

## California Gives Domestic Partners Most Marriage Rights

SACRAMENTO - California's governor Gray Davis signed a domestic partnership bill Friday night, September 19 granting same-sex couples in California nearly all the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual married spouses, reported [gfn.com](http://gfn.com).

The law, AB 205, places California only second to Vermont in terms of granting rights to registered same-sex couples, but also stands as a practical and symbolic rebuke to the law passed three years ago that defines marriage in California as the union of a man and woman.

Republican Sen. Pete Knight, author of Prop. 22, the Defense of Marriage Act, which prevents the state from recognizing any marriages between partners of the same sex, said he plans to file suit Monday.

"It's a sham," said Knight. "It's a backdoor, roundabout mechanism to override Proposition 22. ... What they're saying is they want to have the benefits without calling it marriage."

In many ways, the new law is a backdoor for the state's 22,000 registered same-sex couples, but one that has been greeted with widespread approval. A recent Field Poll showed 72 percent of Californians support domestic partnership laws granting same-sex couples legal recognition and rights. Not a single Republican voted for the legislation, approved last month by the state's Senate in a 23-14 vote.

"I am strongly committed to extending human rights and equal rights to everyone," said Davis before he signed the measure into law on Friday. "A family is a family not because of gender but because of values, like commitment, trust and love."

With a stroke of his pen, Davis's signature closes the legal gap, to the extent possible under federal law, that separates Gay and non-Gay couples.

The new law, known as the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act, expands the rights of registered same-sex couples in areas ranging from health coverage and parental status to property ownership and funeral arrangements. It gives both partners in a relationship equal status as parents if they have a child together, or plan to adopt a child; it also allows them to seek child support and alimony.

It includes the right to be covered under each other's car insurance plan, to take extended leave from work to care for a partner, and exempts them from estate and gift taxes, just like heterosexual married couples.

Tax deductions are now available for medical insurance and healthcare costs

paid for domestic partners. Registered couples are now also responsible for their partner's debts.

After a partner's death, the law gives registered domestic partners the authority to consent to an autopsy, donate organs or make funeral arrangements.

The law also prevents courts from forcing a domestic partner to testify against the other partner in a trial.

The legislation puts California on about the same footing as Vermont's civil unions but with a few legal differences.

Unlike Vermont couples, California same-sex couples won't be able to file their state income taxes jointly.

In Vermont, couples must have their civil unions solemnized or certified in a civil ceremony; in California, domestic partners register with the state by turning in notarized applications signed by both partners, and pay a \$10 fee.

Also in Vermont, participants in civil unions are legally called "spouses." Some California politicians say they consciously hoped to avoid making the domestic partner bill directly challenge "marriage" as an institution.

If you are registered as domestic partners with a city, county or state other than California, or with your employer, or have married your partner in Canada, California's state law protections will not apply to you unless you also register with the state, says Lambda Legal, a nationwide legal and civil rights organization. By contrast, notes Lambda, if you have entered a civil union in Vermont, you should be protected under the new California law.

Although AB 205 was signed Friday, it will not take effect until January 1, 2005.

## Law Schools Sue Pentagon

NEWARK - A group of law schools, professors, and students is suing the Department of Defense, alleging that its requirement that law schools allow military recruiters on campus violates the First Amendment.

Many universities have barred recruiters, arguing that the military's ban on Gay men and Lesbians violates nondiscrimination rules. But last year, after the Defense Department threatened to pull federal funding from law schools that deny military recruiters access to students, such schools as Harvard, Boston University, and Boston College backed off their bans.

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## Turnabout For TIHAN Terrific!



TUCSON - Last Sunday, September 21, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Turnabout Benefit for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) took place at the Inn Suites Hotel. This unique fundraiser enlists employees from the various GLBT bars to switch their identities and don wigs, jewelry and gowns to mime recordings. It is always hilarious and this latest edition was no different. The event is getting sicker with each year and becoming quite professional.

Among the performers were Troy Terpening as Courtney Roxoff, Gary Rhine as Aubergine, Tim Barth as Miss Vanna, Tim Campbell as Columbia Jane, Dave Huff as Dee Dee, George Laps as Doo Doo, Scott Seitzberg as Alina Backer, Roland Bayne as Taylor Park and Marc Brunelle as Marci Phillips. Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone hosted the evenings festivities.

Pictured above we find Lucinda putting on the final touches of lipstick for her performance with Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN looking on.

A final total of monies raised was not available at press-time as all pledges were not in. In addition to the money raised by the performers, a silent auction was held and as well as a raffle. The evening was very enjoyable and we extend our congratulations to all the performers and those important folks behind the scenes who had to make these faces and bodies presentable. It was not an easy task!

## Wingspan Dinner Raises \$150,000

TUCSON - Wingspan truly spread its wings at its Sixth Annual Benefit Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at the Tucson Convention Center on Sept. 13, when more than 800 people gathered and more than \$150,000 was raised to support Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community's antiviolence, youth and information-referral programs, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

This year's Community Ally Award was presented to Rev. David Wilkinson, senior minister at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church. Lavina E. Tomer received the 2003 Hall Award, and the 2003 Godat Award was presented to Patsy Brown, in memory and honor of her son Alexander John Goddard.

The keynote speaker for the evening, Lorri Jean, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center,

enthusiastically spoke of the great strides the community and society have made toward ensuring equality.

Among the guests in attendance to support Wingspan were Dean Groth, Lisa Orwick, Nancy Robinett, Randy Spalding, David Braun, Sarah Showard, Susan Duibow, Martha McGrath, Randy Soderstrom, Steve Quinlan, Kevin Maxcy and Laura Olguin.

Also, Susan Claassen, Susan Anderson-Smith, Jennie Ellen, Brian Bateman, Ken Foster, Stan Maliszewski, Mary Ellen Beaurain, Alfred Kaszniak, Ron Passarelli and Greg Polzin.

Congressman Jim Kolbe, Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, City

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# UPDATE

## Voter Registration Deadline Is Monday, October 6

TUCSON (ON) - The last day to register to vote for the 2003 City of Tucson general election is Monday, October 6.

Voter registration forms are available at Wingspan, Rainbow Planet and Antigone Books.

For more information about the upcoming election, and other locations to pick up a voter registration form, call the City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213.

## Men, Men, Men!

TUCSON - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) chorus is seeking men with confidence, good singing voices and pleasant personalities for its Tenor and Bass sections. Reading music is a plus but not required. Must enjoy singing with women in four-part harmony.

It's no secret that there is a Gay Men's chorus in Tucson. And sometimes, as a mixed chorus, it is difficult to compete with the appeal of an "all male" group when recruiting new members. Desert Voices, Arizona's only GLBT chorus knows that there are men in our community who are looking not just for an "all male" club but rather are seeking the kinds of interaction with all sorts of people that can really enrich your life. Desert Voices is looking for a few good men who love the special sound of men and women's voices joined together in song.

If you like to sing fun, popular songs, meaningful songs, Gay anthems and more, if you like playing with theater, choreography and other light-hearted people, perhaps you should come and sample Desert Voices. Rehearsals remain open through the end of September for the Holiday Concert, to be held December 6-7. All singers are welcome.

Rehearsals are held every Monday night, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at MCC Water of Life Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. For more information, call (520) 791-9662 or go online to desertvoices.org.

## Local Casting Call

TUCSON - Calabaza Productions is seeking performers for a new production of a play to be staged in the Old Pueblo.

