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## Richard Heakin Remembered



By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - On Thursday, June 6, 2002, more than three dozen Tucsonans gathered at 2921 North Stone, in front of the former Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) nightclub, recently called Jake's, to remember Richard Heakin.

Heakin was a college student, just 21, who was discovering himself and the world, enjoying life away from his hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska. He was forlorn though, since he would be leaving Tucson later in the day of June 6, 1976 but fate had something else in store for him.

As he was leaving the Stonewall Tavern, as the bar and dance club was called then, in the early morning of June 6, his path crossed those of thirteen teens, who had gone out to "hassle some queers," and he was attacked and beaten to death in the parking lot. Four were charged in Heakin's death and were eventually given probation for the senseless murder, caused by hatred and ignorance.

This brutal act made national news - it was the Matthew Shepard case of 1976. Tucson's GLBT community banded together and got an anti discrimination ordinance passed by Tucson's Mayor and Council, on February 14, 1977, making the Old Pueblo one of the first cities in the nation to have such protections, in employment, housing and public accommodations for GLBT citizens but seemed to leave Heakin

memory behind, since it was his life and untimely death that was the catalyst for action.

Flash forward back to Thursday, June 6, 2002, back in the parking lot. Some people present left flowers, a cross, with Heakin's birth/death dates put up on the fence. Candles, some brought by those remembering Heakin, and others, by the organizers of the remembrance, were lit, some held, others placed by the flowers and cross to complete the makeshift memorial.

Bruce Cole, a member of the Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Committee, said it best when he thanked those present to remember Richard, that this remembrance should have happened 25 years earlier. Perhaps it should have but to those present, young and old, they were glad it was happening at last, since Richard was still alive in their hearts, with his memory - a flame, burning to remind all that the freedom to live and love as we all please, is fragile and priceless, something that seemed to have been forgotten in Tucson.

Memories of Richard and the events were shared by those present and tears flowed. Songs were sung, and the Charles S. Gillispie poem "Why Richard Heakin Will Never Leave Tucson," was read. Joseph Pagan performed a viola solo, and the serenity prayer was said and then, after midnight, those present started to leave, looking back at the makeshift memo-

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## Pride Week In Tucson June 20 - 30

By Mark R. Kerr

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

TUCSON (ON) - When one usually thinks of Pride Week, commemorating the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots and the birth of the modern Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights movement, it would be a series of events usually over seven days in the calendar, during the last week in June but that's not the case in Tucson for this year.

Events, part of the "official" schedule or in conjunction with, to mark Pride, are being held from Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 30 in the Old Pueblo, with fun-filled activities, informational and educational forums for all aspects of Tucson's GLBT populace, to the annual March and Gay West 6, so much in fact that seven days just couldn't cover it.

According to organizers, the plethora of events for 2002 Pride in Tucson where a result of feedback received, stating that there should be events, encompassing all parts of Tucson's GLBT populace, groups and businesses, held during the timeframe.

Pride Week was planned, produced and promoted by Tucson Pride Inc., with the assistance of Tucson GLBT organizations and sponsors. "Pride: It's Not Just A Gay Thing," is the theme for this year's ten-day celebration:

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. - Community Business Association Mixer at Old Pueblo Grill, 60 N. Alvernon Way. Open to anyone who wants to come and meet CBA members. No charge. Cash bar and snacks during the two hours. Guests are welcome to stay and have dinner (at their own expense) following the mixer.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

5:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Pride Week Fund Raising Supper at Sweet Tomatoes, Stone and Wetmore. A coupon must be obtained ahead of time at Wingspan or SAAF. You may also send email to [pride@tucsonpride.com](mailto:pride@tucsonpride.com) or call the Outline, (520) 622-3200, before June 14 and request a coupon by mail. Please leave a complete mail address in your message. 20% of proceeds from persons using coupons will be donated by Sweet Tomatoes to benefit Tucson Pride activities.

7:00 to 11:00 P.M. - Pride Week Miniature Golf Outing, Funstastics Family Fun Park, 221 E. Wetmore, Entry from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Cost for two hours of everything at the park, \$12. Tickets available from Tucson Pride booth at the park.

AHRF 11th Annual Awards Dinner in Phoenix, cocktails from 5:30-6:45 p.m., dinner, awards and entertainment from 6:45 - 10:00 p.m. Tickets are still available; contact Bertie, (520) 628-7223.

The Yard Dog will be holding a Luau. Check their ad in the Observer or the bar calendar section of the publication for more details.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

10:15 A.M. - Sunday Pride Service, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. Second Annual Relationship Blessing immediately following the service, and ice cream social afterwards.

IBT's will be hosting a Rainbow Party. Check their ad in the Observer or the bar calendar section of the publication for more details.

3:00 to 6:00 P.M. - "Getting to Know Your Community" - Pride Week LGBT Community Gathering at Nation's Hall, Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave. Food, snacks and drinks will be provided and the event is open to all. - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - "Meet the Candidates" - Political candidates invited to meet, greet and speak at community gathering. Sponsored Tucson Pride Inc. - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Teatro Sin Fronteras Presenta: Comedia y Mas (Theatre Without Borders Presents Comedy and More). Comedy sketches and skits in Spanish. Sponsored by Salud Es Poder.

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - "Staying Out of Trouble" - Pride Week Community Forum: Do's and don'ts, DUIs, Domestic Violence, Parks & Public Sex - Legal Forum, Criminal Considerations, Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave., Room 101. Lois Yankowski and Matilde Slate, Speakers, Attorneys at Law. A reception to follow the forum.

Ain't Nobody's Bizness will be holding their Pride Night. Check their ad in the Observer or the bar calendar section of the publication for more details.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - "Securing Your Relationship" - Pride Week Community Forum: Domestic partnerships, Wills & Estates, Legal and Medical Powers of Attorney, Property Matters, Child Custody Issues - Legal Forum, Civil and Family Considerations, Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave., Room 101. Ronald Bogard and Amelia Craig-Cramer, Speakers, Attorneys at

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# UPDATE

## Gay West VI June 29

TUCSON (ON) - Thelma Houston, the legendary Grammy Award winning singer will be headlining at "Gay West 6" at Old Tucson Studios, Saturday, June 29.

Houston sings the songs that truly define the disco era, and will perform her Grammy award winning #1 Pop song, "Don't Leave Me This Way" plus many other legendary favorites.

According to organizers of the annual event, a new addition to this year's festivities is a private, limited edition VIP Silent Auction dinner. VIP, exclusive ticket holders will be treated to a gourmet private dinner with Thelma Houston as the honorary guest, VIP Parking and VIP Seating at all entertainment venues. The dinner will take place in the newly refurbished High Chaparral film set building. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will go towards the various charities and organizations designated to receive monies from this year's event.

In addition to the legendary performance of Thelma Houston, scheduled events include "Lipstick & Lashes" - a variety show hosted by Lucinda Holliday, a Hi-NRG dance mix in the Carousel Theater, country & western dancing at Big Jakes, plus the featured musical and legendary stunt shows, games, rides, food and fun of Old Tucson Studios.

Lesbians and Gays, from Tucson to Phoenix, California and other parts of the country, celebrate Pride Week with "Gay West 6", a western-themed fund raising event at Old Tucson Studios from 6:00 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, June 29 presented by IBT's and Woody's.

Proceeds from "Gay West 6" will benefit Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Wingspan, Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA), Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network. (TIHAN), Desert Voices Lesbian & Gay Chorus, Lesbian Health & Cancer Project, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, Tucson Pride (formerly TLGA), Inc., Reville Gay Men's Chorus and the Pride

Family of Cochise County (Bisbee). This annual event raised over \$46,000 for local charities in the past.

"Gay West 6" is a privately sponsored charitable event, produced by the Tucson Pride, Inc. which is open to the public. Tickets are \$12 in advance from the participating organizations or on-line at [www.oldtucson.com](http://www.oldtucson.com). Day of show tickets are \$14 at the Old Tucson Studios box office. Additional ticket information is available by calling the organizations, or Old Tucson Studios at [www.oldtucson.com](http://www.oldtucson.com), or (520) 883-0100, ext 0. Special limited edition, VIP Silent Auction Dinner Tickets are \$75.00, and seating is limited. For more information, call Tucson Pride Inc., (520) 622-3200 or visit their Web site at [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com).

## ADHS Upholds Opela Decision

TUCSON (ON) - Arizona's Department of Health Services (ADHS), in Phoenix, has upheld their decision, revoking the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification for a Tucson Fire Fighter, convicted of assaulting an openly Gay man outside a local restaurant in February 2000.

Wasting no time, in their final order, dated May 24, signed by Danny Valenzuela, Deputy Director of ADHS, the decision by the ADHS Director, Cathy Eden was affirmed and that the "decision is not arbitrary, capricious or incorrect as a matter of law, and is supported by the greater weight of the evidence." ADHS had until June 7 to render a decision in the appeal, since it was filed initially May 9, and the Arizona Attorney General's office responded to the appeal on May 23.

Franchot Opela, through his attorney, Todd Hale, had filed their motion for review of the April 9 decision rendered by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), stating the ADHS' decision to revoke Opela's EMT certification, overturning an initial ruling "a mockery" and "should be reversed because it is wrong."

