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## Old Pueblo Marks Pride

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Tucsonans, Arizonans and from parts across the country and the globe marked Pride in the Old Pueblo for 2005.

Tucson's Pride was marked with fun, film, festivities, conferences, music, parades, floats, forums, helping those in the closet to come out and having a wonderful time marking the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the modern GLBT rights movement which started with the Stonewall Riots in New York City in 1969.

On Friday, October 7, the Lesbian Looks film series continued at the University of Arizona.

Sponsored by the UA Committee on LGBT Studies, Women's Studies, UA Library, The Hanson Arizona Film Institute, Media Arts, English, History, and Anthropology, the Lesbian Looks series showed three films, Walk in the Light (2005), Keep Not Silent (2004), and One Wedding and a Revolution (2004).

Friday also marked the fourth annual Bisexual (Bi) Men's Conference, held this year in Tucson.

This year's Bi Men's Conference offered workshops/presentations covering issues and topics as: coming out, relationships, spirituality, identity and health, running through Sunday, October 9.

Saturday, October 8, Tucson Pride presented OUToberFEST 2005 at the DeMeester Band Shell in Reid Park in Tucson, as part of the effort to mark GLBT Pride across the globe.

Organizers said the theme for OUToberFEST 2005 was "love is love," for which thousands of GLBT citizens took part, loving the wonderful weather, the thumpa-thumpa of dance music playing from several venues and various booths located throughout, for which many GLBT and HIV/AIDS organizations, GLBT owned businesses, as well as straight supportive companies had booths offering various items from information to T-shirts to a meal or snack.

On the main stage in DeMeester, entertainment was featured throughout the day for OUToberFEST and which included: Niki Haris,

Dario, Chad Michaels, LeeAnne Savage, Orgena Rose, Amber Norgaard, Courtney Robbins, Taiko-Odaiko Sonora, Tucson's own Desert Voices and TMI. Live remotes by from Doria Biddle and Derek Hartley, who have a GLBT radio show on Sirius satellite radio took place Saturday at the event.

A forum, entitled "Civil Rights, Latina/os, and Marriage," took place Sunday, October 9.

Hosted by Wingspan, National Freedom to Marry, The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Lambda Legal, Las Adelitas, La Cadena, Puertas Abiertas, Coalición de Derechos Humanos/ Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras, Arizona Leadership Institute, The National Latina/o Coalition for Justice, Arizona Together, The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, and the Arizona Human Rights Fund gave LGBT Latinos, their allies, and families to publicly discuss the challenges to equality they face in Arizona and within their community.

Pride on Parade also took place on October 9. Tucsonans gathered alongside the route to see this year's parade, featuring Amanda Simpson, as this year's Grand Marshal.

Simpson has been an LGBT activist since beginning her transition more than seven years ago, in 2004 became the first Transgender person in Arizona to win an election, the Democratic primary for the Arizona House of Representatives from Legislative District 26, was this year's honoree. Simpson was at the front of the parade, riding in a classic red Mustang convertible.

One Grand Marshal in a great car does not a parade make. This year's event, which went along Fourth Avenue at Ninth Street to Fourth Street, featured floats, marchers, classic cars and convertibles, Gay men who served our country proudly in the armed services, community organizations and businesses, Democratic political candidates and campaigns to Sponge-Bob in a limo.

Beads and gifts were being tossed to those along the route as the parade passed by, accompanied to that ever present, thumpa-thumpa of music marking Pride in the Old Pueblo. At the end of the route, the fun continued with a

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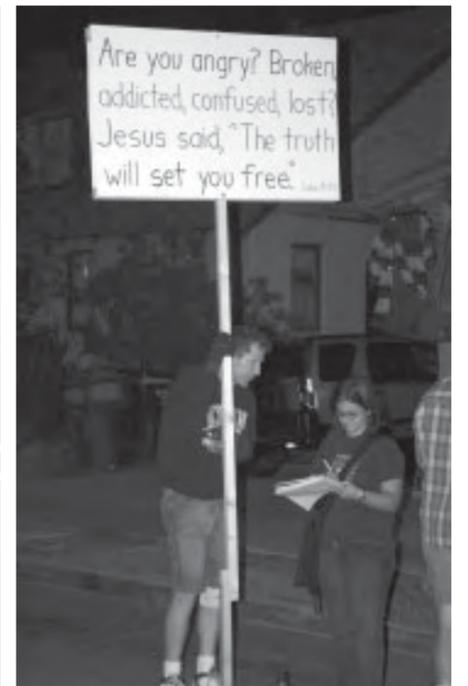
One of the many floats that participated in the Annual Pride Parade last Sunday



Proudly leading the parade with the 2005 Pride Logo and the list of sponsors



Parade Grand Marshall Amanda Simpson



The Religious Right was barely there. More photos inside

# UPDATE

## National Latino AIDS Awareness Day, October 15

TUCSON - On October 15, the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Partnership of Tucson, will observe a special day of awareness and prevention against HIV/AIDS in the Latino community. Although this is the last day of Hispanic Heritage Month, it is also the first day of the fight against AIDS in the Latino community.

"National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is mobilizing Latino communities around the country to take action by getting tested and educating themselves and their families about this terrible disease," said Dennis de Leon, President of the Latino Commission of AIDS in New York City. "It is a day to demand that religious, civic and elected officials take action to fund HIV prevention and for care and housing for all Latinos regardless of immigration status, risk group or nationality. We are confronting the stigma associated with HIV that keeps the disease such a dirty little secret in the broader Latino family. HIV infections may be dropping for the White community but Latinos and African Americans are facing a horrible new reality."

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD) was created to open the eyes of the media, elected and appointed leadership, foundations, religious leaders, celebrities, governmental agencies, media and civic leaders so they will truly be our partners in addressing this health crisis.

The local partnership in Tucson will sponsor an event to commemorate NLAAD. "El Festival de la Salud en Nuestra Cultura," 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday, October 15, at the City of South Tucson Governmental Patio and Library. The event is free and open to the public.