"Hearts are Wild," is a western musical comedy written by Jerry D. & Cindy D. of Calabaza Productions. Characters and corresponding songs are:

Rosie - ugly saloon owner (Those Were the Days); Ringo - Elvis-like antagonist from big city (Evil / It's Now or Never); Kitty - beautiful dance hall girl (I'm Tired / Why'd You Come In Here); Chief Grabstien - Jewish Indian merchant (Indian Outlaw); Wade - Gay rancher (Rawhide); Bogg - rancher who loves his horse (Rawhide); Rich - silent bartender; and, Rusty - piano player (The Gambler / Piano Man)

Come prepared, Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Yard Dog, to sing (karaoke style) and read lines.

## Antigone Books Event September 26

TUCSON - Please join Antigone's, 411 N. Fourth Avenue, for an event Friday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

Join in for an evening of fabulous Gay literature with Trebor Healey and Felice Picano, co-sponsored by The Men's Social Network. Trebor Healey will read from his new novel, *Through It Came Bright Colors* (Southern Tier, \$19.95).

This compelling tale of crisis around a family illness is also a bittersweet story of love and the search for honesty. Healey's rich, lyrical prose provides a unique and intimate look at one Gay man's struggle to live openly, to love and to be loved free from shame and guilt.

Also reading that night is Felice Picano, the award winning author of 19 books. He will read from and discuss his newest work, which includes the memoirs *Ambidextrous* and *Men Who Loved Me*, and an expanded new edition of *The Joy of Gay Sex*. Picano was a founding member of the legendary Violet Quill Club, and co-founder of the Gay Presses of New York.

Refreshments will be served. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. For more information, call (520) 792-3715.

## Gay Leader of Anti-Tax Group Is Removed

PHOENIX - A conservative anti-tax group on Thursday, September 18, dropped an ex Arizona legislator as president of its first state affiliate. The dismissed man said it was because he is Gay, which the group denied.

The Washington-based Club for Growth had been criticized by some Arizona conservatives for its selection of former Rep. Steve May as head of the week-old Arizona affiliate, reported the Associated Press.

While critics questioned May's credentials as a conservative on fiscal and school-choice issues, May told The Associated Press, "The real issue is the Gay issue. It's unfortunate."

May said in a telephone interview that he received a voicemail from Club for Growth national President Stephen Moore saying the group "thinks we need to make a change in leadership to someone who is less objectionable and to someone who is not a lightning rod."

Moore declined to comment late Thursday.

Club for Growth spokesman Kevin McVicker said the group "categorically denies that they are separating from Mr. May because he is Gay. Rather it has to do with policy issues."

He declined to elaborate.

McVicker had acknowledged earlier that May's role as state president was under review because of complaints prompted by a social conservative, Len Munsil, president of the Scottsdale-based Center for Arizona Policy.

On Monday, September 15, Munsil urged supporters in an e-newsletter to contact Moore with e-mails to protest May's role.

"Politely let him know conservatives will not support an organization led by a liberal Gay activist who has declared war on social conservatives in Arizona," Munsil wrote.

The Washington-based Club for Growth is a supply-side advocacy group that until now has sought only to influence the outcome of congressional races with donations and by running ads criticizing incumbents it opposes. The Arizona affiliate was to be the group's first foray into state-level politics.

## SAAF Needs Massage Therapists

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) needs massage therapists to volunteer at their Bodywork clinics for people with HIV/AIDS.

SAAF provides all the tables, linens, lotions and a professional office space to work in.

If you are a massage therapist or bodyworker and interested in providing therapeutic bodywork to individuals with HIV/AIDS or need more information about program please contact our clinic coordinator Curt Beall, (520) 877-9161

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# THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE NON-MARINE

By Robert L. Jamieson Jr

That sums up Stephen Funk, the young man from Seattle who was just found guilty of an unauthorized military absence.

Stephen failed to report when his unit was activated for the Iraq War in February. His California-based unit was mobilized to load ships and planes bound for the Middle East.

Stephen went through basic training. The Marine reservist did well, excelling as a marksman. But during boot camp he underwent a change of heart about pulling a trigger and taking a life.

So the lance corporal, said, no, he would not go. As a conscientious objector, he wanted no part of a U.S. war machine seeking to consolidate its power in the Arab world.

Now the graduate of Nova High School will be sentenced to six months in prison and demoted. He also will receive a bad-conduct discharge.

The military jury, which made its decision Saturday, didn't strike with full force. It found Stephen innocent of desertion, a charge that could have landed him more time.

I wrote about Stephen in April and said he was a Marine who could not betray himself. I said his decision to stand up to the government took as much personal courage as the valor shown by Marines who stuck to their guns and served.

Blasphemy, some of you said.

But that was back then, when many Americans were eager to eliminate "the enemy." Our country was wrapped up in the flag and awash in President Bush's jingoistic mantra of us versus them.

This is now: Bodies of American soldiers are coming home in caskets. U.S.-backed forces in Iraq are under repeated guerrilla attack and suffering from low morale. And the war on Baghdad that was supposed to make us feel safer has not.

We still don't have Saddam. We still don't have Osama. We still don't have weapons of mass destruction.

We have a yellow terror code and thousands of dead Iraqi civilians.

Viewed through this prism of current events, Stephen's moral stance should fall on more receptive ears.

Stephen and I met during his recent visit to Seattle, just before he went to New Orleans for his court-martial. He was introspective and impassioned. He wanted people to know that he loves this country and democracy and American values that allow for debate and dissent.

He came across as a bright young man who made the decision to serve after a military recruiter sold him on an "adventure." He also wanted money for college. It's a common tale.

Sure, Stephen was trained to kill. But he never thought he would have to kill. If anything, that makes him guilty of failing to connect the dots. "I didn't seriously think we'd go to war," Stephen told me, sounding

naïve but painfully honest.

Given his age — he's 21 now — Stephen would hardly be the first young person to make an ill-advised choice based on not thinking things all the way through.

In a different context, young people who are 19 or 20 get into cars in which the driver has been drinking. They don't always grasp the full scope of the potential consequences.

In Stephen's mind, the military seemed like a summer camp with guns, a heady vision quest depicted in slick ads that show a guy climbing a rock until he reaches the ultimate plateau of military fulfillment.

The ads don't show the body bags, the soldiers with missing limbs, the heartsick parents.

For Stephen, the gravity of his situation only hit him after his commanders in basic training instructed recruits to chant "kill, kill" over and over. It was brainwashing, pure and simple.

Last fall — months before his unit was activated — Stephen wondered how he could legally leave the military.

He should have reported to duty and then declared himself a conscientious objector.

Twenty-seven other Marines did exactly that and were not prosecuted.

Stephen says he had some fears that he could be punished before his application could have been put together —

and that's not a farfetched concern. In addition, there are no guarantees: Of the 27 Marines, 16 were granted CO status, five were denied and six are pending, according to The Associated Press.

After reflection, Stephen even fessed up to his own failure and took responsibility for his fate. "There are very serious questions people must ask themselves before joining the Marines," Stephen testified. "I did not ask myself those questions."

However, that failure hardly makes him the artful dodger a Marine prosecutor described this way: "A kid who thought he could beat the system.... This conscientious objector stuff is nothing but a made-up bedtime story."

If the prosecutor and jury looked deeper into Stephen's heart they would see more than just "stuff."

They'd see a person who fully follows his conscience once he finds clarity, who stands for his beliefs at all costs.

Stephen showed this aspect of character when he recently said he was Gay.

He's shown similar fortitude in the past.

When he was a student at Washington Middle School a fellow male student got in trouble for wearing a skirt.

Stephen thought the punishment was ridiculous, especially since men in

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## Attack On Local Man Outside Gay Bar Is Classified As A Hate Crime

TUCSON - The Tucson Police Department is investigating an apparent hate crime in which a man suffered a broken arm when he was lured out of a Gay bar and jumped by several men, officials said Monday, September 22, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

The August incident prompted warnings from Wingspan, a local support center for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender residents. And officials are concerned it might be in line with an apparent increase in hate crimes against the GLBT community nationally after several favorable court decisions.

