



## Turnout For Turnabout Raises \$11,000 For TIHAN



Shown above is part of the performing cast who entertained a full house at the Inn Suites Hotel, Sept. 5th and through their efforts, and those of many behind the scenes, raised over \$11,000 for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). See related story.



Dave Huff offered up his beard and chest hairs for a donation of \$1,000. It'll grow back Dave.



Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN thanking the audience for their generosity and from the looks on his face they were generous indeed.

TUCSON - It was a glittering evening of laughter, music, and entertainment as Tucson's GLBT bar employees, owners, and special guest performers wowed a packed house for September 5th's 8th Annual "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show.

Over \$10,600 was raised that evening to support the AIDS education and direct support services of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). In a late-breaking news development, TIHAN reported that an anonymous donor has made a contribution in honor of Marc Brunelle to send the event over the \$11,000 figure.

The hard work of the show's producers, performers, employees from Tucson's GLBT clubs, and their special guests paid off well, not just in terms of financial support for TIHAN's programs, but also in terms of a fantastic night of entertainment for the crowd gathered on the Labor Day holiday weekend night. The entertainers did their annual "turnabout" from male to female and then treated the audience to a set of performances focused around this year's theme of "Let's Revue!"

As the attendees arrived, they were greeted with a buffet, coordinated by Denise McDonald with the help of local restaurants and a host of volunteers. After being greeted by Scott Blades, TIHAN's Executive Director, who came out to welcome the audience and talk about TIHAN, the crowd was treated to a number of excellent performances from the bar staff and owners.

The benefit, held again this year at the Inn Suites Hotel and Resort, featured sparkling performances from staff at

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## New York Judge Refuses To Void G/L Marriages

ALBANY - A state judge Thursday, September 16 refused to invalidate Gay marriages performed in New Paltz, while still preventing village officials from performing more same-sex unions without marriage licenses, 365Gay.com reported.

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Kavanagh ruled the couples would have to be named parties to the case with the right to be heard in court, and the lawsuit has failed to do that.

Matthew Staver, head of the conservative legal group Liberty Counsel, said they plan to name the couples and try to have the marriages invalidated. "We will proceed to do that," he said.

More than 200 same-sex marriages have been performed in the Hudson Valley village this year, with clergy presiding now at about a dozen every other week, said E. Joshua Rosenkranz, attorney for Mayor Jason West.

"Whether other people could waltz into court and invalidate the marriages of scores of complete strangers, that's where the battleground was in this case," Rosenkranz said. "So far the litigation against same-sex marriage is hitting the wall on every front."

The suit before Kavanagh comes from Village Board member Robert Hebel and the Liberty Counsel, framing a broad legal challenge to same-sex weddings that have been performed in New Paltz since West, a member of the Green Party, began publicly officiating over them Feb. 27.

"The court agrees that the couples whose marriages petitioner seeks to be declared void are necessary parties to this proceeding and are entitled to be heard on this issue," Kavanagh ruled last week. "Petitioner's failure to name all of these parties is fatal to his challenge."

While the names of 25 couples initially married by West were made public, Rosenkranz said there's no single repository for all the names since.

The suit sought to bar Village Board members Julia Walsh, Rebecca Rotzler and Michael Zierler from performing Gay weddings and asked Kavanagh to declare invalid the appointment of Rotzler and Walsh as marriage officers.

The Liberty Counsel argued that performing marriages knowing the couples did not have marriage licenses violated New York law.

While letting the appointments stand, the judge said he's "inclined" to permanently bar village officials from marrying unlicensed couples. Kavanagh had signed such a temporary restraining order June 24.

Municipal clerks have declined to

issue marriage licenses to Gay couples, in accordance with state Health Department guidance.

Several pending lawsuits in state Supreme Court are challenging the state ban on same-sex licenses.

Meanwhile, misdemeanor charges against two Unitarian ministers and West for marrying Gay couples without a license have been dismissed in New Paltz Town Court.

Patricia Perez, attorney for Walsh and Rotzler, said those decisions by Town Justices Jonathan Katz and Judith Reicker "call into question licenses being unconstitutionally withheld from same-sex couples."

In his latest ruling, Kavanagh said he has already considered that argument.

The judge also had sharp words about New Paltz officials presiding at same-sex weddings after his June 7 injunction stopped West. He called it "a rather transparent attempt" by the Village Board majority to "circumvent" his ruling. "The Village Board would be well advised not to engage in similar conduct in the future," he wrote.

Staver said there are about 40 pending lawsuits nationwide over same-sex marriages, and Liberty Counsel has intervened in the New York cases and about 25 others "to defend the validity of marriage laws that preserve marriage as one man, one woman." They have not sued clergy, he said.

"We haven't made any plans to sue private individuals," Staver said. "Our focus at this stage is to focus on the governmental officials."

## Ryan White Funding Freeze

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Senate Appropriations Committee has frozen funding to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act and other AIDS care programs, 365Gay.com reported.

The only program to see an increase in federal money was the Aids Drug Assistance Program which will get an additional \$35 million - falling far short of the \$217 million AIDS care activists had sought.

"This funding short changes the fight against HIV/AIDS," said Human Rights Campaign President Cheryl Jacques.

The only substantial increase was \$1.1 billion for medical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which will benefit HIV/AIDS research.

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# UPDATE

## Desert Voices Expands Membership

TUCSON - Desert Voices is excited to announce that they have added 13 new members and welcomed back 30 members from past seasons, to get their sixteenth season started with a big bang! New member, Linda Failmezger had this to say about the first rehearsal: "I can't tell you what a pleasure it is to sing in the Desert Voices! You all make the new folks feel really welcome! Chris Tackett, Desert Voice's Director is an inspiration. What an ear for sound!"

Director Chris Tackett and accompanist Namoli Brennet were busy over the summer break, writing new songs and new arrangements for the chorus. Tackett also traveled to the GALA International Choral conference in Montreal during July, finding new songs and new ideas along the way. "The GALA conference was very inspiring," said Tackett. "What was especially exciting to me was realizing that no other chorus in the GALA network has a sound and repertoire similar to Desert Voices. We're doing ground-breaking work, and I'm very excited for the future of the chorus."

The group sings off-book (music is memorized) and much of their repertoire is sung a cappella (without accompaniment). New songs at the opening rehearsal included an arrangement of Namoli Brennet's song "We Belong" from her latest CD, "Welcome to the Afterglow". The chorus will be accompanying Brennet on the song at their Outoberfest appearance, October 9, at the DeMeester Center in Reid Park, in a Noon time slot), as well as participating in the Pride Parade the following day.

Desert Voices would like to thank their amazing sponsors for their continued support: Tucson Pima Arts Council, Pronto Printing, Whitespace Design, Woody's, Bentley's, Water of Life MCC, Saguaro Christian Church, Delectables, Something Sweet Dessert Lounge, Rubyfruit and the Observer. Desert Voices is able to add their songs and voices to all of the community events with the support of these fine sponsors.

Desert Voices also wishes to thank their many fans and cheerleaders, for their continued support. Please visit their website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org) for more information about the chorus and about how you can support them. Or you can call their office at (520) 791-9662 and speak with Becky Cohen, for further

## Wingspan Volunteer Orientation Sept. 24

TUCSON - Always curious about how to lend your helping hands to Wingspan?

Now is your chance to attend a Volunteer Orientation, Tuesday, September 28, 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, and learn about the opportunities to work together on a vast array of programs and services, from the Film Festival to the Anti-Violence Project, from Front Desk to Beer Bust.

For more information, contact Quintan Ana Wikswo, (520) 624-1779 or E-mail: [qwikswo@wingspan.org](mailto:qwikswo@wingspan.org).

## Lesbian Health Survey Being Conducted

TEMPE - Linda Martinez is a registered nurse with a master's degree in counseling, has launched a rare health care survey of aging Lesbians.

The survey, part of her current master's thesis in a nurse practitioner's program, will run until December of 2004.

"If no one knows what our needs are," says Martinez, "We can't expect them to be met. We have to take the risks to talk about ourselves."

Few health care studies of older Lesbians exist because they remain one of the most closeted groups of individuals - the unknown and mysterious minority.

The largest study to date of Lesbians and women over 45 was conducted with only 100 women over the age of 60 in 1986.

Martinez hopes to exceed the number in the 1986 survey and create a larger study of health care needs with the help of community groups, more open attitudes, and by using the Internet as part of the academic research.

Surveys are anonymous. Take the survey at [www.womenshealthsurvey.org](http://www.womenshealthsurvey.org) or send for a copy: ASU Department of Nursing, Attn: Dr. Marianne McCarthy (Women's Survey), P.O. Box 872602, Tempe, AZ 85287. You will not be asked to identify yourself.

## Register To Vote Deadline Oct. 4

TUCSON (ON) - It's simple, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS communities need to be registered and cast a ballot on November 2. There is no excuse not to register and vote, our rights, our lives are a stake in this election.

Monday, October 4, is the deadline to be registered for the November 2 general election. In addition to being able to register at the County Recorder's and other government offices, as well as the respective political parties local headquarters. Arizona residents can register to vote online at: <https://az.gov/webapp/evoter/>.

In addition, persons can go to the following locations and register to vote in Tucson:

Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, (520) 624-1779.

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## Lesbian Looks Film Series Begins September 24

TUCSON - The Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series presents its 12th season of free screenings in the Modern Languages Auditorium (MLB 350) on the U of A campus, beginning on Friday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Opening night presents 9 diverse shorts. Guin Turner (Go Fish, The 'L' Word) directs and stars in Hummer (2004), a romantic comedy that has nothing to do with behemoth SUVs. Barefeet (Sonali Gulati, 2004) and A Journey Home (Monica Enriquez, 2003) offer contrasting reflections on South Asian and Latina identities and communities. In EX (Julie Kalceff & Andrew Soo, Australia, 2003), Rachel's imagination spins out of control when her girlfriend gets a call from her ex. Little Black Boot (Colette Burson, 2003) presents an inspiring twist on the Cinderella story, when tomboy Cindy's fairy godbrother sends her to the prom in style.

All screenings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

## Tucson Pride Update: Everyone Under The Sun

TUCSON - OUToberFEST is coming Saturday October 9. It will be a fun-filled day of entertainment, education and celebration. OUToberFEST is held in Reid Park in the Demeester Outdoor Performance Area. The entrance is on Country Club Road north of 22nd Street in central Tucson. The festival grounds will be open from 10 am to 8 pm.

Admission to OUToberFEST is \$7. Coupons for \$2 off the admission price will be available soon at Wingspan, Desert Pride, Antigone Books, IBT's, Woody's and Howl At The Moon.