## Political Training Workshop Postponed

TUCSON - The free training workshop for both potential candidates and potential political activists scheduled to be held Saturday, October 15 has been postponed.

According to organizers, it has been postponed due to speaker unavailability.

A new date is in the process of being set, organizers said, looking to hold the workshop in the middle of November.

## Wingspan Raises \$170K From Annual Dinner

TUCSON - More than 1,100 individuals and supporters of Wingspan, Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT community center attended the annual dinner and fund raiser held by the organization at the Tucson Convention Center, raising more than \$170,000 for the programs and services offered by Wingspan.

In addition to the guests, in attendance were: Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard, Tucson City Manager Mike Hein and several members of the Tucson City Council and Pima County Board of Supervisors. Nearly a dozen members of the Arizona House of Representatives and state Senate also attended.

The evening included a powerful address from keynote speaker Mandy Carter, who called for progressive causes to work together toward justice for all. Carter is a black lesbian activist, the co-founder and current executive director of Southerners on New Ground, and a winner of the Stonewall Award.

In addition, three deserving members of Tucson's LGBT and straight-supportive community were honored for their work:

The Godat Award, which honors a lifetime of service to the LGBT community, was presented to Mae Krueger for her advocacy for the rights of LGBT people in Tucson and Southern Arizona. The Community Ally Award, Wingspan's "thank you" to heterosexual allies, was presented to Detective Tim Rupel of the Tucson Police Department Hate Crimes Unit. The Steve Hall Award, honoring a person who demonstrates outstanding contributions toward

the mission, values and work of Wingspan, was presented to Kathy Altman, who has served on the Wingspan board of directors for six years, including nearly three years as president.

## Desert Voices Update

TUCSON - If you're looking to dream up a romantic evening with your special someone, Desert Voices can help!

The lucky winner of the Desert Voices' (DV) Date Night raffle will enjoy dinner at Barrio Grill, a one night stay in the romantic Royal Elizabeth Bed and Breakfast, two tickets to their winter concert, "As We Dream By the Fire," and a basket of goodies that includes two tarts for a midnight snack, all on December 3.

Tickets will be on sale from now until October 20, from members, through the office at (520)791-9662, and at their OUToberFEST booth. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

Their winter concert, "As We Dream By the Fire," will feature beautiful choral music evoking the warm glow of romance discovered in wintertime. The concert will be held at Dunbar Auditorium, 325 W. 2nd Street, in Tucson. For more information or tickets to the event, you can call the Desert Voices office, (520)791-9662.

The chorus will also be holding a Yard Sale fundraiser on Saturday, November 5, and is seeking donations of used items in good shape for their sale. If you have furniture, clothes, CD's, videos, knick-knacks, kitchenware, books or other extra items that are cluttering up your home, call the Desert Voices office and arrange to donate your items for the benefit of Desert Voices. For additional information, you can always go to the Desert Voices website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org).

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block party, featuring entertainment including Miss Ajia Simone, Bunny FuFu, singing from Jason Brock and Tucson's own singer/songwriter Namoli Bennet among others.

Tuesday, October 11 marked National Coming Out Day.

On this day thousands of GLBT people and allies celebrate National Coming Out Day by holding workshops, speak-outs, rallies and other kinds of events all aimed at showing the public that GLBT people are everywhere.

This specific date has historical significance since on October 11, 1987, half a million people participated in the March on Washington, D.C., for Lesbian and Gay Rights. It was the second such demonstration in our nation's capital and the first display of the NAMES Project Quilt, remembering those who had died of AIDS,

In Tucson, this day was marked at Wingspan with a National Coming Out Day party, celebrating the achievements the community has made, with food and entertainment and helping those come out to be themselves. A "coming-out door" was available for those wanting to mark the day by "Coming Out".



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# EDITORIAL

## Uhlich, Trasoff, - It's Time For A Change

Early voting has begun for the three Tucson City Council seats up for consideration in this year's election.

All registered voters in the city can now cast vote for council members from Wards 3, 5 and 6. In Ward 3, Republican incumbent Kathleen Dunbar is being challenged by Democrat Karin Uhlich while in Ward 6 Democrat Nina Trasoff is challenging Republican incumbent, Fred Ronstadt and Democratic incumbent Steve Leal is running unopposed in Ward 5.

Over the past three-plus years, thanks to the "majority," Republican Mayor Robert Walkup, Republican Councilmember Kathleen Dunbar (Ward 3), Republican Councilmember Fred Ronstadt (Ward 6) and independent Councilmember Carol West (Ward 2), Tucson has endured:

1. A wasteful transportation initiative costing more than \$2.2 million dollars, \$1-million of which was spent by the City in an illegal campaign effort for which voters overwhelmingly rejected in 2002;
2. Budgeting over \$3-million dollars in salaries for individuals to serve city government as public information officers in 2002, 2003 and 2004;
3. Giving pay raises to the then City Manager, James Keene and his subordinates while City employees went without a raise despite promises made otherwise;
4. An attempt in 2004, led by Councilmember Fred Ronstadt to take \$9.1-million in grants and funds earmarked for to community service organizations and divert it to

the city to pay for services; and,

The Mayor and Council "majority" enacting monthly garbage fee with questionable intent.

Our questions about the Mayor and Council "majority" don't stop with these issues either. When it comes to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) issues, Tucson's Mayor and Council has been supportive, approving in 2003 a domestic partners registry and updating the language in the city's now 28 year old human relations (anti discrimination) ordinance.

When it comes to an important matter, such as the health, welfare and safety of GLBT Tucsonans, the Council "majority" let our community down in 2002, on the matter of the off-duty Tucson Fire Fighter who was convicted of assaulting an openly Gay man outside a local restaurant.

City officials, including the current Tucson Fire Department Chief, thwarted efforts, made misstatements about the circumstances, thwarting the valiant efforts of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT issues on this. When the Commission went before the Tucson Mayor and Council asking for action, they were struck down by the Council "majority." Only Councilmembers Jose Ibarra (D-Ward 1) and Steve Leal (D-Ward 5) publicly supported the Commission's efforts to get to the truth and the firefighter is still employed to this day.