Since the decision to revoke Opela's certification was upheld, Hale stated in their motion that an appeal would be filed in Superior Court, and that they would

## GENE MOORE

Gene Moore, the current President of PFLAG-Tucson was found dead in his home, Wednesday, June 5, by the police, after a neighbor was concerned about him and called the authorities.

Moore's family has been notified and no further information has been given. Members of the Board of PFLAG-Tucson have asked that people either pray for his family or keep Moore in their thoughts.

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also seek compensation. Hale has 35 days from the date the order was signed, May 24, to file legal briefs.

Opela was convicted of misdemeanor assault in July 2001, of an openly Gay man outside the Risky Business Restaurant in February 2000, and currently is serving a year's probation for the offense.

## Partners In Pride 'The Blessing Of Couples'

TUCSON - The Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be kicking off Tucson's Pride Week with a special Pride Worship Service beginning at 10:15 a.m., Sunday, June 23.

Following the service, the 2nd Annual "Partners in Pride - The Blessing of Couples" will begin at noon. This ceremony is open to all couples who wish to have their relationship blessed. You need not be a church member to participate. In addition, couples can have a certificate to remember this special blessing for a nominal fee of \$5.00, plus cake and ice cream to be served afterwards.

Water of Life MCC is located 3269 North Mountain, between Prince and Ft Lowell Roads. Reverend Joyce Cook cordially invites everyone to attend services every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. and the New Praise & Worship Service at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (520) 292-9151.

## POZ Cafe June 20

TUCSON - Poz Cafe, the monthly luncheon, providing a delicious, free meal, social activities and friendship to all HIV+ adults and a guest, will take place Thursday, June 20, at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, at the corner of River and Swan.

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch being served at noon. Social activity and games will follow until 2:00 p.m. This month's menu includes Homemade Meatloaf, Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower, Scalloped Potatoes and Apple Sauce. Fresh Strawberry Shortcake for dessert! All this is served up by some of the most fantastic volunteers around.

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## Protestors Decry Medical Marijuana Raids

WASHINGTON, DC - Ten protesters wanting national legalization for the medical use of marijuana, which counters some side effects of anti-AIDS drugs, were arrested on Thursday, June 6, for chaining themselves to the Justice Department's front door, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"It was incredible," said Krissy Oechslein, who was at the department protesting. "People were chanting 'cease and desist' and 'stop arresting patients.' Police kept moving us back and then eventually they carried away or dragged the people who wouldn't move back into the paddy wagons."

Many AIDS and cancer patients use medical marijuana to deal with nausea associated with some of the treatments they must take.

The protest was a part of a nationwide pre-emptive strike against a possible negative ruling on medical use of marijuana in the U.S. District Court in northern California. The court could decide as early as Friday that it's illegal under federal law to distribute medical marijuana.

Similar protests in other U.S. cities were also scheduled for the same day.

"We've done a search of the legal records and so far, the feds haven't been arresting small-time distributors and patients," said Robert Kampia, the director of the Marijuana Policy Project who planned the protests. "But if they rule against us, this may give the DEA (U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration) the go-ahead to raid more clinics."

Bruce Mirken, director of communications with Marijuana Policy Project, was one of the protesters arrested. He wasn't available for an interview from jail, but Kampia said Mirken was protesting on behalf of a friend who has AIDS.

"Marijuana has really helped her deal with the more painful symptoms of the anti-virals she must take to survive," said Kampia. "But she can't get it anymore. The clinic she used in West Hollywood was shut down in one of these raids."

Michael Cover, director of the Whitman-Walker Clinic, a health organization serving the Gay and Lesbian community in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region, said it was important to keep the medical use of marijuana available as one option for AIDS patients.

"We support the valid use of physician-supervised medical marijuana, particularly with problems associated with nausea and now, to a lesser extent, with AIDS wasting syndrome; for some people that's what really works," Cover told the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network.

Medical marijuana is currently legal in eight states. It is not legal in the District of Columbia, where Congress stopped a referendum voters had overwhelmingly supported for legalization.

Organizations involved in the protests said they will work on both the state and federal level to make medical marijuana available to more people, and they will continue protesting.

"With protests like these, we are

trying to highlight the injustice of the Justice Department," said Kampia. "The DEA is wasting taxpayers' money busting these clinics. The Justice Department should use our limited taxpayer dollars to fight terrorism. Don't waste our money arresting cancer patients; this just doesn't make sense."

## Falwell Denounces Participation In Nickelodeon Show On G/L Parents

NEW YORK, NY - The Rev. Jerry Falwell has slammed an upcoming cable TV special about Gay parents and their children on the youth-oriented Nickelodeon network as a show that aims "to invade the minds and hearts of children." But among the guests appearing on the program he so strongly denounces is Falwell himself. While disapproving of Gay parenting in his comments on the program, the conservative Christian evangelist also says homosexuals are entitled to respect and should not be "in any way harassed or robbed of their civil rights."

The program, "Nick News Special Edition: My Family Is Different," airing on June 18, also features comic Rosie O'Donnell, herself a Gay parent of three adopted children, discussing the issue with a group of teenagers and host Linda Ellerbee. They are joined by a Gay principal from Minnesota and a Gay firefighter from New York City who has kids of his own. Falwell appears in a separate segment of the program, which the conservative Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group Traditional Values Coalition has attacked as a "pro-homosexual show."

Falwell started out with a sort of disclaimer of his own, saying, "The Bible condemns homosexuality as wrong" and "I feel that Gay parenting is not overall a good thing." But according to a transcript of his remarks, he goes on to say that while he and like-minded Christians cannot approve

of homosexuality, "we cannot disapprove of them. We love them. We care for them. We communicate with them, and we show them the same love and respect that we would expect to be shown us. When a kid meets a kid in school who has a Gay parent, that should not enter into his or her thinking as far as his relationship with that kid is concerned. That kid is not responsible for his or her parent—has no voice in that," Falwell said. He ends by saying, "It is important to respect one another.... Hatred, malice, particularly violence, whether it's verbal or physical, is wrong always."

Ellerbee, an award-winning veteran broadcast journalist who hosts a weekly youth-oriented news program on Nickelodeon called Nick News, said she has had Falwell on before and respects his opinion. "I like what he says," Ellerbee said. "He says hatred is wrong. He says God is love."

However, Falwell sings a somewhat different tune in The Washington Post on Friday, June 7. "I'm not naive," the Post's TV column quoted him as saying. "The subtle purpose of the program is to invade the minds and hearts of children who enjoy Nickelodeon and teach them that what their parents believe and their faith dictates regarding the wrongness of the lifestyle is not correct." Falwell added that he agreed to appear on the program because he "felt there needed to be a kind of gracious voice from the other side."

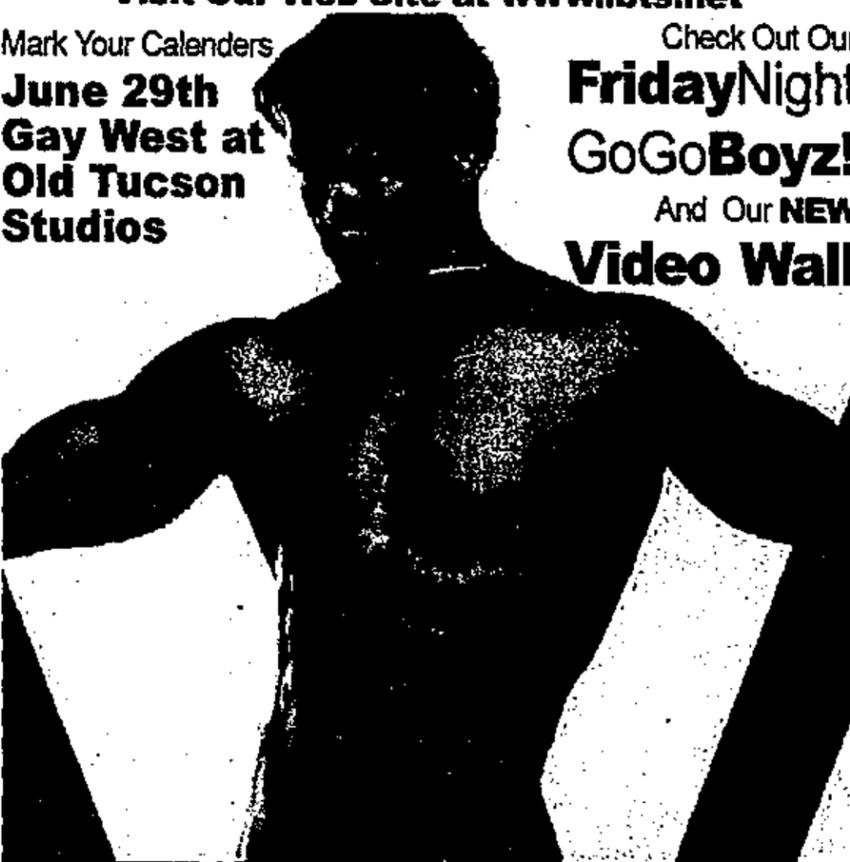
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## "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Chorus June 14-15"

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - When writing a story about an upcoming concert by the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC), people would be probably assume after reading the article, "It's just a bunch of Gay men gathering to belt out some show tunes, so what else is new?"

