private rights and an intrusion into local control.

It is deceptively mischaracterized as simply a ban on same-sex marriage. This hot-button appeal will only fool those who fail to look closely.

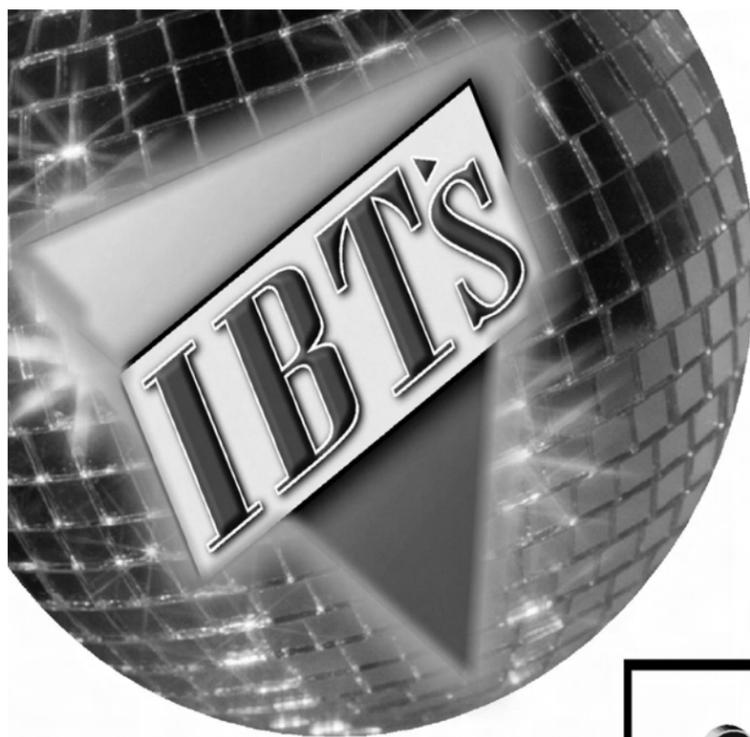
Proposition 107, Protect Marriage Arizona, prohibits "legal status for unmarried persons . . . that is similar to that of marriage."

That will impact heterosexual couples and their children, many of whom currently enjoy health insurance and other benefits as a result of decisions by cities, counties other public agencies to recognize domestic partnerships.

According to the 2000 Census, there are about 118,000 households in Arizona with unmarried partners. Only about 12,000 of them are same-sex couples, and state law already prohibits them from marrying.

This measure will have the most impact on heterosexuals who

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# UPDATE

## LGBT Reaction To Ongoing Foley Scandal & GOP Rersponse & ‘Action’

By Mark R. Kerr

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ON) - Several national LGBT organizations have commented on the ongoing and emerging scandal involving former Congressman Mark Foley, R-FL, who abruptly resigned Friday (Sept. 29) after a news story revealed that he had sent questionable E-mails and instant messages to current and former Congressional male pages as well as the reaction by the U.S. House Republican leadership and high-level conservatives in the wake of the revelation, trying solely to make it about a Gay issue.

“The language from high-level conservatives in the last couple of days has been deeply troubling. They continue to try and dodge responsibility for their cover-up, instead opting to do what they do best by blaming gays,” said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign. “It is completely unacceptable, regardless of party or sexual orientation, for an adult to engage in this kind of behavior with a minor. The American people deserve leaders who confront problems and take responsibility, not leaders who excuse their corruption by trying to pin it on others.”

Solmonese continued “If the Republican leadership cared about the well-being of our country they would level with the American people and call this what it is – inexcusable behavior that has nothing to do with one’s sexual orientation.

“During an interview with ‘FOX News Sunday with Chris Wallace,’ former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich defended the Republican cover-up by stating, ‘I think, had they overly aggressively reacted to the initial round, they would have also been accused of gay bashing.’

“In an e-mail alert to members, Family Research Council President Tony Perkins wrote, ‘[The House GOP leadership] discounted or downplayed earlier reports concerning Foley’s behavior – probably because they did not want to appear ‘homophobic.’ The Foley scandal shows what happens when political correctness is put ahead of protecting children.’

“Gay or straight, Democrat or Republican, it is completely inexcusable for an adult to have this kind of communication with a minor. Congressman Foley brought shame on himself and this Congress by his horrible behavior and complete lack of judgment. We strongly condemn his behavior.”

“What’s clear is that the House leadership elevated holding onto a seat above the interests of young people in the page system. And they want to talk about ‘moral values’? Please.” NGLTF Task Force Executive Director Matt Foreman said in a statement. “Given similar past sordid situations in the page program perpetrated by male members of Congress against female pages, it’s absurd to blame the Foley spectacle on his being gay, closeted or otherwise. Given the fact that the current Republican leadership in the House has never hesitated to attack gay people, it’s even more absurd for people like Newt Gingrich to say the reason they didn’t take prompt action was because they didn’t want to be accused of ‘gay bashing.’ Cut me a break.”