In 2002, Tucson's GLBT community was shocked over the brutal murder of a young Gay man, Phillip Walstead by skinhead David Higdon, which wasn't initially investigated as a hate crime by Tucson police, despite the

evidence showing otherwise, as well as the lengthy investigation and legal wrangling, resulting in the 2005 conviction of Higdon of murder, but the hate crimes provisions under Arizona law not being pursued, leading to more questions about the health, welfare and safety of GLBT Tucsonans.

These are matters that should not be forgotten or shunted aside and something GLBT Tucsonans who are registered to vote can do something about, by exercising their rights at the ballot box and ensuring a positive working majority on Tucson's Mayor and Council.

Former Tucson Mayor George Miller, who helped to get the city's human relations (anti discrimination ordinance) adopted in 1977, as a Council member, and who created the GLBT Mayor's Task Force and City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, as Mayor, summed up this election when he accepted an award from Wingspan.

Mayor Miller said: "Tucson's Mayor and Council should be giving instructions to the City Manager, not taking instructions from the City Manager." We couldn't agree more with Miller and the first step has been taken when the former manager, James Keene, left in late 2004 for a job in California. Now it's the voters turn to act, by voting for Karin Uhlich for Tucson's City Council for Ward 3 and Nina Trasoff for Tucson's City Council for Ward 6 and creating a positive working majority.

Voters will also decide whether to lift the city's state-set spending limits and allow the city to use its annual budget as its spending limit. The city's current spending limits are determined by taking 1987 spending limits and adjusting them upward for inflation and population growth. City officials have said Tucson's revenues will exceed the state limits at the end of the current fiscal year. If approved, the so-called "home-rule option" (Proposition 400) would be in effect for only four years, after which voters would be asked to vote on the issue again. We urge all registered voters to read Proposition 400. The Observer has some questions on

Proposition 400 still to be answered and will have a recommendation in next week's edition.

For more information about the upcoming election, call the Tucson City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213.

## In Their Own Words

### Taking Sucking-Up To A New Level

"You are the best governor ever - deserving of great respect," Harriet E. Miers wrote to George W. Bush days after his 51st birthday in July 1997. She also found him "cool," said he and his wife, Laura, were "the greatest!" and told him: "Keep up the great work. Texas is blessed." - Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers wrote in more than 2,000 pages of official correspondence and personal notes made public on Monday (October 10) by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in response to open-records requests. Bleah!



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- 4-8pm Karaoke on the Patio
- 4pm DJ Q Spinning Music on the Dance Floor
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Beer Bust 5:30-7:30pm  
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**AIDSWalk 2005, Sunday, October 16 At Rillito Park**

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - AIDSWALK 2005 will take place Sunday, October 16 at Rillito Park, 4502 N. First Avenue.

This year's Walk is the seventeenth annual, something Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), executive director Anne Maley said is something to remind everyone that AIDS is still here, remaining as a threat, and the community must do something about.

AIDSWALK 2005 is a fund raiser for SAAF, for which proceeds raised will go to SAAF's programs which provide services that assist people living with HIV/AIDS and HIV prevention programs targeting at-risk population groups and the community in general.

"Remember. Support. Prevent." is the theme for this year's Walk, Maley said.

"Remembering is painful but necessary. So many have been lost to AIDS. The opening of the memorial quilt panels at 7:15 a.m., Sunday morning is a solemn and powerful time of remembrance, a time of respect. Names are read of men, women, and children who have died from AIDS. Anyone attending can also recall friends and family members that they have lost. It is a special moment.

"Supporting people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS provides several opportunities. No doubt about it, community support is crucial for SAAF to be able to provide the services and programs it does. Last year, this meant assisting nearly 1,200

people through our client services programs. Fortunately, the generosity of the corporate community covers the expenses of the event so that all walkers' money goes to assisting SAAF with its programs and services. Supporting people living with HIV/AIDS also means being a friend to people living with HIV/AIDS. It means countering misconceptions and defending people living with HIV/AIDS against prejudice and ignorance wherever they appear.

"Preventing HIV/AIDS is the third part of this year's AIDSWALK theme. Infections are continuing to increase. We need to remind people (including ourselves) to value their lives and the lives of others. Prevention saves lives. As a community we need to be committed to this message, and as individuals, we need to practice it. Otherwise, we loose even more to HIV/AIDS. Too many are gone already," Maley said in a written statement.

Registration for AIDSWALK 2005 at Rillito Downs will begin at 6:30 a.m., the 10K run starts at 7:00 a.m., at 7:15 a.m., the Quilt Opening Ceremony takes place, an interfaith service by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Action Network follows the Quilt Opening Ceremony, starting at 7:30 a.m., at 8:15 a.m., the 4K opening ceremony will happen, with the Walk starting at 8:30 a.m., and when the last walkers get back, around 10:00 a.m., the Walk party commences.

For more information, go online to [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com), or call SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

**TIHAN Volunteer Training October 29**

TUCSON - Have you experienced a TIHAN Volunteer Training? If not, come spend a day: expand your mind, challenge your heart, and energize your TIHAN spirit! Invite your friends and family, all are welcome! The last quarterly volunteer training of 2005 will take place on Saturday, October 29, from 8:30am-4:00pm.

Volunteers are needed to represent TIHAN at information booths and community fairs; H to do minor repairs/improvements around office; HIV+ speakers at events; as Chaplains, counselors to support Care-Teams and a Volunteer Coordinator (20 hour/week volunteer position).

Registration fee to cover materials and lunch is \$15; scholarships are available. Please call (520) 299-6647 to register or for more information.

**SAAF Seeks Associate Director Of Prevention Services**

TUCSON - Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, SAAF, seeks a qualified candidate to team with Director of Prevention and provide direct administrative oversight of multiple prevention programs.

