



## ENDA Passes House Without Trans Protections

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The House of Representatives on Wednesday (November 7) passed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) but without protections for trans-workers after more than five hours of debate, wrangling, maneuvering and lobbying.

In the end the House voted 235 - 185, mostly along party lines. (U.S. Representative Raul Grijalva, D-CD 7, voted in favor. U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords, D-CD 8, did not vote.)

The issue of gender identity divided Democrats and led to a rift within the LGBT community.

ENDA originally included all members of the LGBT community, but its sponsor, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) one of only two openly Gay members of Congress, removed gender identity fearing the legislation might not get out of committee.

ENDA, as currently worded, would make it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promoting or paying an employee.

Following the committee vote Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) - the openly Lesbian member of Congress - proposed an amendment that would reinstate gender identity and secured the support of House leadership to introduce it.

After a brief debate on the amendment in the House Baldwin pulled it before a vote. It allowed Baldwin to speak in favor of trans rights on the record, but without a recorded vote Republicans will not be able to use Transgender rights as an election issue in 2008.

In withdrawing the amendment Baldwin said the fight is not over. But ENDA without Trans rights still frustrated some Democrats.

"If we do not have the votes to go forward (with the bill including trans-people) do we do away with the bill altogether?" Frank asked the House.

"I wish we had the votes to ban discrimination of all sorts ... I hope today we will move forward and do as much as we can."

Democrat Jerrold Nadler (NY) disputed Frank's assertion that ENDA without trans protections was the best that could be done and said he could not vote for ENDA as long as it failed to include gender identity.

"Some believe that a bill that does not prohibit discrimination based on gender identity has a better chance of being adopted by the House. I know that those who argue for this route do so out of a sincere belief that this is the best strategy for passage at this time, not because of malice or indifference

towards the Transgender community," said Nadler.

"I believe, however, that civil rights are best advanced by bringing forward a bill that adequately protects all members of the LGBT community.

Democratic presidential contender Dennis Kucinich also voiced his concern that the Baldwin amendment had been withdrawn without a vote.

Republicans opposed ENDA in any form.

Florida Republican Ginny Brown-Waite called ENDA badly worded and possibly misleading, characterizing it as a goldmine for lawyers.

A GOP move to end debate by adjourning the House for the day failed.

"Gay Americans currently hold the dubious distinction of being the only segment of our workforce that can overtly denied an opportunity to contribute to our economy and to earn a living," Deb Pryce (R-OH) one of a handful of Republicans who supported ENDA said when debate resumed.

"The concept of ENDA, the fundamental American right to earn a living, should be a principle around which everyone in this chamber, regardless of party or ideology, should be eager to embrace."

The Human Rights Campaign along with a number of civil rights groups issued an open letter to members of Congress urging the House to pass ENDA even if it did not include protections for trans-workers.

The move made HRC the only major LGBT rights group to endorse ENDA without gender identity. A coalition of more than 300 other organizations said ENDA should only pass with trans-worker protections.

Following the vote, HRC president Joe Solmonese spoke with reporters. "Today, we witnessed the making of civil rights history in the U.S. House of Representatives by the passing of ENDA" said Solmonese. "This vote by Congress is an important step at ensuring that millions of Gay and Lesbian Americans will never again have to go to work in fear of losing their jobs because of who they are."

Gay rights groups have been trying to get a version of ENDA passed since the 1970s when then NY Rep Bella Abzug introduced the first bill. This was the first time such a bill has made it to a vote on the floor of the House.

Even if a final version is

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## Bush Intel Official: Say Goodbye To Privacy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - As Congress debates new rules for government eavesdropping, a top intelligence official says it is time that people in the United States changed their definition of privacy.

Privacy no longer can mean anonymity, says Donald Kerr, the principal deputy director of national intelligence. Instead, it should mean that government and businesses properly safeguard people's private communications and financial information.

Kerr's comments come as Congress is taking a second look at the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Lawmakers hastily changed the 1978 law last summer to allow the government to eavesdrop inside the United States without court permission, so long as one end of the conversation was reasonably believed to be located outside the U.S.

The original law required a court order for any surveillance conducted on U.S. soil, to protect Americans' privacy. The White House argued that the law was obstructing intelligence gathering because, as technology has changed, a growing amount of foreign communications passes through U.S.-based channels.

The most contentious issue in the new legislation is whether to shield telecommunications companies from civil lawsuits for allegedly giving the government access to people's private e-mails and phone calls without a FISA court order between 2001 and 2007.

Some lawmakers, including members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, appear reluctant to grant immunity. Suits might be the only way to determine how far the government has burrowed into people's privacy without court permission.

The committee is expected to decide this week whether its version of the bill will protect telecommunications companies. About 40 wiretapping suits are pending.

The central witness in a California lawsuit against AT&T says the government is vacuuming up billions of e-mails and phone calls as they pass through an AT&T switching station in San Francisco.

Mark Klein, a retired AT&T technician, helped connect a device in 2003 that he says diverted and copied onto a government supercomputer every call, e-mail, and Internet site access on AT&T lines.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, which filed the class-action suit, claims there are as many as 20 such sites in the U.S.

The White House has promised to veto any bill that does not grant immunity from suits such as this one.



**Donald Kerr**

Congressional leaders hope to finish the bill by Thanksgiving. It would replace the FISA update enacted in August that privacy groups and civil libertarians say allows the government to read Americans' e-mails and listen to their phone calls without court oversight.

Kerr said at an October intelligence conference in San Antonio that he finds concerns that the government may be listening in odd when people are "perfectly willing for a green-card holder at an (Internet service provider) who may or may have not have been an illegal entrant to the United States to handle their data."

He noted that government employees face up to five years in prison and \$100,000 in fines if convicted of misusing private information.

Millions of people in this country - particularly young people - already have surrendered anonymity to social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook, and to Internet commerce. These sites reveal to the public, government and corporations what was once closely guarded information, like personal statistics and credit card numbers.

"Those two generations younger than we are have a very different idea of what is essential privacy, what they would wish to protect about their lives and affairs. And so, it's not for us to inflict one size fits all," said Kerr, 68. "Protecting anonymity isn't a fight that can be won. Anyone that's typed in their name on Google understands that."

"Our job now is to engage in a productive debate, which focuses on privacy as a component of appropriate levels of security and public safety," Kerr said. "I think all of us have to really take stock of what we already are willing to give up, in terms of anonymity, but (also) what safeguards we want in place to be sure that giving that doesn't empty our bank account or do something equally bad elsewhere."

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## Festival For Life November 18

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) announced that the 19th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life will take place Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m., The University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom.

The Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life is SAAF's second-largest community fundraising event. All proceeds from this event stay 100% local and help to fund SAAF's vital programs and services.

This event was started in 1988 by Robert Markley (Markley Salon, Tucson) and Jérôme Beillard, who was the Executive Director of People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) - one of the organizations that later merged to become SAAF.

In 1995, just before his death, the PACT Board voted to name the event in honor of Jérôme Beillard and his contributions to the community. Over the years, the event has grown and changed, but the main attraction continues to be the collection of fine artwork on display in the live and silent auction. Over the years, the event has grown and changed, but the main attraction continues to be the collection of fine artwork on display in the live and silent auction. In addition to art, the auction features holiday items, gift baskets, gift certificates, celebrity collectibles, trips, one-of-a-kind experiences and paper prayers.

Enjoy an elegant evening with entertainment, a silent and live auction, great food and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door, and are on sale. Please call SAAF (520) 628-7223, E-mail: [mkrueger@saaf.org](mailto:mkrueger@saaf.org), or visit the Festival for Life website at [festivalforlife.org](http://festivalforlife.org) for more information.

## Tucson Transgender Awareness Week Through Nov. 20

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Tucson's second annual Transgender Awareness Week will take place through November 20.

The project is a collaboration between the University of Arizona and

Wingspan's Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) and will feature a variety of events around the city as well as on the University of Arizona campus. Highlights include Transgender author and performance artist Kate Bornstein in "On Men, Women and The Rest Of Us." Also featured are several informational trainings and Q&A forums, a gallery show featuring local Transgender artist Rae Strozzo, a youth-led Freedom of Expression March, and community fair, culminating with the Ninth Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance candlelight vigil.

Other events of special note are Sunday's screening of the documentary "Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria" with co-director Victor Silverman, followed immediately by A Community Conversation with Public Safety Advocates and Allies, which brings together representatives from police, fire, EMT, court/legal, mental health, and other important services for a frank but friendly dialogue with LGBT people about rights, responsibilities, and mutual respect. For more information, go online to: [sagatucson.org](http://sagatucson.org)

## GLBT Commission Meeting November 27

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The monthly meeting of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) Issues will take place Tuesday, November 27, 5:30 p.m., in the EOO conference room, first floor, 100 North Stone Avenue.

The Commission on GLBT Issues is the official advisory body to the Tucson Mayor and Council. The mission of the Commission is to foster conditions that promote the welfare of GLBT people of metropolitan Tucson, Arizona through education, advocacy and collaborative and advisory relationships with government, community organizations, businesses and individuals. The City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues was originally formed in November 1998 as a mayoral task force, and became an independent city commission in July 1999.

For further information please contact the City Clerk's Office at (520) 791-4213 or go online to: [tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards.php?board=40](http://tucsonaz.gov/clerks/boards.php?board=40) or [tucsonglbtcommission.org/](http://tucsonglbtcommission.org/).

## Final Vote Total Shows No Change In Tucson Election

TUCSON (Observer Update) - All the ballots cast in the November 6, Tucson general election have been tabulated, resulting in no change in the previously reported results.