"At a time like this, it heightens everyone's awareness that we are vulnerable to this kind of violence," said Cathy Busha, director of the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project.

The incident began at 12:30 a.m. Aug. 27 when a man walked into the Yard Dog Saloon, 2449 N. Stone Ave., and approached a 37-year-old patron, according to a Tucson Police Department report.

The report states:

The men began talking and shared a pitcher of beer, then the man asked the patron to go to his nearby house. The patron felt nervous and left his wallet with the bartender, but he walked outside with the man and down the street, where four men approached and jumped him after a short conversation.

The men took his bag, but the man fought the attackers and ran back to the bar. A friend took the victim to a hospital because his arm appeared broken and he

had scrapes and cuts.

Police Detective Tim Rupel said officers haven't found the attackers, but they have enough concern that the incident has been recorded as a hate crime.

"The victim believes this is because he was Gay, and there is that possibility," he said. "My concern is that with hate crime, statistics show only one out of every eight are reported. There may be more, and I just want the community to take notice."

Officials have issued recent similar pleas in other cities after noting rises in violence against Gays. In July, reports of hate crimes rose 52 percent in New York, and similar trends were reported in Detroit and Toronto, New York officials said.

In addition, last week someone carved a derogatory term in the front door at Wingspan in the middle of the day.

### Safety Tips

Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe, leave.

Try to leave bars and events with someone you know. Assailants sometimes wait for potential victims outside.

Don't leave drinks unattended. Getting you drunk or drugging you is one way someone can cloud your judgment.

Free and confidential services are available at Wingspan and other locations. The 24-hour crisis line: 624-0348 or (800) 553-9387. Source: Wingspan

## OUToberFEST 2003 Update

TUCSON - Last week's print edition of the Observer included a history of Gay Tucson. To add another note to that history, this year's OUToberFEST is the 27th Pride Picnic in the Park. The first such gathering occurred in June 1977 in Himmel Park and continued there in June through 1993. The event grew too big for Himmel Park and the surrounding neighborhoods and was moved to Reid Park in 1994. At that time it was also decided to move the Pride festival to October to take advantage of better weather.

OUToberFEST 2003 will take place Saturday October 11 at the Deemeester Outdoor Performance Area in Reid Park, on Country Club Road north of 22nd Street. The hours of the event are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Entertainment will feature Digital Soldiers, Leann Savage and the Audacity, Kristi Martel, Yvonne Perea, Mark Weigle, BMT - Tom Maza, Curt Beat and Rey Tester, Desert Voices, Reveille Gay Mens Chorus, Outrageous, Tucson T-Squares, La Fuerza Latina Travesti Show, Diana Flair and Tucson's Best Drag Show.

Food of many types, beer and other drinks will be available all day. Commercial and non-profit exhibitors will have displays and merchandise for shopping and browsing. A dance tent will be in operation from Noon to 8 p.m. featuring DJs from IBTs.

OUToberFEST is presented by IBTs/Woody's and is produced by Tucson Pride Inc. with the assistance of these sponsors: Budweiser, FM 93.7 KRQ, Elbow Grease, Centra Realty, Sun Mist Tanning,

Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Desert Pride gift shop, Whitespace Design, Pronto Printing, Creative Communications, Eric Cuestas-Thompson, Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Community Business Association, Inn Suites, Oasis Water Company, Wingspan, and Karyn Garvin & Associates.

Volunteers are needed for OUToberFEST. A two-hour time commitment for volunteering will get you in to the event for free, as long as you are in the Tucson Pride volunteer database prior to the event. Tucson Pride is continuing its tradition of "Volunteer for Dollars" and will make a cash donation of \$8 per hour to the charity of your choice for volunteer hours worked. A few "key volunteers" are needed who are willing to be area managers, and make a four-hour time commitment for volunteering on the festival day. Tucson Pride will make a bonus donation to the charity of choice for these key volunteers - and you'll have more fun and meet more people with this extended volunteer commitment! Please contact volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett at: Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org or at (520) 591-9435.

Commercial, retail and non-profit exhibitors still have time to arrange for space at OUToberFEST.

For further information about OUToberFEST: www.tucsonpride.com, pride@tucsonpride.com, (520) 622-3200.

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**POLITICS 2003**

by Mark R. Kerr

**So Where Do They Really Stand?****Bob Graham**

Florida's senior Senator, Bob Graham is running for the Democratic Presidential Nomination, and is featured this week, with his responses to the Human Rights Campaign Fund questionnaire.

In 36 states, no laws protect Americans from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, like the federal laws that exist on race, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability. As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation?

**GRAHAM: Support.** Comments: I have long supported such legislation and voted in favor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act when it came before the Senate.

As president, would you support and work for passage of a federal bill that outlawed discrimination in the workplace based on gender identity and expression?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Currently federal hate crime laws do not cover sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Would you support the inclusion of protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the law passed in 1968 which covers the categories of race, religion and national origin?

**GRAHAM: Support.** Comments: I have long supported such an expansion of federal hate crimes legislation and voted as recently as 2002 to bring such legislation to the floor of the Senate and pass it.

New treatments have improved the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS, but those treatments are expensive, and not available to everyone who needs them. As president, would you support: Increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act?

**GRAHAM: Support.** Comments: I have long championed assistance for those living with HIV/AIDS and for mobilizing the federal and state governments in fighting the epidemic, going back to the early days of the epidemic in the 1980's when I was Governor of Florida. I would strongly support increased funding to see that those who are unable to receive needed medical assistance receive it.

Increased funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and research?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Allowing low-income Americans better access to treatment through the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA)?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Comprehensive and age-appropriate sex education for America's students that includes science-based prevention methods?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Currently, no state recognizes any legal form of marriage for same sex couples. Do you believe the civil institution of marriage (with absolutely no requirements imposed on religious institutions) should be made legally

available to two committed adults of the same sex?

**GRAHAM: Oppose.** Comments: I believe that "marriage" should be reserved to a woman and a man, based on the long tradition and religious context of the institution of marriage. However, I support full and equal rights for same sex couples and would support federal laws to provide equal benefits for committed same sex partners.

If you do not believe that civil marriage for same-sex couples should be made available to same-sex couples on the same basis as opposite sex couples, is there any legal construct you do embrace that would extend legal recognition to same sex couples?

**GRAHAM: Comments:** While I do not support marriage for same sex couples for the reasons cited above, I do support providing equal legal protections to same sex couples, allowing them to receive the legal benefits entitled to opposite sex partners, such as retirement, health care, etc. The terminology used to describe these equal legal protections may vary, but the commitment to providing this fairness for committed same sex couples should not.

If a state has taken the steps to recognize same sex couples (and their families) for purposes of state-based benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities, should the federal government recognize the state's legal recognition of such couples and families for purposes of federal benefits and tax treatment?

**GRAHAM: Support.** Comments: The federal government should be respectful of state governments and decisions made by the elected legislatures and elected officials of those states.

Gay and Lesbian Americans pay federal taxes. According to a 1997 GAO study requested by Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde, there are over 1000 benefits, rights and privileges provided to married couples and their families in federal law. Same-sex couples cannot access such benefits, rights and privileges because same sex couples are not allowed to marry in any state in the union. Do you support extending federal benefits, rights, privileges and responsibilities to same-sex couples (and their children) provided the partnership meets certain federal standards of commitment and mutuality of interest?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Specifically, do you support the expansion of the Family and Medical Leave Act to cover domestic partners and their children?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Do you support modifying the Social Security System to pay survivor benefits to the same-sex partners of Gay and Lesbian people?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

Do you support fair and equal tax treatment of same sex couples on the same basis as married couples?

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# So What's A Bear, And What The Hell Is Bears Of The Old Pueblo?