Must be experienced in grant writing/contract administration, along with excellent verbal/written communication/organizational skills required. Knowledge/comfort with populations affected by HIV/AIDS and experience designing/coordinating prevention projects, bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred. Minimum salary \$37,000 with excellent benefits. Send cover letter, resume, and 3 professional references to Dir. of HR, SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave, Tucson AZ 85719, email to [hr@saaf.org](mailto:hr@saaf.org) or visit [www.saaf.org](http://www.saaf.org). AA/EOE.

**Vatican Reportedly 'Softening' Stand On Gay Priests**

VATICAN CITY - The Vatican may be preparing to step back from its threatened all-out ban on Gay priests but the conditions may be impossible to meet, 365Gay.com reported.

Investigators for the Church are currently probing America's 229 seminaries to root out Gays.

The threat that the Catholic Church was embarking on a pogrom against Gay clergy first arose this summer when new regulations submitted to Pope Benedict for his approval suggested that Gays should not be considered for the priesthood. The inquiry into Gays in seminaries is seen as a witch hunt to blame Gay priests for the sex abuse scandal which has enveloped the Church.

On Friday (October 7), Corriere della Sera, a major Italian newspaper with close ties to the Vatican, reported that a total ban on Gay priests may be relaxed to permit Gays to take their vows if they can prove they have been celibate for at least three years. It does not say how Gay, or suspected Gay priests, would be expected to prove they were celibate. The paper also says that men who "publicly manifest their homosexuality" or show an "overwhelming attraction" to homosexual culture [even if only intellectually] would be banned.

The report prompted one American Gay priest, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, to suggest that any man who watched the TV show "Will & Grace" or collected Cher or Bette Midler records could be barred from the priesthood.

The Vatican has not commented on the Corriere della Sera report.

The new regulations for the priesthood were prepared by the Congregation for Catholic Education and Seminaries - the body that oversees all Catholic seminaries. The document was delivered to Pope Benedict in August but is subject to revisions and there is no timetable for its release or implementation.

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### Voting Begins For Tucson General Election; Prop. 200 Now In Effect

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Early voting will end Friday, November 4. Tucson's general election, is Tuesday, November 8, and to be eligible, one must be a city resident, 18 years of age or older, and registered to vote by October 10.

Voters wishing to cast early ballots may do so either at the following locations: City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., City Clerk Election Services, 800 E. 12th St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m to 4 p.m., or the Wilmot Library, 530 N. Wilmot Road,

on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. The last day to cast an early ballot at these locations is November 4

Voters also can cast early ballots by mail, and request an early ballot by filling out an online form at [tucsonaz.gov/clerks](http://tucsonaz.gov/clerks), by calling (520) 884-8683, mailing a written request to City Clerk, P.O. Box 2031, Tucson AZ 85702-2031, or faxing a written request to (520) 791-2674. The last day to request an early ballot is 5 p.m. Friday, October 28. All early ballots must be in the City Clerk's possession by 7 p.m, Tuesday November 8 to be counted.

For more information, call the Tucson City Clerk's office, (520) 791-4213.

Voting by mail or early may soon become the preferred way to cast a ballot since on Friday, October 7, federal officials approved the system that will let Arizonans cast a ballot even if they show up at the polls without identification. But their vote will not count unless they later produce identification.

The new rules, OK'd by the U.S. Department of Justice, are designed to comply with the voting provisions of Proposition 200, approved by voters in November 2004. Under the new procedures, voters will have three days after a primary election and five days after a general election to show their ID at an election office, Deputy Secretary of State Kevin Tyne said. Local jurisdictions will have the option of appointing deputy recorders, such as city clerks, so that voters won't have to travel long distances.

### G/L Oregonians Abandon Civil Unions Push

SALEM - The state's leading Gay rights group has decided not to pursue a ballot measure next year to allow civil unions for same-sex couples, saying it will work instead on longer-term efforts to secure more rights for Gays and Lesbians, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Those will include "grass-roots" campaigning to help elect legislative candidates sympathetic to Gay rights and to defeat House Speaker Karen Minnis and other civil union opponents in the 2006 election, Basic Rights Oregon said Friday (October 7).

Basic Rights and other activists had been discussing a possible ballot measure since the Oregon Legislature adjourned in August without approving a civil unions bill that would have allowed same-sex couples to gain most of the benefits of marriage.

The measure, which was backed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, was endorsed by the Oregon Senate but was blocked in the House, where Minnis and other Republicans argued it would violate the spirit of a constitutional ban on Gay marriage, which was enacted by Oregon voters a year ago.

Basic Rights spokeswoman Rebekah Kassell said Friday that after weeks of consideration, Gay rights advocates decided not to try to take the civil unions issue to voters next year.

An initiative campaign likely would have been "ugly" and could have cost as much as \$5 million, Kassell said.

Plus, she said that while public opinion polls indicate growing support among Oregonians for civil unions, if a civil unions measure went on the ballot and was defeated by voters, it could set back that cause for years to come, she said.

An initiative effort to try to enact a civil unions law would have encountered strong resistance from the Defense of Marriage Coalition, which led the effort to pass a Gay marriage ban in the November 2004 election.

Tim Nashif, spokesman for the coalition, said the Senate-passed bill was worded so broadly and amended so many existing statutes that the civil unions would have amounted to "marriage by another name."

"If they had proposed an initiative similar to the Senate bill, we would have been put in a position where we would have strongly opposed it," Nashif said.

Kassell, meanwhile, said Gay rights advocates aren't giving up on civil unions or companion legislation to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Helping to elect more legislators who support Gay rights could clear the way for passage of a civil unions law in the Legislature's 2007 session, the Basic Rights spokeswoman said.

"We are looking at lots of legislative races where we think we can have the most impact," she said.



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# Outing Of Public Figures Continues To Stir Debate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Though decried by many Gay rights leaders, the outing of public figures is expanding into new terrain as Internet bloggers target congressional staffers, political strategists, even black clergy whose sermons and speeches contain anti-Gay rhetoric, reported Advocate.com.