Gay or straight, Congressman Mark Foley’s behavior is like that of a predator who should be arrested and prosecuted for his criminal behavior; and those around him who knew, and did not act to stop him, are just as guilty” said National Youth Advocacy Coalitions Executive Director, Craig Bowman. “We are talking about a sixteen-year-old who was exploited by a person in power - someone he should have been able to trust,” said Bowman in a statement.

Bowman continued, “The possibility that the leadership of the House of Representatives had knowledge of the congressman’s behavior, but did not act to stop what can only be characterized as child sexual abuse, is outrageous. Instead, he was allowed to remain as the powerful co-chairman of the House Caucus on Missing and Exploited Children. The American public needs to know what the House leadership knew, and when they knew it.”

## Proposition 107 Invades Private Rights

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choose not to marry. The reasons for that decision are varied and none of government’s business.

Consider Al Breznay and Maxine Piatt, who joined the unsuccessful lawsuit to keep this proposition off the ballot. Their argument against Proposition 107, which appears in the Secretary of State’s information pamphlet, is based on real life. A retired couple on fixed income, they live together because marriage would cost Piatt a large portion of her Social Security income. They registered as domestic partners in Tucson because they have medical problems, and before registering “it was sometimes impossible to visit each other in the emergency room.”

The proponents of Proposition 107 say a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage is needed to assure that a court does not strike down Arizona’s law against such unions. But this measure goes way beyond that. In addition to inflicting collateral damage on heterosexual couples, it would also prohibit the kind of civil unions that many, including this newspaper, say would provide a fair option for same-sex couples who want to codify their relationship.

Proposition 107 would override the decisions of the cities of Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe and Tucson to provide employee health benefits to domestic partners. The children of couples currently covered could lose coverage.

Many businesses also opt to provide domestic-partner benefits. Private business is not directly included in the proposed ban, but business could be impacted if someone sued to prevent governmental entities from contracting with companies that offer domestic-partner benefits. What’s more, such a ban would create awkward complications for multistate businesses that offer the benefit companywide.

Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon says banning domestic partnerships would leave the city at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to attracting top talent. Former University of Arizona President Peter Likins agrees. Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup is also opposed.

The Republic recommends a “no” vote on Proposition 107.

(This editorial ran in the Sept. 28 edition of the Arizona Republic.)

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# California Governor Signs G/L Bills, Vetoes Others

SACRAMENTO, California - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger continued to cherry-pick legislation on the weekend (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1) aimed at keeping his moderate image while attempting not to anger the far right of his Republican Party, 365Gay.com reported.

On Saturday (Sept. 30) the governor signed three LGBT-positive bills, two affecting same-sex couples.

The State Income Tax Equity Act allows registered domestic partners to file state income taxes jointly and have their earned income treated as community property for state tax purposes.

It would provide tax relief to domestic partners on the same terms as married couples - an average family of four with one stay at home parent can save an expected \$2,000 a year.

"This is a historic day for equality," said Senator Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) who authored the legislation. "The governor's signature on my tax equity bill gives Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) families, who share the same costs and responsibilities that go with parenthood or being a spouse, the same tax benefits afforded to married couples. At last we acknowledge the equal contributions of LGBT households and remove the tax inequity that has been suffered by these families."

The law will impact as many as 38,000 same-sex couples but it will not cover federal tax. Same-sex couples are not recognized by the IRS under the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

Nevertheless, the California law is being hailed by LGBT rights groups and denounced by conservatives.

Randy Thomasson, president of Campaign for Children and Families, accused Schwarzenegger of creating "counterfeit marriage".

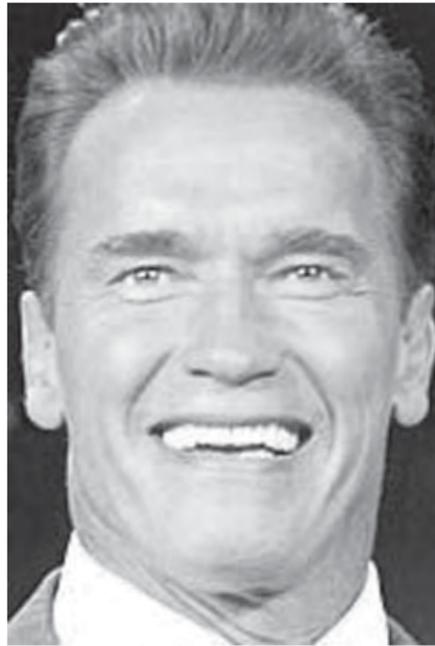
"Shame on Arnold Schwarzenegger for attacking marriage between a husband and wife and for being two-faced about this sacred institution," Thomasson said in a statement. "Where's his respect for marriage?"

The governor also signed legislation aimed at curbing domestic abuse in same-sex relationships. Under the new law Gays and Lesbians who register as domestic partners will pay \$23 toward domestic violence programs specifically aimed at same-sex couples. The measure is the first of its kind in the nation and mirrors a similar surcharge on California marriage licenses that funds battered women's shelters and other domestic violence services.

The measure also requires the state to train law enforcement and social service agencies on Gay domestic violence, and to make sure that Gay representatives are included on committees that dispense domestic violence grants.