By Bob Bowers and Alan Nyitray,  
President of BOP

gathering and a chance for people to meet our members. Tips from the beer bust benefit local charities. The charity for 2003 is TIHAN.

TUCSON - For those of you paying attention, this is the first anniversary party for Bears of the Old Pueblo (BOP) ever!

Yes, since we were founded in 1992, it's our eleventh anniversary. We didn't have a first anniversary party. We didn't even have a tenth anniversary party (go figure). Our understanding of our place in Tucson Gay/queer history is something that's just beginning to blossom. Only last month we designated an archivist to collect our memorabilia from the last 11 years.

So anyway, we're throwing an Eleventh Anniversary party! It'll happen at Toumey Park on 19th Street between Columbus and Swan (turn on Eastland from either Columbus or Swan) starting at 1 p.m. The club will spring for food, sodas and beer for all attendees. We'll have games, tunes, and plenty of frolicking to keep everyone happy. If you have a favorite activity or game, bring it along! Anyone who's a bear, or a bear admirer is welcome. You don't have to be a member of the club to attend.

So, what's a bear anyway? The generally accepted definition of bears is that they are hairy, bearded men, generally more robust and gregarious in nature, and their admirers. But that definition is sort of limiting and implies some kind of bias in the acceptance of others, which is the opposite of the real nature of men who consider themselves bears, and people who like bears. Anyone is welcome in Bears of the Old Pueblo.

Being a bear resides more in attitude and philosophy of life. The essence of "bearness" is acceptance of others, just as they are. Bears are more simply just men who like men without pretenses about images and stereotypes. We're a lot more than just a bunch of overweight, hairy men who like to wear flannel and Levis! Men of all types and professions belong to Bears of the Old Pueblo. The bear movement began generally as a reaction to the image of the ideal Gay man as a lean, smooth-bodied, muscular creature. Such an ideal leaves no place for those who don't fit such an image, or who don't identify with such biases about other people.

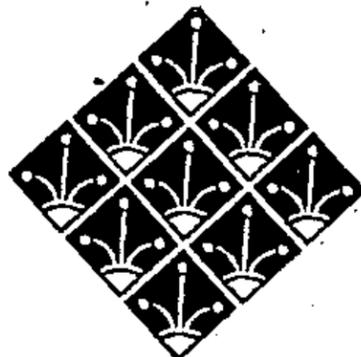
Bears of the Old Pueblo provides a social organization and social activities for Gay people who are looking for a place to belong, and a means of mutual support and friendship. BOP offers an alternative to the bar and party scene, in the same manner as groups such as the Men's Social Network in which some of our members also participate. Most of all the purpose of BOP is providing fun to its members. We have pot lucks, movie nights, special excursions, hikes, evenings out on the town, camping trips, and lots of other activities designed to provide a variety of fun experiences for our members and others who would like to participate. Once a month on the second Friday we have a business meeting to review and plan activities. The business meeting is also a social time and get-together with a pot luck and fellowship, to which anyone is welcome to attend. All of our meetings and activities are open to anyone who would like to participate. On the third Saturday of each month from 3-6 p.m., Woody's Bar is currently sponsoring our "beer bust." Sodas are also available to those who prefer not to have alcohol. The purpose of the beer bust is also a social

One of the goals of BOP is also to be a responsible and contributing component of the Gay community in Tucson. We have provided ushers for the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus concerts. During the past several years, the proceeds of our fundraising have provided support to Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), TIHAN, Our Town Transitional Living Program for teens, a residence for people living with AIDS, Wingspan, specific Wingspan programs, training for dog companions for the handicapped, Share Bears, an assistance program for people living with AIDS administered for the community by SAAF, support for a teen to attend a leadership conference and other local organizations. From 1996 through 2003, BOP has given about \$16,000 to charities and causes in the Tucson community. Members of BOP serve in many capacities in local organizations such as SAAF, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Tucson Pride and others. Our charity for 2003 is TIHAN.

Beginning in January 1997 BOP sponsored its First Annual La Fiesta de Los Osos. January 2003 marked the seventh successful year for La Fiesta. La Fiesta is a weekend gathering for bears from around the country, and around the world, planned at a time of the year when people from other places can come enjoy Tucson weather, sightseeing and fun. La Fiesta has become one of the "premiere" bear events held anywhere in the world.

Las Fiestas have featured a unique and humorous bear contest open to the public at which the audience voted with their wallets for the "best bear." The contests of 1998 through 2003 have raised over \$6,000 for local charities including Wingspan, TIHAN, Share Bears and SAAF. Attendance has grown from La Fiesta 1997 with 90 bears, to La Fiesta 2003 with 255. BOP publishes a quarterly newsletter which can be received by anyone interested in our group. The newsletter is mailed by postal mail and is also available on the Internet from the BOP web pages at [www.botop.com](http://www.botop.com).

In the past Bears of the Old Pueblo has given a premium or gift each year to each member in good standing as of September 1. The club will distribute these premiums at the anniversary party for all paid members. Premiums in the past have been T-shirts, tank tops, caps and towels, printed or embroidered with the cub logo. The club cap is often available for purchase at meetings (or send email for details) for a cost of \$10. Membership in Bears of the Old Pueblo is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Membership brochures may be requesting in writing, by email. For more information about Membership, please see our membership page.



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# In Gay Community, Miss America Pageant Is A Major Draw

ATLANTIC CITY - When the television cameras zoom in, Miss America pageant viewers see a rhinestone-studded celebration of homegrown beauty as straight as the 100-foot runway in Boardwalk Hall, the Associated Press reported.

Behind the glitter and the gowns, there's a side unseen by most — a huge following among Gay men.

Some are directly involved as local or state pageant directors, hairstylists or costume designers. Others celebrate the pageant's glam from afar, holding dress-up parties to watch the telecast or camping it up as drag queens to poke fun at the world-famous beauty contest.

"It's an interesting dynamic, to have Gay men so highly involved when it's such a conservative organization in so many ways," said actress Kate Shindle, a former Miss America.

"There are women who compete who might never have known a Gay person, but in competing they are helped every step of the way by all these Gay men. Certainly, Miss America has a heterosexual male audience but it's not as prominent as the Gay audience."

The phenomenon is well-known to Miss America Organization officials, but they are cautious in discussing it publicly.

"We're very proud of everyone in the pageant family," said pageant CEO George Bauer. "Everyone contributes. There's no discrimination now, nor will there ever be."

Straight men may watch to see which contestant fills out her swimsuit the best, but Gay men are more concerned with its cut, color and fabric. That sense of style has attracted many to the pageant through the years.

Some are drawn by the glamour, others by the thrill of the makeover. That 19-year-old with the '80s haircut and the outdated dress? With a little help, she could win it all.

"The glitz and glamor, it just naturally attracts Gay men," said Chet Welch, a longtime local pageant director in Pennsylvania. "The music part of it, too. It's an out, a way of being involved in show business or entertainment but not really as yourself."

Welch, 42, of Ford City, Pa., got involved after growing up on a farm in rural western Pennsylvania.

"For me, it wasn't a Gay issue, just a way for me to experience something beyond the fences and meet people," he said.

Contestants like him because he's frank, and has no other agenda than building them up.

"A lot of people in the Gay community just have a natural flair. Gay men can be very honest. A Gay man isn't going to hold back. He's going to say you look good in this or you don't. The women appreciate this," said Welch, a customer service representative for a pharmacy.

In Atlantic City, the Gay community salutes the pageant in events before and after the crowning.

The Gay contingent at the Miss America pageant parade, held the night before the pageant, draws from beyond Atlantic City. Gay bars in Philadelphia — 60 miles away — sponsor bus trips to the parade and the 48-room Surfside Resort Hotel fills up for the week, many of them Gay men affiliated with the pageant in some way.