Few issues are as divisive within the Gay community. Numerous Gay organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign and the Log Cabin Republicans, staunchly oppose outing, yet many other activists support it when the targets are public figures—or their aides—who work against Gay rights or condemn homosexuality.

"It's not the Gay thing that's the problem—it's the hypocrisy," said Michael Rogers, creator of a Web log that has been at the fore of several recent outing campaigns. "I'm going to be calling out the politicians who vote against us and work against the interests of the very community they come from."

Christopher Barron, political director of the Log Cabin Republicans, said he understands the anger that activists such as Rogers feel but believes they are wasting their energy. "Outing is not an effective tool," Barron said. "I don't know a single vote on Gay rights issues that was changed because of outing.... Folks should be focusing on the hard work that needs to be done and not get bogged down in personal attacks."

Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said outing can backfire by distracting attention from more substantive political issues or by prompting conservative politicians to harden their anti-Gay views after aides and associates are outed.

Two black Gay rights activists are now taking aim at prominent black pastors who, in the activists' view, have gone too far in assailing homosexuality from their pulpits. In a campaign begun on their Web sites last week, activists Jasmyne Cannick and Keith Boykin, head of the Gay rights group National Black Justice Coalition, are soliciting information about the pastors' private lives, including whether some might be Gay. So far, the pair has collected only uncorroborated "tips," not any solid information that any of the pastors is Gay, but Cannick defended the campaign. "We know there are people who preach one thing and do another," she said. "There's nothing wrong with investigating."

Many other recent outing targets have been Republican politicians and operatives. Among the cases:

A GOP congressman from Virginia, Edward Schrock, dropped out of his reelection race last year shortly after allegations were published on Michael Rogers's Web log that he solicited sex with another man on a Gay phone date line. Schrock, a married ex-Navy captain, was an outspoken foe of Gays in the military and supported a constitutional ban on same-sex marriages. He did not comment specifically on the allegations.

In 2003, U.S. representative Mark Foley, a Florida Republican, called a news conference to denounce a report in an alternative newspaper that he is Gay. Foley declined to answer questions about the subject, saying his sexual orientation was irrelevant to his political duties. He contended the story was circulated to derail his U.S. Senate campaign, which he abandoned four months later.

The GOP mayor of Spokane, Wash., James West, faces a recall election prompted by newspaper articles accusing him of offering City Hall jobs, sports tickets, and cash to young men

he met in an online Gay chat room. West, who as a state legislator often opposed Gay rights bills, acknowledged poor judgment but denies doing anything illegal.

Not all outing campaigns gain traction. A cadre of activist bloggers and alternative-media journalists have been contending for more than a year that Republican congressman David Dreier is Gay and yet has often voted against Gay rights legislation. Thus far, the mainstream media—both national outlets and those in the congressman's home region—have declined to report on the campaign, although the effort is common knowledge among political reporters and on Capitol Hill.

Democratic representative Barney Frank of Massachusetts, who in 1987 became the first member of Congress to voluntarily make his homosexuality public, said he does not know if Dreier is Gay. However, Frank contended that the perception that Dreier might be Gay had damaged Dreier's standing with some fellow Republicans in the House—and Frank said this issue of bias should be aired publicly. "I think he's wrong to be silent about this," Frank said. "You should not cover up this act of prejudice."

Frank is now one of three openly Gay members of Congress, and there are about 300 openly Gay elected officials nationwide, according to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The president of the fund, which recruits out-of-the-closet Gay and Lesbian candidates to run for office, has mixed feelings about outing. "If we ever outed anyone, we'd lose our credibility with the people we work with," said Chuck Wolfe. "On the other hand, who can condemn people for using whatever weapons they have to fight for equality and point out hypocrisy? It seems exactly why we have a democracy."

## Boy George Arrested On Narcotics Charges



NEW YORK - Singer Boy George was arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs and making a fake police report after he called 911 early Friday (October 7) and falsely said his home had been burglarized, police said, reported the Associated Press on Advocate.com.

The singer, whose real name is George O'Dowd, called police from an apartment in New York City's Little Italy around 3:14 a.m. Friday (October 7) and reported a burglary, said Det. Kevin Czartoryski, a police spokesman.

Officers arrived on the scene and discovered a small amount of cocaine next to a computer, police said. A woman in the apartment said there was more cocaine around, and police were continuing to investigate. A former spokesman for O'Dowd's autobiographical musical Taboo, which closed last year, said he did not know whether the singer had a spokesman or lawyer.

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## Anti-Gay Judge Enters Race For Governor Of Alabama



Judge Roy Moore

summer after being elected as chief justice of the state Supreme Court in 2000, Moore installed a 5,280-pound granite monument of the Ten Commandments in the rotunda of the Alabama Judicial Building.

In 2003 he was removed from office for defying a federal court order to remove the monument, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear his case. Moore appealed his ouster to the Alabama Supreme Court but was denied his job back. During that battle Moore ruled to prevent a Lesbian mother from winning custody of her three children from an allegedly abusive father. Homosexual conduct, Moore opined, was "immoral, detestable, a crime against nature and a violation of nature's God, upon which this nation and our laws are predicated."

"I think he is probably one of the most openly homophobic judges in the entire country," said Shanon Minter of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "He openly injected his personal religious beliefs in decisions affecting Lesbian and Gay litigants. Lesbian and Gay people were not able to get a fair hearing in his court. I think it is frightening that he is running for governor."

"We believe his understanding of the First Amendment is terribly flawed," said Jeremy Leaming, a spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Moore is expected to face incumbent Gov. Bob Riley in the Republican primary held June 6, 2006 — a match some political experts believe will work against Moore. "Gov. Riley demonstrated some very good leadership qualities in the recent hurricane disaster," said D'Linell Finley, a political science professor at Auburn University Montgomery in a quote published by the Montgomery Advertiser. "Many people were well pleased with the way the

governor handled the disaster. That kind of reassured many folks in his party."