For security reasons attendees will not be permitted to bring coolers, beverages or food into the festival. Water bottles will be permitted. Back packs and other bags will be subject to search. For those who want to bring their own food and picnic, attendees will be permitted to leave the festival and return. There are ample places immediately outside the festival grounds to picnic.

The entertainment headliner this year is singer Paul Lekakis. Back by popular demand are Lee Anne Savage, Mark Weigle and Yvonne Perea and their bands. New performers this year are singer Namoli Brennet and comedian Rhett Harrison. Future press releases will provide more information about these performers and the entertainment schedule. The entertainment evening will close with "Viva La Diva" drag show emceed by Miss Gay Arizona 2004 Bunny Fu Fu featuring the best of Tucson's celebrity impersonators.

About 100 food, retail and non-profit exhibitors will be present at OUToberFEST in the Pride Festival Marketplace. A variety of food will be offered by the food vendors including Thai specialties, pizza, gyros, hamburgers, hot dogs, Mexican specialties, popcorn, ice cream, coffee and much more. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the agencies and organizations serving the LGBT community from the many non-profit exhibitors. ...

Volunteers are needed for OUToberFEST 2004. OUToberFEST. Volunteers are needed prior to the event; a large number are needed during the event. 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.

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♥ Want to do something positive with your leisure time?  
♥ Interested in helping people while learning about HIV/AIDS issues?



If so, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation wants you to consider becoming a volunteer!

Volunteer orientations are open to all those interested and are held once a month at our main office, located at 375 South Euclid Avenue.

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Contact Jess Pabón at 628-7223 or [jpabon@saaf.org](mailto:jpabon@saaf.org)



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# BATTLE HIV/AIDS WITH SCIENCE, NOT IDEOLOGY

By Vanessa Kerry

If bravery is determined by the way someone reacts in the face of steep adversity, I recently had the privilege to speak to a room of some of the bravest people on Earth: people living with HIV/AIDS.

A blind eye towards AIDS in the 1980's allowed this pandemic to spiral out of control. But in the 1990's, activists, scientists, and policy makers worked together and made great advancements in treatment, care and research. Scientific breakthroughs combined with leadership drove advancements in the last decade. Unfortunately, that momentum has slowed to a crawl.

We are currently perilously close to reverting back to the same dismissive attitude that allowed the scourge of the 1980's turn into the pandemic of the 1990's. I have worked in Africa and have seen firsthand how AIDS can ravage populations when governments begin to weigh ideology and fear over science.

In 2003, 40 million people around the world were living with HIV/AIDS. More than 60 million people have been infected with HIV since the pandemic began. There were 5.8 million new HIV infections in 2003, or almost 14,000 people per day. For Gay and Bisexual men, the rate of HIV rate is on the rise for the first time since record lows during the Clinton administration.

Over the past four years, George W. Bush's wrong choices and failed policies have hindered the fight against AIDS both at home and abroad. Bush has consistently proposed cutting and underfunding AIDS programs. In fact, Bush

owns only one groundbreaking achievement in AIDS funding: he is the only president since the advent of the epidemic who tried to flat fund the Ryan White Care Act.

Earlier this year, the Bush administration stopped two dozen government scientists from presenting at the International AIDS Conference. Just last year, a Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services spoke in Atlanta and said that abstinence was the "only appropriate strategy" against HIV. That might be conservative, but it is hardly compassionate.

Thankfully, this November we have a choice.

I was proud of my father when he signed on as an original co-sponsor of the Ryan White CARE Act and as president, he will continue to lead the fight against AIDS with solutions based on science, not ideology. John Kerry knows that we must accelerate the research and development of more effective and affordable drugs. He will give new incentives to the National Institutes of Health and further push the pharmaceutical industry to develop an effective vaccine. A Kerry administration will live up to my father's pledge, "We cannot set our sights lower than finding a cure for AIDS."

When elected, he will double domestic funding for HIV/AIDS and encourage states to expand Medicaid to cover HIV-positive Americans. In addition, John Kerry will keep funds flowing to cities, planning councils, and caregivers without ideological strings.

This November we have a choice. We will not settle for four more years of

political rhetoric in lieu of funding for research and development. We will not idly watch while funding cuts and ideological stands replace sound science and a compassionate world view of a deadly epidemic. The effort to cure AIDS will not accept delays and will not be ignored.

Twenty years has taught us that we can't fight the epidemic shackled by ideology. We can't fight it without the right tools and the right science. And we certainly can't fight it without funding.

We need a new leader in the White House—one who recognizes that the battle against HIV/AIDS will not be won at a press conference, but in the

laboratories and public health clinics around the world. AIDS will not be overcome by manufacturing a good photo opportunity, but through the pursuit of good science.

For more than 20 years, we have struggled against this epidemic, sometimes with despair, anger and hope, but always with bravery and strength. John Kerry has been a champion of this struggle and as president, he will provide the leadership and the resources to continue the fight. The men, women and, children battling this deadly disease deserve no less.

[Vanessa Kerry is a medical student at Harvard Medical School and is the daughter of Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kerry.]

## 'Angels in America' Dominates The Emmys

LOS ANGELES - The awards juggernaut that is "Angels in America" shut out the competition at the Emmy Awards in Los Angeles, winning a record-tying 11 trophies, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com Network reported.

The star-studded HBO show, an adaptation of Tony Kushner's play about the early years of the AIDS epidemic and its toll in the Gay community, swept the seven miniseries categories on Sunday night. In addition to best miniseries, the show won for directing (Mike Nichols), writing (Kushner) and acting (Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Jeffrey Wright and Mary Louise Parker).

A week earlier, the six-hour show picked up four creative arts Emmys. The 11 awards make "Angels in America" tied for the most Emmys, equaling "Eleanor and Franklin."

"Angels" also lent a bit of Gay visibility to Sunday's (September 19) Emmy telecast. In accepting his award for writing the script, Kushner thanked his husband, saying, "Someday soon we can get a legal marriage license, and you can make an honest homosexual out of me."

Critics praised the miniseries (and play) for its wide-ranging vision that weaves together broad historic, political and religious themes in scenes that blend drama, comedy and fantasy. The work is also a scathing indictment of how former President Ronald Reagan ignored the early AIDS crisis in the United States.

Stephen Macias, entertainment media director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), said he hopes that television executives try to duplicate shows like "Angels in America."

"'Angels in America' is a project that makes an incredibly positive impact on our LGBT community, and our nation's humanity," he told the PlanetOut Network.

HBO's adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning play raked in several other major television awards this year, including Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards. As a play, "Angels in America" won multiple Tonys and several other theater awards in the early 1990s.

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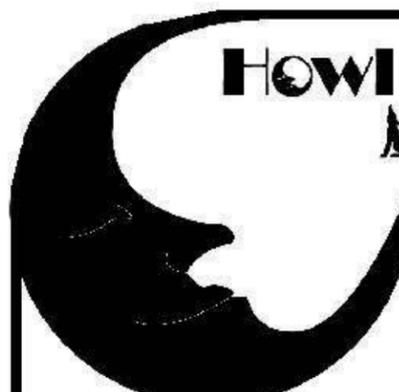
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## Poz Cafe Marks 10th Anniversary

TUCSON - The Poz Cafe, a welcoming social outlet for people living with HIV or AIDS, will serve its 5,000th meal, reported Mary Vandeveire of the Arizona Daily Star.

connects people. Those with HIV or AIDS connect with each other, receiving services and donating time to the group. And they connect with volunteers from the 33 congregations that are members of TIHAN.

Staffed by volunteers from faith-based communities citywide, Poz Cafe is a project of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

Communities of different faiths - such as Protestant, Buddhist, Catholic and Jewish - are part of TIHAN, learning about HIV/AIDS. As the group prepares to celebrate 10 years, one goal is to involve more congregations, said Dave Chandler, TIHAN's education director.

The Tucson nonprofit, which turns 10 next month, estimates 6,000 to 8,000 Pima County residents live with HIV, and state officials say the number in Arizona is growing.

"There's still some pockets of misinformation out there," Chandler said, adding the group will take any amount of time a congregation will allow for someone from TIHAN to talk about HIV/AIDS. The group talked to about 4,000 people in 2003, including many young people.

"There's a lot of stigma living with this disease," said Georgeann Figueroa, explaining the network's importance. Figueroa, 52, has HIV. "I still have a social life, and I'm still a human being. People care."

"HIV is very often a hidden disability," said Milo Lanz, 45, who's HIV-positive.

The network, known as TIHAN,

## Texas Judge: No Rights For Gay Couple

HOUSTON - A man fighting to keep the home he shared with his late partner is looking for a new place to live after a Harris County court ruled that same-sex partners have no rights, 365Gay.com reported.

Lanz said he can't say enough good things about Poz Cafe, a luncheon offered at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church the third Thursday of every month for people living with HIV or AIDS. The meals are organized, prepared and served by volunteers from congregations, who sit down with the guests to share in the meals and conversation.

William Ross says he and John Green, who died in January 2003, were partners for 7 1/2 years.

"They bring people together. It's quite a piece of orchestrate," said Jennifer Jones, advancement officer for the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. TIHAN began the Poz Cafe in 1999 and its success earned the group recognition this year as one of three finalists in the foundation's award for small organizations with innovation. The name of the cafe refers to the positive outlook there.

Green, 55, left no will saying who should get his town house, another home under renovation in the Houston suburb of Katy and stock worth \$88,000.

Volunteers said being part of the group is rewarding for them as well as the people in need.

Ross claims Green made out a notarized deed about a month before he died, leaving him the Katy home.

Jane Perri, a retired physical therapist, said she got involved with TIHAN about 10 years ago to help increase community knowledge about HIV/AIDS.

But, Green's son, Scott Goldstein, claimed that when the deed was signed his father was too ill for it to be legal.

"I saw a great deal of unkindness attached to the people living with AIDS," said Perri, 69. "I decided that is not how people of faith should behave."

Goldstein, 26, a South Florida businessman, sued Ross, alleging he had unlawfully laid claim to the home, spent money that belonged to the estate and kept a 1996 Mustang.

Donated items and other services come without religious messages, said Myron Morris, a retired physician who has volunteered with TIHAN nearly 10 years.

Ross filed a countersuit, saying the court should apply a "marriage-like relationship doctrine" and view him as a surviving spouse.

"That's an absolute no-no. That's what makes it attractive to me," said Morris, 79.

In her ruling, Associate Judge Ruth Ann Stiles rejected "marriage-like doctrine, noting that Texas law neither permits Gay marriage or allows for any recognition of same-sex relationships.

Under the ruling Ross is obligated to vacate the house and return any money or property to the state.

John Geddie, Goldstein's lawyer, said he was satisfied with the outcome saying that Stiles ruled properly rather than trying to make new law which is "the job of the legislature not the courts".