"Who fixes the contestants' hair? Who does all the gowns? Who does the dancing, the choreography, the sets, the production, the hair? They're all Gay!" said hotel owner John Schultz.

For 12 years, his Gay nightclub has played host to the Miss'd America Pageant, a beauty pageant for drag queens on the night after Miss America.

Miss'd America spoofs the original with a half-dozen near misses competing for dead flowers and a dime-store tiara, the \$25-a-ticket proceeds going to the South Jersey AIDS (news - web sites) Alliance.

The event drips with sarcasm, its host crooning a song that sounds vaguely like "There She Is, Miss America."

Gay entertainer Robert Hitchens, its writer and host, says Miss'd America is all in fun. At 6-foot-3 inches tall ("I'm 6-8 in heels") he's one of the original pageant's biggest supporters.

The way he sees it, by the time the lights come up in Boardwalk Hall for the start of the annual Miss America telecast, "There's more queens in the crowd than there are on the stage."

Those who aren't involved in Miss America or who don't make the trip to Atlantic City find other ways to participate, many by hosting Miss America viewing parties. Some invite partygoers to dress as contestants.

Former pageant CEO Leonard Horn says the Gay community has made valuable contributions to the pageant, helping keep it alive.

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"There were many Gay men who were involved at every level of the Miss America program, from state to national, and they made a very important contribution," said Horn, who ran it for 12 years. "They're talented, imaginative, creative and they really helped the Miss America program."



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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

by Lee Thorn

**Education Bullied**

Since I was lucky enough not to be bullied in school, and since I've never had any children to worry about, I haven't given much thought to the subject of bullying.

I did assume that, after the Columbine High School massacre, the national educational establishment would put the problem of bullying in a very prominent place on its agenda. And I assumed, again without really thinking about it, that it would rank well above the issue of raising academic test scores. After all, low test scores have never caused a massacre.

What recently got me thinking about bullying was an article I read in a little non-commercial magazine which included the statement, "... I was picked on (assault and battery) every day of my 7th and 8th grade years at Providence Country Day." Having myself come from very tough schools where bullying was minimal, I found it hard to imagine how any kid could have suffered that amount of bullying without committing suicide or homicide or both.

When I went to junior high and high school, back in the Dark Ages, the tough guys used to prove how tough they were by beating each other up. You would have been laughed out of the tough guy union if you were caught picking on one of the many kids who couldn't or wouldn't defend himself.

Okay, so now the Dark Ages are over and styles and attitudes have changed and bullying is accepted in the youth culture as being something cool to do and Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, late of Columbine High, could be "surrounded... in the commons and squired (with) ketchup packets (and called names) while teachers watched" (Coloroso xviii).

Curiosity about the current state of affairs on the bullying front led me to examine Barbara Coloroso's "The Bully, The Bullied, and the Bystander: From Preschool To High School -- How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence". This work is hot off the press, copyright 2003, and it's a dominating press -- Harper Collins.

I'm finding the book disappointing on two counts: its tone of tolerance and shared responsibility for bullying and its report on what the educational establishment has actually done to date.

Coloroso says, 'Breaking the cycle of violence involves more than merely identifying and stopping the bully' (xvi). Wrong, Barbara. That's all it involves, stopping the bully. That is the total object of the exercise. If that makes the bully unhappy, he then has a problem to deal with on his own time, but the educational establishment has done its job.

Nationally speaking, there doesn't seem to be any effectively coordinated anti-bully movement, governmental or otherwise. Two good things that many educational institutions have done are providing definitions of bullying that kids can understand and writing policies that state their official opposition to bullying.

The definitions generally draw a very useful distinction between two kids merrily engaged in trying to rip each other's heads off and one kid picking on another who for whatever reason can't or won't defend himself. The policy

statements are generally unequivocal in their rejection of bullying. They make it clear that it's never okay, even in small doses.

If someone were serious about addressing the problem of bullying nationally, the next thing he'd need to do is conduct national victimization studies which would anonymously ask kids whether and how often they've been victims of various types of bullying. These studies give you a baseline and let you know where the problem is most severe. You absolutely need the baseline so you can determine whether your future anti-bullying policies are making the problem better or worse. This, by the way, is very basic sociological methodology that every educational administrator knows about.

I can't find the word "expulsion" in Coloroso's index, but I don't know why expulsion wouldn't be either the first or one of the first policies you'd want to try. Find the bullies and kick them out. We don't tolerate physical intimidation, assault or battery in the workplace, why in the world should we tolerate them at school? Go ahead, call me simple.

The Columbine massacre seems to have barely gotten one eye of the educational establishment to flicker open. How many more massacres will it take to completely wake it up?

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

**The Non-Marine**

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some cultures wear skirts. So he organized a skirtfest at school to support the student.

Now Stephen is the one being punished, though his lawyer will seek a reduced sentence.

The jury nailed Stephen for an incontrovertible fact -- he failed to report in a timely way.

But the jury, whether it intended to or not, has sent another unfortunate message: In times of war, human values take a back seat to military zeal.

[Robert L. Jamieson Jr is a Seattle Post-Intelligencer columnist, and this article was published Monday, September 8, from which it is reprinted from and from commondreams.org.]

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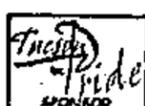
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And, as both Mars and Mercury redirect, you find a personal talisman to charm your spirits and bolster your energies. Got a tiger in your tank? Let them explore your outer limits, you lucky thing!

## ARIES

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

There are those who say that it is better not to be reined in; that freedom brings its own rewards. And yet, proud Rams are best served by being attached, at least while the Sun lounges in Libra and Mars and Mercury redirect. Partners can connect with you on an almost spiritual level and you may just find that being reined in or tied down lends a certain excitement to life. Ahem.

## TAURUS

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

The Sun juts into Libra and queer Bulls are up to any task no matter how dreary and pedantic. You may begin to feel like Cinderella, tirelessly toiling in the backroom. Lucky for you both Mars and Mercury redirect now and bring a "wilde" partying crowd to your door that helps make any miserable job fun and exciting. If you can't get to the ball, it may just come to you.

## GEMINI

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Pink Twins just want to have fun when the Sun steps into flirtatious Libra. Maybe you will be inspired to do something a bit more outrageous or something that will catch the eye of a powerbroker who can make the earth move for you. Let your Gay muse take you to new heights. Maybe as high as a penthouse apartment with a setback terrace...?

## CANCER

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Your home is a beehive of activity when the jolly Sun shines in sociable Libra. Pals gravitate to your orbit and give you "hearth burn". But Gay Crabs attract more traffic to their front door than they expect; Mars and Mercury redirect and spread the word of your considerable charisma to international levels. Crazy, mesmerized fans beat a path to your door. Anybody home?

## LEO

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

How mouthy can a proud Lion be? Your manifesto comes through loud and queer, comrade. It is time to take measure of your ideas, compose your thoughts and open wide when the Sun traverses Libra and both Mercury and Mars redirect. It is as if your thoughts and opinions cannot be contained and, just like condensed heat, they burst like a volcano. Oh, do I smell gas?

## VIRGO

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Queer Virgins tend to focus their attention on the bottom line when the Sun enters Libra. Money can become the obsessive root of all happiness. With it you are royalty. Without it you are a toad. That is because as both Mars and Mercury redirect your demand exceeds your monetary supply. Relationships suddenly become high maintenance. What will you tip the doorman?

## LIBRA

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

There is nothing as alluring as the Sun in Libra to an already proud Libra. This is the time of year for you to launch new projects and get your new solar year into high gear.