"Enactment of this bill means that all victims of domestic violence-regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity-will receive basic information and services," said Equality California's Executive Director, Geoff Kors.

The third bill ensures that the California Department of Aging includes programming for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT)



California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

seniors as part of its services.

"Because our LGBT seniors face a host of unique legal and social challenges, they deserve to have their needs taken into account so they can live their golden years with dignity and in comfort," said Assemblymember Mark Leno (D-San Francisco). "This new law will include them in the design and implementation of all state programs serving the elderly to ensure they are offered the care and services they need."

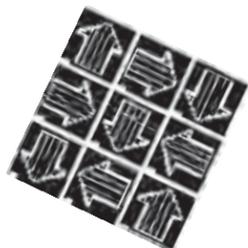
California with the largest population of Gay and Lesbian couples of any state. By 2030, one in five Americans will be 65 or older. Roughly four million of these will be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender.

LGBT elders face a number of particular concerns as they age according a recent report by the Gay and Lesbian Task Force. LGBT elders often do not access adequate health care, affordable housing, and other social services that they need, due to institutionalized heterosexism.

Several studies of nursing home administrators, Area Administration on Aging directors and health care providers found widespread homophobia among those entrusted with the care of America's seniors.

As a result many older Gays and Lesbians retreat back into the closet, reinforcing isolation.

Schwarzenegger had signed legislation making it more difficult for defendants to use the so-called 'Gay panic' defense and a bill adding sexuality and gender identity to the state's fair housing law. But he also vetoed a bill to tighten anti-bully laws. In September the governor vetoed a school bill that would have prohibited any negative portrayal of Gays in textbooks and other instructional material. The bill was an amended version of an earlier one that would have mandated the teaching of LGBT history in state schools that Schwarzenegger warned he would veto. Last year Schwarzenegger vetoed legislation to allow same-sex marriage in California.



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# Equality Forum Launches LGBT History Month Project

PHILADELPHIA - The celebration of October as Gay History Month is getting a boost this year from Equality Forum, the international LGBT civil rights organization based, reported advocate.com. To impose some structure on the celebration, Equality Forum has selected 31 LGBT leaders, past and present, and created for each a brief video, biography, and bibliography celebrating their achievements.

Each is assigned a different day in October, bookended by two Jameses: Baldwin (October 1) and Hormel (October 31).

"We want people not only to celebrate Walt Whitman, Elton John, and Ellen DeGeneres but to learn about Alan Turing, who broke the German Enigma Code and helped the Allies win World War II; Lupe Valdez, the first Latina and Lesbian sheriff of Dallas County, Texas; and Bayard Rustin, an African-American colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who organized the 1963 demonstration at the Lincoln Memorial," said Equality Forum executive director Malcolm Lazin in a press release.

The group has designed the project as a curriculum that can be used by teachers at any education level, as well as an awareness and visibility campaign.

Equality Forum said the 31 leaders selected are all national or international LGBT figures who are "distinguished within their field of endeavor, as national heroes, or in the GLBT civil rights movement." Nominations were solicited from a number of LGBT groups and organizations, and the final selections were made by the Reverend Nancy Wilson, international moderator of the Metropolitan Community Churches, and Yale Law School professor Kenji Yoshino, who are cochairs of the Equality Forum history

project.

Each leader's video will be streamed daily on the four largest Gay Web portals and broadcast on the two largest Gay television channels, Equality Forum promised. The group has also created a Web site, GLBTHistoryMonth.com, where the videos and other materials can be downloaded.

In alphabetical order, the 31 LGBT leaders Equality Forum is highlighting this month are: the late writer James Baldwin, the late painter Jean-Michel Basquiat, German politician and Gay rights leader Volker Beck, the late historian and author John Boswell, entertainer Ellen DeGeneres, U.S. representative Barney Frank, movie and music mogul David Geffen, entrepreneur and philanthropist Tim Gill, pioneering journalist and activist Barbara Gittings, the late artist Keith Haring, former U.S. ambassador James Hormel, musician Elton John, the late U.S. representative Barbara Jordan, New York City Fire Department chaplain Father Mychal Judge (killed on 9/11), U.S. representative James Kolbe, author and activist Larry Kramer, the late military activist Leonard Matlovich, actor Sir Ian McKellen, assassinated San Francisco city official Harvey Milk, tennis champion Martina Navratilova, the late poet Adrienne Rich, the late Stonewall riot participant Sylvia Rivera, the late civil rights leader Bayard Rustin, former CEO of PlanetOut Lowell Selvin, writer and journalist Andrew Sullivan, basketball superstar Sheryl Swoopes, the late World War II code breaker Alan Turing, Dallas County, Texas, sheriff Lupe Valdez, the 19th century poet Walt Whitman, Victorian-era playwright and wit Oscar Wilde, and AIDS activist Phill Wilson.

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**POLITICS 2006**

by Mark R. Kerr

**'Proposition 107 Protection Racket'**

Business and the Republican Party have gone together, hand in hand since time infinitum, summed up with remarks then Republican President Calvin Coolidge delivered in Washington, D.C. on January 17, 1925, "After all, the chief business of the American people is business."