More than 9,000 ballots were counted after the initial tabulation had been done. These ballots were either provisional (questions over the voter registration), mail-in ballots (returned or mailed and received after Friday, November 2 through 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6) or had cast their votes for write-in candidates.

On election night, the first reported totals are of the mail-in or early ballots received by Friday, November 2, then the ballots cast at the polls on election day, November 6 are tabulated next, then the remaining ballots. Though with no question over the results, the only figure outstanding was turnout by registered voters, which was 30%.

Bob Walkup was elected to another term as Mayor. Regina Romero, Rodney Glassman and Shirley Scott will be on the Council representing Wards 1, 2 and 4 respectively. Voters rejected Proposition 100, a proposed pay raise for the Mayor and Council and Proposition 200, an effort to curtail CAP water.

## Desert Voices Concert Nov. 17-18

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices - Arizona's Premier Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender & straight Chorus - under the direction of Chris Tackett, begins its 19th year of entertaining Tucson and the surrounding areas with a fun-filled season theme of "A life, a community, and a closet crammed full of many Hats!"

The first performances in the "Hats" theme will be "Minding Our Business", a tuneful peek into the workplace. Desert Voices will look at all the ways we pay our rent, put food on our tables, and take care of our families, trying to earn a living while still being true to ourselves.

Performances will be held at the Proscenium Theatre, Pima West Campus, 2202 West Anklam Road, Tucson, Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$20 at the door (\$12 for senior citizens and students) and may be purchased through the Desert Voices Box Office at (520)791-9662 or from Antigones Bookstore on 4th Avenue. Desert Voices accepts Mastercard and Visa.



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**COMMENTARY....**

by John Corvino

**For The Children**

Opponents of marriage equality for Gays often claim that the people most vulnerable in this debate are the children. They're right.

No, it's not because Gays are snatching children out of good heterosexual homes and subjecting them to the "untested social experiment" of same-sex parenting, which "deprives" them of a mother or father. I've observed enough actual Lesbian or Gay parents to know how vacuous and insulting a description this is.

It's because in every walk of life, in every religious denomination, in every political party, and in every part of the country (and the world), some children grow up Gay or Lesbian. These kids deserve the hope of marriage, just like every other citizen.

And these kids are the main reason I continue to travel the country, debating same-sex marriage with Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family, a man some readers—who think they know him much better than I do, despite the fact that they've never met him—have variously labeled a "bigot," a "hater," and an "idiot" (and those are the nicer letters I receive).

Me, they call naïve, an "Uncle Tom," and a "self-loathing homophobe" for my "complicity" with "the enemy."

I understand their anger and frustration. I understand the desire to tell one's opponents to go f\*ck themselves. I've gotten close to it myself, some days.

And yet, some days, I want to tell the same thing to my letter-writers. Mainly, because of what they do to the children.

You see, even if you don't give a damn about Glenn Stanton, Focus on the Family, or any other arm of the religious right, please remember: these people have children, and some of those children grow up to be Gay or Lesbian.

You are not helping such children by telling their parents to screw themselves every time they raise an objection to homosexuality, no matter how sincere the objection.

Sure, it feels good to vent. Sure, it's satisfying to mount a moral high horse and shout, "I'm right and you're wrong!!!" But how much does it usually accomplish?

I'm not suggesting that we be timid in pursuing our goals. I'm not denying that anger has its place. And I'm certainly not saying that we should pretend that our opponents' arguments are reasonable when they're not. Anyone who knows my work knows that I don't pull punches in the face of fallacies.

I am saying that everyone ought to shut up and listen every once in a while. When we do, we learn that (surprise!) our opponents love their kids, too. Their opposition to homosexuality is partly motivated by that love, no matter how misguided it might otherwise be.

That doesn't make their position "okay," but it does make it more comprehensible, and ultimately a bit more tractable.

Recently I've lamented the fact that my opponents are either not

showing up or not speaking up at my public forums. I'm not sure how to fix this problem—or even if it can be fixed—but I continue to regret it, since it robs us all of the opportunity for dialogue. Their absence or silence does not mean their acceptance. (You may not give a damn about their acceptance, but their kids do.)

My critics might worry that I've proven too much here. After all, white supremacists have kids, too. So do the Phelps. Would I engage in dialogue with them?

It's a good question. A few thoughts:

First, anyone who can honestly look at the current political and social landscape and think we're at the same place in fighting homophobia as we are in fighting white supremacy (or the Phelps) needs to get a reality check. I wish our opponents' errors were obvious to virtually everyone, but apparently, they're not. Just check the polls.

Second, I have never observed a productive dialogue with a white supremacist or the Phelps. Maybe more talented and patient people than I could achieve one. By contrast, I have both observed and engaged in productive dialogues on same-sex marriage—dialogues that move audience members, some of whom write to me. (Many of those audience members are students, who appreciate the fact that I challenge their parents without demonizing them.)

But to tackle the question directly: yes, white supremacists and the Phelps have kids, too. And if I thought that I could save just one of

those kids by patiently engaging his or her parents, I would. You may call me whatever names you'd like.

(John Corvino is a writer, speaker, and philosophy professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. His column "The Gay Moralist" appears bi-weekly at 365Gay.com, from which this is reprinted.)

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Kurt Opsahl, a senior staff lawyer with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, an advocacy group that defends online free speech, privacy and intellectual property rights, said Kerr's argument ignores both privacy laws and American history.

"Anonymity has been important since the Federalist Papers were written under pseudonyms," Opsahl said. "The government has tremendous power: the police power, the ability to arrest, to detain, to take away rights. Tying together that someone has spoken out on an issue with their identity is a far more dangerous thing if it is the government that is trying to tie it together."

Opsahl also said Kerr ignores the distinction between sacrificing protection from an intrusive government and voluntarily disclosing information in exchange for a service.

"There is something fundamentally different from the government having information about you than private parties," he said. "We shouldn't have to give people the choice between taking advantage of modern communication tools and sacrificing their privacy."

"It's just another 'trust us, we're the government,'" he said.



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# Kennedy To Introduce ENDA In Senate



Civil Rights Act. I said then that 'I firmly believe a sense of fairness and goodwill also exists in the minds and hearts' of Americans, and that laws creating the conditions for equality will help that spirit of fairness win out over prejudice. I still believe that today."

The White House has said President Bush will veto ENDA if it is passed. It also has threatened a veto of the Shepard Act. That bill is currently in conference, working out differences between the House and Senate versions. Sen. Kennedy tagged the bill to legislation on military spending. If the bill in that form goes to the White House Bush would have veto the spending bill to kill the Shepard Act. A similar move could be used to prod the President on ENDA.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) says he will introduce a Senate version of the the Employment Non-Discrimination Act in the current session. "I'm working with leadership to move this bill forward as quickly as possible," Kennedy said in a statement, reported 365Gay.com.

The Massachusetts Democrat has a long history of advocating for LGBT civil rights. Most recently he guided the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Act to passage. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act passed the House on Wednesday without protections for the Transgendered.

The Senate bill also is expected to exclude gender identity. Republican are expected to mount less opposition to the bill in Senate. GOP Sen. Susan Collins (Maine) has announced she will be the lead co-sponsor. In a statement Collins said that passage in the House "provides important momentum. There is growing support in the Senate for strengthening federal laws to protect American workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation," she said in her statement.

ENDA would make it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in hiring, firing, promoting or paying an employee. "Forty-three years ago, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964. At that time, some in our country were violently opposed to outlawing racial discrimination, and it was very difficult for Congress to reach a consensus," recalled Kennedy. "But the best in America, and the best in the Senate, prevailed. My first major speech in this body as a freshman Senator was on the

## Anderson, Delafreniere Agree On Resolution In Year-Long Disagreement

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Equality Arizona has announced that Tom Anderson, owner of Anderson's Fifth Estate, and Michele deLaFreniere have agreed on an amicable resolution to the nearly year-long disagreement between the two.

Anderson has converted an existing single-stall private restroom into a gender-neutral facility and has agreed to welcome all people into Anderson's Fifth Estate, regardless of gender identity or expression; deLaFreniere has agreed to withdraw the sex discrimination complaint that she filed with the Civil Rights Division of the Arizona Attorney General's office.

In coming to this accord, both Anderson and deLaFreniere articulated a mutual recognition of each other's integrity, acknowledged a shared value in family, and expressed that the human dignity of all people should be respected. The agreement was the result of a face-to-face conversation facilitated by Equality Arizona on Friday, November 9.



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# Reveille Men's Chorus - First U.S.-Based GLBT Chorus To Receive International Invitation To Tour As Guests Of Brazilian Government

Reveille Men's Chorus—First US-based GLBT Chorus to Receive International Invitation to Tour as Featured Performers in São Paulo, Brazil as Guests of the Brazilian Government.

TUCSON - In early November 2007, Reveille Men's Chorus received an official invitation from the Secretary for Sexual Diversity & Community Partnership in São Paulo, Brazil, to present a series of high-profile, televised performances to commemorate World AIDS Day on December 1, 2007. Brazil's progressive social and political environment allows for invitations for an organization like Reveille to participate in São Paulo's commemoration of World AIDS Day via an all-expenses paid tour. However, unfortunately, Reveille had to postpone the invitational tour due to local commitments and its upcoming Holiday concert series, A Twisted Christmas, to be performed at Grace St. Paul's Church on 11/29 (7:30), 12/01 (8PM) and 12/02 (3PM). The invitation has been extended to a future event in February 2008 or June 2008 and Reveille has accepted the gracious invitation.