## SCORPIO

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Your personal nasty gremlins have a way of disappearing in the light of day when the no nonsense Sun shines in prideful Libra. Queer Scorps can clean out their closets and dump their psychic garbage without a second thought. Redirected Mars and Mercury add a bit of camaraderie into the party mix. Celebrate your liberation and party down with more affirming spirits.

## SAGITTARIUS

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Stop feeling like a wallflower, Gay Archer. As the Sun enters Libra there is no stopping your social ascent. Pals and assorted cohorts gravitate to your door. Does that mean that you should wait for the hordes to come to you? Heck no bubble: As Mars and Mercury redirect, holding back will not be a theme of your pride parade. The sky is the limit. Why remain at sea level?

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

If bosses sit up and take notice, you should take notice of the strategic Sun in affable Libra and make your best corporate moves count. And, even more stimulating to Caps: as Mercury and Mars redirect, these great corporate moves of yours pay off. I predict that if you have your eye on the brass ring, you can snag it now. Heck, make it a platinum... credit card.

## AQUARIUS

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

There are times to sit back and relax and there are times to dive into the general swim and go fishing for adventure. Rather than feel like a pair of ragged claws, the glorious Sun in charming Libra has you scuttling across the floors of silent seas in high style. And as Mars and Mercury redirect, your personal best nets a school of admirers. You just need the right bait Aqueerius.

## PISCES

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Even shy Guppies can't help but feel bold and beautiful when the shining Sun dips into gorgeous Libra. Plug yourself into the circuit, recharge your personal magnetism and see who you can stimulate. Redirected Mars and Mercury conspire to produce a shocking new you who will catch the eye of a particularly electrifying companion. Feel the surge?? You've got the amps.

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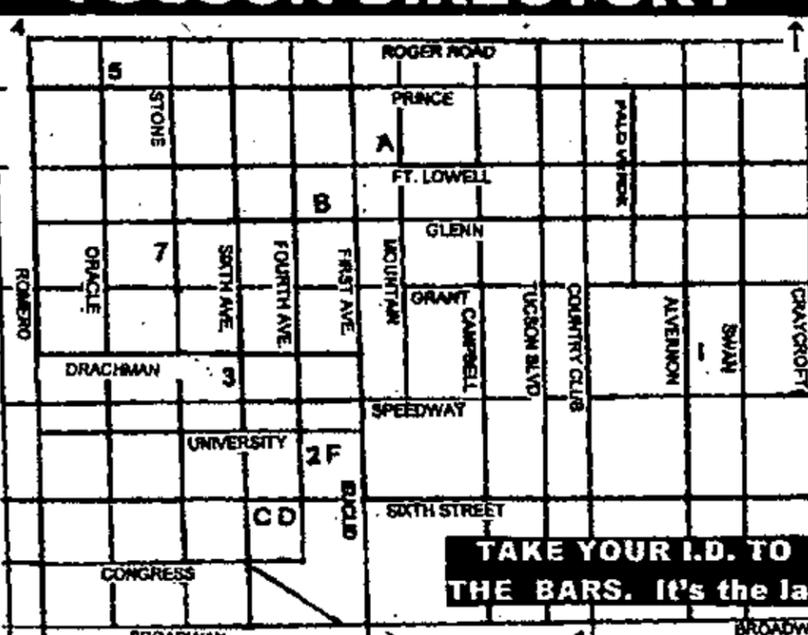
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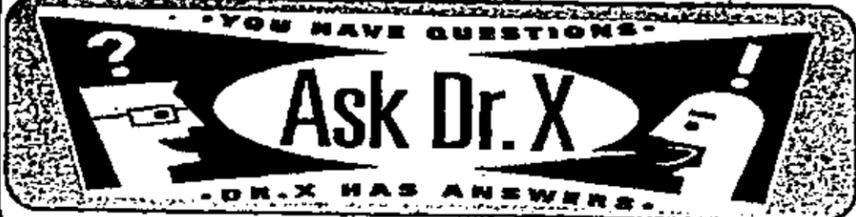
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Dear Dr. X,

In my youth I had quite a bit of work done on my body (tattoos). Now that I'm older they don't seem as cool as they used to. Can tats be removed? How much does it cost and where can I have it done? I would like to see my natural skin color again. Think that's possible?

Signed, Inkless

Dear Inkless,

You can have them removed, but it is a long and expensive process. Tattoos are removed with lasers. A laser beam is focused on the tattoo and it breaks up the ink particles without harming the skin (a small percentage of people do experience scarring and/or skin discoloration.) After the ink is broken up your body's immune system carries away the ink residue. A series of visits every 4-6 weeks may be needed to remove them completely. It could take anywhere from 4-10 sessions for complete results. As for cost, since tattoo removal is considered cosmetic surgery it's not usually covered by your health insurance. Be prepared to dish out between \$150-\$600 per visit. On a side note, "home-made" tats are easier to remove. So the ones you might get in jail would be easier to remove than those that are professionally done. Also keep in mind that yellow and green are the hardest colors to remove. A cheaper option is to have your old tat covered with a new one. If removal is the

option for you, you can contact The American Academy of Dermatology at (888) 462-DERM or online at aad.org for a doctor or artist in your area.

Dear Dr. X,

I live with my partner who I think is depressed- he lost his job for the second time this year (due to lay offs not being fired). He tells me he can't fathom the thought of looking for another job because he will just have a belligerent attitude toward his new employer. I cannot financially and emotionally support him for long, but can't imagine kicking him out. I want to get him help, but have no idea where to start.

Signed, In a Bad Mood

Dear, In a Bad Mood,

Wow! You need to have a serious sit down talk with your partner and explain to him what you have written to me. A few things you need to remember is we are in the middle of a recession and lay-offs are happening everywhere. You need to be sympathetic but confident to show your partner you do understand what's happening with him. You seem to care for your partner a lot. When he sees your concern and your support, hopefully he will change his attitude. It's not right for you to go into debt trying to financially support both you and your partner.

You might suggest to him to get an "in the meantime" job. This is a job that he's not going to make a career out of, but rather a financial helper and time filler while he looks for a new job. It will help bring in some money and also get him out of the house. I doubt that he's clinically depressed, so much as reacting to his current situation. Sitting at home watching TV, unshaven, un-showered and wearing the same clothes for days will only help make the situation worse. Know your boundaries, help your boyfriend and know your limits. Good Luck.

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

**Wingspan Dinner**

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Manager James Keene, former Mayor Tom Volgy, Councilman Steve Leal and a host of other state and local officials attended to support the cause.

Entertainment was provided by Greg Walloch.

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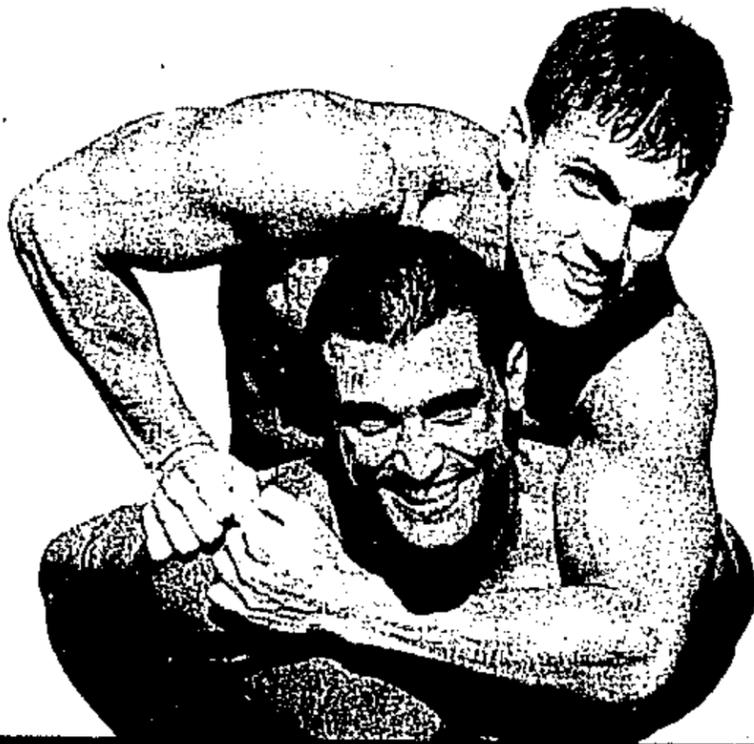
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NON-BAR CALENDAR  
GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Local Gay Musical Group - BMT - Curt Beall, Tom Maza and Rey Tester - performing tonight and every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. 620-1770. No Cover