In Arizona though, the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), GOP Gubernatorial nominee Lynden Munsil, Nathan Sproul, and Cathi Herrod - CAP President, registered Republicans want to upset this long standing dynamic with Proposition 107 by telling businesses in the state how to run their affairs in regard to governmental procurement.

Arizona's state government alone, according to an article in the July 1, 2005 edition of the Arizona Capitol Times, spends around \$4.5 billion. "Anything you could think of is bought somewhere by the state," said John Adler, head of Enterprise Procurement Services (EPS), the office that handles 75 per cent of the state's purchases in the article.

"Government contracts typically provide stability and confidence from lenders for loan considerations," said Dale Ussery, director of operations for G.D. Barri & Associates Inc., in the Arizona Capitol Times article. "Longer term government contracts provide steady income, smoothing out the peaks and valleys of seasonal income. Stability allows growth and expansion."

Proposition 107 would change all that since Herrod said it in an interview with Mary K. Reinhart of the East Valley Tribune, for a story, entitled "Same-sex Marriage Fight Looms," which ran in the June 18, 2005 edition, "If it gives a legal status to unmarried individuals, . . . it would not be allowed."

Currently, according to Adler, in an interview with this reporter, Arizona's procurement laws and codes do not address domestic relationship or owners, shareholders or employees of businesses bidding on state contracts and this office has no authority to investigate such relationships and laws require awarding of contracts to responsible bidders.

If Proposition 107 is approved, the process for the state, as well as other governmental entities that use a procurement process in their operations, set down in Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 41-2501 through 41-

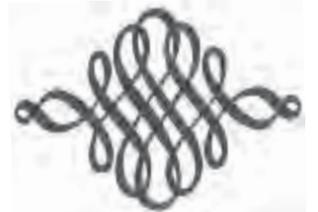
2673, and Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) R2-7-101 through R2-7-1009, would be affected by the Proposition 107 "Protection Racket" because Article 2 of Arizona's Constitution, entitled Declaration of Rights, Section 32 - Constitutional provisions mandatory, which reads: "The provisions of this Constitution are mandatory, unless by express words they are declared to be otherwise."

With the passage of Proposition 107, all that would have to take place is to have a question arise over the process, as it did for Arizona's low-income health care program in regard to Proposition 200, approved by voters in the 2004 general election. Under state law, if a state agency or elected official raises a question about a proposition or state constitutional amendment that has been approved by voters, Andrea Esquer, press secretary for Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, said in an interview with this reporter, then the Attorney General's office would issue an opinion, interpreting what the respective measure covers under state law (ARS 41-192 A-1).

In the language of Proposition 107, stating that ". . . 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," the procurement process will change and private businesses that contract with the state would be barred from providing any benefits to unmarried couples. Sound farfetched? This is an ongoing effort after the passage of anti-Gay and Lesbian Proposition 2, which is similarly written as Proposition 107, by Michigan voters in 2004.

Arizona, under Article 25 of the state Constitution is a right to work state, meaning that the work force in the Grand Canyon State has few rights and if Proposition 107 is approved, laws protecting employment rights would be worthless.

Private businesses, if Proposition 107 becomes a part of the state constitution, would have to face the choice of the employee getting the benefits or the procurement contract that may keep the "financial doors open." Which one do you think they




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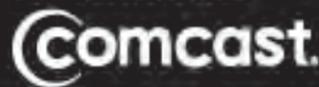
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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE Brave?

by Lee Thorn

Bill Maher had a nutcase rightwinger on his TV show the other night, which, incidentally, made me wonder why he so often has the lunatic fringe conservatives when I'm sure he could find some who were much less extreme. This nutcase lady kept saying she was a Christian, which, incidentally, made me reflect on the fact that anybody who believes anything at all is perfectly free to call herself a Christian. But anyway, this supposedly Christian certifiably nutcase lady was saying that it's okay to torture people if you call it "coercion" instead of "torture," which made me wonder what Jesus would have said about torture called coercion, aside from saying that he didn't enjoy being on the receiving end of it. If memory serves, I believe he said it made him feel "forsaken."

Mrs. Nutcase went on to argue that torturing a kidnapper might save a victim's life if, for example, the victim was tied up in a basement that was slowly filling up with water and the kidnapper broke down just in time for the cops to get to the victim just before her nose went under water. You see stuff like that happening all the time on television cop shows. It's called "fiction." It's made up to be dramatic. In real life it would be extremely improbable.

What happens in real life, in countries that go in for torture, is that for every would-be drowning victim saved by torture there are thousands of innocent people killed by torture. And why are these innocent folks tortured? It's not typically to rescue victims of crime. It's almost always to punish them for their political views and to thereby frighten kindred spirits from expressing similar political views.

Most Americans who are not rightwing nutcases are well aware of the usual uses of torture. Most of us, I hope, know the difference between cop shows on TV and real life, where the cops aren't always the good guys, where they're not always well-intentioned, where they're not necessarily even very bright. So, knowing what we know, why aren't ordinary Americans who aren't rightwing nutcases screaming bloody murder over our government's desire to legitimize their torture business?