## Tucson Pride

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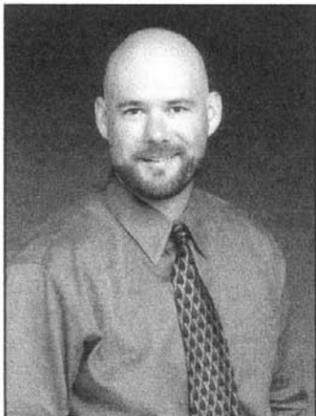
Key volunteers are also needed on Friday, October 8, during the day to set-up lighting in the tents for vendors (no technical skill required). Two key volunteers preferably with construction experience are needed to setup a portable light tower late afternoon/early evening on Friday October 8, and take it down on Saturday October 9 after the festival closes.

Tucson Pride will make a bonus donation to the charity of choice for key volunteers, plus 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](mailto:Nancy.Robinett@azbar.org) or (520) 591-9435.

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## Crushing Defeat Leaves G/L Groups Searching For Victory

NEW ORLEANS - With Louisiana the second state in a row to vote for amending the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage Gay activists in 11 other states are searching for strategies to help them stave off similar threats, 365Gay.com reported.

Louisiana voters Saturday, September 18, supported the proposed amendment by an 80 per cent plurality. Nevertheless, the victory came amid one of the lowest voter turnouts on record, noted Tim Hornback, the executive director of Equality Louisiana.

Hornback also sees some benefits of the Louisiana battle, pointing to a statewide infrastructure of GLBT groups that never existed before.

The group is preparing to fight the amendment in the courts. Prior to the vote, the Louisiana Supreme Court refused to hear a challenge to the amendment calling the case premature. Equality Louisiana is now preparing to return to court to challenge the vote. The battle will center around arguments the group made in lower courts last month.

It will argue that the "Defense of Marriage" amendment is unconstitutional because it would deprive unmarried couples — Gay or straight — of the right to enter into certain contracts.

Eventually, the case could go to the Supreme Court but that could take several years.

Eleven more states will vote on proposed amendments to ban Gay marriage in November, and other states are expected to put similar questions to voters in 2005, 2006, and 2007.

"We are very much the under dog in these battles," said Matt Foreman,

executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"We are the under dog in people, infrastructure and resources," he said.

"If we were able to speak directly to people we would have been much better. And while our opponents spent very little money they used churches to speak directly to people."

The best chances for success are in Oregon and Kentucky, Foreman said.

LGBT groups in Oregon already have fought 4 anti-Gay ballot measures. They have a statewide network in place and have raised over \$1 million fight that state's proposed anti-Gay-marriage measure.

In March, Multnomah County began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. County commissioners approved granting marriage licenses after a legal opinion from the county attorney said the law banning Gay marriage violated the state constitution.

Suits and counter suits from supporters and opponents of Gay marriage were wrapped into a single case. In April a lower court judge ruled that the state ban on Gay marriage was unconstitutional but ordered the county to stop issuing licenses until an ultimate ruling by the Oregon Supreme Court. But, the court is not scheduled to hear the case until two weeks after voters go to the polls.

But, as the Gay marriage issue heats up across the country, concerns are rising that there will be increased violence against Gays and Lesbians.

"History shows whenever there is a discussion of Gay rights issues there is an increase in hate crimes, so yes I would expect an increase in violence against Gays," Foreman said.

## Study Looks At U.S. G/L Soldiers In Iraq War

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A new study published Wednesday attacks "don't ask, don't tell" with reports of how U.S. Gay and Lesbian soldiers served effectively in Iraq and Afghanistan, with one Gay soldier helping to rescue Iraqi prisoner of war Jessica Lynch, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The study tells dozens of stories, including that of Brian Hughes, a Gay Army Ranger who was part of the elite task force that rescued prisoner of war Jessica Lynch. According to the report, Hughes took time off from Yale University to join the Army in August of 2000. In the fall of 2002, he was deployed to Afghanistan and later Iraq, where he helped rescue the missing soldier.

According to Hughes, one of the problems with "don't ask, don't tell," is that it precludes the loved ones of Gay and Lesbian soldiers from participating in support networks like the Family Readiness Group, in which spouses and parents are invited into meetings for information and support and where they get briefings of what is going on overseas.

"They do make especially married soldiers' lives much easier," Hughes said in the report, "And I think they fight better because of it."

According to the report, titled "Gays and Lesbians at War: Military Service in Iraq and Afghanistan Under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" when Gays and Lesbians come out to the people they serve with, they report greater success in bonding, morale, professional advancement, levels of commitment and are more

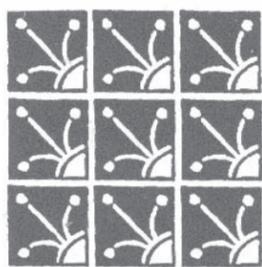
likely to stay with the armed services.

Conversely, soldiers who adhere to "don't ask, don't tell" are less likely to trust other soldiers, face more stress, are not as prepared for deployment, are less focused on their mission, and face medical and psychological problems.

The report adds the problems of "don't ask, don't tell," which was signed by President Clinton in 1993, do not just affect homosexual soldiers but also their heterosexual colleagues, creating an "atmosphere of dishonesty and distrust as well as disrespect for the law and the principles of integrity that are essential to military service."

The study, published by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, is based on 30 in-depth interviews with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual service members who were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since Oct. 7, 2001.

The report concludes that "don't ask, don't tell" "undermines the capacity of the armed forces to adequately serve the needs of its troops."



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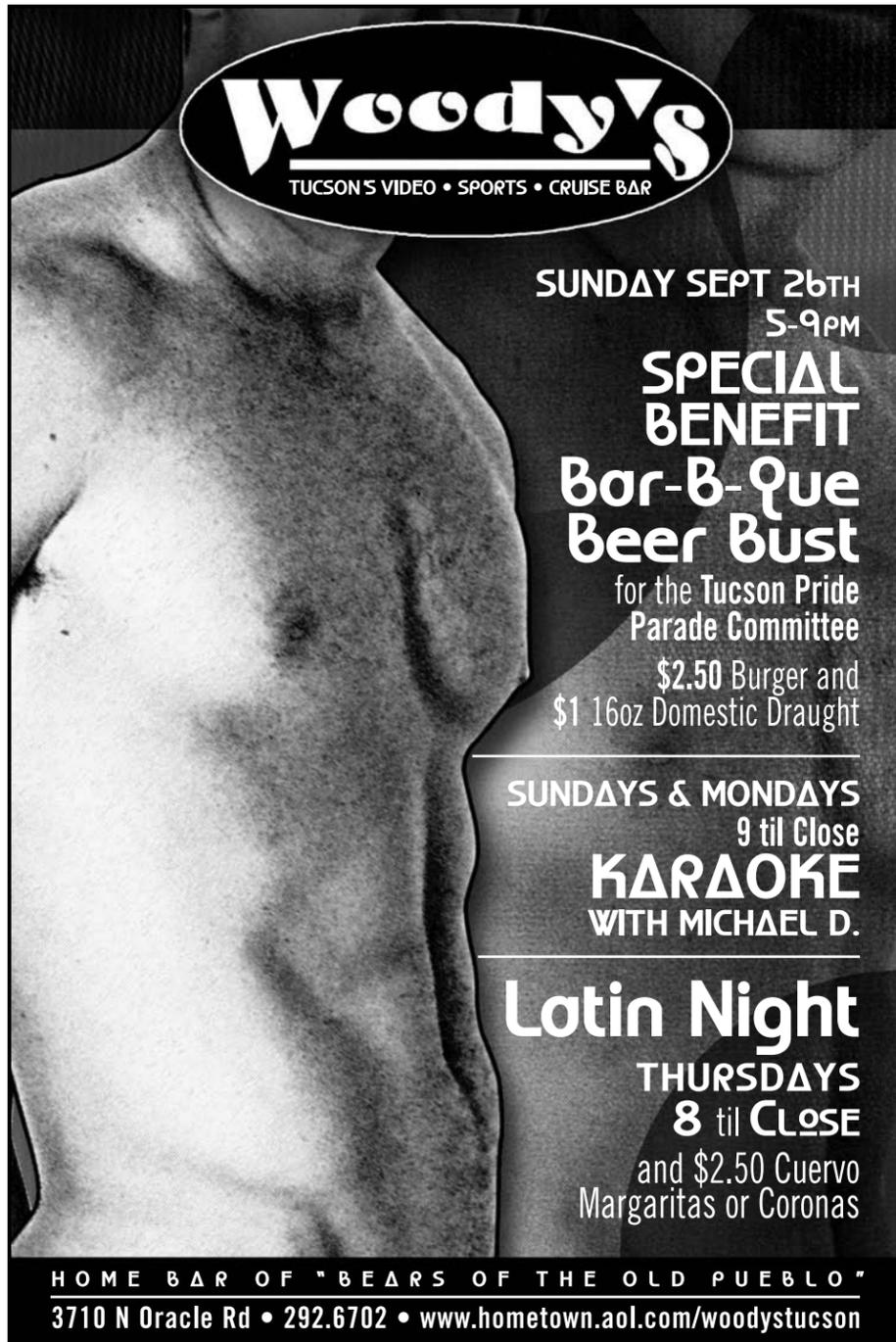
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## Michigan Judge: G/L Couples Cannot Adopt

LANSING - The Michigan attorney general's legal opinion that same-sex couples married in Massachusetts cannot adopt a child together in Michigan has angered Gay-rights advocates and others who said Wednesday, September 15, it disregards children's best interests, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com

The opinion, written by Attorney General Mike Cox, said a same-sex marriage performed in another state is invalid in Michigan and therefore precludes that couple from obtaining a joint adoption here.

"It's an anti-family opinion," said Beverly Davidson, president of the Coalition for Adoption Rights Equality, which supports same-sex adoptions. "There are a number of children in our state who need permanent homes. Limiting who can adopt them is a disservice."

While the Republican attorney general's opinion specifically addressed whether the state can recognize same-sex marriages performed in Massachusetts and whether those couples can adopt children in Michigan, critics worry that it further cripples Gays' rights and their ability to adopt.

### Man Barred From Library For Reading Gay Site

HONOLULU - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Hawaii has filed a lawsuit on behalf of a Honolulu man who was kicked out of the Hawaii State Library after he used one of its computers to access a local Gay and Lesbian Web site.

The suit challenges the constitutionality of a recently passed state law that allows law enforcement and other officials to ban people from public places for up to a year.

In briefs filed in federal court on Sept. 7, the ACLU said a security guard approached Carlos Hernandez on May 18 while he was visiting the LGBT Web site Gayhawaii.com and handed him a written warning which informed him he was banned from the library for one year because he was viewing a site the guard deemed "pornographic."