But Howard Bayless, the board chair for Equality Alabama, thinks Moore will have strong support. "Here's our problem: Roy Moore will have a primary in June when the anti-marriage amendment hits the ballot, so this will turn his supporters out in droves, so we're extremely concerned." "It is my belief he is running because of the anti-marriage amendment," Bayless told the PlanetOut Network.

Carrie Evans, the state legislative director for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), told the PlanetOut Network she does not expect Moore to win. "I don't think he is a seriously viable candidate. Not just because of his anti-Gay views. Moderate Republicans have backed away from him after the Ten Commandments. You just can't win a gubernatorial race without the strong backing of your party." Evans said HRC plans to help Equality Alabama to make sure Moore does not win. "I think the local activists will be incited to work to make sure this does not happen."

But Bayless is not sure Equality Alabama can handle the fight. "Here's the terrible thing," Bayless said. "Roy Moore will garner incredible support here. We have launched our own education program, but in Alabama Gay people are invisible. We are working to help people come out — to tell neighbors we are just like them."

## Six Years In Prison For Brutal Gay Beating

AUSTIN - Two men each have been sentenced to six years in prison for the beating and rape of a Gay Austin man under a plea bargain that saw the removal of charges that could have sent them to prison for life, 365Gay.com reported.

Donald Bockman, 25, and Darren Gay, 22, pleaded guilty last month after the more

serious aggravated robbery and aggravated sexual assault charges were withdrawn. A third man, described by police as an accomplice still faces trial on the assault and robbery charges.

The fourth person accused in the case, Gay's brother, Glen Gay, 17, was tried as a juvenile in the case and convicted by a jury in March of aggravated assault and aggravated robbery. Glen Gay was sentenced to 13 years behind bars, although he could be freed after serving three years in a youth facility.

The victim in the case remains so traumatized police have never revealed his name or identity, except to note he is 32 years old.

The victim left Oilcan Harry's - an Austin Gay bar - with the four men on July 17 last year. They returned to the victim's home in East Austin where the attack occurred. Police say the four men drugged, tied-up, beat, cut, then sexually assaulted the victim using what was described in court as "a sex toy." When the attack was over the four threatened to kill him if he spoke a word about the violence.

The attack traumatized Austin's Gay community. That the victim met his assailants in a Gay bar lead many people in the community to believe that the crime was premeditated. Although police described the attack as a hate crime, those charges were never sought.

Roy Minton, the attorney for both Bockman and Darren Gay, said the prosecutor agreed to the drop the sexual assault charges in the plea bargain after his clients said they attacked the victim because he attempted to make a sexual advance on Glen Gay.

In a victim impact statement at their sentencing the man called the pair cowards. "You are not real men at all, merely self-righteous, self-serving cowards," he said.

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# POLITICS 2005

by Mark R. Kerr

## More GOP Scatological Cronyism And Corruption

On the day after early voting started for the Tucson general election, (Friday, October 7) the U.S. Justice Department, led by "Torture Tsar" Alberto Gonzales, approved the new discriminatory rules to register and to vote in elections in Arizona, finalizing the state's modern poll tax.

As previously explained in this column for the prior two editions in this publication (the only media local outlet to go into any real detail on this), Arizona's new election regulations came to be, when voters, in the general election November 2, 2004, approved a measure - Proposition 200 that dealt with providing services to purported illegal immigrants and the supposedly, fraudulent voting that allegedly took place but never proven.

Jan Brewer, Arizona's Republican Secretary of State, who has her name and more pictures of herself on her state website than any other state elected official or North Korean dictator, combined, was a big supporter of Proposition 200 and drafted the new rules for which the Justice Department approved, despite the 15<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, as well as the federal Voting Rights Act notwithstanding but who said we live in a fair, informed as the corporate national and local hack media would strive to do otherwise, and democratic society? This is the land of the USA Patriot Act where doublespeak and spin prevail over straight talk. . . .

Speaking of straight talk, the corporate hack national and local media's favorite politician they so just love to fawn over, Senator, John McCain, said he's actually considering a run for the 2008 GOP Presidential nomination. Quelle surprise! Especially after McCain's more recent statements and actions: supporting the Protect Marriage Arizona (PMA) amendment; saying wonderful things about the Iraq war despite being lied to during Senate hearings on the subject; praising and defending the Bush Crime Family's policies as well as Dubya, getting his picture taken with the Occupier and Thief, holding a cake while New Orleans drowned in Hurricane Katrina in one, and hugging each other in another staged shot. McCain has been spreading his good will and cheesy endorsements across these fascist states, recently on Thursday, October 6, taking his "straight talk express" to Ohio, the Buckeye state, and in a

statement, endorsed current Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell, an African-American running for the GOP Gubernatorial nomination.

"Ohioans need Ken Blackwell's clear thinking, straight talk and strong leadership at the top of the ticket," said McCain in a statement. "His agenda for limited government, economic development and job creation will put Ohio back on the "winning path." Indeed, Blackwell's "leadership," was helpful on Ohio's Issue 1 (for which Arizona's PMA is modeled after), the very restrictive state constitutional amendment proposal banning same-sex marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships, prohibiting the extension of medical benefits to the domestic partners of employees in both government and the private sector, naming several of the many draconian provisions, passing by a 30% margin.

Blackwell was also the state chair of Dubya's reelection (2004) campaign, making sure through his "clear thinking" that Ohio's Electoral Votes were in the Republican column by changing the rules to register and vote, to ensure Democrats or minorities, especially African-Americans or the poor, either couldn't register to, or vote in the general election thanks to a lack of voting machines in certain areas, or getting their ballots counted fairly, thanks to Diebold faulty touchscreen voting machines,

that were used thanks to Ken!

Blackwell wants to succeed outgoing Governor Robert Taft, who was recently convicted on four charges in the ongoing Coingate (\$50-million missing from the state coffers in a questionable coin investment scheme) and is involved in Bureau of Workman's Compensation (BWC) Fund, (\$215-million lost in bad investments), for which the grandson of the former President has a 15% favorable rating in most Ohio polls.