A lot for RGMC, in its seventh year of existence, according to Mark Rosenbaum, Vice President of RGMC's Board, with several of their concerts, including the annual Holiday Concert, and "Classically Reveille" the annual retrospective of their work getting critical praise, performances for organizations and groups, such as the Lucent Technologies Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Employees Association, at a benefit for the Fox Theatre, and for an Arts Community event in Bisbee, thanks to the current artistic director, Jim Taylor.

Rosenbaum went on to state that in his tenure, Taylor has challenged the chorus and taken it to new musical heights, resulting in several long standing goals: the commissioning and presentation of a new piece of music written for RGMC, "Un-mapped Roads"; tapping the talents of a GLBT composer and arranger; and, having their March 2002 concert, to include a set dedicated to Matthew Shepard, and the struggles that Gay people have and continue to face in the current society, being accomplished.

All of the new things though haven't been good for the chorus, Joel Meister, RGMC Board President, commented, adding that the group will soon be losing their artistic director, a victim of the state budget cuts, which resulted in the dissolution of the vocal jazz program at the University of Arizona and Taylor's position with the school. Taylor is relocating to Oregon and the chorus is in the middle of a search for a new artistic director, for which the group's goal is to have an individual in place by July 1.

Another hurdle the group had to get over, was the inevitable, fund raising, especially during these economic times, especially after the events of September 11, Rosenbaum said. The group had their first, signature fund raiser planned for September 15, 2001, "Crescendo," with jazz great, Diane Schur, which was postponed until October 19 but the chorus hit mixed notes with the concert, getting critical praise but getting hit in their proverbial pocketbook, since very few people were going to entertainment type events, just after the September 11 tragedy.

Unlike most non-profits, Rosenbaum said, RGMC doesn't have an annual fund raiser for which they could make a major portion of their monies to put on events. RGMC relies on member's dues, ticket sales and grants from groups, corporations and foundations, such as Intuit and the Bears of the Old Pueblo, have taken the group so far. He added that with the downturn in the economy, getting those grants is a more competitive process, since more groups are hurting for funds.

So with that, the goals of "A Funny Thing ...", Rosenbaum said, are: for the chorus to raise funds for their scholarship program - covering dues and expenses for members who want to participate but can't, due to financial reasons; meeting the challenge set down for the chorus, raising monies to be able to perform in Hermo-

sillo, Sonora Mexico, in a benefit for a local HIV/AIDS organization; and, for a big turnout for both shows, so that they can connect or reconnect with GLBT Tucsonans, who may have heard of the group but not much more.

"Many don't have any idea of the size of the group," Rosenbaum said, "that we've been in existence this long, the range of ages, professions, that the chorus has several members with HIV/AIDS, and that RGMC actively recruits any, and all interested men to sing, regardless of their financial ability to pay dues."

According to Meister, chorus members pay their own way to be a part of group, with their membership fees, tuxedo rentals or purchases, costs for trips when the group goes out-of-town to perform, covering refreshments for rehearsals and retreats, plus weekly time and travel commitments.

"Bottom line," Rosenbaum said, "many people just don't really know what RGMC is."

With their concert, "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Chorus ..." the group hopes to show GLBT Tucsonans who they are, with this show at the Temple of Music & Art, including more than 40 of Broadway's most memorable works, 20 choral arrangements and 20 solo/ensemble pieces, covering such musicals as Gypsy, Pajama Game through Rent and Phantom, with special "sets" covering such composers as Stephen Sondheim and Andrew Lloyd Weber.

Performances of "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Chorus ... Broadway's Most Memorable Moments" are Friday, June 14, Saturday, June 15, with the curtain rising for both performances at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple of Music & Art, 330 South Scott. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at Tucson Trunk, Antigone Books, Wingspan, or by calling the Reveille Hotline, (520) 617-3100, or directly through a Reveille member.

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## New Security Plan Harbors 'Don't Ask' Rule

WASHINGTON, DC - President Bush's proposal for the new Department of Homeland Security creates a double standard for some employees, Gay rights advocates say.

A House panel opened hearings on the Bush administration's proposal to create a cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security, which, some Gay rights advocates warn, creates a double standard within the department's work force, reported the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) network.

President Bush's proposal would move the U.S. Coast Guard out from under the Department of Transportation and into the new Department of Homeland Security, where it would join the Secret Service, the Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, among others.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) says that's where the problem begins. While the Coast Guard is still subject to the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, SLDN says the other agencies in the new department are covered by an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. That means Coast Guard members would be the only employees in the new department who could continue to be fired for being Gay.

SLDN is calling on the Bush administration to prevent that from happening.

"The president's proposal presents a unique opportunity for the White House and Congress to free the Coast Guard from the military's policies of anti-Gay discrimination," said SLDN Legal Director Sharra E. Greer. "There is no question that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

Americans have been, and will continue to be, a part of our nation's defense.

"In his proposal to Congress, President Bush should recognize their contributions and free this new agency from the hypocrisy of a dangerous, anti-Gay, double standard," she said.

Openly Gay Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said the chances of that happening in the Republican-controlled House are "zero."

"I don't like 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' but this unfortunately doesn't give us any leverage because it doesn't change anything," Frank told the [Gay.com/PlanetOut.com](http://Gay.com/PlanetOut.com) Network.

Frank said in its current state under the Department of Transportation, the U.S. Coast Guard already sits alongside other agencies that are exempt from "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," so the new proposal doesn't really change anything.

SLDN agreed, but said the new department creates a unique opportunity to once again address the fact that the Coast Guard members are held to a different standard than those they work alongside.

As for creating the new cabinet-level department, Rep. Frank said it makes sense, and the only questions that remain are which agencies will be involved and how they will be organized.

Frank believes what's most important is to have the new department led by someone who is committed to civil liberties. "Someone like (former Senator) Warren Rudman, not (former New York Mayor) Rudy Giuliani," he said.

## Hepatitis C Cases Climb 300% In Boston

BOSTON, MA (GFN) - Health officials say Hepatitis C is emerging as a leading cause of death for people co-infected with both HIV and hepatitis.

Now, much to the alarm of Boston's Public Health Commission, a new report shows that hepatitis C cases in the city rose by 300 percent over the past four years, according to a Boston Globe report.

A total of 1,139 confirmed cases were recorded in 2001, up from 380 in 1998. The increase is likely due to a recent public health campaign that used billboards, bus placards, and television ads to encourage city residents to be tested for the chronic disease, which can lead to severe liver damage and death.

"We have spent the last three to five years aggressively trying to get people tested for hepatitis C because it is an unrecognized disease in terms of its scope," said Bela Matyas, medical director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's epidemiology program.

City health officials plan to issue an alert in the next few weeks to area hospitals and health clinics recommending that doctors discuss prevention and treatment with their patients.

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne viral infection that can be spread through unprotected sex and the sharing of intravenous drug paraphernalia. It is a particular health concern for HIV-positive people.



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**POLITICS 2002**

By Mark R. Kist

**'It Was The Right Way'**

In the nation's capital, the full U.S. Senate took up S. 625, the "Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act," on Tuesday, June 11, when they considered a cloture motion by Senator Harry Reid, D-Nevada, limiting debate on the proposal but it failed, by a 54-43 vote, needing 60 votes for approval of a cloture motion.

Only four Republicans voted for the cloture motion: Senators Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, and Gordon Smith of Oregon. Senators Arlen Specter, R-Pennsylvania, and John Ensign, R-Nevada cosponsors of the bill, voted against the cloture motion.

Arizona's Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl were present and both voted against the motion. During a speech on the Senate floor Monday, June 10, Kyl railed against S. 625, stating the bill would detour the international war on terrorism.

S. 625, cosponsored by 50 Senators, would have made violent attacks motivated by gender, sexual orientation and disability a federal hate crime, adding to the list of offenses covered under the current, federal hate crimes law, adopted in 1968 which prohibit attacks based on race, religion or national origin. Under S. 625, the activity requirement currently in the statute would have been removed and the measure would have provided federal technical and financial assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting hate crimes.

Opponents of the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act said the legislation stands no chance of passing the House as now written. "If you really want to

do something about hate crimes, let's do it the right way and amend this bill so the House will be forced to take it," said Senator Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, adding that he wanted to scale the bill back to ensure that the federal government doesn't interfere with state prosecutions but the real reason for his opposition is two words, "sexual orientation," which he tried to get removed from the bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee to no avail.

Supporters of the measure took S. 625 off the Senate schedule before Republican Senators could have attempted to add their amendments, reported at more than 50. Senators Edward Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, and Smith stated that the battle for this measure wasn't over and that they will look for another measure to add S. 625 as an amendment.

A federal hate crimes measure had been approved by the U.S. Senate in 1999, as an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill and in June 2000, passing by a 57-42 vote on a vote of the full Senate but both proposals were stripped off in conference committee, controlled by Republicans. S. 625 had been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, by a vote of 12-7 in July 2001.

According to hate crimes statistics gathered by the FBI, more than 9,700 hate crimes based on sexual orientation had been reported since 1991, the first year of the reports, and have tripled, rating third behind "race" and "religion." In the most recent report, for 2000, hate crimes based on sexual orientation had increased by more than two percent from the previous year, to 1,299 incidents, comprising 16.1 percent of all hate crimes for the year.