Lawyers with the ACLU further claim Act 50, or the "squatters law," could give police and others listed as "authorities" under the bill the opportunity to silence people they may disagree with or whom they may view as "unsavory."

"This law gives unbridled discretion to police and others to engage in arbitrary and capricious denials of protected expression based on nothing more than their individual prejudices and predilections," ACLU Legal Director Lois K. Perrin stated. "This statute is a classic, standardless law in blatant violation of the United States and Hawaii constitutions."

Local Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender advocacy groups, including The Center in Honolulu, agreed, and Executive Director Ken Miller added he feels this bill could be used against Hawaii's LGBT community.

"Part of the problem is that there is no real due process, no judge [or] jury," he told the PlanetOut Network on Tuesday, September 14. "There has always been a theory it could be used against us, given what the past has been like."

Attorney General Mark Bennett and Republican Gov. Linda Lingle are named as defendants in the lawsuit.

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The state's adoption law is ambiguous and appellate courts have not definitively ruled on the issue, they say.

Cox spokesman Randall Thompson disagreed. Cox wrote in his opinion that, while same-sex couples cannot adopt a child in the state, one partner may do so as a single person.

"In terms of the public policy of the state of Michigan, the Legislature has been very clear," Thompson said.

Critics say only a joint adoption gives both parents equal rights to the child and allows children adopted by Gay couples the same financial security and legal rights guaranteed to children of married couples.

Jay Kaplan, a staff attorney for the Michigan branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, said if one partner in same-sex couple adopts a child, the other partner would have no legal obligation to the adopted child.

"If only one parent can be legally recognized, how is that helping the child?" he said.

State Sen. Bill Hardiman, R-Kentwood, who requested the opinion, said marriage is an institution between one man and one woman and only married couples should be able to adopt.

"It's not that I'm against Gays, but I do support marriage as it has been defined in this country," Hardiman said.

Judges have divided over the issue.

Washtenaw County judges once allowed Gay and Lesbian couples to jointly adopt children. But two years ago, Chief Judge Archie Brown banned those adoptions in the courts under his control. Brown said at the time that such adoptions violated state law, which he said allows only individuals and married couples to adopt children.

Earlier today in Oklahoma, a lawsuit was launched challenging that state's anti-Gay adoption law.

### Ryan White Funding

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In addition to flat funding the CARE Act, the committee voted not to increase money for prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Prevention is our only vaccine and we need to get it out to those most at risk: young people, Gay and Bisexual men and people of color communities," said Jacques

But, while the committee voted to hold the line on HIV/AIDS education and care it decided to give \$36.5 million to fund abstinence-until-marriage programs.

"The Senate put politics ahead of science," added Jacques.

The Ryan White CARE Act is the largest single source of public funds (excluding Medicaid) that treats people with HIV/AIDS in the United States. First enacted in 1990, the Act supports a wide range of community-based services, including primary and home health care, case management, substance abuse treatment and mental health services, and nutritional and housing services.

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# Anti-Gay Groups Call For Boycott Of Proctor & Gamble

CINCINNATI - Conservative Christian political groups are calling for a boycott of Proctor and Gamble after the consumer products company urged its workers to support the repeal of an anti-Gay charter amendment in Cincinnati, 365Gay.com reported.

In an open letter to all employees, the Cincinnati-based multi-national said "P&G joins a number of other major businesses, in the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, civic, religious and community leaders in supporting repeal."

The 1993 charter amendment made Cincinnati the only U.S. city to ban enactment or enforcement of laws based on sexual orientation, effectively tying the hands of the city council from enacting laws protecting Gays and Lesbians against discrimination.

Citizens to Restore Fairness an umbrella organization of mainly Gay civil rights groups has forced a referendum on the charter article. The question of whether to scrap it will appear on the November ballot.

The letter to P&G workers was signed by Dick Antoine, Global Human Resources Officer, and Charlotte Otto, Global External Relations Officer.

It says that the charter amendment "prevents Cincinnati from developing a reputation as an open and welcoming community." The letter also says that it "negatively impacts the city and region's image and therefore limits P&G's ability to attract and retain the best talent to help build our business."

"Article 12 is the only law of its kind in the United States that allows discrimination against a specific group of people, a distinction that makes the city of Cincinnati out of step with doing what's right."

In addition to Proctor & Gamble and other Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce members, the city's Roman Catholic Archbishop has also called for repeal of the amendment. (story)

But, both the American Family Association and Focus on the Family say Proctor & Gamble has gone too far and urged their supporters to boycott the

company.

P&G makes Crest toothpaste, Tide detergent, and dozens of other popular products.

"Proctor & Gamble ... has publicly thrown their support and money behind the homosexual political agenda," said AFA in a statement.

The group also claims the company is showing its "support for homosexual marriage," although the Proctor & Gamble statement on the Cincinnati ballot measure did not mention same-sex marriage. Voters across Ohio will decide in November whether the state constitution should be amended to ban Gay marriage.

"P&G said they 'will not tolerate discrimination [against homosexuals] in any form, against anyone, for any reason.' To keep homosexuals from being legally married is discrimination for good reason, which P&G says they will not tolerate. Taking them at their word, P&G supports homosexual marriage," AFA said in its statement.

Focus on the Family founder and chairman Dr. James C. Dobson called the Proctor & Gamble letter "an affront to its customers."

"It's tough to make a dent, financially, in a corporate giant like Proctor & Gamble," Dobson told millions of listeners to his Christian radio program. "But we can send a very strong message to the men and women in the corporate offices: 'Not only have you lost your moral compass, but you have lost our business. And you're not going to get it back until you stop insulting us and disregarding our values.'"

Proctor & Gamble has been a longtime supporter of the Gay community. It has one of the strongest workplace equality policies among American companies and is a frequent advertiser in the LGBT media, including 365Gay.com.

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Now come the homophobes, spouting the same hate-filled rhetoric about a different minority group. "Homosexuality is immoral, unscriptural and unhealthy," we are told. It is a "sin," like theft and drunkenness, according to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

The Pitchfork Tillmans of today warn that the "homosexual lobby" wants to bring about the destruction of the American family. Just like their racist antecedents, they are trying to whip up hatred and intolerance in order to build public support for anti-gay laws.

Sure, they can try to hide behind morality, but we all know a bigot when we see one. Think about it.

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## POLITICS 2004

by Mark R. Kerr

### 'No Thanks, A Kiss Or Roses!'

Under the state constitution, Arizona's Legislature - the sixty-seat House of Representatives and the thirty-seat Senate is supposed to enact laws to promote and protect the health, welfare and safety of the public but instead, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) tax paying Arizonans as well as heterosexuals of the Grand Canyon State have had to endure measures:

dealing with the size and number of dildos an individual could possess;

enacting a state Defense of Marriage Act - despite the fact Arizona law already stated that "marriage" was between a man and a woman;

putting the state "on record" supporting codifying discrimination in the federal constitution by banning not only same-sex marriage but domestic partnerships, civil unions and access to the judicial branch of government for Gays and Lesbians on these issues;

regulating a women's breast, while also attempting to deregulate safe, drinking water at the same time;

allowing for the unrestricted and unregulated growth of payday loan, car title and check cashing centers; and,

approving a \$600-million dollar tax credit for alternate fuel vehicles (unseen and unread by Arizona's Legislature) which was so poorly written, it resulted in the state going into red-ink up to its eyeballs, still trying to pay off this GOP-inspired boondoggle, naming a half dozen specific examples of their handiwork - with countless other examples, too numerous to name in this column but wait, with all this, Arizona's Legislature has their "hand out" seeking a pay raise.

On the November 2 general election ballot, voters will be considering eight ballot propositions, six of which were foisted on the voting public by the Arizona Legislature in another example of shirking of their duties listed in the state constitution.

Thanks to the courts and a poorly written ballot proposal, Arizona's Clean Elections law will make it through another election cycle, so instead of nine, there are, as previous stated, eight, and starting at the end is Proposition 300, which would give Arizona's Legislature a 50% pay raise, from \$24,000 to \$36,000 for their part-time job. Arizona's Governor, Janet Napolitano, came out against the measure, as well as a proposed pay hike for herself, stating the timing and the economy are not right. Indeed, with most people struggling from paycheck to paycheck, why should a group of individuals get a 50% hike in salary for a part-time job?

On the ballot, thanks to the "people," is Proposition 200, the Protect Arizona Now initiative, which would require anyone who wants to register to vote to provide proof of citizenship and require all voters to show picture ID when they cast a ballot. It would also force state employees to verify that anyone seeking public benefits under the state's welfare system isn't in the country illegally—and if they fail to do so properly, those state workers could face up to four months in jail.

immigrants; (b) a racist plot to further disenfranchise poor Hispanic residents of Arizona; or (c) a misguided effort that will trap the state in a legal quagmire that could end up costing hundreds of millions of dollars each year. ..."

Of the other six propositions foisted upon the voting public thanks to the Arizona Legislature, two of them deal with initiative and referendums, trying to limit citizen's rights to the process of putting measures on the ballot for consideration, as checks and balances to the government. Proposition 101 would require that any program or measure passed by initiative must include a full, separate and new funding source for any expenses generated by the program and Proposition 104 would give citizen and volunteer groups less time to gather the required signatures to place an issue on the ballot, moving the deadline back ninety-days.

Proposition 100 is the sixth attempt to allow the state to swap state trust lands, for the well-being of the public. This measure has failed five times previous since 1990 so enough said.

Current and former elected officials of both parties and all political views support Proposition 102. Governor Janet Napolitano said in her argument in favor of this proposition: "Proposition 102 permits Arizona's universities to receive stock in companies that license technology the universities develop. This will create an active partnership between our universities and the private sector, and stimulate the growth of high-tech businesses that have high wage jobs. At no additional cost to Arizona taxpayers, Proposition 102 benefits our economy and provides additional funding for Arizona's universities. It also allows us to stay competitive with other states that already permit their universities to invest in companies that market their inventions. ..."

Should temporary Justices of the Peace (JP) be required to be an attorney or have the same requirements as a regular JP, be 18 years old and live in the precinct from which their elected from. Proposition 103 would drop the requirement of temporary JP's having to be a lawyer to just being a regular JP. Confusing but nothing new thanks yet again to the Arizona Legislature.

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Early voting for the general election starts September 30, and the voter registration deadline is Monday, October 4, so sign up to vote because our rights and lives depend upon it!