Taft isn't the only one involved in these scandals, every high-ranking Republican state-wide elected official has played a part (thanks to wonderful reporting by the Toledo Blade), including Blackwell, whose office oversees the BWC, and the person who managed the coin investment scheme and played a major part in the BWC fund, or lack there of, was Tom Noe, a Republican operative who took part of the \$50 million that went missing and funneled it to the Republican war chests, including Blackwell's. So as McCain put it, Blackwell "will put Ohio back on the "winning path." If that isn't a "sell out," what isn't? . . .

Perhaps the 218 of the 231 Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as many GOP candidates would know, since they accepted contributions from their former Majority Leader, "Hot Tub" Tom Delay's PAC, for which is he as well as three others are under three criminal indictments which has been reported in all media outlets. Yes, the "Hammer" finally got nailed!

One of the 218 who took some of Delay's tainted moolah was the Tucson Republican Congressman, Jim Kolbe, to the tune of \$5,026, according to Federal Election Commission financial reports. Only three Members of Congress have returned their donations so far, when called on it but Kolbe isn't one of those who has so will Jimbo fork over the \$5,026? Interested parties (including the local hack media) can call one of his Congressional offices to find out: Tucson, (520) 881-3588, Sierra Vista, (520) 459-3115, Washington, D.C. office, (202) 225-2542, or go online to house.gov/kolbe/IMA/issue.htm and send Jim an E-mail and let him know it's wrong to keep Delay's dirty money.

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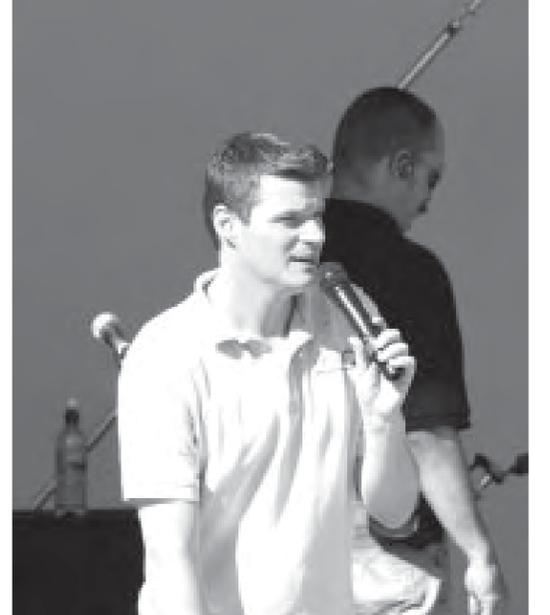
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## Ginsberg Gay Poem 'Howl' Reaches Half-Century Mark

SAN FRANCISCO - In the years after he wrote "Howl," Allen Ginsberg alternately described the poem as a song of spiritual liberation, a homage to art, an ode to Gay love and a lament for his mentally ill mother, reported the PlanetOut Network.

The Beat poet who defined his times with the salvo, "I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness," gave perhaps the most adroit explanation, however, upon publication of the original facsimile edition of the tour de force that had launched his career more than three decades earlier.

"Howl," he advised readers in his preface, was meant to be an "emotional time bomb that would continue exploding." With nearly 1 million copies in print, it is one of the most widely read poems of the 20th century.

Still, critics disagree about the place Ginsberg's best-known work holds in American letters. But even its detractors acknowledge that his provocative assault on the Cold War and conformity roared across the cultural landscape in a way that continues to resonate a half-century after its storied debut at a San Francisco art gallery.

Ginsberg first publicly read "Howl" as a work-in-progress on Oct. 7, 1955 - a date that holds as much meaning for followers of the Beats as "Bloomsday," June 16, does for fans of James Joyce's "Ulysses." The Six Gallery reading, as it has since become known, preceded by a year the poem's publication and the moral outrage provoked by its defense of homosexuality and drug use.

The wine-soaked gathering also featured poets Gary Snyder, Michael McClure, Phil Lamantia and Phil Whalen and was hosted by elder statesman Kenneth Rexroth. Admirers regard it as a turning point that took poetry out of the Ivory Tower - creating space for dissent and presaging the youthful rebellion that inspired folk music, sexually explicit performance art and more recently, poetry slams.

"Poets now read all over the place, but at that time they didn't - if they were famous, they maybe read at the Museum of Modern Art," said Jonah Raskin, author of "American Scream: Allen Ginsberg's Howl and the Making of the Beat Generation."

"This event was breaking ground in that there were people who said, 'Let's read in this funky art gallery' and were the opposite of silent. They were ranting and roaring and howling."

At 29, relatively new to San Francisco and bearing the psychic scars that had landed him in two mental hospitals, Ginsberg was the last and least-known in the five-poet lineup. As legend has it, his raw, intensely personal evocation of desperate souls "who howled on their knees in the subway and were dragged off the roof waving genitals and manuscripts" stole the night.

His friend, novelist Jack Kerouac, was in the audience of about 150 at the performance. "Scores of people stood around the darkened gallery straining to hear every word," Kerouac recalled afterward. "Everyone was yelling, 'Go! Go! Go!'"

Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, owner of San Francisco's City Lights bookstore, also heard Ginsberg read that night. The next day, he sent Ginsberg a telegram asking to see the manuscript of what was then Part 1 of what would grow to a three-part epic. "I greet you at the beginning of a great career," Ferlinghetti wrote, intentionally echoing a line Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote to Walt Whitman after reading "Leaves of Grass."

While "Howl and Other Poems" was being prepared for publication, Ginsberg and other Beat poets took their show on the road, performing up and down the West Coast. It wasn't until spring 1957, after San Francisco police arrested Ferlinghetti and the manager of City Lights, Shigeyoshi Murao, on charges of

selling obscene material, that the book became a symbol of the social tensions Ginsberg sought to expose.