**Study Links Viagra To Sexual Diseases**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GFN) - Based on the findings of a new study, health officials are warning users of the impotence drug Viagra of an increased incidence of sexually transmitted diseases including gonorrhea and HIV. They also say the drug should carry a warning label to encourage safe sex, according to a report in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The study, published in the journal AIDS, found that the biggest problem with unsafe sex and Viagra use was among Gay and Bisexual men who showed up at city STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) clinics saying they had mixed the drug with "party drugs" such as ecstasy and crystal methamphetamine.

Researchers reported that combining Viagra with recreational drugs led to users engaging in risky behavior, such as not using condoms.

Of 844 men surveyed at San Francisco health clinics, 57 percent were heterosexual, and 42 percent were Gay or Bisexual. The median age of the men surveyed was 32, suggesting that the men were using Viagra for recreational rather than medical purposes, according to researchers.

Of the 17 percent of those surveyed who reported using Viagra in the past year, Gay and Bisexual men were more than four times as likely to have used Viagra than heterosexual men, researchers

found.

Forty-three percent of the Gay Viagra users surveyed said they combined the drug with ecstasy, and 28 percent mixed it with methamphetamines -- many saying they believed it heightened the sexual experience. Mixing Viagra with recreational drugs can cause life-threatening reactions, according to researchers.

Researchers found a connection between Viagra use and STD transmission among Gay men -- 32 percent of Viagra users were diagnosed with an STD, compared with 23 percent of non-Viagra users.

"People should be told to use condoms, and the manufacturer should include that in the label," said the study's co-author, Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, director of STD prevention and control for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**  
by Lisa...

**Plan B**

Local politicians have been talking about revitalizing downtown Tucson for at least a quarter of a century. If it wasn't so funny, it would be pathetic.

What can we learn from 25 or 30 years of consistent failure? One indisputable deduction is that the caliber of politician that gets elected to municipal office in Tucson is not the caliber of politician required to figure out how to revitalize downtown.

Not too surprising when you consider that the current crop of city office holders thinks it's a good idea for the city to be running an extortion racket out of the local porn shops using on-duty cops as peeping toms. Even less surprising when you consider that the present incumbents haven't figured out that the most expensive parking meter rates in the galaxy coupled with the most expensive parking ticket fees in the galaxy do not attract revelers to Congress Street.

These decades of revitalization failures really make you wonder if there aren't consultants in the field of downtown resuscitation somewhere who could have figured it all out for us at some point of the long and lengthening decline. After all, if you're an elected official who's a C student, don't you hire a Condoleezza Rice? Aren't there, mustn't there be, some Condoleezza Rices of downtown revitalization?

Let's hope they got some brainy help for the planning of the Rio Nuevo project. Please let it be more than another boondoggle dreamed up by the guys who sell bricks and mortar and buy politicians.

Based on hearing people talk about it, and without serious study of the project, the one thing concerning the Rio Nuevo plan that doesn't inspire confidence is that not one element claims to be unique. There doesn't seem to be, or if there is no one is talking about it, anything about the project that really sets it apart from all the similar projects designed for similarly defunct downtowns.

All success to Rio Nuevo, but if it falls on its very pricey face, how about a Plan B that does something unique and thereby puts the Old Pueblo on the map?

Plan B: The city's annual budget is \$903,921,930.00. Why not take a few million of that and establish a municipally owned and operated theatre company? Then take a few hundred thousand and establish a municipally owned and operated gallery of contemporary art. Put them right next to each other on Congress Street and, just to show that we're serious, rip out the parking meters in front of them.

If cities can own and operate baseball parks and football stadia and municipal golf courses, surely there can be no philosophical objection to their owning and operating a theatre and a gallery.

Best of all, run them both 100% legit: strictly professional standards, open to local and non-local talents based solely on merit, exclusively original productions, no celebrities or other cheap gimmicks. Make it straight-up, in-your-face art.

When the local corporate community realized that this was a serious permanent commitment, it would give the

city more money in corporate sponsorship than the city could spend on these projects. Some of the overflow would have to quietly be diverted into filling potholes and picking up garbage.

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[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]

**Falwell Denounces**

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Ellerbe, who also produced the half-hour special, dismissed suggestions that her show has a hidden agenda. "It's a very honest show," she told Reuters. "It is not a promotion of the homosexual lifestyle. It is a promotion of tolerance and respect. I would hope people would just watch it before they make up their minds." She said the show does not shy away from the difficulties faced by the children of same-sex parents. O'Donnell acknowledges that her 7-year-old adopted son "wishes he had a daddy," and a teen girl interviewed for the telecast laments that she loves her two mothers despite the teasing and peer pressure she endures at junior high school.

Ellerbe said the program will air Tuesday, June 18, at 9:00 p.m., rather than her usual 8:30 p.m. Sunday slot, to focus on the older range of her youthful audience and encourage viewing with parents. It opens with a disclaimer, voiced by Ellerbe, saying, "It does not deal with issues such as how do you know you're Gay. It is not about sex. It does not tell you what to think."

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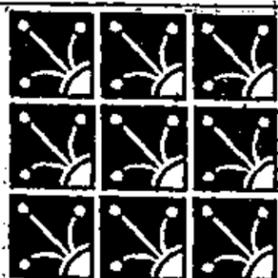
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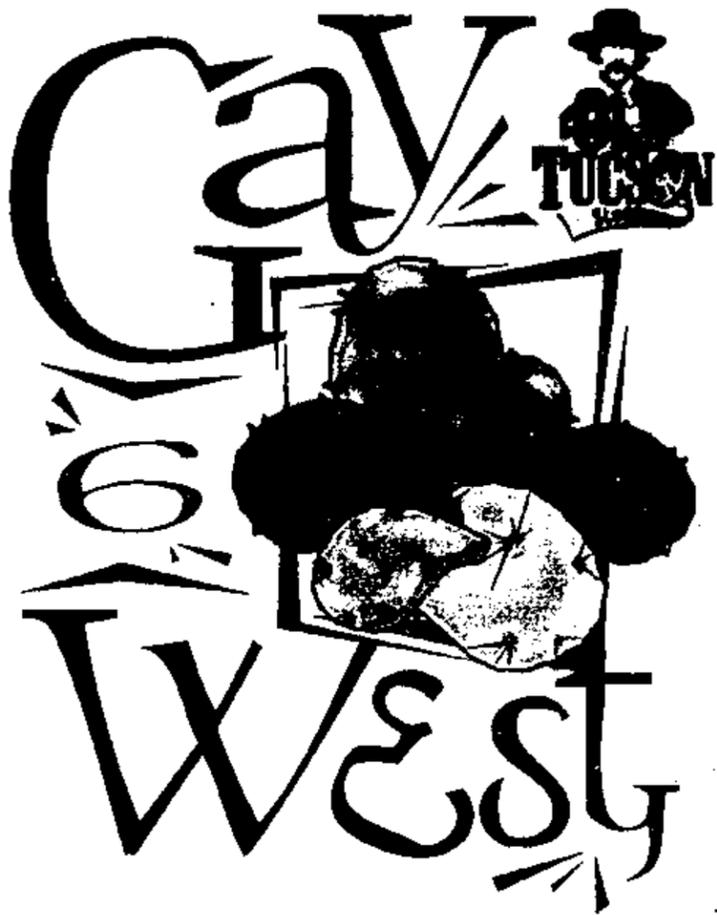
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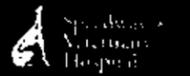
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By Lisa Bennett

At 2:00 a.m., the phone rang in David Goodhand and Vinnie Griski's Reno, Nev., hotel room. It was Clarissa, a 17-year-old who had just gone into labor with a boy she was prepared to let the two men adopt and raise as their own.

David picked up the phone in his sleep, held it to his ear and hung up without hearing a word she said.

Clarissa panicked. After selecting David and Vinnie as the best parents for her child and spending six months getting to know them, she feared that they had changed their minds at the last minute. But at her mother's prompting, she called back and, this time, David woke up and raced with Vinnie to the hospital.

Eight hours later, they witnessed Clarissa give birth to Christopher.

"I was in love from the first moment, the very, very first moment - even though I was trying very, very hard not to be. I was trying to maintain some emotional distance, reminding myself that this was not our child," David recently recalled from the home he now shares with Vinnie and 3-year-old Christopher in Washington, D.C.

David, who works for Microsoft Corp., and Vinnie, a former vice president and financial analyst for Goldman Sachs who is now a stay-at-home dad, recently shared their story because they believe there are other Gay men who wish to become fathers but haven't done so, because open adoption is still not yet widely understood. They also wanted to share what they and others have observed: that many birth moms are very interested in prospective

Gay dads.

Open adoptions among family members have occurred for centuries, as grandparents or aunts and uncles have raised children whose parents were unable or unwilling to do so, according to the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC). But open adoptions in which unrelated birth parents and adoptive parents learn something about each other, and may even meet or select each other, have become popular only in recent decades.

Until the 1970s, most adoptions were considered "closed" adoptions: that is, they legally barred adoptive parents and their children from knowing the birth parents' identity and genetic history. Any possibility of forming a relationship between the adopted children and their birth parents was completely severed. And that level of secrecy about something as intimate and important as birth caused psychological stress for everyone involved, according to NAIC.