We firmly believe that Reveille is the first GLBT Chorus to receive an all-expenses-paid invitation from a foreign government to perform overseas. The prestigious invitation is absolutely in step with Reveille's new mission statement which incorporates public health and HIV/AIDS awareness elements to its outreach. Nowhere in the GLTB choruses movement has there been an effort to tie the social and performance outreach to public health and HIV/AIDS causes in underserved communities. Reveille, although a smaller chorus compared to other major GLBT choruses in the US, has been the leader in calling attention to the need for a greater sense of outreach services and has been the innovator in presenting benefit concerts as outreach. Also, Reveille created a \$2M fundraising opportunity, "An Artful Opportunity," in conjunction with a philanthropist from Vancouver, BC, Canada, which will benefit a clinic for HIV/AIDS patients in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, GALA Associate Choruses throughout the US to help them with their own outreach efforts, and GALA Choruses, Inc., itself with a startup fund to create GLBT choruses internationally. This fundraising opportunity will be

rolled out to other non-profit organizations in the US with missions related to HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. In this past summer's Mexico benefit concert tour, "Beyond the Border," Reveille performed in Guadalajara, Puerto Vallarta and Mexico City, Mexico, to help HIV/AIDS organizations raise much-needed funds. Individual singing members and supporters paid their own transportation, lodging and meals in Mexico; no grant monies were used for this tour. Reveille was able to bring together HIV/AIDS organizations and women's' and children's' social welfare organizations to work for a single, important cause: HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. More information is featured in published articles from GALAgram, GALA Choruses' news bulletin. See also [www.galachoruses.org](http://www.galachoruses.org).

In addition to its international outreach efforts, Reveille continues to serve the Greater Tucson community with recent past performances at the opening of Wingspan's Gala at TCC, TIHAN's Interfaith Services during AIDSWalk 2007 and TIHAN's Musical Potpourri. Also, RMC's members will staff the Silent Auction at SAAF's Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life on November 18th. Furthermore, Reveille will take its outreach across the border to Nogales, Mexico, to present a Holiday Concert for our neighbors and friends in Nogales. As always, Reveille is available for other community outreach performances and we encourage local organizations to contact RMC regarding availability and lead times.

Locally, Reveille's will present its Holiday Concert, "A Twisted Christmas," at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church on East Adams Street on Thursday, November 29th at 7:30PM, and Saturday, December 1st at 8PM and Sunday, December 2nd at 3PM.

Familiar Christmas tunes and not-so familiar "Twistmas" tunes...Reveille will tweak your hearing and your memory about familiar lyrics and bring you laughter to start your Holiday Season.

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In April 2008, the musical feast, "Dim Sum & Then Some: A Foreign Affair," will resonate at The Berger Performing Arts Center on the campus of the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind on April 25th, 26th and 27th, 2008, with performances starting at 8PM except for matinee performance on Sunday, the 27th, at 3PM. In May 2008, Reveille will record its fourth CD with a CD-release party shortly thereafter. Music will include repertoire performed in the "Beyond the Border" benefit tour to Mexico.

Reveille also will travel to Miami, Florida, in July 2008, to participate in GALA Choruses Festival VIII along with more than 5,000 singers from GLBT choruses around the world. To close the 2008 season and as an added highlight to the inaugural year of a new name and mission, Reveille will travel to Mexico City, Mexico, in August 2008, to perform as the featured artistic ensemble at the XVII International AIDS Conference.

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approved by both houses it is likely to be met with a presidential veto. The White House said the bill is likely unconstitutional and that if it passes in Congress the president's senior aides would recommend vetoing it. Two other amendments to specifically address White House concerns were passed. One would tie religious exemptions to the same wording as currently in the civil rights act. The other would specify that ENDA does not negate any section of the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

"Now that HR 3685 has passed, we continue our focus on educating Congress on the need to advance a bill which our entire community supports," said Jon Hoadley, Executive Director of National Stonewall Democrats, referring to the lack of rights for Trans workers. "While we may disagree on past strategy, we share the concerns of Congressional leaders who seek to correct legal discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender iden-

tity."

The National Black Justice Coalition also lamented the lack of trans protections. "Though we are extremely disappointed that the version of ENDA which passed the House today did not include protections from discrimination based on gender identity, and thereby would continue to leave Transgender Americans without employment protection, this is a step in the right direction," said NJBC Executive Officer H. Alexander Robinson. "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people are vital contributors to our nation and deserve to live free from discrimination and fear of losing the ability to support their families."

## Ninth Annual International Transgender Day Of Remembrance. November. 30

TUCSON (Observer Update) - An interfaith vigil, procession and social presented by Wingspan Anti-Violence Project will mark the ninth International Transgender Day of Remembrance, Tuesday, November 20, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., starting at Catalina Park (Fourth Avenue and 2nd Street) and proceeding to Wingspan.

The International Transgender Day of Remembrance is a time to honor and mourn those who have died in the past year and to raise awareness of hate crimes against Transgender people and people who are targeted because of their gender identity and/or gender expression. The outdoor service will feature comments from local community members, a reading of the names of the dead, and a candle-lighting ceremony at the park followed by a sunset procession down Fourth Avenue and a reception at Wingspan.

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**My Choice**

A few nights ago I was confronted with the question on the choices we make during our lifetime?

I was hanging out with friends and that's when a heterosexual friend asked me my opinion on whether I was born as a homosexual or if I believed it to be a choice?

My opinion whether it is the right one or the wrong one, is just mine. The only way I could answer him was in the following manner

The dream of a lifetime, for some of us, is blue skies, beautiful warm days, playing in the rain and walking hand in hand with our sweetheart. I believe, for some of us, from the beginning it's normal to dream of the white dress and all of our family and friends cheering us on as we're willing to take that next step into the rest of our lives .... or perhaps waiting for the day that we can follow in the footsteps of brave men and women before us, who laid the foundation of the American way "Justice, liberty and freedom for all"....

A two-story house with a two-car garage, a big yard for your dog and a white picket fence, in a safe neighborhood with a good school for your 2.5 children would be great.... I've been brought up to believe this was the ideal life.

My pastor once had a conversation with me about the rights and wrongs of a good Christian life, in that lesson we talked about homosexuality and how it was an abomination .... "A Choice" made to appease the flesh punishable by disinheritance from the kingdom of God .... "Well, that sucks"! I live my life working diligently to do the right thing and then the rule book of life comes out with that! Now I know how Moses must have felt; however, if that was not bad enough toward the end, he persisted to inform me that my soul would be case into a lake of fire!

I've spoken with my friends and they expressed that their Priests, Rabbis and Bishops had somewhat the same discriminations toward us!?!

If so .... Isn't that what our religious leaders are teaching us from the beginning? I thought they were supposed to teach us tolerance, that we must love the sinner but not the sin.

I confess as a child I saw the differences, but I also felt the pain .... Growing up things within me were changing.... my friends' parents didn't want me around as much, my family was embarrassed of my soft ways, in gym class I was treated as a leper .... perhaps I had to change my so-called "choice" so I would lie to myself so I could lie to the world.

I learned to embrace the lifestyle of a heterosexual and in so doing tried my best to deceive myself into believing that I was happy. I began to forget who I was, in order to secure the love of my family and friends .... so that I would not be cast off into exile like many others.

Do you know that 62% of our homeless youth have sexual/gender issues? "What a shame" so I suppose that's probably why in a country where all the American dream of white dress, picket fence and serving our country well and with pride, to this day is an unbeatable American dream,

In the back of my mind I

remembered my teaching and the one that has always been there is "To thine own self be true". That has helped carry me through, and to realize that some people call God's greatest gift .... us, our compassion, our yearning and our need to love, sinful and heretic. Some that truly perhaps never had experienced those feelings or can't understand that someone like me, a normal male, has the potential to possess these feelings for another male. I used to think within myself, maybe if I had lived another way ....

A husband to a wife, a father in a loveless marriage, my soul hardening from the lack of touch.... The lack of love...

I confess such endless days and nights .... would indeed be punishment greater than any you could ever imagine.

Please don't misunderstand what I'm saying. I believe in God in Jesus Christ and the teaching of morals and family values. It's the teaching of hate and ignorance!!!

Of what maybe you just don't understand, or know much about to form an opinion .... That's what I have a problem with .... I tried following in my parents' footsteps, I'd marry and have sons and daughters, I'd honor my family, spending my time trying to suppress my feelings, trying to forget who and what made me feel whole; consequently, when I did... I'll wonder why I obeyed all the rules of God and Country .... Because no biblical Hell could ever be worse that the state of perpetual inconsequence.

I've made the best of my life, but if you were faced with my life - how would you live it differently?