I would argue that we're playing dead on this issue because we're scared. I'd further argue that, as a nation, we've got a long sad tradition of deserting our principles when we're scared. And I'd also argue that it doesn't take a hell of a lot to scare us.

In World War II we locked up Japanese Americans because we were scared that they were going to assist the Japanese invasion of the West Coast. It's hard to imagine that anybody didn't see how ridiculous that was, or how unfair and illegal it was, but I guess we got scared. The current Bush Administration wants to do away with habeas corpus, one of the bedrock principles of the American form of government. A few leftwingers squawk a bit. The rest of us stay real quiet. We're scared. The current Bush Administration want to have warrantless wiretaps. A federal

judge rules them illegal. The general public stays real quiet. We're scared.

But don't worry. Bush only wants to spy on, detain without charges, and torture the bad guys. My only question is this: If we never ever, ever get to know, never ever, ever, who he wiretaps, detains and tortures, how do we know he's confining his activities to the bad guys? And even if he, unlike all the tyrants in the history of the world, sincerely attempts to target only the really bad guys, how do we know that he's succeeding?

And let's not let the media off the hook. Just recently the American mainstream media en masse refused to publish cartoons of the prophet Muhammad even though the cartoons in question were at the center of a major international news story. Then they thought up reasons why their massive cop-out was actually noble? Who'da thunk that freedom of the press was so fragile that it could be extinguished overnight without a shot being fired or a rock being thrown anywhere in the country? They were scared.

Good old Ben Franklin once said something to the effect that anyone who's willing to trade his liberty for security deserves neither. I would humbly add that trading liberty for security doesn't work, that maintaining liberty is the best way to guarantee security. The Land of the Brave, I wonder in which direction that might be.

(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)

## UofA Sets Bar For Transgender Access Rights

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universities), and they're now using it as a starting place on their campuses."

The bathroom access statement is a proactive step, not a reactive one, said Jeanne Kleespie, assistant vice president of the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office, which aims to prevent harassment on campus and create a more comfortable educational environment for everyone. "I think it sends an important message," Kleespie said.

Brian Shimamoto, assistant director of multicultural education and advocacy for Residential Education, said the policy is a good step toward making the campus a comfortable environment for Transgender people. "It's funny how something that can be pretty simple - go in, take care of a biological need and then get out - can be a huge thing to (the Transgender) population," he said. "Where do I go? I don't want to scare anybody, and I don't want to be scared."

If a student identifies as Transgender, Residence Life places the student in a single room with their own bathroom, if one is available, "so as not to disrupt the life of the Transgender student or of the community," Shimamoto said.

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# George Michael Arrested On Driving Charges

LONDON - George Michael was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana after police found him slumped over the steering wheel of his car in London, authorities said Monday (Oct. 2), reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Michael was arrested after police responded to complaints that a car was blocking an intersection in North London at 3:22 a.m. Sunday (Oct. 1).

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Michael rose to fame in the 1980s as half of the duo Wham! before starting his solo career. Police had earlier warned Michael for possession of cannabis in February. In April he hit three parked cars. He later acknowledged in an interview that he is a "terrible driver" and said he was trying to maneuver out of a parking spot.



# Judge Suspends Phelps-Free Zone In Kentucky

FRANKFORT, Kentucky - The state law forbidding protests within 300 feet of military funerals and memorial services was suspended temporarily after a federal judge ruled it was too broad, the Associated Press reported on the PlanetOut Network. The law passed earlier this year was aimed at members of a Topeka, Kansas, church who have toured America protesting at military funerals. The Westboro Baptist Church claims the soldiers' deaths are a sign of God punishing America for tolerating homosexuality.



U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell wrote Tuesday (Sept. 26) that the law could restrict the free speech rights of people in nearby homes, sidewalks and streets, even if they cannot be seen or heard by funeral participants. The 300-foot zone "is large enough that it would restrict communications intended for the general public on a matter completely unrelated to the funeral as well as messages targeted at funeral participants," Caldwell wrote in the ruling.

Kentucky Attorney General Greg Stumbo said he would consider an appeal. "I believe that society has an interest in honoring its war dead. Funerals are times of sacred and solemn reflection which must be protected from aggressive disruption," Stumbo said in a statement.

Those found guilty of violating the law, which also applies to memorial services, wakes, and burials, would face up to a year in jail. About a dozen states have similar laws in place, and Congress passed a law earlier this year prohibiting protests at military funerals at federal cemeteries.

Lili Lutgens, general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, which filed the suit, said Caldwell "reinforced the importance of freedom of expression," and that the ACLU will seek a permanent injunction throwing out the law. "We continue to support the commonwealth's efforts to protect funerals, but we know it's not necessary to violate the First Amendment to do that," she said.

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What is it about National Coming Out month that gives our goose bumps, goose bumps? Could it be all those planets circling in sensuous, sexy Scorpio? Planets, schmlanets. Become a hot orb around which all others circle and keep an eye out for any stray asteroid.

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

Sniff. The must be something in the air this October that makes you so sizzily, alluring and just plain sexy. This is not the time to sit home and contemplate your navel. Make your Coming Out month a time to remember by heading out to the meet market. Jupiter brings you a bit of luck so you can attract anyone you want. Do I smell BBQ proud Ram? Or is it roadkill.