It also led to the rise of open adoptions, which can vary from situations in which birth parents and adoptive parents share information about each other to those in which they and the adopted child meet and form lasting relationships. And while there are no studies that show how many open adoptions occur each year, it is clear that open adoptions have been widely embraced. According to a 1991 study on the subject, the most recent made available by NAIC, birth parents and adoptive parents met in 69 percent of all adoptions conducted through agencies.

## COMMENTARY

As Christopher played with his grandparents who were preparing dinner in the kitchen - occasionally running in to the living room in his pajamas to ring a dinner bell he had discovered on the dining room table - David named some typical fears about open adoption and his responses to them.

"First, most people think the birth mother will come back and take the child away," he said. "That cannot happen. We are Christopher's legal parents."

Soon after Christopher's birth, Vinnie became his legal parent through adoption; a few months later David became his second legal parent. Second-parent adoption, which is the equivalent of a step-parent adoption, has been granted to Gay and Lesbian parents in at least 21 states and the District of Columbia, according to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's report, "The State of the Family: Laws and Legislation Affecting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Families."

"Second," continued David, "most people think the birth mother will always be in their lives. That's not true. She grows up and gets on with her life. And, third, most people think the child will be confused about who his parents are. But that's not true. To a kid, it's who changes his diapers and takes care of him."

None of that, however, is to say that open adoption is an anxiety-free process. David and Vinnie have vivid memories of what they referred to as the "panic moments," those times when, like Clarissa, they feared everything would fall apart.

Shortly after Christopher was born, for example, hospital policy required that David and Vinnie leave the premises for at least 24 hours. Moreover, state law required that Clarissa maintain her status as Christopher's legal parent for at least 72 hours.

The rules were established, here as in other states, to free both sides from feeling pressured in the profoundly important decisions they were making, one of permanently taking on the responsibility for a child and the other of permanently surrendering it. But the upshot was that Clarissa could experience a change of heart.

So after falling in love in spite of themselves, David and Vinnie left the hospital the same day Christopher was born - until David remembered that he had to return a set of borrowed car keys to Clarissa's mother.

"I went back into the hospital room and saw Clarissa breastfeeding Christopher, and that's when I had my panic moment," said David. "My first thought was, there's no way she's giving up this child."

David and Vinnie talked about it back in their hotel room - each fearing the worst - until they finally went to bed, emotional and exhausted.

She is going to keep him, she isn't going to keep him, they agreed. We don't know and will have to deal with whatever tomorrow brings.

The next day, they went back to the hospital and Clarissa said, "Take over." And they immediately assumed the responsibilities of caring for a day-old baby.

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# T H O R O S C O P E S

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The next two weeks offer us an emotional roller-coaster with two eclipses. This week the wilde solar eclipse jostles three planets in Gemini and tickles foggy retro Neptune. Check your dance card lest you lambada with Tom Delay. Count ten days before and three days after the eclipse before you react, lover. If it's still a match made in heaven then start a raging fire.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Prepare for a few surprises of your own making during this Gemini solar eclipse. Rainbow Rams may catch hoof in mouth if they're not vigilant and tight-lipped. My advice: Avoid dispensing your pearls of wisdom to any old swine that happens to troll by; it will only come back to bite you. Wait three days after the eclipse before you use that tongue again... for speech that is.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Neptune's impact on career is heightened by the solar eclipse. Gay Bulls no sooner find the perfect mate in their own backyard than they're transferred to the Borneo headquarters or, perhaps even worse, dragged into messy office politics that zap their emotional payload. How soon before you cash in your chips and retire? Not soon enough! Count to three and enter the fray again.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins feel the brunt of the eclipse more so than most signs. It's coloring your Sun, Saturn and Mercury. Everything that you're working towards may suddenly seem meaningless and burdensome. Thank goodness Neptune gets into the act and gives you a more global perspective on your tiny foibles. Remember comrade, just like a kidney stone, this too shall pass. Ouch.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

You can be too easily pushed into action by those who do not have your best interests at heart during this solar eclipse. Keep your own counsel, pink Crab. Keep a beady eye out for offers that are too good to be true—they usually are. Any Cancer who fails to consider the paranoid repercussions of a particular act can wind up as roadkill on this karmic highway. Avoid hamburgers.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

You have two ears and two advisors each goading and cajoling you into action from their own selfish viewpoints. Try to lower the volume and clear the static during this tumultuous solar eclipse by finding the balance between friends and lovers for yourself. If you are a closeted Lion, you may be tempted to burst Out with a roar. Neptune sez cause a ruckus!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

You will amazed how the professional sandbox can develop into quicksand. Maybe it's because queer Virgins will now feel that their hard efforts are not being adequately recognized or rewarded. Of course that is true, but count one, two, three days after the eclipse and you'll soon feel much better and more in control. Believe me, they need you much more than you need them.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Feel like a mangy lab rat with a bad hair day on a never ending bumpy treadmill? Gay Libras are betwixt and between but not top or bottom during this solar eclipse. Before you cash in your chips and flee to seemingly greener pastures count one, two, three days after the eclipse and check for crabgrass. You may find that, that particular shade of green clashes with lavender.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Talk about jumping from the frying pan into a raging fire! Proud Scorps may find the social scene too hot to trot during this feisty eclipse. Before you gleefully nose dive into that bubbling Gay sexual cauldron and possibly singe your best assets, wait, wait, wait. Now too much is in fact too too much. After the eclipse however, pack a snorkel and dive right in.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Queer Archers may feel that they are building castles in the air during this solar eclipse. Relationships undergo the acid test as the demands of partners may seem to undercut your sense of well being and personal security. But don't hop on that bulldozer and plow it under just yet. There needn't be a compromise between your opinions and your commitment to a partner.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

The difference between gainful employment and an unplanned early retirement is a few well aimed words at the powers that be. As the chatty Gemini solar eclipse trolls through your bread and butter, Gay Caps are well advised not to spread foul comments about the job. Count one, two, three days after the eclipse and then piss and moan all you want. You still want to, don't you?

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians are no slouches when it comes to fun and games. However, you'll find yourself examining the bottom line during this solar eclipse. "What cost jollies?" one is tempted to ask. It all may seem too expensive in terms of both money and personal compromise. Well, that's today. After the eclipse things look quite different; Life becomes one big jolly bargain again.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Guppies feel this particular eclipse more than most folks because their natal Sun is squashed by both the eclipse and the three other planets in Gemini. Any hope of bolstering your self image will have to wait. In the meantime, avoid mirrors and first time meetings to preserve your sanity. In reality, of course, you have been and will always be your beautiful, proud self. Wow!

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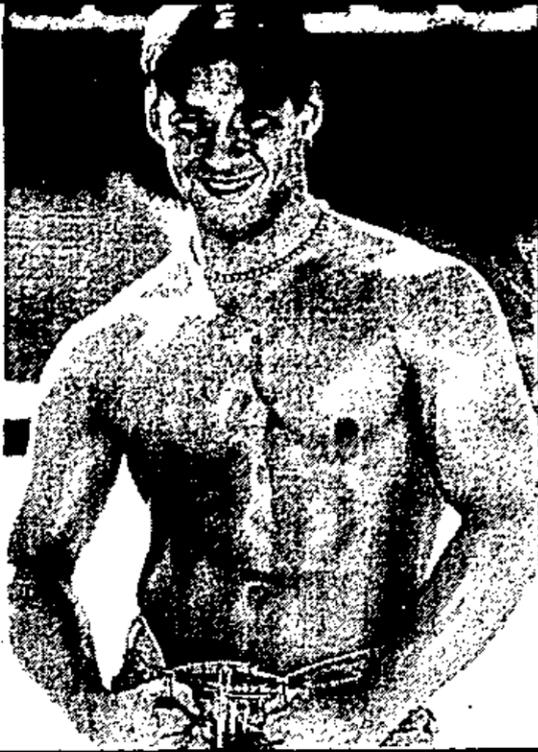
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2. Did you call the police?  
If not, why not? If so, what response did you receive from the police?
3. Did you call a domestic violence service provider?  
If not, why not? If so, what response did you receive from the service provider?
4. Did you get an order of protection?  
If not, why not? If so, what response did you receive from the court?
5. Did you talk to a friend, family, co-worker, or someone in the community? If not, why not? If so, what response did you receive?
6. Do you know anyone, friend, acquaintance, co-worker, who has been the victim of violence?  
What, if anything, did you do? What, if anything, did the friend do?
7. How can PRISM help to combat violence among partners in our community?
8. What are you willing to do to help combat violence among partners in our community?

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Your sexual orientation: \_\_\_\_\_

Your zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

No later than August 1, 2002, please send your responses, which can be anonymous, to: PRISM, %AzCADV, 100 W Camelback Rd, #109, Phoenix, AZ 85013, fax 602-279-2980, email [acadv@thazcadv.org](mailto:acadv@thazcadv.org). If you would like to include your contact information to receive further information, please do so. Thank you.

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David and Vinnie met in 1983, when they were sophomores at the University of Pennsylvania and, as Vinnie says, they have been "inseparable ever since."

"He completes me," David says of Vinnie. "His strengths offset my weaknesses, and vice versa. Vinnie is constant and steady, and he takes his time making decisions. I am impulsive and spontaneous. He is the ship's keel and mast, and I am the sail and the wind."