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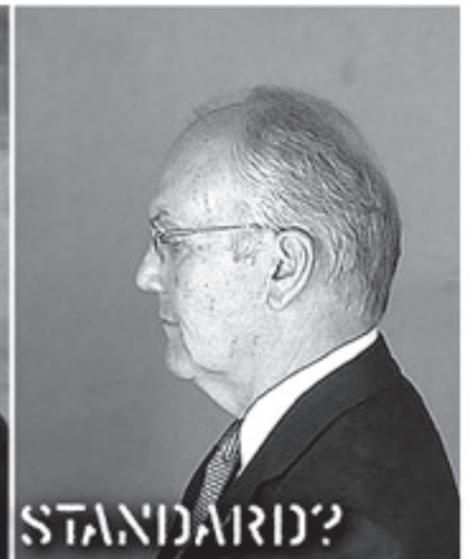
# Echo Contraire Crowned Miss Carousel 2007

By Jorge R. aka Miss Reyna

Echo Contraire was crowned Miss Carousel 2007 last Sunday evening, at Howl At The Moon. Amber Alert was awarded the vital role of 1st alternate. Monies raised that night benefited T.I.H.A.N. The pageant is an annual fundraising competition/event created for "non-professionals" & inexperienced people who are interested in experiencing the art of female impersonation. The individuals involved with MRM productions would like to thank Howl At The Moon for being the host bar for The 12th Miss Carousel event. The friendly hospitality of the bar staff was greatly appreciated, and in addition we would like to thank owners Pat and Libby for all their assistance in making that night happen for us, including a great job at the DJ booth. Together they didn't hold back in making us all feel at home. Also deserving much praise is the extensive cast of performers who donated their time & energy to the Carousel Pageant and T.I.H.A.N. fundraiser. As it was said

on the microphone, it is not easy to perform to a smaller crowd, however each and every performer gave their all as if they were standing in front of a crowd of 1000, and that makes us all the more grateful. Among the hard working cast of performers were Stella Virgin, Adrienne Alexander, Janee Starr, Jessica Devereaux, Vivika, Miss Reyna, Miss Leading, Co-host Jason L. aka Diana Flair, and Pageant creator Misti Malone. We would also like to thank Ray Gregg, owner of the Yard Dog, for sponsoring the crown. If I left any names out please forgive me—every person who helped & contributed is important to us. A very special thank you goes out to Miss Kimi Sum Do Me and Alotta Whoremoans for making our contestants look so lovely. I think it's also important to thank the people who did attend the event and gave very generously to the cause—you kept our energy going till the end. Please watch out for Tucson's newest performers Echo Contraire & Amber Alert this year as they perform for you during various up coming events.

# NGLTF To Senate Ethics Committee: Larry Craig Probe Homophobic



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) delivered a letter to Senator Barbara Boxer and Sen. John Cornyn, the Republican vice chairman of the ethics panel, claiming that the committee has singled out Craig for investigation because his behavior is homosexual while ignoring equally repugnant behavior by heterosexual Senator David Vitter of Louisiana, towleroad.com reported.

Sen. Vitter's conduct. There is no explanation for the diametrically opposed responses to these two situations, other than hypocrisy tinged by homophobia. There are only two ways to resolve this: drop the investigation into Sen. Craig or investigate the allegations surrounding Sen. Vitter."

Vitter's name was found in the records of Deborah Jeane Palfrey, the D.C. Madam, and since then, according to The Hill, "allegations have surfaced that Vitter consorted with prostitutes in New Orleans. Jeanette Maier, who was convicted in 2002 for running a brothel, has claimed Vitter was a client." Vitter has been an outspoken defender of "the sanctity of marriage".

An ethics probe of Vitter has yet to be launched, NGLTF sees it as evidence of a "witch hunt motivated by the homophobia of GOP Senate leaders." The group is demanding a response.

The letter from NGLTF vice chairman Matt Foreman is scheduled to be delivered today and reads, in part: "We are writing to state the inherent contradiction between your treatment of allegations of ethical misconduct by Senator Larry Craig and Senator David Vitter and to insist that you open an investigation into

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## Corporate Courage

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Chance Mitchell and Justin Nelson struggled to launch the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) in 2003, gfn.com reported. With an ambitious mission to expand the economic opportunities of the Gay business community, they knew they needed founding members with the clout and credibility to give their nascent advocacy group the respect it would need in national, corporate boardrooms. Mitchell and Nelson were convinced the NGLCC would be an effective tool to spotlight undervalued Gay employees and businesses.

They just needed one big name to lead the way. Enter IBM, who signed on as a founding member. "If they hadn't joined, there wouldn't be a chamber," said Nelson on the occasion of the Washington-based group's fifth anniversary dinner. JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Motorola, Intel, American Express, American Airlines, and a constantly expanding roster of corporate partners, small businesses and satellite chambers soon followed Big Blue. The financial and corporate world, motivated internally by some brave and forward thinking executives, finally began paying the Gay community some attention. With some heavy weight assistance from GFN founder Walter Schubert, and other notable business leaders the NGLCC became a reality.

The Washington-based NGLCC celebrated its fifth anniversary with a national dinner and awards ceremony fittingly dubbed "An Evening of Courage," a salute to the savvy and far-sighted individuals who fostered the first-of-its-kind organization. Over 400 people, including celebrities Robert Gant (Queer As Folk) Jenny Shimizu (Dante's Cove) and tennis legend Martina Navratilova, celebrated the NGLCC's success at the National Museum Building in Washington. Navratilova, co-founder of the Rainbow Card, was awarded the NGLCC/American Airlines Extra Mile Award for her tireless dedication to Gay business advocacy and visibility. "I'm not interested in tolerance, I'm committed to equality," said Navratilova. "Working with organizations like the NGLCC helps promote equality in the corporate community."

With over 24,000 members, the NGLCC has grown from a challenging dream to a not-for-profit national umbrella advocacy organization dedicated to expanding the economic opportunities and advancements of the Gay business community. "The NGLCC has strived to offer our members a wide range of services aimed at increasing their bottom line and building a stronger voice for Gay and Lesbian and Gay- and Lesbian-friendly businesses and professionals," said Mitchell. "This in-

cludes ensuring that Gays and Lesbians that have experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation at work, or have been fired or forced to quit because of their sexuality, or those who won't come out at work for fear of a negative backlash because of their homosexuality, have a voice and a resource."

The NGLCC is also the exclusive national certifying body for Gay-owned and operated businesses. Their Supplier Diversity Initiative (SDI) is modeled after the National Minority Supplier Development Council and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, the certifying bodies for ethnic minority and female-owned businesses. The SDI creates opportunities for Gay-owned businesses to gain development and procurement opportunities with major corporations. Corporate membership in the NGLCC doubled in 2007, a sign of continued corporate support of the Gay community. Thanks to the efforts of the NGLCC and similar organizations, homosexuality, once a career-killing secret, has become an economic advantage. "The business, corporate and financial community have been ahead of the curve and more progressive than so of our politicians," Nelson said. "Our list of members is a testament to that fact."

Other honorees at the event included the Wyndham Hotel Group (NGLCC Corporation of the Year), the Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (LGBT Chamber of the Year) Robert Hanson, President of Levi Strauss North America (Courage in Business Award) Hanlon Brown Design (NGLCC/Wells Fargo LGBT Business Owner of the Year), and Irwin Drucker Program Director GLBT and International Programs, Supplier Diversity, IBM Global Procurement (Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year Award).

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Most Americans continue to balk at the idea of same-sex marriage but a new poll shows a record number support civil unions, reported 365Gay.com. The ABC News/Washington Post, released Thursday (November 8), shows that 55 percent of Americans believe Gay and Lesbian couples should be allowed to form civil unions and have the same rights as married opposite-sex couples in the areas of health insurance, inheritance and pensions.

It is the first time a clear majority has shown such support. The previous high in an ABC/Post poll was 51 percent in 2004 and fell within the margin of error. Last year the poll found only 45 percent supported civil unions. The new poll shows the greatest opposition comes

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Normal: transsexual CEOs, crossdressing cops, and hermaphrodites with attitude by Amy Bloom (Random House). In Normal, author and psychoanalyst Amy Bloom records her process of discovery of three very normal human phenomena; female-to-male transsexuals, heterosexual male crossdressers, and the intersexed (a preferred term for persons who have been born with ambiguous genitalia). Encouraged by her publisher to expand on her original piece in The New Yorker, Bloom devotes a lengthy and captivating essay to each topic in a non-sensationalistic, investigative style.

Bloom briefly places each phenomenon in historical context, followed by recent medical and psychological standards and data. She then compassionately interviews those closely involved; individuals who were not born with medically "normal" genitalia, female to male transsexuals, crossdressing heterosexual men, their partners and loved ones, social scientists, physicians, and psychologists. Just as Bloom's understanding of gender and sexuality radically changed through the course of writing this book, your own ideas of what is male and female are bound to be challenged by this fascinating and extremely well written book. (Karyn Prechtel)

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## POLL: Majority Support Civil Unions

from evangelicals and conservative Republicans. More than 2 - 1 said same-sex couples should not be accorded any of the rights associated with marriage.

Among Republicans in general, 58 percent oppose civil unions while 39 percent approve. The ABC/Post poll also found the greatest support came from prospective voters under the age of 30. It also found support highest in the East and West while lowest in the South and Midwest. White adults were more receptive while Blacks in general were opposed. Fifty-nine percent of women support same-sex couple rights while for males the figure was lower, at 51 percent. The survey of 1,131 adults was taken by phone between October 29 and November 1 and have a three-point margin of error.

The results will likely be scrutinized by the presidential political campaigns. Among Republicans only Rudy Giuliani has voice support, albeit tepid, for civil unions. Within the ranks of Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, John Edwards and Bill Richardson support civil unions while Dennis Kucinich and Mike Gravel have voiced support for same-sex marriage. Gay and Lesbian couples are legally able to marry only in Massachusetts. Three other states - Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey - allow civil unions. In Vermont and New Jersey state commissions have been examining whether civil unions accomplish equality for same-sex couples. Both commissions are expected to tell their respective legislatures that civil unions should be amended to allow for marriage.



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# COMMENTARY....

by Wayne Besen

## HRC's Broken Promises

This was originally going to be a column defending the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). I had grown tired of people taking cheap potshots at them over inclusion (or not) of Transgender Americans in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). The gratuitous, invective-laced attacks appeared vicious, personal, counterproductive and designed to damage the organization - and hence the overall interests of GLBT people.

Further aggravating me were churlish remarks on Internet chat rooms where supposedly professional activists would say things like, "HRC has no right to speak for me and does not represent the Gay community." Well, the truth is, they do speak for you, by virtue of the fact they are the largest membership organization and have a \$30 million dollar budget. This affords them a unique platform and by claiming their voice is irrelevant, it only hurts the status of the entire GLBT cause on Capitol Hill.