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# Around The Gay World. . . . . Another Province Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage; 1st Divorce Granted

WINNIPEG - Manitoba became the fourth Canadian province to legalize same-sex marriage after a judge on Thursday, September 16, declared the province's current definition of marriage unconstitutional. Justice Douglas Yard's ruling in Court of Queen's Bench came in response to a lawsuit filed last month by three same-sex couples against the provincial and federal governments. The couples asked Yard to declare that the definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman is contrary to the equality provision in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. "The traditional definition of marriage in Manitoba is reformulated to mean a voluntary union for life of two persons at the exclusion of all others," Yard ruled.

Courts legalized same-sex marriage in the provinces of British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec in 2003 and in the Yukon territory in July. Prime Minister Paul Martin's Liberal government has vowed to make it legal across Canada after the country's supreme court reviews the matter this fall. Yard said precedents set by justices in the other provinces, accounting for some 70% of Canada's 31 million population, weighed heavily in his decision. "The effect [is] that the traditional definition of marriage is no longer constitutionally valid in view of the provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms," he said, referring to the federal charter.

The news was greeted by cheers and hugs among the couples and their supporters, who were expecting the positive outcome. Lobby groups in support of same-sex marriage say they expect the first same-sex wedding in Manitoba to be performed by the end of the week. The case marks the first time Ottawa has not opposed—or asked for an adjournment of—a same-sex marriage lawsuit. The federal government has jurisdiction over the definition of marriage. It had argued, to no avail, against changing it in cases in British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec. . . .

Meanwhile, following on from the country's success in legalizing same-sex marriage in some provinces, a divorce was granted Monday, September 13, to a same-sex couple for the first time in Canada.

The legal granting was given to an unnamed Lesbian couple in Toronto by the Ontario Superior Court, who ruled that the definition of "spouse" in the

country's Divorce Act was unconstitutional after the province had legalized marriages for Lesbian and Gay couples.

Judge Ruth Mesbar said that the divorce could be granted because existing legislation was also "inoperative and of no force and effect on the definition of 'spouse.'"

Mesbar is expected to reveal her full reasons for the decision — as well as recommendation for the country's government — in the coming weeks.

Martha McCarthy, one of the women's lawyers, said the effects of this ruling could lead to greater equality across the country's marriage laws.

"It means that the Divorce Act, which was one of the few statutes that required some consideration after we won the freedom to marry, has now also been amended to take into account same-sex marriage," McCarthy said.

She added that, as well as being a first for Canada, the divorce may well be the first in the world.

In addition to Ontario, marriage for Lesbian and Gay couples is legal in two other provinces and the Yukon.

The unnamed couple was married after the decision to legalize same-sex marriage was made last year by the Ontario Court of Appeals. However, their relationship began to break up soon after.

## Timing Multi-Drug Therapy Crucial For HIV Patients

NEW YORK - Survival rates of HIV-positive patients could be improved if combination-drug treatment were begun earlier than current clinical guidelines now recommend, according to a new study, 365Gay.com reported.

Although highly active antiretroviral therapy, or HAART, has been available since 1996 and is proven to reduce mortality and slow HIV's progression into AIDS, there has been longstanding debate over the optimal time to begin treatment. Current guidelines of the International AIDS Society suggest that this combination-drug therapy should begin when counts of protective CD4 cells drop below 200 per microliter of blood.

But researchers from the Academy and Johns Hopkins found that improved results were achieved among HIV-positive injection drug users (IDUs) by starting HAART when CD4 counts were above 350/ul.

This indicates that treatment should be considered at earlier stages of infection, when patients are somewhat healthier.

"Our research is critically important because it shows that initiating HAART therapy in these patients when their CD4 counts are higher can save more lives and keep more of them from developing AIDS," said study co-author David Vlahov, Director of the Academy Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies.

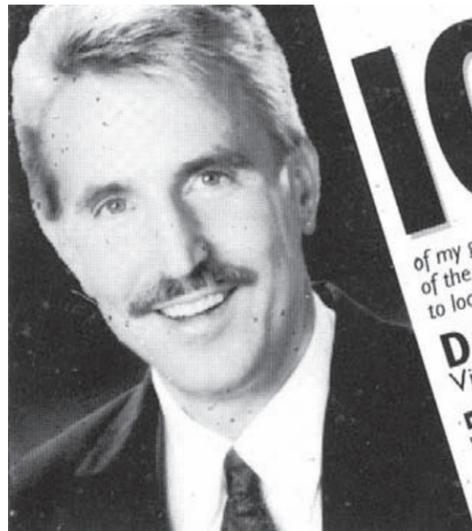
Researchers followed 583 HIV-positive adults and 920 HIV-negative adults from 1997 to 2000. All 1,503 participants were active IDUs. At the start of the study, researchers measured initial CD4 cell counts, HIV status, and HAART use.

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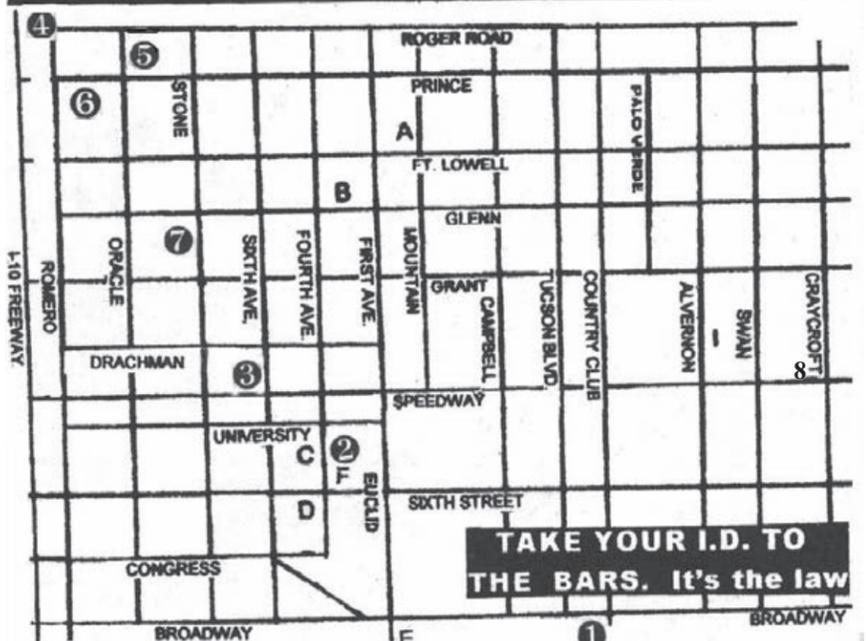
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## TV's Disappearing Gays

HOLLYWOOD - Gay characters on television have become an endangered species the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said Thursday, September 16, 365Gay.com reported.

GLAAD said that the number of LGBT characters on network TV has dropped to its lowest level since the organization began tracking in 1996.

Nevertheless, GLAAD said that cable dramas and the reality genre have improved their inclusion of Gays and Lesbians.

"When you turn to cable and reality TV, you see us — our lives, our relationships, our diversity," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "But when you turn to network comedies and dramas, you're seeing portraits of an America where Gay people and families are nearly invisible. That's not the America we live in."

In addition to Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," this fall has a strong line-up of inclusive reality shows, with two Lesbian contestants on CBS' "Survivor: Vanuatu," a Gay couple on Fox's home renovation competition "The Complex: Malibu," and two Gay housemates on MTV's "The Real World: Philadelphia." Other reality shows that feature openly Gay participants include, among others, ABC's "The Benefactor," UPN's "Amish in the City" and Showtime's "American Candidate."

However, the surge in inclusive reality TV representations, and the corresponding rise in reality programming, is offset by the continuing under-representation of LGBT characters on broadcast network scripted series — with only five Gay male characters and one Lesbian character in 2004, GLAAD said.

This year there is only one new Gay character in primetime: George (played by Patrick Breen in a supporting role), a nanny who works for the title character in UPN's high-profile Taye Diggs-starrer "Kevin Hill."

In sharp contrast, cable dramas (such as HBO's "The Wire," FX's "Nip/Tuck" and The N's "Degrassi: The Next Generation"), with a total of 15 Gay male, nine Lesbian and two Bisexual female characters, continue to break new ground in textured, three-dimensional storytelling — though on programs with smaller audiences than the broadcast networks.

GLAAD's analysis also found a decline in Gay people of color represented on scripted network TV. Only one Gay character of color (Adam, an Asian Pacific Islander on UPN's "Half & Half") appears on scripted network TV this year. By comparison, there are six Gay and Lesbian characters of color on scripted cable shows, and reality programs "The Benefactor," "American Candidate," "The Real World," and "Queer Eye" also feature a total of five Gays and Lesbians of color.

The study also showed there is invisibility of Gay and Lesbian couples and families on scripted network TV. The cancellation of ABC's groundbreaking "It's All Relative" leaves scripted network primetime without representations of same-sex couples and families.

Even more troublesome is the potential for more defamatory exploitation in the reality genre, GLAAD said. Despite Fox's decision in May to shelve the homophobic "Seriously, Dude, I'm Gay" — which featured two men forced to fool others into thinking they were Gay through a series of humiliating tasks — GLAAD

remains concerned about reality programs that mimic the concepts, but not the spirit, of hit shows like "Queer Eye."

"We're all aware that the words 'reality TV' and 'boundaries' don't typically go together," said Stephen Macias, GLAAD's entertainment media director. "But as we saw with 'Seriously, Dude, I'm Gay,' some producers are willing to turn us into objects of ridicule and, in doing so, place Gay people in harm's way. 'Seriously, Dude' made it clear: there must be boundaries, and GLAAD will continue to keep a watchful eye on the reality genre."

## Swimmer Counters Gay Rumors

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SWIMMER COUNTERS GAY RUMORS

SYDNEY - For the second time, Australian Olympic swimmer Ian Thorpe has asserted he is not Gay, reported 365Gay.com.

The handsome 22 year old has been the subject of rumor throughout his career. Hit with the question at the launch of a new sports drink that bears his name Thorpe said he is straight, but quickly added that he though the rumors and speculation were flattering.

"People are going to believe what they want to believe anyway," Thorpe said.

"I have answered the question once and I don't think I will ever answer it again because, quite frankly, it is no one's business to know anyone else's business."

He was then asked why he thought he was considered such a star by Gay men.