They spent their early years together focused on their careers and enjoying an active social life in New York City. But in every home they ever lived in, they also had an extra room which they playfully dubbed "little somebody's room," and by their 30s, they began to wonder, now what?

"In the back of my mind, I'd always wanted to be a father," says David. Then, in the fall of 1997, his sister gave birth to a son who, David recalls, "looked like me." His and Vinnie's life was turned upside down.

"I remember the moment," says David. "He was 1 or 2 weeks old and fell asleep on my chest. It was absolute heaven. That's when I decided, we have to figure out how to make this happen."

They thought briefly about surrogacy but ruled it out because they were afraid that there would be an imbalance in their parenting if only one of them were a biological father.

"We didn't understand parenting then," says David, explaining that he has since learned biology has nothing to do with a parent's feelings for a child. "I couldn't love Christopher more if he was my clone."

There was also a more compelling reason to choose adoption. "My parents created their family through adoption," Vinnie says, "and I approached adoption as my first choice for parenting."

Yet while Vinnie had been adopted in 1964 through a closed adoption, which was typical for the time, both David and Vinnie were certain they wanted to pursue an open adoption in which the identity of their child's birth mother would never be a question.

"Clearly, since there were two men, he would know there was a mother somewhere," said Vinnie. "And we wanted him to know he had a mother. We wanted to be able to answer as many of his questions as possible."

"That's what open adoption means, being able to answer the questions, why, how?" says David. Moreover, he adds, "I believe that in the heart of every adopted child there is a hole, and I can't make it disappear but I can make it smaller. And we thought that by giving Christopher some information about his birth mother, we could make the hole smaller."

So just six months after they decided they had to become parents, they had their first meeting with an open-adoption facilitator and, the next month, met Clarissa, who was then three months pregnant.

"We had decided not to say yes to the first birth mother we met, but we said yes to the first one we met," says David. She was young - too young, she thought, to raise a child - and impressed with Vinnie

and David's background and values and appreciative of their enthusiasm about becoming dads and helping their child understand why his birth mother allowed him to be adopted.

Indeed, as David and Vinnie's adoption facilitator Nancy Hurwitz Kors has observed, many birth moms look favorably upon prospective Gay dads.

"The guys are much easier to work with," says Hurwitz Kors, who is based in San Francisco. "They do not have infertility issues, and they do not come in with a reservoir of anger about never being pregnant and not having the opportunity to breastfeed. They also treat the birthmother better during the pregnancy and seem cognizant that they are getting a gift."

"The heterosexual families," she continued, "feel as though they are getting second best - their first choice, of course, being their own biological baby. The guys never expected to have their own biological child, so they do not need to let go of that dream before being ready to accept an adopted baby."

Other birth moms are also moved a desire to help Gay men become parents because they have fewer options for doing so than heterosexual couples do.

In David, Vinnie and Clarissa's case, the three spent six months getting to know each other, as David and Vinnie traveled from their home in Seattle to Clarissa's home in Reno, and all of them flew to San Francisco to meet with the adoption facilitator and have some fun over dinner and a play.

When they arrived at Clarissa's hotel room to take her out, they brought her flowers and noticed that she was wearing a new dress. "She looked beautiful," said David. "That's when I realized that it was a two-way street. We were trying to impress her, and she was trying to impress us."

And so they did, as David and Vinnie tried to be as respectful as possible of Clarissa, and she entrusted them with important parental decisions - like naming Christopher when he was still in her womb.

In fact, says David, they began thinking about consciously demonstrating good values - and behaving like good parents - long before Christopher's birth, partly because they were so conscious that that they were lead actors in a story they would someday tell him.

It was proof of their capacity for loving a child that Clarissa shared - for Christopher's third birthday, she sent him a handmade picture book that told the story of her pregnancy and realization that she was too young raise him. "I looked high and low to find the perfect parents," she wrote next to a drawing of herself doing just that.

Then, after explaining how she found the perfect parents in David and Vinnie, she drew a picture of all of them hugging at the airport as the men prepared to bring Christopher home. "I cried," she wrote, "because I love you and I always will."

Today, David and Vinnie hope that Clarissa might visit their son once or twice a year and check in with a phone call

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## Pride Week in Tucson

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Law. A reception after the forum will follow.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

6:00 to 8:00 P.M. - "Finding Allies" - Pride Week Community Forum: Activism: Youth and Adults; Community Resources, Finding Help. Speakers from various community support organizations. Forum on Issues of Gay Life, Tucson Muse, 516 N. 5th Ave., Room 101, with a reception following.

Woody's will be holding their Pride Beach Party. Check their ad in the Observer or the bar calendar section of the publication for more details.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. - "National AIDS Testing Day" - Free, anonymous walk-in testing available at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave., 628-7223. The preferred testing method is oral; it is non-invasive, and no blood draw is required.

7:00 to 9:00 P.M. - "History and Background of LGBT Tucson" - Pride Week Community Forum: Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Liz Kennedy and other LGBT community elders and leaders speaking. Reception following.

Venture N will be holding their "Grease Retro 50's" night and the El Escandalo Night Club will host, La Noche de Orgullo. Check their ads in the Observer or the bar calendar section of the publication for more details.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 P.M. - Queer Voice will be holding an Open House, call (520) 628-7223 for more information.

10:00 P.M. to Midnight - Pride Week Roller Skating, Skate Country, 2700 N. Stone. \$5 entry fee per person covers all costs including skates. Organizations and individuals invited to participate. Raffle prizes.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 30

2:00 to 4:00 P.M. - Pride Week Community Bowling, Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway. \$10 entry fee per person covers shoes, ball and bowling. Organizations and individuals invited to participate. Raffle prizes and prizes for bowlers.

6:00 P.M. to Midnight - Third Annual LGBT Parade and Party, produced by Lesbian Avengers, 6-7:30 pm, Starts at Catalina Park 4th Ave. and 2nd St., end at La Placita at Broadway and Church and the

part will go until Midnight with live music, dancing and entertainment.

For more information about any of these events visit [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com), send email to [pride@tucsonpride.com](mailto:pride@tucsonpride.com) or call (520) 622-3200.

## Richard Heakin

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rial and the vacant parking lot where Heakin was murdered, with the lights shining above, highlighting the cloudless sky, mourning a life taken so quickly and heinously, wondering about the young college student and thinking about their lives and how precious they are, paraphrasing Gillispie's poem.

Heakin's makeshift memorial probably didn't last in the parking lot but the Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Committee, a loosely based organized group, who had began meeting in May of this year, wants to make sure there is a permanent physical and virtual memorial for him.

According to Rowan Frost, a committee member, after the installation of the physical memorial, a concrete or marble bench at Sunset Park, north of City Hall, with an engraved marble pedestal in front of the bench, the committee will disband but one or two people will maintain the Web site.

Frost said the committee's activities had included a formal letter to Tucson Parks and Recreation, seeking approval for the site and raising the funds needed, with the goal of raising \$5,000 to cover the costs of the pedestal, bench, and Web site set up/maintenance.

According to Bertie Lozano, another member of the committee, a series of events were held after the remembrance, raising a total of \$812 so far.

The committee wants to have the monies raised, and the pedestal and bench done by OUToberFest, being held October 12 this year - the anniversary date of Matthew Shepard's death and the day before Heakin's birthday.

Contributions can be made out to "Tucson Pride Inc." (the committee's fiscal agent), and must be clearly designated for the "Heakin Memorial." None of the monies raised will be donated to Tucson Pride, Inc. Checks and money orders can be sent to Tucson Pride, Inc., P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Stories, memoirs, and letters of the impact of Richard's life and death, for the Web site, may be sent care of Tucson Pride or E-mailed to: [rfrost@email.arizona.edu](mailto:rfrost@email.arizona.edu).

For more information about Richard Heakin, or to participate in Memorial Fund committee planning and events, call Bruce Cole (520) 575-8369 or Rowan Frost, (520) 272-0293.



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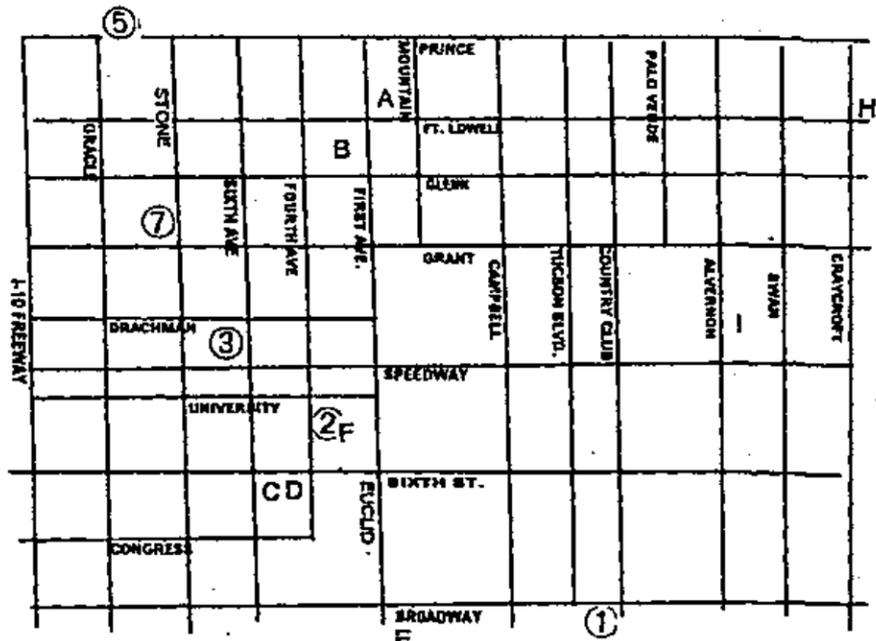
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# Gay Man Loses Mayoral Race

LONG BEACH, CA - Openly Gay City Council member Dan Baker appears to have lost his bid to be mayor of California's fifth-largest city.