Whether you like it or not, HRC has built the best - or at least most financially viable - mousetrap. America is a free country, and if HRC detractors think they can do better - there is nothing stopping them from marching up to Capitol Hill and making it happen.

Now that I have taken a swipe at the irrational HRC haters, the organization has earned some legitimate criticism on their handling of the ENDA debate. They have made an absolute mess of the situation and damaged their reputation and credibility as an honest powerbroker.

For starters, Executive Director Joe Solmonese told a packed room of Transgender people at the Southern Comfort Conference in September that HRC would oppose any version of ENDA that doesn't include protection for Transgender people. This was followed by an October 2, 2007 press release - posted on the blog Pam's House Blend:

"Since 2004, HRC has had in place a policy that supports only a fully inclusive version of ENDA and the Board of Directors voted to reaffirm that position," wrote Solmonese. "Therefore, we are not able to support, nor will we encourage Members of Congress to vote against, the newly introduced sexual orientation only bill."

Yet - today we come to find that HRC circulated a letter on Capitol Hill - along with other civil rights groups - asking members of Congress to support a non-trans inclusive bill. The letter said, "we urge you to support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and to oppose any floor amendments or motions that would undermine its protections."

Reasonable people can disagree on whether HRC should take this incremental approach or wait for a more inclusive bill. I sided with a more inclusive bill for three reasons:

1) We owe Transgender Americans much for their activism and it is the right thing to do

2) The Transgender community is too small and does not have the money or votes to gain protections on their own.

3) Bush is going to veto ENDA anyway, so we should use this as an opportunity to educate America on Transgender Americans.

The other side, led by Rep. Barney Frank, believes that we should seize the moment and pass a bill that has been stymied for 30 years. This, of course, is a difficult debate, and Frank's position is not without merit.

What is unacceptable, is for HRC to tell a packed house of Transgender people that they will stand up for them - and then pull the rug out when the going gets tough. The promise of inclusion should never have been made unless HRC intended to keep its word.

In full spin mode, HRC is claiming that they are simply adjusting their position to new facts on the ground - meaning they polled Congress and they won't pass a trans-inclusive bill. This explanation is alarming, in that one would think HRC would have taken a "whip" count on their signature piece of legislation before they ended up getting whipped. Had they no idea of where Congress stood before making such flowery promises at the Southern Comfort conference? And, if they were aware of the vote count, why did they offer promises they did not intend on delivering?

It was sad to listen to Solmonese dissemble on Mike Signorile's Sirius satellite radio show about how he was for a trans-inclusive bill before he was against it - and unable to answer the simple question: "Why should we believe any of your future grandiose statements about equality?"

HRC needs to learn to take a position and stick to it - or they can expect chronic detractors to stick it to HRC. A little honesty will go a long way in defusing battles that damage the entire community and divide our collective energies. There are those - like myself - who appreciate HRC as our voice in Washington. However, the organization is at its best when this voice is not coming from both sides of its mouth.

(Wayne Besen is an author, activist, columnist, public speaker and is the founder and executive director for Truth Wins Out, an organization that counters the ex-Gay movement and right wing disinformation campaigns. This oped is reprinted from 365Gay.com)

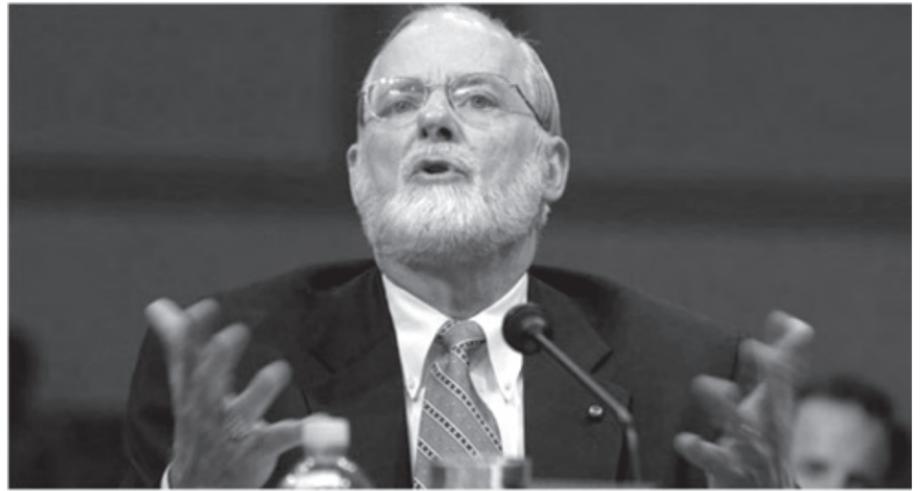
### Gay Man's Killer Denied Parole

HOUSTON, Texas (Observer Update) - A man serving a 45-year sentence for the 1991 brutal stabbing of a Gay man outside a Houston Gay club has been denied parole, 365Gay.com reported. Jon Buice, 33, was one of ten men convicted of killing Paul Broussard, a 27 year old bank employee. The others received shorter sentences have since been released. Buice was identified as the man wielding the knife and got the longest sentence.

On July 4, 1991 the gang of ten teenaged men set out looking for Gays to attack. They spotted three Gay men leaving a Gay club in the Montrose area and began beating them. Two of the victims escaped with only minor injuries, but Broussard was not so lucky. He suffered a broken rib, crushed testicles and two stab wounds in the chest and stomach and died as a result of the stabbings. None of the perpetrators has apologized for the murder of Broussard.

For years Broussard's mother, Nancy Rodriguez, went to parole hearings

## Holsinger Hints That He's In!



LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (Observer Update) - Dr. James Holsinger may soon slide into the surgeon general chair. Despite Congressional hesitation, the controversial "anti-Gay"

doctor and United Methodist mouthpiece has been telling pals that President Bush will unceremoniously appoint him during the forthcoming legislative holiday.

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to successfully fight their early release. This week she was back at the parole board to fight Buice's bid for parole. He served only about a third of his sentence.

Rodriguez said she would return in two years when Buice is again eligible for parole.

## R. Scott Hitt, Former Presidential AIDS Advisor Dies



WEST HOLLYWOOD, California - Pioneering AIDS physician R. Scott Hitt, passed away Thursday, November 8. He was 49, 365Gay.com reported. Hitt practiced medicine in Los Angeles and was tapped by President Clinton to served as Chair of the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. A family spokesperson said Hitt passed away from metastatic colon cancer.

In addition to his work in the Clinton administration, Hitt co-founded Access Now for Gay and Lesbian Equality (ANGLE); founded the American Academy of HIV Medicine; and served on the boards of numerous AIDS and LGBT organizations, including AIDS Project Los Angeles, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and Equality California "Scott Hitt was a pioneer in the battle against HIV/AIDS. Working with President Clinton,

Scott was responsible for creating policy that saved thousands of lives," said David Mixner, author, political strategist and civil rights activist. "He fought discrimination and was a powerful force within the Democratic Party. We shall miss his voice."

Over the last eight years Hitt made a commitment to help foster the next generation of advocates. In the summer of 2007, he founded the R. Scott Hitt Foundation (hittfoundation.org) which strives to advance the development and training of socially conscious individuals interested in becoming the future leaders in LGBT community activism. "It was his belief that the LGBT community must continue to develop individuals from within their community who can articulate LGBT positions, stand up against the radical right and help see to it that America is not duped into believing that there is any group that should ever be treated differently than how they would have their own sons and daughters treated," the foundation said in a statement.

He was diagnosed with colon cancer in 1999, but did not slow down. Hitt was born in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by his long time partner Alex Koleszar and two sisters Alana Hoffmann and Heather Martin. A private service and burial will take place in Phoenix, Arizona. A memorial service in Beverly Hills will be announced at a later date.

## Lesbian Ministers Eliminated On 'Amazing Race'

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands - Slow and steady did not win "The Amazing Race" for Kate Lewis and Pat Hendrickson, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The reality series' first-ever Lesbian couple was eliminated in Amsterdam during Sunday's (November 11) episode after losing precious time during a challenge scouring through thousands of bicycles for a color-coded tag.

"I admit I was out of shape," says Hendrickson, who's lost 40 pounds since filming. "I could do much better now." During the race's first Detour challenge, Lewis and Hendrickson opted to search through a parking garage full of

bikes. Looking back, Lewis and Hendrickson wished they would've chosen to hoist furniture up the side of the building. "We definitely could've done that," says Lewis. "I've done macrame, too." Lewis, 49, and Hendrickson, 65, from Thousand Oaks, Calif., tied the knot three years ago. The "married ministers" team are the oldest duo featured in the 12th edition of the Emmy-winning competitive reality series, and the show's first Lesbian couple.

"It isn't something we flaunt, yet it isn't something we cover," Hendrickson told The Associated Press during a telephone interview. "That was what we were hoping would come out of this. It's just part of who we are." Throughout the race, Lewis, an Episcopal priest, says the couple frequently prayed in private, away from the reality TV cameras. The pair asked permission from their church to participate in the around-the-world race. "We've been supported 100 percent by our bishop," says Lewis. "We did have to ask permission to do this because we are under vows to our bishop. He didn't even think twice. He was 100 percent supportive."