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

Relationships take center stage during National Coming Out month. Maybe it's because there are so many planets in Scorpio or maybe it's because you might have been a bit neglectful. Whatever it is, use your considerable charm to repair, re-charge, renovate or reconstruct current partnerships. Those queer Bulls who are out standing in their field can make a deep impression.

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

A little elbow grease will get the job done ... if that is what you want to do, pink Twin. You are coming off a party high. Life slowly becomes more serious and requires you to be more responsible and detailed oriented. Why not make the most of National Coming Out month by working hard and applying yourself to whatever task is at hand. No names please.

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

Crank up the bubble machine and be prepared to have fun all through National Coming Out month. Yippee! All this Scorpio energy will infuse each creative event with power, excitement and romantic mystery. Gay Crabs will not only be the life of the party, they will have their choice of the best of the best. Why do you have to choose? Isn't this a two party system anyway??

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

This is an excellent time to turn your attention to anything having to do with home and family. National Coming Out month brings warring factions together and enables you to

sooth over the rough edges. Not a moment too soon, proud Lion. While it is never possible to compromise on certain things, you may find yourself agreeing to disagree. Well it is a start.

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

Talk, talk, talk. What is it about National Coming Out month that will make queer Virgins so eloquently vocal? Not only can you say what you mean, you can also say it with verve and charm. What a nice change from the usual moan. But don't let your best ideas float into the general air. Propel them into strategic territories. Make your point and don't let it get dull.

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

If money has been tight, you may see some relief during National Coming Out month. It may be that a lump sum will come your way or that you will be able to focus more successfully on the fiscal nitty gritty. Whatever it is you have a rare opportunity to expand your asset base and build a nest egg. Will you make it into a fluffy souffle or just continue to scramble?

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

All eyes are upon you. Will you rise to the occasion or fade into the sunset? Go get 'em, proud Scorp. National Coming Out month demands that you show yourself, warts and all, to a bevy of fanatic admirers. Not only will you be worshiped like the deity you always thought you were, you will also manage to pull the strings and control all the action. Ain't life grand!

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

There are times when you are especially intuitive and National Coming Out month is one of those times. Gay Archers can plot their way through any dense fog of intrigue and manage to get ahead of the crowd in any endeavor. Make it pay off in no uncertain terms especially when it comes with no obvious reward to you personally. Give back, get back, Houdini.

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

The pride march takes you to new neighborhoods, new hangouts and fast new friends. And when I say "fast" I mean "fast"! Your life becomes a revolving door of festive folks. Who turned you into the head social director, pink Cap? Slow it down and enjoy it more. National Coming Out month is really a time of establishing and cementing contacts. Feeling sticky?

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

Who charged up your corporate rocket? Aqueerians need to tinker with their finely calibrated system. Are you content with just being another cog in the machine or do you want more control? National Coming Out month offers you time to review and insight to understand the finer points of business development. Plan for an expansion ... or at least a new development.

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

Just when you thought it was time to dust yourself off and get back on track, a plethora of planets in Scorpio goad you into adventure. So be it, Guppy. National Coming Out month is not the time to form roots as much as to extend your reach into new fertile soils. You can also settle some long disputed legal issues. Good thing too - the jury is Out!



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Wednesday, October 4  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm. Canasta hosted by Bruce 743-3890 MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thur-Fri-Sat-Sun, October 5-6-7-8  
 Nevada Gay Rodeo Association presents the BigHorn Rodeo in Last Vegas. More later.

Thursday, October 5  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet on Fabulous 4th, the Premier Central Tucson GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating caffeine enhanced beverages, delicious food, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

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Saturday, October 7  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 8:30a.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. We invite you to join us for our monthly Pot Luck Dinner and to get to know the members of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to cruise an array of hot dishes, meet new men, and greet friends. Reservations are not necessary. Bring your favorite dish to share. If you don't cook, bring restaurant, deli, or grocery pre-cooked food. Call Steve at 745-0304 for location and directions.

Sunday, October 8  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail 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!

Tuesday, October 10  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A "whistful" evening of Bridge with host Michael at 326-3555. Please plan and call ahead for an evening of fun, and challenge your skills or learn new ones. And when your Bridge partner excuses himself to go to the bathroom, at least then you will know what he has in his hand!

Wednesday, October 11  
 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, October 12  
 #1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Sunrise Scientists And Music! Great American Music! Broadway Musicals-Plus! Lecture 1: The Essence of the Musical Lecture 2: The Minstrel Era (1828 to c. 1900) Contact Tom at 744-9036 Special Added Attractions. You asked for it! Come and get it!