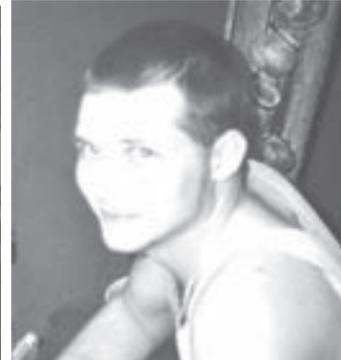
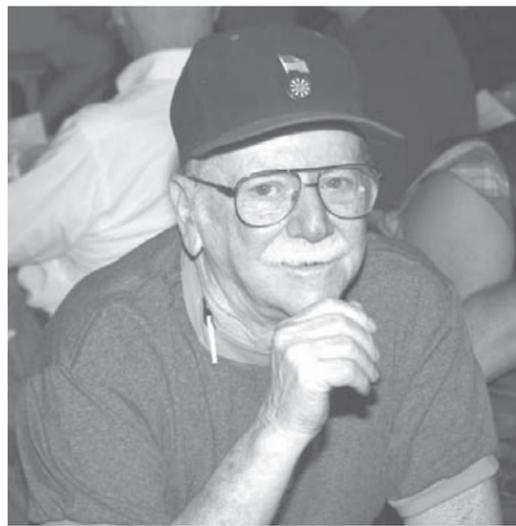
"It is kind of not a minority group, but a group of people that there is a distinguishing factor that we don't have in common, and they respect and admire what I do, and I think it is a very big compliment," Thorpe said.

The Olympic medalist is known for his size 17 feet, but fans don't get to see much more of his body. He is one of a handful of swimmers who prefers a body suit to a speedo.

But instead of turning off Gay fans with his remarks he may actually endear himself more.

"The way that he said he was straight without getting defensive about it would have made people like him more," said Stacy Farrar of the country's leading Gay newspaper, the Sydney Star Observer.

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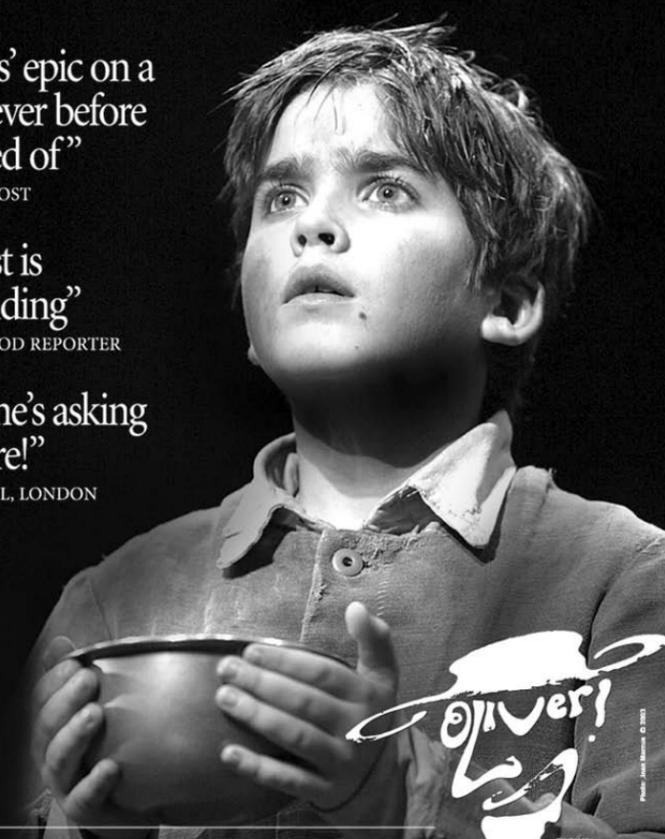


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**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**  
What is it about Gay Rams when Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter all edge into Libra? You suddenly become the one to get to know. Everyone wants to get next to you and is angling to reel you in. If you are fishing for a relationship, you certainly pack the right bait. If you are already netted, expect to be spoiled by your partner. Let’s hope you don’t begin to curdle....

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
Friends come out of the woodwork when four sociable planets dance into Libra. This is no time to sit at home and wait for the adventure to find you. Why stand on ceremony? It is the time to get out and expand your circle of friends and range of acquaintances. Join a club, get involved in a new hobby or interest. Explore someone ....er... something new. So nu?

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
There is quite a lot to do at work and queer Bulls are up to the task. Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter are in Libra and offer you a helping hand. In fact, things move so smoothly that you may be inclined to goof off and hang around the water cooler. Before you float away on your copious charm, think ahead. Work now while the energy is right and get wet when the planets move on.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
All these planets in Libra are a boon to corporately inclined pink Caps. You glide to the top of any organizational chart and can now, finally, capitalize on all your hard work. Timing is everything so let your ambitions soar and make astounding progress in any major quest. Too too soon the energies move on and you will prefer to coast downstream on your past deeds. Pack an oar.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Proud Twins are giddy when four planets move into Libra. Not only are you the focus of every romantic queer eye, you also find yourself in the epicenter of fun. Your presence is demanded at every “A-level” event as you rub elbows with “A-level” talent. Eat, drink and be very merry while it lasts, compadre. Too, too soon you will find yourself pushed down the alphabet.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
Much has been said about your universalist outlook on life. This is the time to show the word how you can put your words into action. Aqueerians can sometimes be armchair liberators. Get off your duff, pick a global cause and get going. For apolitics, Libra planets give you a great excuse (as if you need any) to take an extravagant, glorious vacation. Liberate from your deckchair.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
There is no place like home, especially when Sun, Mars, Mercury and Jupiter ascend into Libra. Pink Crabs feel the need to open up their front door to the general masses. Do so if you must but I suggest that you show a bit of discretion. Ultimately there is nothing as frustrating as having a bunch of sweaty hungry hordes fingering your silverware and warming your couch.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
The temperature is rising and so are you. All these planets in Libra stir your juices, fan your flames and poke your embers. What’s cooking? You just need someone to love. Guppies are especially attractive (and attracted) now and can have their pick of the crop. But don’t sit at home and wait for a delivery. You have to go out and shop in order to find the best tomatoes.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
Give out a good Gay roar this week proud Lion. You have a lot to say and will say it eloquently and persuasively with all these planets in diplomatic Libra. Turn a few heads and change a few minds. There is also something interesting happening around the neighborhood. Be a curious cat and take a risk on one of your nine lives. There is a special treat for those who poke their nose.

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**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
Those queer Virgins who have carefully counted their pennies and did their fiscal homework will reap the benefits when a pile of planets enter Libra. Pay day is here, compadre. Questions: Will you spend your largess on necessities or extravagances? Will you share or horde? You are tempted to throw caution to the wind and enjoy. Surrender to the temptation.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
Who is this shining being? Who is this beacon who attracts all forms of admirers. It is simply Gay Libra who is infused with an essential godliness thanks to four planets in their own sign. There is really nothing that you can’t do right now. Even the nastiest, more vulgar, evil twins of you (and there are usually very few) are beginning to look good. Stick around for more.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
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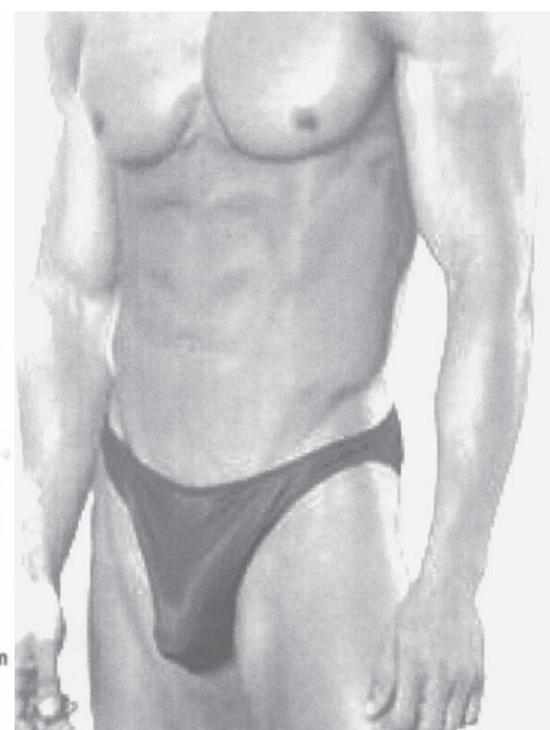
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## NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

### Goodbye To Phys. Ed.

How come my parents, who only went to the eighth grade and who came to English as a second language, wrote the language better than most of my students in Freshman Composition at the University of Arizona? I've asked lots of educators that question and I've yet to get a plausible answer.

If we're going to be so focused on educational methodology, with our current worship of comprehensive testing as the methodological cure-all, why doesn't somebody go back to the early part of the last century and find out how they educated people like my parents? I can tell you one thing for sure: they didn't scare them to death by threatening that they wouldn't graduate if they couldn't pass some monster exam.

This testing mania now plaguing the US has long ravaged Europe and Asia where kids have been committing suicide over bad test scores for decades. It's now getting almost as out of hand here in the states with school administrators cuffing back on or eliminating physical education so there'll be more time for comprehensive test preparation.

This at a time when American kids are breaking all previous records for obesity and the many health problems related to it. Not to worry. American kids won't start committing suicide like the French and Japanese do. They'll just start exploding like overfilled balloons.

The testing plague started, at least here in the US, as a way for politicians to justify tax increases for education. If they could point to increases in test scores they figured that increases in taxes wouldn't be so painful.

Testing immediately became the way that school administrators and teachers could justify their existence. If

scores are going up, they must be doing something right. Never mind that they did away with art education, music education, and now, at the obvious risk of their students' health, physical education.

Nobody denies that the testing mania has limited the range of subjects taught. Nobody denies that teachers "teach to the test" and thereby constrict the range of their own subject matter. While anybody who's not brain-dead can see through this boondoggle, it makes politicians, school administrators and teachers feel good about themselves. The only people getting hurt are the kids.

And, guess what kids, the only people who are going to fix the problem are the kids. This testing plague-mania-boondoggle that makes all the adults so happy is not going to go away until high school kids start boycotting the tests.

Hopefully most high schoolers are smart enough to see that the testing system is degrading the content of their education while it puts enormous pressure on them to perform an essentially meaningless task. Hopefully it's eventually going to dawn on them that the payoffs for this looniness go exclusively to the adults and not to them.

To be effective, of course, the boycotts have to be organized. Individuals can't stand alone against the system. That's why labor unions were invented Organize, kids! Make the phrase "student union" mean more than an on-campus burger joint.

And while I'm reforming education, let me suggest a possible profitable conjunction of two educationally abused groups, charter high school kids and part-time community college instructors.

Sad to say but it turns out that charter schools have gotten just as hung up on methodology as the traditional schools

they once provided an escape from. One charter administrator told me that his school's method was to put everybody on a computer so each student could work at his own pace. In our age of test worship there wasn't much point in arguing with him about the educational value of social interaction, debate, discussion, and old-fashioned stuff like that.

As for instructors, community colleges all over America higher zillions of part-timers so they can pay them slave wages and deny them any benefits. Charter schools aren't interested in hiring these people with advanced degrees because too much knowledge about a subject might interfere with their almighty methodologies.