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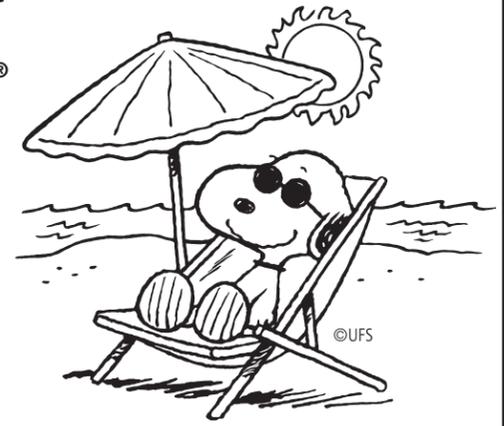
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**POLITICS 2007**  
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**Q-Politics 2008:  
Senator Barack Obama**



During the Democratic National Convention of 2004, held July 26-29 in Boston, Massachusetts, an unknown state Senator from Illinois leapt into the limelight with a speech before the assembled convention delegates, those in the arena and the television and internet watching audience.

Barack Obama delivered the keynote address for the Democratic National Convention, the third African-American to deliver the important speech, setting the tone of the platform and emphasizing the American dream. Obama wowed convention delegates and the so-called "political pundits" with his keynote speech.

After his address at the convention, the talk was about Obama's political future, which was heightened after his election for the U.S. Senate in November 2004, by a landslide margin, defeating current Republican presidential candidate, Alan Keyes.

In his first two years as a U.S. Senator, Obama received a score of 89 from the Human Rights Campaign on his positions (sponsorships) and votes on issues of concern to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS communities in the recent 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, including voting against the proposed, Federal Marriage Amendment.

On a cold day in February of this year at the state Capital in Springfield Illinois, Obama announced his candidacy before a crowd of more than 30,000, for the 2008 Democratic Presidential nomination.

Obama has expressed his opposition to same-sex marriage but has expressed his support for civil unions with the full federal rights and benefits, totalling 1,138, which he has stated can be done through the repeal of the Defense of

Marriage Act that prohibits federal recognition of Gay and Lesbian couples.

According to Obama, Gays and Lesbians would have the same rights, in regard to adoption, as heterosexuals do.

Legislation to allow bi-national Gay and Lesbian couples to be together in the United States was introduced in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress and is known as the Uniting American Families Act (UAF). Obama has expressed reservations over the potential of fraud about UAF and didn't express support or co-sponsor the measure in its current incarnation or when it was introduced in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Obama co-sponsored legislation in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress (S. 311) to provide Medicare coverage to low income, HIV positive Americans and has expressed support for increased funding for HIV/AIDS research and programs.

Gays and Lesbians would be able to serve openly in the military if Obama had his way, since he has expressed opposition to the federal law, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which prohibits openly Gay and Lesbian Americans from serving openly in the armed services.

Protecting the rights of worker from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is something Obama supports.

Obama has expressed his desire to expand current federal hate crimes statutes to include sexual orientation and gender identity. While in the Senate he has cosponsored to the two versions of the proposed federal Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act that has been introduced in the previous and current session of Congress.

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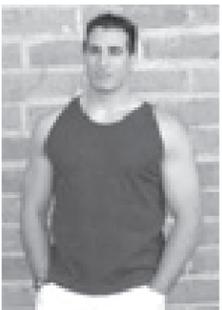
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# Around The Nation

OKEECHOBEE, Florida (Observer Update) - Attorneys for the Okeechobee County school board in south Florida are planning to enlist experts to testify about the "negative effects of homosexual sex" in their fight to prevent a Gay-straight alliance (GSA) from meeting at Okeechobee High School, reported *advocate.com*. "This is the most rabidly homophobic response that the school board could have taken," American Civil Liberties Union attorney Robert Rosenwald said about a summary of the school board's planned witness testimony in the upcoming trial, according to a report from the Palm Beach Post.

The ACLU is representing the GSA and former Okeechobee High School student Yasmin Gonzales in a suit claiming that the school board's refusal to allow the alliance to meet on campus while allowing other clubs violates federal law. The trial is scheduled to start in March, but ACLU attorney Rosenwald asked for the date to be moved back to September in order to allow more time to prepare. A judge has said the club can meet on school grounds while the case works its way through the courts. The school board has not returned calls for comment, nor have their attorneys released the names of the experts they plan to use. They have argued that the alliance is a "sex-based" club violating a Florida statute requiring schools to teach abstinence "while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage." ...

LANSING, Michigan (Observer Update) The Michigan supreme court is deciding whether the state's universities and governments can offer health insurance to the partners of Gay employees, according to the Associ-

ated Press, reported *advocate.com*. Gov. Jennifer Granholm and attorneys representing 21 Gay couples argue that a constitutional amendment passed in 2004 prohibits only same-sex marriage - not benefits for same-sex partners. Atty. Gen. Mike Cox, however, says the legislation forbids public employers from recognizing domestic partnerships. Republicans hold a 5-2 majority in the state's highest court. In Michigan as many as 20 community colleges, school districts, public universities, and local governments offer benefits that cover at least 375 same-sex couples. The court's ruling is expected by next summer. ...

NEWARK, New Jersey (Observer Update) - Law enforcement officials may be reluctant to investigate whether the execution-style murder of three college students in a Newark, N.J., schoolyard last August was an anti-Gay hate crime because they are reluctant to "out" one or more of the victims, the head of New Jersey's largest Gay rights groups said this week. Steven Goldstein, chair of Garden State Equality, said he and many of the state's Gay activists are worried that police, prosecutors and Newark Mayor Corey Booker may be downplaying evidence of a possible Gay bashing angle to the murders, which stunned Newark residents. "We continue to ask officials to look into the possibility of a hate crime," Goldstein said. "But we are not getting any clear answers, even though there is clearly enough evidence of a potential hate crime."



## Scientists 'Fossil DNA' in Cells Possible Key To AIDS Vaccine

TORONTO, Ontario (Observer Update) - Canadian and U.S. scientists have identified a potential new "Trojan Horse" method for creating a vaccine against AIDS, even as repeated efforts by researchers to prevent HIV infection using traditional immunization approaches continue to fail, 365Gay.com reported. Instead of trying to directly target the rapidly mutating human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the scientists suggest a vaccine could take aim at what's known as fossil DNA - genetic material from ancient viruses that has inserted itself into every human cell over our evolutionary history.

In a study published in the journal *PLoS Pathogens*, the researchers say it appears that HIV reactivates this usually dormant DNA - called human endogenous retroviruses, or HERVs - by disrupting the normal controls that keep it in check. The study found that in some HIV-positive individuals, infection-fighting T cells are able to target HERV-enabled cells, said co-principal author Brad Jones, a PhD candidate in immunology at the University of Toronto. Jones said a huge stumbling block for scientists and drug companies seeking an effective vaccine is that HIV is like a moving target - it exists in many variations and constantly mutates.

"If we can find other ways for the immune system to target HIV-infected cells, we can overcome this problem in making an HIV vaccine," co-author Dr. Keith Garrison, a postdoctoral fellow in experimental medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, said in a statement. "HERV may provide us with a good target to test."

## World's Largest LGBT Church To Break Ground For New Chapel

DALLAS, Texas (Observer Update) - The Cathedral of Hope and the grassroots organization Hope for Peace & Justice will break ground on the Philip Johnson-designed Interfaith Peace Chapel, reported *advocate.com*. The 175-seat chapel is meant to serve as a bold statement of the Dallas-based organizations' commitment to peace and interfaith dialogue and cooperation. The building will be open to congregations of various faiths as well as seekers of peace who claim no particular faith group. It will also serve to provide sharp contrast to the George W. Bush Library, to be built a short distance away on the campus of Southern Methodist University.

The Cathedral of Hope is the world's largest liberal Christian church with a primary outreach to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people. Its local and national church ministries, outreach programs, pastoral counseling, Web site ([www.cathedralofhope.com](http://www.cathedralofhope.com)), and television media touch thousands of lives each day. Hope for Peace & Justice empowers progressive people of faith to be champions for peace and justice. The organization seeks to give voice to principles such as the creation of a culture of peace rather than war; equal rights for all people, not just the majority; and education as a means of societal transformation rather than economic separation.

The groundbreaking is timed to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the Reverend Michael Piazza's installation as the church's senior pastor. Piazza, who now serves as dean of the cathedral as well as president of Hope for Peace & Justice, was senior pastor for 16 years before retiring in 2003.

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# Federal Judge OKs Probe Of G/L Unions At New Jersey Boardwalk Site

Ocean Grove, New Jersey (Observer Update) A federal judge has rejected a lawsuit aimed at blocking New Jersey's Division of Civil Rights from investigating a civil rights complaint by two Lesbian couples that they were told they could not have civil union ceremonies at the pavilion on Ocean Grove's boardwalk, 365Gay.com reported.

The pavilion is owned by the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, a Methodist organization but it is regularly rented out for public functions including weddings. The association told the couples that the pavilion is a religious structure and the denomination rejects same-sex union ceremonies. The state Division of Civil Rights began an investigation after the two couples filed formal complaints. The association filed a federal lawsuit in an attempt to stop the investigation claiming the constitutional right to practice religion was in danger of being violated.

U.S. District Court Judge Joel Pisano dismissed the lawsuit noting the pavilion was not a designated church and that it sat on public property - the boardwalk. In his ruling Pisano said it would be improper for a federal court to block a state investigation into the complaints. He told the association that it could raise its religious arguments before state investigators. After the women filed their complaints the association stopped renting the facility for weddings. The complaints also prompted Garden State Equality, New Jersey's largest LGBT rights group, to ask the the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to reject the Association's tax free status.