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Friday, October 13  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts 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 Lloyd at 792-8537. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Saturday, October 14  
 GMAC Mortgage in partnership with Chicanos Por La Causa is presenting a free home buyer orientation seminar in Tucson for those interested in beginning the home buying process. It will be hosted by experienced, bilingual loan officers who will be onsite to teach the basics on understanding the mortgage loan application and understanding your credit. Loan officers will also be available for one-on-one counseling regarding different home financing programs and to guide participants through the pre approval process. Attendees seeking additional resources such as down payment assistance and credit counseling, will also have an opportunity to meet with bilingual housing counselors from Chicanos Por La Causa's housing department. 9:00 a.m. until Noon at Chicanos Por La Causa, 200 N. Stone Ave. (corner of Stone Ave. and Alameda St.) You must pre-register by calling 1-800-572-0924. The seminar is free and open to the public.

Tucson Pride In The Desert (Formerly known as OUToberFest) at Reid Park.

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Sunday, October 15  
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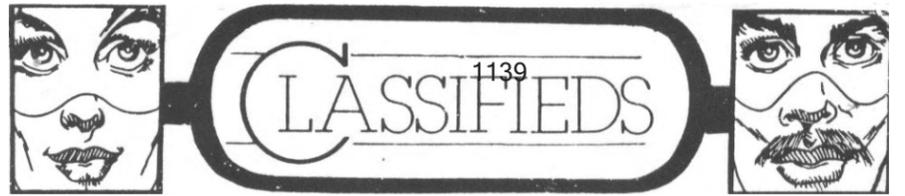
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**IBT's -Troy's Recovery Bar** noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

**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

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## MONDAY

**COLORS** - Closed on Mondays.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Watch Monday Night Football here! \$1 Jumbo Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Domestic Draft Beer at happy hour prices all night.

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:30 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

**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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Pool All Night. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only and open tournaments at 7 and 10. Play for points & prizes - no cash involved.

**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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Karaoke with Roseemry at 8:30pm

**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 Tournery 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 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 and Craig Faltin. 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. 21 and over.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Two-Step lessons with Amanda every other Friday. Call 293-7339 for schedule. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight serving late night munchies menu.

**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. Hot new jazz duo "Sunyatta" performs 7:00-10:00pm.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 11am -9pm. \$2.50 Capt. Morgan or Malibu. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for \$4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Johnny D playing dance mix or check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9pm to midnight serving late night munchies menu.

**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.

## Arts and Entertainment

### Now Playing thru December 17

Live Theatre Workshop - Il Together Theatre's production of Christopher Johnson and Michael Matinez's "The Pirate Queen Of The Caribbean" continues every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. through December 17. \$5.00- \$8.00. Call 327-0160 for reservations.

### Now Playing thru November 1

Gaslight Theatre presents "Phantom of the Opera" adapted by Peter Van Slyke. 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sundays. 886-9428.

### October 6

UofA Presents Jose Feliciano and Sextette at UofA Centennial Hall. 621-3341

### Sunday, October 8

REO Speedwagon at Desert Diamond Casino. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) Or 321-1000. I-19&Pima Mine Road. (Exit 80, 7 minutes South of Tucson. [desertdiamondcasino.com](http://desertdiamondcasino.com)

### October 10 thru 15

A Nederland Broadway In Tucson presentation "The Ten Tenors" - a new musical force to be reckoned with. They have been seen by 77 million

## Arts and Entertainment

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people on 3 continents selling out shows and winning hearts with their unmistakable charm, camaraderie and vocal prowess in opera. Pop, rock and more. Since their debut in 2001, the classically trained all-Australian singing sensation has enjoyed a relentless touring schedule. From arias to ABBA, their unique style is an unparalleled fusion of artistry, musicianship and comedy. Tucson Music Hall, 260 S. Church.

### October 22 thru November 11

Arizona Theatre Company presents August Wilson's "Jitney" the winner of New York Drama Critic's Award for Best Play. Overflowing with passion, poetry and unforgettable characters, August Wilson's plays are important reflections of our American history. ATC Box Office 520-622-2823.

### Saturday, November 4

Jay Leno live at Desert Diamond Casino. Two shows 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) Or 321-1000. I 19&Pima Mine Road. (Exit 80, 7 minutes South of Tucson. [desertdiamondcasino.com](http://desertdiamondcasino.com)

### January 2 - 7

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "All Shook Up". 1-866-821-2929 or online [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

### January 23 - 28

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Altar Boyz". 1-866-821-2929 or online [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

### March 20 - 25

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Rent" 1-866-821-2929 or online [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

### April 17 - 22

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Dirty Rotten Scoundrel". 1-866-821-2929

## BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Miss Gay Arizona Pageant U.S.A. At-Large with guests Raven, Asmanda Nicole, Josie P. Katt and Jasmine Bouvreaux. \$5.00 Cover.

**WOODY'S** - Join the gang as they send off Jay Miller as he works his last shift as a bartender from 8:00 p.m. until closing. Goodbye Jay!

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Brunch and NFL Sunday after AIDS WALK. Drag Bingo with Janee Star and Stella Virgin at 8:00 p.m. Then Karaoke with Michael D. at 9:0 p.m.

**YARD DOG SALOON** - "Pirate's Party" Costume Contest with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cash Prizes. Check it out!