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Memoir Writing Workshop. Author Trebor Healey will be teaching a free workshop on fictional vs. non-fictional memoir writing. He will also focus on how to approach the process of expressing creatively the watershed moments of our lives; whether they are emotional, erotic, interpersonal or spiritual. Trebor is the author of the novel Through It Came Bright Colors and has taught writing workshops with Discovery Gay Men's Retreats, LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center), and at the Grasshopper Palace in San Francisco. Sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Committee of the Tucson-Pima Public Library. Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Author Reading and Book Discussion with Reception. Authors Trebor Healey and Felice Picano will be reading from and discussing their latest works and offering a question and answer period. Mr. Healey is the author of Through It Came Bright Colors, and Mr. Picano's numerous novels and books include his recently reprinted memoir trilogy, Ambidextrous: The Secret Lives of Children, Men Who Loved Me, and A House on the Ocean, A House on the Bay, as well as the newly revised edition of The Joy of Gay Sex. Sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Committee of the Tucson-Pima Public Library. There will be a reception hosted by The Guy's Book Club after the discussion. Joel D. Valdez Main Library, Lower Level Meeting Room, 2:00 - 4:00 P.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

OUToberFEST - Tucson's 'Part in the Park' - Reid Park 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Food, beer, drink and entertainment all day. Vendors, drag, DJ dance. Different stages, Headliners. \$5.00 requested donation for admission.

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

Bar Calendar  
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

IBTS - The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels and Tahlia Lovat.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

VENTURE-N - Steak nite 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00. Your meat or theirs V-N provides the sides.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

IBTS - Party line-up includes Troy's Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 3:00 p.m. to close. Sangria Party \$2.50. Karaoke Party with Michael D. 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 GMHP. 8:00 p.m. it's Sissy Bingo with Aija Simone and Lucinda Holliday. 9:00 p.m. "Bad Puppy.Com" Party. Give Aways and Contest for Bad Puppy.Com Poster Boy. \$75 First Place plus chance to be on Bad Puppy Website.

VENTURE-N - Back by popular demand - "Locker Room Party!" 9:00 p.m. to close. Massages by Jacob. Locker Room "altire" suggested.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

IBTS - 9:00 p.m. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday. And starring Janee Starr, Diana Flair and Rebecca.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

OUToberFEST in Reid Park.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

IBTS - Black and White Halloween Gala.

YARD DOG SALOON - "Jail House Rock 50's Party". Contest: Best Elvis impersonation. \$200 first place; \$100 second place and \$50 for third place.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Mongelli's Italian Restaurant, 2829 E. Speedway (Between Tucson Blvd. and Country Club)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 11:30 a.m., Shogun Japanese Restaurant, 5036 N. Oracle Rd. (Oracle and River NE corner)

Daily Bar Calendar

Wednesday, September 24

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10. \$1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

IBTS - Open Noon 11:75 Bloody's, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Michael D. on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing w/DJ T.C. Wildman. 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar opens at 2pm. Bloody Marys \$2.00. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Bar Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Pabo Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-6pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Dinner and live jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Theme Dance Nite with Johnny DJ. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Free Pool 8pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. 4-8 \$2.25 Martinis

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-11

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pool. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8 to close.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Bare Chest Nite. Bare it and get happy hour prices from 9 to close. Progressive/Retro '80s dance with DJ Q. 9 to close

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Bar Opens 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$1 Kamakazi, Jellos.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm. Bartender Calls it drink specials.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm. Kennel open at 5pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. Hip Hop or Dance w/DJ Shory or Senna 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8-1.

IBTS - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open noon-1am Happy Hour 4-7pm. plus drink specials. Shrimp Fry Dinner 5-8pm \$5.99. Karaoke 8pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 5pm. Specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Hot Dog Buffet 5-11pm. Underwear. fetish-leather nite w/Gary and Chris along with GMHP. \$1 off any drink or bottled beer. (Excludes draft & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Arts & Entertainment

NOW SHOWING THRU SEPTEMBER 28

Live Theatre Workshop presents "Cash Flow" by D.B. Giles. A hilarious comedy about a publishing firm on the brink of financial ruin. The round table discussion between the top three executives centers around their ideas on how to save the company. The son of the former president, Elliott Gallagher (Cliff Madison) wants to bring in a questionable investor, the company treasurer Marly Blasingame (John McRosstie), wants to file bankruptcy, and the veteran sales manager Casey McDermott (Bruce Bieszk) suggests they hire an arsonist (Tony Eckstat) to burn the building down. One glimmer of hope lies in the inventive educational program designed by the editorial chief Carolyn McNeil (Maria Fletcher). But where to get the money to develop it? Does the answer lie in corruption or destruction? A laugh out loud romp with a surprise ending. Show times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinee 3:00 p.m. only. Tickets range from \$14 - \$12. Call 327-4242 for reservations and information about 2003-2004 season ticket packets.

NOW PLAYING THRU OCTOBER 4

Arizona Theatre Company "The State Theatre", presents the world premiere of "Over The Moon" by Steven Dietz. A joyous explosion of blazing wit set in New York in the Roaring Twenties at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. Tickets and information call 622-2823.

NOW PLAYING THRU OCTOBER 5

The Invisible Theatre Season Opener "Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years." \$16 Preview Mon. 9/15 7:30 p.m. \$20 Tues., Weds., Thurs., Sun. 7:30 p.m. \$22 Fri., Sat., 8:00 pm. And Sat & Sun. 2:00 p.m. For reservations call 882-9721 10am - 4pm. Invisible Theatre, 1400 N. First Avenue (at Drachman). Two unforgettable pioneering African-American sisters, 103-year-old Sadie and 101-year-old Bessie Delaney, take us on a remarkable journey through the 20th century of our nation's history. The play is an invitation to visit with the Delaney Sisters as they relive their memories of the past, their secrets of the present and their hopes for the future.

NOW PLAYING THRU SEPTEMBER 28

Borderlands Theater presents the world premiere of a new play, "Electricidad (An American Tragedy), by Luis Alfaro at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Set in a Tucson barrio, Electricidad is a Chicano take on Sophocles' Electra written in Spanglish. This heartbreaking and humorous saga explores the confines between love, murder, grief and revenge. A mother and a daughter square off against each other at all costs and change the course of their family and community forever. Thursdays-Fridays-Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sundays 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For reservations call (520)882-7406.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 9

Live Theatre workshop presents N. Richard Nash's Tony Award Nominated play "The Rainmaker". Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. only. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E. Speedway. Tickets range from \$14-\$12. Call 327-44242 for reservations.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Chris Le Oux "Cadillac Ranch"; "Trick Pony"; "Pour Me" and Emerson Drive; "I Should Be Sleeping" appear on the stage tonight. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. TicketMaster 321-1000

OCTOBER 5 - DECEMBER 7

Live Theatre Workshop presents Robin Hood adapted by Jeremy Thompson with original music by Michael Martinez and Jay Everett. Journey to the enchanting and musical world of Sherwood Forest during the reign of King Richard the Lionhearted. The Sheriff of Nottingham has an evil plot to destroy Robin Hood.