In a letter to DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson Garden State Equality pointed out that New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination specifies that land receiving tax breaks must have open, nondiscriminatory access to the public. The DEP then cut off the tax free status of the pavilion. In a letter to the Camp Meeting Association Jackson said that "it is clear that the Pavilion is not

open to all persons on an equal basis." "When is the Camp Meeting Association going to wake up and smell the coffee?" said Steven Goldstein, chair of Garden State Equality. "The Camp Meeting Association has now suffered legal loss after loss at every possible juncture in a discriminatory saga it chose to create. Millions across New Jersey, except for the Camp Meeting Association itself, now understand that civil unions will take place on the Ocean Grove public boardwalk soon again. As Kenny Rogers once sang, you gotta know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em. It's time for the Camp Meeting Association to fold its hand and stop gambling with the future of a town it purports to cherish."

The state Supreme Court ruled last year that same-sex couples must have the rights as opposite-sex married couples but left it to the legislature to decide whether that should be done through marriage or civil unions. Lawmakers chose civil unions, and Gay and Lesbian couples married in areas where same-sex marriage is legal, were regarded as in a civil union in New Jersey. The law went into effect in February. Since then, despite the law mandating equality for people in civil unions with those in opposite-sex marriages, there has been mounting evidence there remains a deep divide between the way the two groups are treated. A commission to examine the effectiveness of the civil union law, created when the legislature passed the bill, is expected to call for the civil union law to be amended to provide for marriage.



# At Least 31 LGBT Candidates Win Elections Across The Country

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Of the 71 Gay and Lesbian political candidates endorsed this year by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, at least 31 were elected on Tuesday November 6, and 10 others won races earlier this year, according to a press release from the political action group, 365Gay.com reported.

"This is the path to change," Chuck Wolfe, president and CEO of the Victory Fund, said in the release. "We are not content to sit on the sidelines and hope others do the right thing for our community. We will step up and lead the fight for a more equal and fair America, and we will win." Among the group's endorsements were Craig Covey, who clinched the mayoral race on Tuesday in Ferndale, Mich., becoming the state's first openly Gay mayor, and New Jersey state assemblyman Reed Gusciora, who came out during his first term and won reelection. The group's 71 endorsements set a new record for an odd-numbered year in which there is no planned federal election. The Victory Fund officially supported 88 candidates in 2006 and said it expects to endorse more than 100 in 2008.

The release highlighted the following races:

Joel Burns, a candidate for the Fort Worth, Texas, city council, advanced to a December runoff election as the top vote-getter after being subject to antiGay smears from an opponent. Craig Covey won his race for mayor of Ferndale, Mich., becoming the first openly Gay mayor elected in the state of Michigan. Michelle Bruce, a Transgender incumbent on the Riverdale, Ga., city council, was the top vote-getter in her race and advances to a runoff election.

New Jersey state assemblyman Reed Gusciora, who became the state's first openly Gay state legislator when he came out publicly during his current term, won reelection to his seat. Jeffrey Anderson was elected to the Duluth, Minn., city council, becoming the

first openly Gay elected official in northern Minnesota. Tim Eustace won his race for mayor of Maywood, N.J. Brian Bates, won a seat on the Doraville, Ga., city council, becoming the first openly Gay Republican ever to win office in the state. Lydia Lavelle won a seat on the Carrboro, N.C., board of aldermen, becoming the seventh openly LGBT candidate ever elected in the state.

## Goodyear Ordered To Pay \$4.4M In Suit

SEATTLE, Washington - A jury has ordered Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company to pay a woman \$4.4 million after finding the company demoted and then fired her after she complained of discrimination because of her sexuality, reported 365Gay.com.

Melissa Sheffield went to court alleging that Goodyear had retaliated against her after she complained her boss had made disparaging remarks about her sexuality. She testified that the boss had made slurs about Gays and Lesbians and when she confronted him he said he knew she was a Lesbian and did not want to work with Gay people. Sheffield also said she heard that the boss carried a gun to work, a violation of Goodyear policy, and she asked him about it. He confirmed he was armed and when she told him that was not permissible, he said if she made him mad he would "pull it out and urinate all over [her]." Sheffield took her concerns to management several times and nothing was done.

Following the complaint about the gun Sheffield was demoted and moved into an area where she had difficulty working because of a previous on the job injury. Eventually she was fired. The company maintained that Sheffield was fired with cause. But two months after the lawsuit was filed the company began a head office directed investigation. The boss was fired as a result of the probe.

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**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**

As much as you may try you can't avoid home projects any longer - they find you. Retro Mars demands your full attention to anything that you have neglected to fix, repair or spruce up. Yet, Gay Rams can go overboard. Parse out your money and effort carefully. It will be especially satisfying if you enlist an able bodied assistant to give you a hand.... or whatever.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**

Queer Bulls rattle on sometimes so watch what you say and how you say it during retro Mars. Opinions are blurted out without benefit of editing. Once something is uttered it is impossible to take it back. On the bright side, the sheer power of your words moves mountains. Do you think you could move a few entrenched politicians out of the power seat? Try. Try. Try!

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

Investments that have been languishing or hibernating may suddenly sprout, flourish and need a bit of weed whacking. Retro Mars lights a fire under any money-related issue so reap the benefits while you can and monitor all expenses to make sure that what comes in does not automatically go out again. Save a little drip for a rainy day bucket, pink Twin.

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

Retro Mars heats your spotlight and there is no escape. There is no reining you in as the urge to begin anew consumes your every move. Seek to meet and greet even if you bowl folks over with the sheer force of your personality. Gay Crabs will let people know who they are...or else! Do it with flair and style not with a sledgehammer. On the other hand....

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**

Your imagination runs amok if you allow the negative effects of retro Mars get the better of you. Don't listen to sinister voices that goad you to seek revenge. At its best, proud Lions will use this time to volunteer for a charitable Gay cause. Well intentioned energy is relentless and impactful. That's certainly much better than worrying yourself sick about crap.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**

You may find yourself going way out of your way for friends and associates. This is fine if your generosity is reciprocated in one form or another (sometimes even a sincere thank you works) but don't be a patsy. Retro Mars gives queer Virgins tremendous drive. Channel this excessive energy somewhere. Just don't squander it on unappreciative cronies and hangers on.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**

Career goes into overdrive as Mars retrogrades. If you have been cooling your jets and waiting for the best time to take off, the runway is clear. Check the flaps and get the okay from the tower. You can soar to new professional heights as long as you take it slow and steady. Proud Libras can elevate like gods or plummet like lead balloons. Try levitating your reputation.

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**

Don't get yourself in a dander because someone disagrees with you and your beliefs. Remember, this is not a personal rejection. It's just retro Mars waving its fist in the air and egging you on to battle. Further, do not pursue any lawsuits now. You are destined to poke the wrong hornets nest. Ouch! Point that stinger tail of yours somewhere else, Gay Scorp.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**

Satisfy your sweet tooth with a piece of arm candy when Mars retrogrades. But don't expect sex alone to cement a relationship. Gay Archers can now place far too much emphasis on the physical instead of the emotional. As satisfying as the encounter may be, it is empty without a significant emotional bond. However, it ain't a bad replacement in the short term....

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**

As hard as it may be, try to compromise with partners instead of purposely upending the applecart of domestic harmony. Taste but don't bite. Pink Caps may have to fight a few dragons now as open enemies bring on the heavy armor. But never fear; While you may be a bit reckless, you also have great reserves of energy that make you strong as a bull.... and about as stubborn.

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**

Aqueerians have the required energy to get the job done, but also yearn for all the credit. The best advice is not to join the cheerleading squad while Mars retrogrades. It can be difficult for you to work for anybody or with anybody else. Keep in mind that stress due to frustration may build up and cause headaches or even accidents. Take a pill or become one.

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**

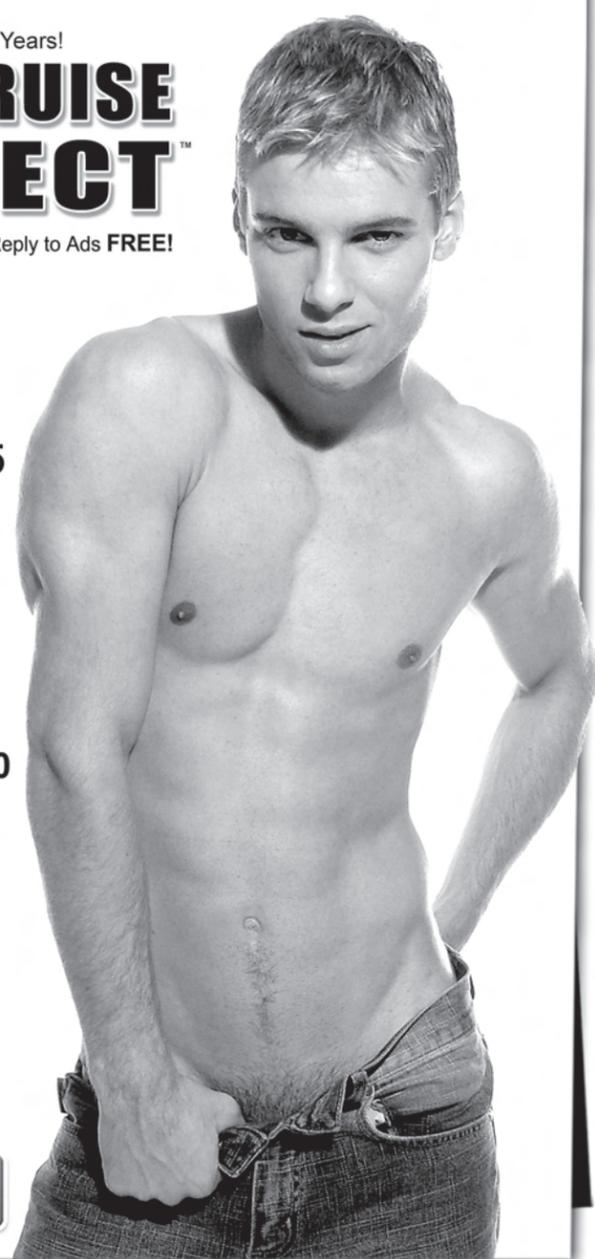
If they gave out medals for partying, you would be a five star general when Mars retrogrades. Guppies live hard, play hard and become virtually insatiable to the point of dissipation. Whoo hoo! But remember that while it is fine to have a little fun, know when to say when. There is nothing sadder that a fish left out to dry in the cruel morning light. But then, what a way to go!