Current mayor Beverly O'Neill had a substantial lead on in the city's Tuesday, June 4, runoff, where the popular incumbent organized an unprecedented write-in campaign to get around Long Beach's term limits rules.

Despite being the only name on the ballot, Baker trailed O'Neill by about 4,000 votes as of Wednesday afternoon. O'Neill came in first place in the city's April election, with Baker coming in second out of a crowded field of a half-dozen serious candidates. Since no candidate garnered more than 50 percent of the vote, the June 4 runoff was scheduled, which meant O'Neill once again had to encourage voters to write in her name, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

According to a campaign spokesperson, Baker called O'Neill on Wednesday morning to offer his congratulations. If he had won, Long Beach would have been the largest city in the United States with an openly Gay mayor.

"We knew going in she was a very popular mayor," Baker said on election night, "but we are very proud of our campaign."

Because she has already won office twice, O'Neill was forbidden from appearing on the ballot, but was free to run her write-in campaign. O'Neill, a former community college president with a penchant for quoting Mae West, has always been popular in the very diverse and Gay-friendly city of over 450,000.

"I just want to continue the momentum," O'Neill said at her victory party on Tuesday night. O'Neill, the first Long Beach mayor to march in the city's Gay Pride parade, is widely credited with redeveloping the city's harbor and helping to transition the city's economy away from its traditional (but quickly disappearing) military base.

Baker, who had strong support from the city's large Gay community and endorsements from Gay groups and politicians across California, is a former law enforcement officer turned politician. He has two years left on his current council

term. Campaign observers pointed out that Baker's sexuality was hardly an issue in the campaign.

"Dan Baker is very bright," said Diane Jacobus, an O'Neill aide. "If Beverly could not win this, I know she would want Dan."

It was clear from the beginning of the campaign, however, that O'Neill was a formidable opponent for any challenger.

"While the Gay community really likes Dan Baker," Jacobus added, "they love Beverly."

## Entertainment Briefs...

Variety reports that CBS has given a six-episode order to *Life of the Party*, a new midseason replacement comedy that will star Nathan Lane. The out actor will play an actor-turned-congressman. *Life of the Party*, Lane's first big job since his Tony-winning stint with *The Producers*, will wait in the wings for the cancellation of new series on CBS's fall docket....

The limited run of the Broadway revival of Noel Coward's *Private Lives* has been extended four weeks to September 1 following the show's success at Sunday's Tony Awards. The comedy's three Tonys include Best Revival, with Best Actress-Play going to Lindsay Duncan. Elsewhere on the Great White Way, a Best Actor-Musical Tony for John Lithgow won't be enough to keep the foundering *Sweet Smell of Success* afloat—the \$10 million show will close June 15. ...

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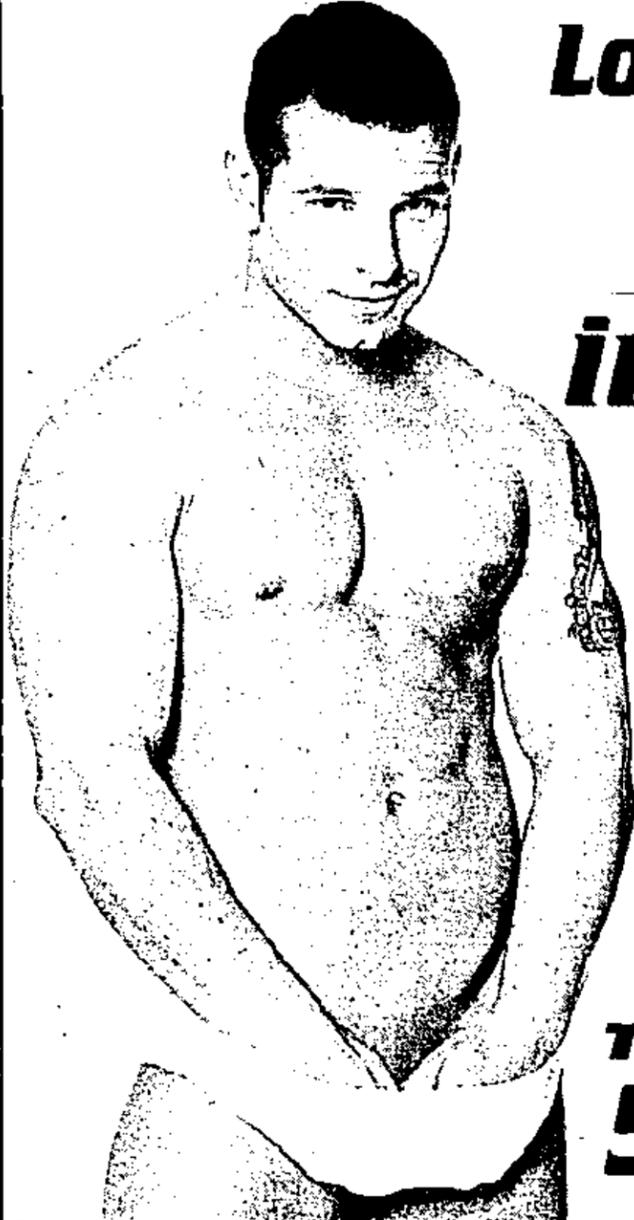
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now and then. But whether it will ever develop into more than that, they say, depends on Christopher.

"I feel like we are the guardians of the relationship with his birth mother now, and it will be up to Christopher to decide whether he wants to have a relationship with her after he grows up," said Vinnie.

But the important thing, David adds, is something they already have to give him: a true story of love and commitment about his birth and their creation of a family.

[Lisa Bennett runs the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's FamilyNet: the most comprehensive and up-to-date website covering relationships, parenting and home life for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people and their families. Visit HRC FamilyNet at www.hrc.org/familynet.]



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Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Amen's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of the 2nd season of "Queer As Folk". For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

June's Footloose Friday Dance begins at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and dance the night away. Held at the Water of Life MCC, this is a chemical and alcohol free event. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

It's SexChat time again! So... dust off your libido and head on down to Wingspan to talk... and listen... and laugh... and learn. 7pm-9pm, SexChat at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Tucson, only \$5. Adults of all genders & sexual orientations are welcome. Bring a friend!

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

"Lipstick and Lashes" drag show featuring Barbara Seville, Faith Michaels and Veronica Halliwell at the Vaudeville Cabaret, 110 E. Congress. For show times call 622-3535.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle & Pizza Night beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza (\$5), followed by Pinochle at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon. Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., N. of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Oracle Rd. Phone: 622-1835

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16

3:45 - 6:00 P.M., Sunday 4-7 p.m. the Men's Group Massage. A great way to meet new friends. Fee Call Marc 881-4582.

## MONDAY, JUNE 17

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 733-9494.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20

A men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520) 292-9151

5:00 to 7:00 Community Business Assn. Mixer at Old Pueblo Grill, 60 N. Alvernon. Open to anyone who wants to come and meet CBA members. No charge. Cash bar and snacks during the two hours. Guests are welcome to stay and have dinner (at their own expense) following the mixer.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 21

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It's simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of the "Big Eden", a charming comedy about a gay artist who returns home to Montana to care for his ailing grandfather and the effect of the townfolk on his life. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 22

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

# BAR CALENDAR

## OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. "Divalicious" show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Angela Dodd, Adrienne Alexander and Diane Flair.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 14

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night with DJ Hill. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. \$1.00 Hot Sex Shots and \$3.00 Sex On The Beach all night. Shot specials every half hour. No Cover.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

IBTS - Party line-up includes Dennis and Michael's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mircoas. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to The Richard Heekin Memorial Fund. Then at 8:00 p.m., a special show for Samantha White, candidate for Miss Gay Arizona America. Joining Samantha are Janea Starr, Bunny FuFu and Veronica Halliwell.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

IBTS - Free, confidential and anonymous HIV testing from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project. Then, at 9:00 p.m. "Divalicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Tabitha La Voll, Phaedra and Samantha White.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 22

YARD DOG SALOON - PRIDE EVENT: Get your Grass Skirts ready for Luau #2. Hawaiian specialty drinks; roast pig feast, hula demonstration and costume contest. Lots happening here. Make the Luau scene and enjoy!

### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Benefit drag show for Tori Steele in her quest for Miss Gay Central States America featuring Tori Steele, Diana Flair, Foxy and Jasmine Bover. Donation requested. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Latin music with DJ Hill will follow show.

IBTS - PRIDE EVENT: "The Rainbow Party". Door Prizes, Live Show and Food! Mark your calendars!

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - PRIDE EVENT: Back by an overwhelming demand - Strippers! Show starts at 9:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit OUToberfest 2002. Music immediately follows show. No Cover. Donations Requested.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

WOODY'S - PRIDE EVENT: "The Beach Party". Games, prizes and food! Come on down!