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

**VENTURE-N** - Chef Howard Presents "Italian Night?" here from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

**WOODY'S** - Design your own underwear Party!!!

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

**IBT'S** - Pride Weekend begins here at 9:00 p.m. "I'm A Sexy Bitch" Night with DJ Mike Lopez on the Patio and DJ Dave "Qub" Santora spinning inside on the dance floor.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**IBT'S** - After Pride in the Park come to IBT's "Fire and Ice" Pride Party featuring DJ Q spinning inside on the dance floor and DJ Mike Lopes spinning on the patio.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

**IBT'S** - 4:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Karaoke. Following the Parade on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the Pride Block Party. 9:00 p.m. to closing the hottest 18+ night in Tucson! "The Chicken Coop" featuring DJ Mike Lopez spinning on the dance floor.

# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 (GPGCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpgcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpgcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

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

the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

**T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club,** dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit [www.azgaydance.org](http://www.azgaydance.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus,** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th Street. 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, contact **TEAM ARIZONA** at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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

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

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

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

Pride Weekend. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network** meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th Street. 743-4800.

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

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

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

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner 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 MANTO 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 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. 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, AZ. (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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

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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## Several Events Planned During Visit Of Richard Heakin's Sister Including Gay Pride Activities

While visiting Tucson, Richard Heakin, the young student from Lincoln, Nebraska, was murdered outside of a Gay Bar in June 1976. The tragic death and the justice system that placed the three men guilty of the murder on probation, has always been credited for bringing the Gay Community of Tucson Out, become active and an organized force to be reckoned with the local police and politicians, and the general public's recognition that there was a real G/L community here..

At the time there was the MCC Church and two or three bars catering to the Gay community. No leadership or means of communicating with one another. That's when the Observer began publishing and keeping the community informed. The city's Gays sprang up and out. The City Council passed a non-discrimination ordinance and good things began to happen and change for the local Gay/Lesbian community.

Richard's sister Lori, who has been in touch with the 'Richard Heakin Committee' and will come to Tucson October 12th for a few days, her first visit. Richard's birthday is going to be celebrated On October 13. The committee has been responsible for the Heakin Memorial Bench in front of City Hall, among many other events and activities in the past honoring this young man, and keeping his name alive in our daily lives.

During Lori's visit, she has indicated that she would like it to make it a celebration of Richard's life, meet

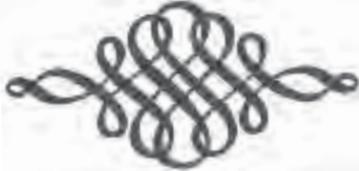


**Richard Heakin 6/6/76**

Tucsonans and tell them what the Heakin memorial means to her family. Plans are in the works with City Hall to mark the visit and activities at other times during the visit.

The Heakin Committee is meeting this Saturday, October 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The public is invited and encouraged to attend and give input. Tucson's Pride Weekend is being celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> so plans will include those activities also.

Please come out and join in the planning Sunday and make Lori's visit a truly memorable occasion



## Appeals Court Rules For Lesbian Parent

ATLANTA - The Georgia Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday (Sept. 27) in favor of a Lesbian parent whose custody had been yanked by a lower court - even though the child's father at one point had been so far behind in child support that he had been thrown in jail, reported advocate.com.

"This is really great news for our client and Gay and Lesbian parents in Georgia," Jack Senterfitt, senior staff attorney in the Atlanta office of Lambda Legal, which litigated the case, said in a written statement. "It means custody arrangements can't be challenged just because a parent is Gay or Lesbian," Senterfitt said.

Victoria Moses, the plaintiff, and Kelvin King never married, but had a daughter together in 1994. After they split up, primary custody of the child was awarded to Moses. After Moses' same-sex partner moved into her home, King sued to change custody. A lower court did so in 2004, even though King had not paid child support for more than a year and a half. On Wednesday, the appellate court reversed that ruling and said that the mother's custody rights should never have been changed.

"Georgia's appellate courts have held that a parent's cohabitation with someone, regardless of that person's gender, is not a basis for denying custody or visitation absent evidence that the child was harmed or exposed to inappropriate conduct," the court noted in Wednesday's ruling.

## Justices Reject Lawsuit Over Anti-G/L Ads

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Supreme Court on Monday (Oct. 2) refused to consider a lawsuit by a religious-right group blocked from airing ads about same-sex marriage, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com. Last spring, the Christian Civic League of Maine attempted to run ads about the state's two U.S. senators, but a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., halted the effort and the Supreme Court refused to step in at the time.

The court issued a one-line order saying the appeal is dismissed as moot. Federal election law bars corporations or labor unions from paying for any radio or TV broadcast referring to a candidate for federal office within 30 days of a federal primary election or 60 days of a general election. The league had wanted to run the ads in time for the Senate debate on a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

The proposal was defeated June 7. The proposed ad asked the public to call Maine's two senators, Republicans Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, and urge them to vote for the amendment. Snowe is running unopposed. The Christian Civic League asked the Supreme Court to consider whether the prohibition violates the group's free speech rights. The Federal Elections Commission and key lawmakers in Congress said the group's appeal is moot because the preliminary injunction sought last spring would no longer have any effect. The league asked for the injunction against "electioneering communication" provisions of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

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