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# 'BJ Bob' Found Guilty



TITUSVILLE, Florida (Observer Update) - Florida Republican legislator and former state co-chair of John McCain's presidential campaign, Bob Allen was convicted Friday (November 9) of solicitation of an undercover officer, joemygod.com reported. Allen faces 60 days in jail, a \$500 fine, and will likely be immediately removed from the legislature.

In July, Allen was arrested in a public park near Titusville, Florida after offering to pay an undercover cop \$20 if Allen could blow him. After his arrest, Allen protested, "I'm not in anyway associated with that they are saying, this is disgusting." He later told investigators

that he only "played along" with the undercover cop because he feared black men. As these things go, Rep. Allen is the author of failed Florida House Bill #1475, the "Lewd Or Lascivious Exhibition Act" which would have made public masturbation in the presence of another adult illegal, whether the other adult consented or not. Florida statutes already cover such behavior for when a minor is present and the bill died in committee.

In 2005, Allen told right-wing Christian site World Net Daily about his "Sexual Predators Elimination Act" which sought mandatory life without parole sentences for those designated as sexual predators. Allen's now-ironic statement to WND: "We can get away from all those expensive law-enforcement time-wasting factors by simply going straight to the root of the problem, and that is the offender, and put them in a locked up place where we know we're safe." The bill was strongly opposed by the Florida ACLU and did not pass. Bob Allen is the local Police Union 2007 Officer Of The Year.

# Michael Feinstein Pens New Song or Start Of Macys Thanksgiving Parade

NEW YORK CITY - When the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade gets under way this year, it will be to the rhythm of a Michael Feinstein song especially written for 600 dancing children, 365Gay.com reported.



The 81st annual parade's opening number - "Making Magic" - was choreographed by John Dietrich of the Radio City Rockettes, with lyrics by Bill Schermerhorn, the parade's creative director.

The children were trained by Camp Broadway, which offers summer programs for youngsters taught by theater professionals. Camp Broadway

has created a special one-week program leading up to the November 22 parade, including a series of workshops, classes and rehearsals for the children. Feinstein, a composer and cabaret singing star, is known for his performances and recordings of American popular songs.

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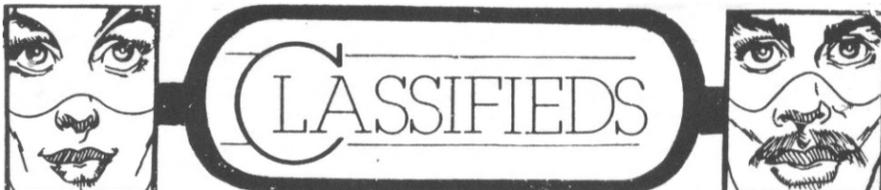
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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

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WEEKLY OBSERVER

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; \$2 Pitchers til 10pm and Rotating Shot Specials all night; Latino Explosion 9pm with DJ Hill. Beer Bust 5-10pm

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well. Appetizers ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - 10am. Starting 9/9. NFL package here. Wear an NFL team t-shirt or jersey and get 50¢ off your drink. Smirnoff Vodkas \$2.50 all day. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournaments at 3 and 6 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. \$1 chili dogs during game.

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. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events); Brunch 11:30am-2:30pm; Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm til 2am. Beer Bust 2-7pm; Bar-B-Que 5-9pm; Karaoke with Michael D. 9p.m.; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9pm; Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm Watch for special events.

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

## MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-10pm; Drink what you want with ½ priced Happy Hour. Poke-Her Monday! Free card lessons 5pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Tourney at 6pm; Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Places. Happy Hour pricing.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers ½ price 4-6m. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour all day & night with \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Watch MNF here! \$1.00 hot dogs during game. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker tourney at 6 & 8:30, Play for points and prizes. No cash involved.

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 Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events) Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

## TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Half-Price Happy Hour 3-8pm. Karaoke 8pm-12am with 2 for 1 drinks.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.50 well margaritas and tequila. 75¢ off call tequilas. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:00 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Fabu Tuesdays with your hostess Chantelle Douglas as your hostess for a mid-week brek. Show starts at 9:30 p.m.

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 Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events). Havana Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Dart Tourney at 9am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink what You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 18 to Party, 21 to Drink! 18 & Over Night w/DJHill at 9pm! Rotating Shot Specials all night. Patio Bar opens @ 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Every Wednesday is "Cabaret Open Mic Night". Sign up at 6:30 - Show starts at 7. MC: Cabaret Diva Liz McMahon. Music Director: Marilyn Harris.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. \$5.00 Jager Bombs and Long Island Ice Tea. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker Tournaments at 6 & 8:30 pm Play for points & Prizes. No cash involved.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Chili Dog Buffet 5-9pm; Underwear/Fetish/Leather Party 9-close - \$1 off all drinks for those who participate (50¢ off draught/schnapps) Back Pocket Patio Bar open 9pm-close.

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

## THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 'Thirsty Thursday' with Tori Steele & Friends! Drag show now ts at 10pm with Tori Steele, China Colliins and guests. \$2 Pitchers and Rotating Shot Specials. Followed by DJ Hill til 2am.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and ½ price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials..

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Mexican Beers \$2.50 all lday, all night. Karaoke starts at 8:30 p.m.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Free Pool all day. Nacho Chip Buffet 5-9pm; \$1 PBRs Longnecks and \$2 Tecate Longnecks; Back Pocket Bar open 8-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

## FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; Rotating weeks Latin or Hip Hop Music with DJ Hill at 9pm. Rotating Shot Specials all night! Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and ½ price appetizers. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.50 Smirnoff Ice. Triple Black, Green Apple and Raspberry Twisters. Free Country dance lessons at 7:30p.m. DJ Pat plays the best of contemporary and classic country 8:30 to close..

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 Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events); Martini Happy Hour 5-8pm-\$1 off all call Martinis; Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8-close. DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close; Watch for special events.

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

## SATURDAY

THE BIZ - \$2.00 U-Call-Its til 11pm. Saturday night dance party with DJ Hill 9pm. Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11am. Happy Hour 11-8pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. \$4.50 cheeseburger & fries. \$2.50 Captain Morgan or Malibu Rum all day, all night. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

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-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Steak/Fish Dinner in the Back Pocket 5-9pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza in the Back Pocket 6-9pm; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close. Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

HOWL AT THE MOON - couples Dance Lessons with Amanda 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

HOWL AT THE MOON - Trans Awareness Week with live Classic Rock music performed b "Too Much Information".

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HOWL AT THE MOON - Line Dance Lesson with Libby 7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

HOWL AT THE MOON - A Farewell Performance by Adrienne Alexander.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

HOWL AT THE MOON - "Glamour Dolls" show hosted by Chantelle Douglas. 9:30 pm.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

HOWL AT THE MOON - Live Jazz and Blues, internationally-known "Mr. Boogie Woogie and the Firesweep Blues Band".

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

HOWL AT THE MOON - MCC Holiday Fundraiser Show.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

HOWL AT THE MOON - Howl-in' the New Year! Starts at 8:00 p.m. Music, food, dancing, champagne,

# Non-Bar Calendar

Friday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 18

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

Monday, November 19

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

Tuesday, November 20th

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Canasta with Bruce. Call for info and directions: 743-3890.

Wednesday, November 21st

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot hosted by Jack. 887-3736. MSN Hand and Foot is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the specific host.

Thursday, November 22nd

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

Friday, November 23rd

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Merlin and Lee host a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, they will be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please contact Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

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

Saturday, November 24th

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday Monthly Pot Luck. Phone host Marvin at 745-0304 for location, driving directions, and info.

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**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, P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

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

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**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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7pm; DeZert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; DeZert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY.** Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message).

**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.

**REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

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

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

**LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group.** Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM 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.

**MEN'S HIKING CLUB - A peer-run MEN's outdoor club** for hiking, biking, camping, boating etc, is now up and running in the Tucson area. To join, go to [SAGETucsonsubscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:SAGETucsonsubscribe@yahoo.com). See you on the trails.

**MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP** (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.



# WORLD AIDS DAY AIDS DAY DAY 2007

**A Week Long Celebration and Awareness of World AIDS Day  
November 26 - December 1**

- Monday - Activism - UA Student Union - 1-6 pm
- Tuesday - Political - Community Foundation - 6:30-8:30pm
- Wednesday - Health - SAAF - 6-8 pm
- Thursday - Faith - UA Student Union - 7-8:30 pm
- Friday - Youth - TBD
- Saturday - World AIDS Day - UA Mall - 11-4 pm

Information: phone 520-628-7223  
or [www.worldaidsdaytucson.org](http://www.worldaidsdaytucson.org)

**A FREE Community Event Brought to You by:**  
 Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation - COPE Community Services, Inc. - Pima County Health Department - Community Foundation for Southern Arizona - Community Partnership of Southern Arizona - Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network - El Rio Community Health Center-Special Immunology Associates - Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona - Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group - Eon Youth Center - ASUA - Pride Alliance

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