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**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85731-3910 or visit our website at www.btop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Donita 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. Ellic 582-8850 or Rom 968-2384.

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

**CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP.** A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6368.

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

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

**COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY!** St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually-minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-1943.

**LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS.** Workshop at 7:00 pm 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. Want to join? E-mail: www.desertvoices.org or call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. 4365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 239 N. 4th Ave. All alcoholics welcome.

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**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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website. teamarizona.org

**ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 31 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.

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA),** Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AzDykes** is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyann@theriver.com and request guidelines.

**OUTLOUD!** Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Sunday from 7-8 pm on 91.1 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

**THEATER/DINNER/ETC!** Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd 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 16th year! (2nd in Tucson)

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA)** Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezen Girls (M)F Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezen Boys meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageamail

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES.** Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-2123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

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

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

**NOTICES**

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

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

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

**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. 6th Street. 743-4800.

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

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

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

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter** for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMD 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 624-0348 (24-hour line)

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info

**TGNet/Arizona:** The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org

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

**GUYS BOOK CLUB** meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave

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

**GLBT Buddhist meditation group** meets Sundays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wingspan annex space, 739 N. 4th Ave. Please be willing to sit for two twenty minute sessions in silence. All are welcome.

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**POLITICS**

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**GRAHAM: Support.** Comments: I am currently sponsoring the first bill in the Senate to move toward fair and equal tax treatment for same sex couples by providing for health insurance benefits provided for domestic partners to receive the same tax treatment as those provided for spouses.

Many Gay and Lesbian people serve in the federal government but do not receive the same health insurance and other employee benefits of married couples. Do you support domestic partner coverage for Gay and Lesbian employees of the civilian federal workforce?

**GRAHAM: Support**

While 47 states allow Gay and Lesbian people to adopt children, some legislators are pushing to prohibit capable, committed adults from adopting because of their sexual orientation. As president would you support giving appropriate judicial authorities the full authority to make decisions on adoption based on the best interest of the child, without bans based solely on sexual orientation?

**GRAHAM: Support.** Comments: I believe that judicial authorities should make adoption decisions based solely on what is in the best interest of the child and not on extraneous political factors.

Would you support the Permanent Partners Immigration Act (H.R. 832) which would enable an American citizen to petition for immigration sponsorship for a same-sex partner, and the INS would treat the relationships between opposite and same-sex couples in the same manner under the immigration code?

**GRAHAM: Support.**

As stated above, I believe that committed same sex couples should have the same legal protections as opposite sex couples.

Would you support a congressional repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which would allow Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual soldiers the right to serve openly in the military as is currently the policy in nearly every NATO country?

**GRAHAM: Oppose.**

Comments: I believe this matter should be a decision for military leaders to make. I support ending discrimination based on sexual orientation in the military and believe we should focus on the real problem of sexual misconduct.

For more information, visit his Web site: grahamforpresident.com.

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AROUND THE GAY USA.....

Postal Worker Sues After Years Of Harassment

MODESTO - A Modesto, Calif., postal worker who alleges to have suffered years of verbal and physical harassment by co-workers, including death threats because he is Gay, has filed suit against his former employer, the U.S. Postal Service, gfn.com reported.

Chad Grumbling says his fellow postal workers harassed him by yelling "Fag Alert!" or "Queer in the John!" when he went to the restroom; repeatedly left Gay pornography in his work area with his name written on the photographs; wrote graffiti on the restroom wall which said: "Free blow jobs 1-800-call Chad"; and left telephone messages threatening to gun him down.

Grumbling alleges he complained to management about the incidents over a period of more than five years, but the harassment continued unabated. In 1999, after he was chased around Modesto and endured death threats, Grumbling bought a handgun and reportedly told his supervisor he bought the gun because management wasn't protecting him against the threats by fellow postal workers.

Management investigated Grumbling's purchase of the gun and found that he had properly registered it and took safety classes so they didn't discipline him.

Grumbling filed suit after an administrative law judge at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled that the federal equal employment opportunity laws did not protect him

because they did not prohibit sexual orientation discrimination or harassment.

According to The Employment Lawyers' Group, Grumbling filed suit to test what protections Gay workers have under federal law, to recover damages for the years of harassment he suffered, and to raise awareness about the severity of the problem that continues to exist in the workplace for openly Gay workers.

Boy Scouts Face Loss Of Land Use

PHILADELPHIA - The Philadelphia council of the Boy Scouts of America may no longer be allowed the free use of city property because of its antiGay policy, which excludes openly Gay men from becoming scouts, The Philadelphia Inquirer reports.

The council has enjoyed free use of city property for its offices since 1929. "We hope that this will not be the outcome," said Pat Coviello, executive vice president of the Cradle of Liberty Council. The mayor's chief of staff, Joyce Wilkerson, said she contacted local council executives last week to advise them of an opinion handed down by city solicitor Nelson A. Diaz. Diaz had informed the mayor's office that the city's fair practices ordinance was in direct conflict with the policy of allowing the Boy Scouts to use the property at 22nd and Winter streets rent-free. A meeting between city officials and Boy Scout executives is scheduled for next week. Cradle of Liberty is the nation's third-largest council and serves 87,000 youths in Philadelphia, Delaware, and Montgomery counties.

The city's decades-long deal with the Boy Scouts became an issue in May when the Cradle of Liberty Council tried to

liberalize an intractable national policy regarding the acceptance of Gay men and boys. The local council, in defiance of the Boy Scouts of America's policy of not allowing Gays to join, voted that it would not discriminate based on sexual orientation and religion, among many other things. The council had been under pressure from the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, which had been making annual grants to the Boy Scouts of more than \$400,000. But when the national organization heard of the local council's move, it threatened to revoke the local charter and replace its board. In early June, the local council folded under the pressure and quickly expelled openly Gay Life Scout Gregory Latta. Immediately following, the Pew Charitable Trusts withdrew a \$100,000 grant in June. In late July the United Way board voted to retract the second half of its \$400,000 grant for this year.

Law Schools

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Kent Greenfield, a Boston College law professor leading the lawsuit, said the government is forcing agreement on its policies from schools that fear the loss of benefits, adding that's "not the American way." The lawsuit also argues that there are flaws in the 1996 law, which permits the Defense Department to deny federal money to institutions of higher learning that restrict military recruiting or ROTC on campus.

The law "was passed to send the message that academic institutions were being too liberal," Greenfield told The Boston Globe. "They are using this law to reach into the core of our educational philosophy and change it, and that's contrary to the First Amendment."

The lawsuit was filed Friday, September 19, in federal court in Newark, N.J. Judge John C. Lifland gave the government a week to respond to a request for a restraining order.

The Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, which Greenfield formed to file the lawsuit, declined to release the names of members. Boston College, Harvard, and Boston University are not party to the lawsuit, the Globe reported. The group's board includes professors from Yale, Stanford, Georgetown, and the University of Southern California. The group filed the suit along with the Society of American Law Teachers, student groups at Boston College Law School, and Rutgers University School of Law and three Rutgers law students.

Tucson Pride Seeking Volunteers

TUCSON - Tucson Pride, Inc., Southern Arizona's pride event organizer, is looking for volunteers to help at this year's OUTOBERFEST, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Reid Park in Tucson.

Admission to the event will be \$5.00, but a two-hour time commitment for volunteering will get you into the event for free, as long as you are in their volunteer database prior to the event. Additionally - Tucson Pride, Inc is continuing its tradition of "Volunteer for Dollars": Tucson Pride will make a cash donation of \$8.00 per hour to the charity of your choice for your volunteer hours worked.

Please contact Tucson Pride volunteer coordinator Nancy Robinett, (520) 591-9345 or E-mail: nancy.robinett@azbar.org.