Somebody ought to steal the slave labor from the community colleges and start a charter high school using only teachers with advanced degrees. Then let those teachers use whatever methods work best for them and their students, the theory being that the teachers not only know their subjects but they probably also remember the most effective methods that were used to teach them their subjects. Is that a revelation or what?!

Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754. e-mail: Doid3@aol.com

### Turnabout Turnout

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IBT's, Yard Dog, Woody's, and November's, along with this year's emcees Bunny FuFu and Janee Starr.

The \$11,000 was raised through community members pledging money to support their favorite bar staff/owners, as well as through tips, admission tickets, program advertising, and a silent auction and raffle organized by Cathy Ernst. Generous \$1,000 donations were given by Christopher Roberts and Mike Kramowski, the new owners of IBT's who made their public debut at the event, and by Rik England and Frank Perez, who offered to

give \$1,000 to TIHAN only if Dave Huff, co-owner of Woody's along with his partner Frank Schepis, would shave his face and chest on stage. Dave Huff rose to the challenge, and in perhaps the show's wildest moment, allowed his hair to be shaved in front of the roaring crowd.

The final donation that sent the benefit over the \$11,000 mark was made by an anonymous donor, who made the gift in honor of Marc Brunelle, one of the producers of the show, and a performer for every Turnabout show since its inception. Marc, who is living with HIV, was hospitalized earlier this year, and his prognosis was "touch and go" for several weeks, as his friends and family gathered at his hospital bedside. Marc survived that close call, an extended recovery period, and the recent death of his father, and turned in an inspiring Turnabout performance as Liza Minnelli.

"Marc Brunelle's heroic journey over the past year serves as a great reminder that our brothers and sisters continue to live courageously in this battle against AIDS," said Scott Blades, TIHAN's Executive Director. "We are grateful to him and to co-producers Ray Gregg and Dave Huff, as well as our fabulous emcees Bunny and Janee, all the great performers, and all those in attendance for this show. The funds raised through this benefit will help TIHAN continue to make a difference in many lives as we continue our programs of AIDS awareness and advocacy, support services for people living with HIV, as well as compassion and understanding, care and support."

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# Gay Hate Singers Nominated For Hip Hop Awards

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GAY HATE SINGERS NOMINATED FOR HIP-HOP AWARDS

NEW YORK - Five singers who advocate the murder of Gays and Lesbians have been nominated for the prestigious Source Hip-Hop Music Awards 2004, to be held in Miami on October 10, 365Gay.com reported.

Elephant Man, Sizzla, Vybz Kartel, T.O.K., Beenie Man have been nominated in the category 'Dancehall-reggae artist of the Year'.

All have released records variously inciting the shooting, burning, drowning and hanging of Lesbians and Gay men.

The nominations were announced at a time when the singers are under scrutiny by Gays for their music.

The organizers of the MOBOs, Britain's urban music awards canceling the nominations of reggae superstars Elephant Man and Vybz Kartel, after they refused to apologize for their lyrics inciting the murder of Lesbian and Gay people. The MOBOs had been under intense pressure from British LGBT rights group Outrage.

Promoting hate is illegal in Britain.

But, for Gay rights groups in this country it is more difficult to attack the singers, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation says.

First, there are the First Amendment issues. Second, at a time when most Gay civil rights groups are actively courting African Americans to support the fight against constitutional amendments against Gay marriage there is the fear attacking black singers would be seen as hateful.

"One of our concerns has been that people don't understand what has been sung because the lyrics are in Jamaican patois," GLAAD's Stephen Macias told 365Gay.com.

"GLAAD is looking at the situation to see what to do about the nominations. What may work in the UK may not work in the United States."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force called on the Source Awards to take back the nominations.

"We feel strongly that hate speech and incitements to violence

should never be honored and its incumbent upon the organizers to rescind these nominations," NGLTF executive director Matt Foreman told 365Gay.com.

"This is not about free speech this about rewarding hate speech."

Sizzla, recently performed a concert in Montreal, but it was only allowed into Canada after he signed guarantees with the government that he would not perform music that promotes homophobia.

His hit tune Pump Up has the line "Shot battyboy, my big gun boom (Shoot queers, my big gun goes boom)".

Bounty Killer and Vybz Kartel have recorded and performed songs which urge listeners to shoot, burn, lynch and drown Lesbians and Gay men. They are scheduled to appear at a concert in Newark, New Jersey.

Beenie Man concerts have been cancelled in several US cities. The most recent was MTV's decision not to allow him to perform at a MTV Music Video Awards concert in Miami. But, the biggest cancellation came from RJR Reynolds which axed Beenie Man from all of its Salem Stir Your Senses Tour after it was made aware of the nature of the lyrics.

## Suspended Sentence For G/L Pride Manure Attack

CONWAY - A Arkansas man who dumped nearly three tons of cow, pig, and horse manure on the route of a Gay Pride parade has been found guilty of harassment, 365Gay.com reported.

Wesley Bono, 35, had pleaded innocent to dumping the manure on the parade route and in front of the home of a Gay couple who organized the Pride weekend in Conway saying that he was "exercising his constitutional right to free speech".

Bono was sentenced to 30 days in jail, but the judge suspended the sentence as long as Bono makes regular payments for restitution and court costs.

The manure was dumped on June 27, just before dawn and only hours before the parade was to begin.

"Under the First Amendment, a man is allowed to protest. That's what I was doing," Bono told KATV at the time he entered his plea. "I didn't do it as a hate crime, or any crime at all."

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## U.K. Study: Drink Spiking Hits Gay Scene

LONDON - A new survey has found that as many as one in five Gay men in England believe themselves to be the victim of drink spiking, with many subsequently suffering attacks as a result, Gay.com UK reported.

The study, conducted for the Channel 4 program "Dispatches," questioned women and Gay men across the country for the first nationwide survey of drink spiking and drug rape.

While it found that women are much more likely to become victims of the modern phenomenon, Gay men are also at risk, the program discovered.

Drink spiking takes place when indistinguishable liquid drugs, such as GHB and rohypnol, are poured into an unsuspecting victim's drink.

The added drugs can render the victim unconscious and vulnerable to sexual attacks. Additionally, memory can sometimes be affected, and victims have no recollection of the attack.

The new study found that London and Cardiff were the drink-spiking hot spots of the country, although this relates more to attacks on women.

This is not the first time that Gay men have been warned of the problems of drink spiking and sexual attacks.

Last year, Graham Rhodes of the Roofie Foundation, which offers help and counseling for victims of drink spiking, said that reports of spiking on Gay men were increasing.

He said 10-15 percent of cases reported to the group were from men, with 750 cases reported in the preceding 12 months. This number could be much greater in reality, he warned, since many victims do not report the incident.

He said that in male cases, there was also a "much higher proportion of gang rape."

Additionally, Edinburgh police warned Gay men last year that a gang was targeting those on the city's Gay scene.

## Judge Refuses To Turf Gay Governor

TRENTON - A federal judge on Wednesday refused to order a special election to replace Gov. James E. McGreevey, who announced last month that he is Gay and would step down Nov. 15, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

U.S. District Judge Garrett E. Brown Jr. dismissed a lawsuit that claimed McGreevey had effectively created a vacancy by announcing his resignation. Brown said there is no vacancy to fill because McGreevey has not left office.

"He clearly intends to hold office until Nov. 15, 2004. The requirement of holding a special election does not arise. The rights of registered voters are not being violated," Brown said.

The lawsuit, filed by two Princeton lawyers, argued that by staying in office until there is not time enough to schedule a special election, McGreevey is depriving voters of their constitutional rights.

McGreevey called a news conference last month to say he is Gay, had an extramarital affair with a man and would resign.

Under state law, if McGreevey had left office before Sept. 3, a special election would have been called for Nov. 2. But now, Senate President Richard J. Codey, a fellow Democrat, will succeed McGreevey as acting governor until the term expires in January 2006. The state has no lieutenant governor.

In his ruling Brown detailed definitions of the word "vacancy," using several types of dictionaries. Under every definition he could find, the state has no vacancy because McGreevey has not left office, Brown said.

Bruce Afran, one of the lawyers who filed the lawsuit, said he would argue again in state Supreme Court that the state is violating the public's right to vote for a replacement.

"I am quite shocked that a U.S. district court judge decides a dictionary is more important than the United States Constitution," Afran said afterward.

Assistant Attorney General Stefanie Brand said Brown's decision appeared to be final.

"I thought it was clear and logical," Brand said.

McGreevey has not changed his plan to resign and was pleased by the ruling, spokesman Micah Rasmussen said.

"We appreciate the judge's thoughtful decision," Rasmussen said.

## Timing Multi-Drug

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After three years, survival rates were similar among HIV-negative IDUs and HIV-positive IDUs who were on HAART therapy and had CD4 cell counts exceeding 350/ul. Both groups had better survival rates than HIV-positive IDUs who did not receive HAART and had CD4 counts exceeding 350/ul.

The groups also had better survival than HAART-treated HIV-patients whose CD4 cell counts were between 200/ul and 350/ul. Currently, HAART is not routinely initiated for patients whose CD4 cell counts exceed 350/ul.

## Man Barred From Library

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Bennett admitted to the Associated Press there are some people who may abuse the statute; but he defended the law and said the ACLU's claims are groundless.

"Just because a statute is capable of being abused, doesn't mean that the statute is unconstitutional," Bennett said.

Miller disagreed and said he feels the law has been abused and is unnecessary.

"In theory it could ban people from going to the beach," he stated. "It's a bad law [and] it has been used in a way that it is not supposed to be used."



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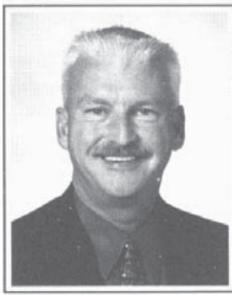
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Dear Dr. X,

I have a problem. Earlier this year I found out I was HIV positive. It has taken me a while to get back out into the scene, and was just now starting to feel confident about letting guys know about my status when I think I am interested in hooking up. Now I found out last week that I have an actual AIDS diagnosis. I don't know what to do now. I don't want to scare them off, but I want to get it out of the way. Do I tell someone I have AIDS or just HIV? I think it sounds a lot different. Does it, or not?