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

GAY WEST AT OLD TUCSON!!!!

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The boys are back in town-but not for long! Join us for the season finale of "Queer As Folk". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

### MONDAY, JUNE 24

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Terry's house this month. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Guy's Book Club meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at La India Restaurant. The book to be discussed 6/25 is Barry Werth's, The Scarlet Professor. For more information call 730-4113.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 733-9494.

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Egg Connection, 3114 E. Fort Lowell Rd., SE Corner Country Club & Fort Lowell Rds. Phone: 622-1835

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Marty as he hosts Pizza Night. For only \$5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Marty at 722-8531.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29

GAY WEST AT OLD TUCSON!!! For details see their ad in this issue

# Daily Bar Calendar

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear- Fetish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.  
IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.50 Bloodys, Screwdrivers or Mircoas. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or HI energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.  
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 6-7. (Donation only).  
WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mircoas; \$4 well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm \$1.75 well or domestic beer. Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 6-7. \$2.50 strikin burger or chicken 5-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 8-close. \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.  
IBTS - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-8. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan HI NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.75 well or domestics. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50% off all Big Ase drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.  
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.75 well or domestics. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50% off all Big Ase drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am-1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am-1pm. 50% off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness \$1.75. 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.  
IBTS - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-8pm. New hot dance with DJ Panther. New Monday bartenders Jay and Chris. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Drink specials starting at 9pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50% off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 6:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.  
IBTS - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 all day. Call Martini \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.  
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50% off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Bottle Bud products. 2-close. Country music with DJs. 8:30-1  
IBTS - 9am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBTS T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBTS T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House HI-Nergy Dance 9pm to close w/DJ-Q

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.  
WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mal Tai's.  
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50% off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 6pm.

Saturday  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8:30-close.  
IBTS - 9am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10pm. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.  
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. 79 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-8pm Fillet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.  
YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50% off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

Wednesday  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bust \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.  
IBTS - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestics 4-8pm. 9pm "Divalicious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRQ Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

Thursday  
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bust \$1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.  
IBTS - 9am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour \$1.75 well & domestics 4-8pm. 9pm "Divalicious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HNRQ Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychological facilitator. Call 745-8877 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPIAN** - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 824-1779.

**RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP**: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Pecosville Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9083 and ask for a contact person.

**HIKE & BRKE DYKES**. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

**GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GAPLCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gaploc.org or call (802)225-8444.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED**, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

**GAY COWBOY CLUB** - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

**ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS** - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUESLO** - 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 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

**LAMBDA CAR CLUB**, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks... New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 888-5541

**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. Elia 581-8660 or Ronn 968-2384.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP** - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 683, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (802)371-1102

**CRONES SOCIAL GROUP**. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 824-8788.

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

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site <http://www.tgsa softball.org>

**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 Pharmacy! For more information call Debbie 579-8827 or David 323-7843.

**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 Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9882.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. 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 Jerry at 680-9565 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 299-8847.

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

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NOTICES

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC** provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 824-8172

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF)**, 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP**. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 862-7723

**P.F.L.A.G.** - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

**TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 824-1779 for more information.

**YOUNG AND GAY?** GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 528-9344, leave name and phone number.

**TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL** For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

**AIDS HOTLINE** - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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

**LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS**. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Contacts 325-8878 or 327-4293.

**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 791-7878.

**GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

**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 792-4807, Ext.398

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

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KCCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

**THEATER / DINNER / ETCI Non-Smoking Lesbian Network** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 18<sup>th</sup> year! (2<sup>nd</sup> in Tucson).

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)**. Meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTF) Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Call 824-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com <http://members.aol.com/sageemail>

**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.

NOTICES

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES**. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 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, 8523 N. 14<sup>th</sup> St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-4805.

**DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fesh, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space** for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-8424 or <http://www.desertdominion.org>

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

**AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: 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, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. 743-4800.

**TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY**. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at St. Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

**SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous)** has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED** - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lbtucson.org](http://www.lbtucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

**ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS**: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 824-0348 (24-hour line)

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 817-3100 for more info.

**TGNArizona**: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TG, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: <http://www.tgnarizona.org> - e-mail address: [algoodrum@unwest.net](mailto:algoodrum@unwest.net)

**SEHORRAP**, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. For more info call 840-0620

**"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN!** Rider Club farming. 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 41045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

**MEN TALK** - A new group forming for Gay men that explores ourselves, our community and encourages positive growth. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Wingspan. 7-9pm. Call 780-8714 for more info.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS**. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 822-4628 or 750-8404.

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS** meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month 7pm at Pima County Democratic Headquarters, 2617 E. Broadway. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

**GUYS BOOK CLUB** meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 608 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA)**. Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 815-8436 for more info.

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUTROBEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 822-3200 or visit the website [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 8 weeks. 684-7083.

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## ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN PLANNING OF PRIDE WEEK: TUCSON PRIDE, ARIZONA HUMAN RIGHTS FUND, GAY MEN'S HEALTH PROJECT, SALUD ES PODER, WINGSPAN

**Community Business Association** — "mixer/soiree",  
5-7 pm at The Old Pueblo Grill Cantina, located at 60 N. Alvernon Way

### Fundraising Supper, Sweet Tomatoes

Stone & Wetmore, 5-7pm Pick up coupons from participating LGBT non-profits or Tucson Pride. Participants must present coupon to Sweet Tomatoes.

### Miniature Golf, Funtasticks Family Fun Park

221 E. Wetmore, 7-Midnight. Tickets: \$12/2 hours unlimited venues.

### AHRF 11th Annual Awards Dinner in Phoenix.

Cocktails from 5:30-6:45pm, dinner, awards and entertainment 6:45-10pm.

### Pride Nite at Yard Dog — "Luau", 5pm.

**Water of Life MCC:** 10:15 Pride Service, 12 Noon — 2nd Annual Relationship Blessing followed by an Ice cream social.

### "Getting to Know Your Community"

A community gathering with various LGBT organizations. Sponsored by: Bears of the Old Pueblo, Salud Es Poder, Arizona Human Rights Fund, Gay Men's Health Project and Wingspan. 3-6pm at Nations Hall, Tucson Muse. Food, snacks and drinks provided.

### "Meet the Candidates"

3:30-4:30 pm at Nations Hall, Tucson Muse. Talk to local and state candidates.

### "Comedy and More"

5-6 pm at Nations Hall, Tucson Muse. Presented by Teatgro Sin Fronteras. Sponsored by Salud Es Poder.

### "Rainbow Party" — IBT's

4:30-7:30 Karaoke, 5:50-8pm Community BBQ (free), 8-10pm Show, 10pm-Closing — Guest DJ

### "Staying Out of Trouble" — Do's and Don'ts, DUIs,

Domestic Violence, Parks & Public Sex - Legal Forum, Criminal Considerations, 6-8am, Tucson Muse Rm 101. Lois Yankowski and Matilde Slate, Speakers, Attorneys at Law. Reception following sponsored by GMHP.

### Pride Nite — Ain't Nobody's Biz — 9pm Strip Show

**"Securing Your Relationship"** — Domestic partnerships, Wills & Estates, Legal and Medical Powers of Attorney, Property Matters, Child Custody Issues - Legal Forum, Civil and Family Considerations, 6-8pm, Tucson Muse Rm-101. Ronald Bogard and Amelia Craig-Cramer, Speakers, Attorneys at Law. Reception following sponsored by AHRF & Tucson Pride.

**"Finding Allies"** Activism: Youth and Adults; Community Resources, Finding Help Forum on Issues of Gay Life, 6-8pm. Tucson Muse Rm 101. Reception following.

**Pride Nite "Beach Party"** — Woody's — 4pm Pick-up Volleyball games, 5-9 BBQ (free burgers), 7-9 Contest every half hour

### "National HIV Testing Day"

8:30am-4pm, Free, anonymous walk-in testing at SAAF

### History & Background of LGBT Tucson

7pm Wingspan. Presented by Liz Kennedy

### Pride Nite "Grease Party" — Venture N — 7pm

### Pride Nite La Noche de Orgullo, El Escandalo Bar

Sponsored by Salud Es Poder, 9-closing, 10:30 Comedy, 11 Drag Show

### Open House, Queer Voice — 7pm

### Roller Skating, Skate Country North— 10pm-12am, \$5

**Gay West 6 — Old Tucson Studios — 6pm-Midnight**  
Featuring a very special appearance by Grammy award-winning artist, The Legendary Ms. **Thelma Houston**, recording artist of "Don't Leave Me This Way."

Tickets: \$12/\$14 at door. Tickets can be purchased from: Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance, Bears of the old Pueblo, Desert Voices, Lesbian Cancer and Health Project, P-FLAG, Pride Family of Cochise County, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, SAAF, TIHAN, Tucson Pride, Water of Life MCC and Wingspan.

### Bowling, Lucky Strike Bowl — 2-4pm, 4015 E. Speedway S10

### 3rd Annual LGBT Parade — Produced by Lesbian Avengers,

6-7:30pm, Starts at Catalina Park 4th Ave & 2nd St. Ends La Placita at Broadway and Church. After Parade Party produced by Lesbian Avengers at La Placita Plaza until midnight with live music, dancing and entertainment.



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