Sincerely, Positive Thinking

Dear Positive Thinking,

I want to give you credit for trying to communicate about your status ahead of time. Springing it on folks in the bedroom can be disastrous. We often say things like what are you into, top or bottom, etc, so why not what's your HIV status? People think it kills the mood but believe me it won't be any easier to discuss it after sex. So many people play that game in their heads that if no one brings it up then everything is fine. It is a joint responsibility to talk about HIV status. If the topic is too serious for you and makes you uncomfortable, try a little humor. You can zing it right in when you feel a pick-up happening, with a line like "I'm usually a top but I have been a bottom, that's how I got HIV!" (Disclaimer here: you can spread and contract HIV as both a top and

a bottom) I don't know the best answer in regards to having an AIDS diagnosis. Differences in numbers and terminology mean a lot to us and greatly determine how we think of ourselves. If you continue to identify as HIV positive, you are letting your partner know that you have the virus that causes AIDS. It may sound dumb, but you don't get infected with AIDS. You get infected with HIV. So the rest is really semantics. Playing safe for HIV means playing safely—period. I think the brave, admirable and responsible thing to do is inform and ask. However you decide to present yourself, by all means be out there. You should in no way feel ashamed about your HIV status. For every guy that turns you down because of it, and there will be some, there are more that aren't bothered by it, and even a few that are right there with you and understand it.

Dear Dr X,

First of all, I really love your advice. I hope you can answer my question. I'm really into latex and leather clothes, but not the whole master/slave bit. Are there any clubs, sites, or places I can contact? I would really love your help.

Likes it Tight

Dear Likes it Tight,

Fetishes such as latex and leather sometimes have a tendency to become quite extreme. You may like the look of those fetishes, but may not necessarily want to participate in everything that they can be about. This is sometimes known as "leather drag." Generally, if you decide to go out dressed in the gear of a particular fetish, you are sending the signal that you are into the activities associated with it, and you might find yourself caught up in a situation that you didn't bargain for. My advice is to be very up-front and honest in your communication. Make sure others who may be interested know just where you stand on these issues. You may also want to consider enjoying more extreme fetishes from the safety of your own home. Try the Internet. The faceless world of the Net allows you to participate in some things that you might not otherwise allow yourself to try. And there is certainly a website out there somewhere devoted to just your particular fetish—no matter how vanilla or freaky-deaky. If you do decide to take an active role in this kind of scene, there are a few places in town that cater to this crowd. Unfortunately, I can't support any places or offer names, but they are not hard to find from your local GLBT community center or paper. If you don't mind the drive, Phoenix also has several different places you can check out.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to [gmp@saaf.org](mailto:gmp@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](http://www.gmhp.org).]

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**NON-BAR CALENDAR****Groups / Clubs / Organizations /****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Terry for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-2396.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Trivia Night. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you; it's an easy game to pick up. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Steve at 664-2076

#2 Join Danny for a night of fun and frolic at the Gaslight Theater. MSN has 20 Balcony tickets at \$13.00/ea for the 9:30 showing of "The Vampires!.....or He Loved in Vein". Call Danny for reservations and details at 349-5295.

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Circle of Men is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 591-2828.

#2 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for an evening out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For more information, please contact Ray at 247-2716.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts Canasta Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Karol at 744-9017.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

#1 -Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch/Business Meeting - Noon, Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.  
#2 Tucson Prime Timers, Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**

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

**BAR CALENDAR  
Of Upcoming Events****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

IBT'S - The DivaLicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 9:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

NOVEMBER Bar & grill - The Crystal Cabaret with Crystal Abrahms, Bunny FuFu, Janee Starr and Miss Gay Arizona 2005, Tori Steele.

YARD DOG - Join Merlin and Daryl at 9:00 p.m. until closing. Wear military attire and a yellow ribbon for drink specials.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

IBT'S - 8:30 p.m. The "FuFu Revue" week 11 of "Drag Survivor" hosted by Bunny FuFu. Hi NRG Dance with DJ Q follows.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

IBT's - 11:00 a.m. Troy's Recovery Bar and Bloody Mary Buffet. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Michael D. 5:30 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. 8:00 p.m. Benefit show hosted by Janee Starr for Miss Gay America with special guests. Hi NRG Dancing follows.

VENTURE-N - Meet the owner of the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary pls a 50/50 drawing at 8:00 .. Get your tickets now!

WOODY'S - Special benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust for the Tucson Pride Parade Committee. \$2.50 burger and \$1 for a 16oz domestic draft beer.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. The "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

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**DAILY BAR  
CALENDAR****SUNDAY**

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HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:30 am. Chuckwagon Breakfast 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, includes Bloody Mary or Mimosa. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. DJ Jake playing country favorites 8:30 pm to close.

IBT's -Open Noon \$1.75 Bloodys, 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 - Open 4pm. Free Pool all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm. \$1.50 Hamburgers / \$1.00 Ten Ounce. Draft. Drink Specials available.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$1.75 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$2 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Sunday Brunch 11:30 - 2:30. Eggs and meat du jour plus BMs, Mims or Screws \$5. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; Happy Hour 11am-8pm \$2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Beach Volleyball games 5-?. \$2.50 sirloin burger w/salad 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 3pm.

**MONDAY**

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5pm for dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Domestic beer and well cocktails \$2.25

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Monday Munchies 3 - 8 pm with reduced prices on appetizers. Pool Tournament 6:30 pm - \$3 entry fee, bar matches pot. Draught Beer Specials for players.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-7pm, All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Free Pool all day. Drink Specials Available.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8. Free Hot Dogs.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Karaoke w/Michael D. 9-1

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

**TUESDAY**

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch, 5pm dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Domestic beers and well cocktails \$2.25. Karaoke 10:30pm to close w/Johnny DJ.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Tequila Tuesday: \$2.00 well margaritas, 50¢ off call tequilas. Karaoke with Calabaza Cabeza Karaoke 8 - 11:30 pm

IBT's - 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 - Open 1pm. Karaoke with Smiling Julie. Drink. Drink Specials available. Happy Hour 4-7.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 7pm.

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**WEDNESDAY**

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5pm dinner. Happy Hour 4-7pm Domestic Beers or Well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Free Pool all day. Draught Beer Specials all day. Beginning couples dance lessons with Amanda 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Country DJ Jake plays 8:30 - close

IBT's - 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 events.

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7 Karaoke w/Kim 8pm-12am. Drink Specials all night. Kitchen open until midnight for finger foods.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Draft Special 12-4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

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 Beer Bust 3-7pm.

**THURSDAY**

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch, 5pm dinner. 4-7pm Happy Hour Domestic Beers or Well cocktails \$2.25. Karaoke 10:30 - close with Johnny DJ.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$2.00 Mexican Beers all day. Karaoke with David Z from 8 to midnight.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, DJ 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

NOVEMBER BAR/GRILL -Open 1pm. Happy Hour 4-7 Kitchen closes 8:30 p.m. Drink specials available.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (4th Thursday of each month). Bring your own or get it here \$5.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

**FRIDAY**

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch. Dinner 5-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm domestic beers or well cocktails \$2.25.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Line Dance Lessons 7:30 to 8:30 pm. .

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hours Noon-7pm, Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. GoGo Boys and Dance Party with DJ 'T.C. Wildman' 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during

NOVEMBER BAR & GRILL - Open Noon. Fish Fry & Shrimp Fry Noon to 8:30pm only \$5.99. Happy Hour 4-7. Drag Show every Friday with Crystal Abrahms and Bunny FuFu and guests. Disco dancing with DJ Paul after the show.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio open 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. DJ 9pm to close.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2.00 4-8pm. Call Martinis \$3 from 4-8pm. Complimentary Shrimp Cocktail 4-8pm. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Kennel open 9pm.

**SATURDAY**

COLORS - Open 11am for lunch; 5-10pm full dinner.

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## NOTICES

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

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 882-7723 Facilitator.

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 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 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, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-2269, leave name and phone number. [Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org](mailto:Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org)

## TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

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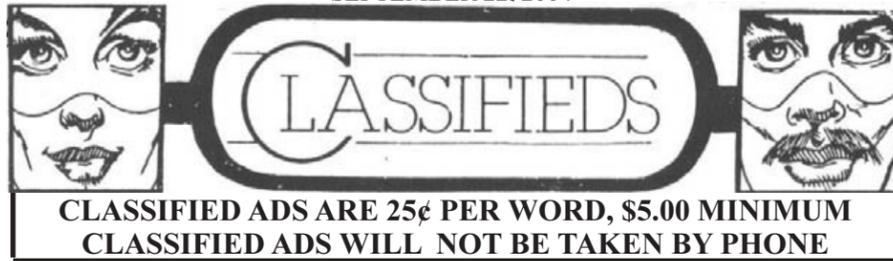
LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the Hotline at 888-5541

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. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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



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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Want to join? E-mail: [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org) or call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave. 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 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](http://teamarizona.org)

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

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

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](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEATER / DINNER / 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).

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-variant advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)867-0083 for more info.

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

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

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

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

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 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)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

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

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)

REVEILLE 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.

"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

## LIKE TO READ?

The Guys Book Club (TGBC) invites new members to join them. The group meets once a month, on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Maggie's Pizza on 4th Avenue to discuss the Gay-themed book read by members the previous month.

THE MAN TO MAN 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.

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

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

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

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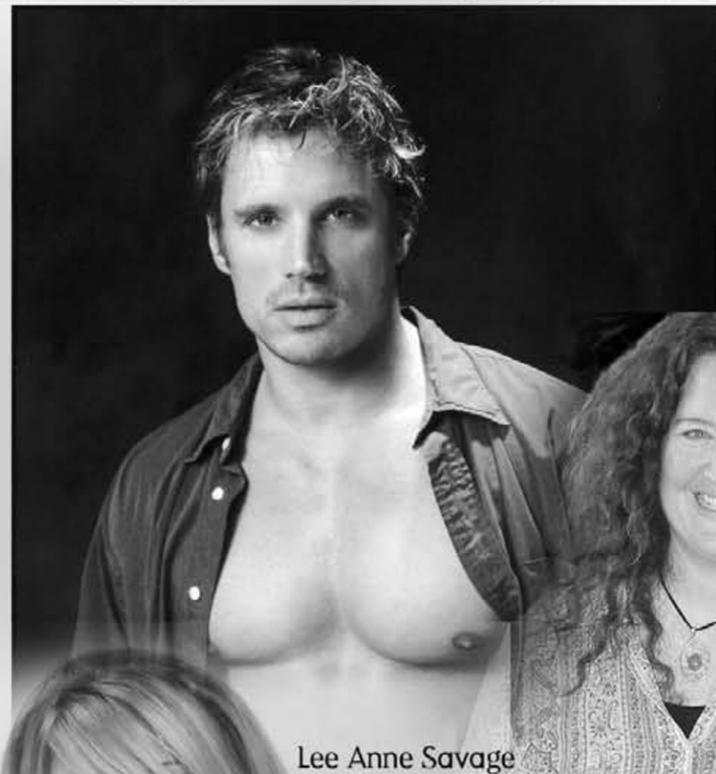
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