With help from the American Civil Liberties Union, they were acquitted after a highly publicized trial, and the judge's ruling established a legal standard for publishing controversial books of "redeeming social importance." Judge Clayton Horn agreed with the defense that the section of the poem Ginsberg read at Six Gallery "presents a picture of a nightmare world."

Members of the Academy of American Poets still debate whether "Howl" has only had legs because of its early notoriety, but there is no denying its "profound influence on the course of American poetry," said Tree Swenson, the academy's executive director.

"If the words were not compelling, if they did not have the kind of power that they have, this would not have happened," Swenson said. "If it had been plain bad writing, no one would have bothered."

The Six Gallery reading nonetheless remains enough of a literary milestone that 50th anniversary reappraisals of "Howl" already have begun. More than 400 people crowded into the San Francisco Public Library auditorium to hear actor Peter Coyote and seven poets recite "Howl" to the accompaniment of a jazz duo. Stanford University, home to Ginsberg's papers, is holding five "Beat Mondays" with lectures about the poem.

City Lights will publish a fully annotated Golden Anniversary edition of "Howl and Other Poems" next year. Farrar Straus & Giroux is preparing a collection of essays by writers such as Andrei Codrescu, Vivian Gornick, Phillip Lopate, Daphne Merkin, Rick Moody and Robert Pinsky called "The Poem That Changed America." A feature-length documentary, "Howl: The Movie," is also in the works.

San Francisco plans to install a plaque outside 311 Fillmore Street - cite of the long-closed gallery. England's University of Leeds will host a multimedia "Howl for Now" performance that will include seven musical pieces inspired by the poem. The event, which coincides with a book of critical essays of the same name, was designed to introduce "Howl" to a new generation of young adults, said organizer Simon Warner, a music instructor at the university.

Ginsberg died in 1997 at age 70 eight days after he was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. A tireless promoter of his own work who enjoyed performing publicly until the end of his life, he would no doubt enjoy the attention "Howl" still generates and be the first to point out its continued relevance in an America struggling with terrorism and the war in Iraq.

"We are in an era where censorship is creeping back in through the Patriot Act and where people are ... being intimidated not to speak about what we should be speaking about," said Gerald Nicosia, author of "Memory Babe: A Critical Biography of Jack Kerouac."

"If you substitute terrorism for communism, we are getting the same rhetoric."

The anniversary couldn't be more well-timed for those who enjoy historical parallels, agrees Ginsberg biographer Raskin.

"What the Declaration of Independence did for the U.S., the Six Gallery reading did for people who were rebelling against the conformity of American society," he said. "And since people are still rebelling against authority, it's just a natural place to go back to. Even rebels like to have ancestors."



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Life picks up speed to a feverish, manic pace. Feisty Mars retrogrades and makes any reaction, nuclear. Don't even try to get things under control. No matter how hard you try to rein things in, you wind up hogtied and branded. Do I smell BBQ?

out of control. Proud Libras may temporarily misplace their innate charm. That is fine as long as you don't completely lose it.

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**  
Expect to jump in way over your head if you allow your greedy id to take over your better judgement now. Retro Mars gives Gay Rams the acquisition itch. More is not enough and what you already have in hand looks a bit mangy. Of course that is not the reality but it is what you feel. Go with the economic flow and try to bank your stash before you waste it on pure ego.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
Why is it that in your greatest moment of need, partners refuse to compromise? In fact they become stubborn and ornery. Take a reality check, Gay Scorp. Maybe you are selfishly pressuring them too much. Retro Mars turns the heat on in any relationship where you want what you want when and where you want it. Well you can't always get what you want. 'Nuf said.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
Even reticent queer Bulls seem to have a rocket launcher on their backs with retro Mars. You are revved up to be a social tornado. But before you skew your whirl and splat into the nearest wall, take a look at how you are perceived and what you really want out of every encounter. They say that sometimes demure and quiet gets all the rapt attention. And then again ....

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
Proud Archers may find themselves fomenting a revolution at work. They are darn tired of pushing their tired nubby stub of a pencil with no chance of getting their due reward. In fact, they may even begin to think that they are losing ground while lesser mortals gain the higher ground. Retro Mars runs out of patience and wants change now! Hey who am I to judge?

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Don't jump to conclusions while Mars retrogrades. Adding up all the clues will not add up after all. More likely than not, pink Twins will get it all wrong and over-react to imagined slights. While I don't expect you to roll over and be a doormat (unless that is your thing and then who am I to judge?), not everyone is out to get you right now.... except a certain you -know-who.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
Conservative pink Caps are goaded into taking ill advised risks and crossing the line in the name of art, wilde romance and fantastic once in a lifetime adventure. Fun has a way of getting totally out of control with retro Mars. This will be a week to remember, even if it is recalled some time later with a need for quiet, an ice pack and an aspirin. Ah but what a way to go!

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Gay Crabs are apt to over schedule their social calendar with retro Mars. There are too many interesting opportunities and too many interesting pals available all at the same time. Be a bit choosy with your time and don't over extend. Enjoy every moment and shine. Too too soon you go back to being on the B-list. But study harder and maybe you'll wind up with a B+.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
This may be the week when you can no longer restrain yourself around the house. Aqueerians are infused with over the top energy that demands immediate action. Could it involve relatives who have been getting under your skin? Perhaps. Could it entail an entire change of domestic scenery? Quite likely. Will you decorate, renovate or detonate? Kaboom, kiddo.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
It may be said that retro Mars enables you to make your mark on the corporate hierarchy. It may also be said that this mark is indelible. That being said, don't do anything that will create a smudge, rip, splat or smear. Do your best, go very slowly and check the landscape for just the right opportunity. Proud Lions want attention NOW! Oh be careful of what you wish, honey!

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
Most people think of you as quiet, restrained and often engagingly diplomatic. Oh do you have them fooled when Mars retrogrades! Too many things have gone on without a word of protest whispered. That's it. Guppies must now call it as they see it. Good. Things bubble and gush out to the surface. Try to think first before you bleat. Oh what the heck. Make a mess.

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
Queer Virgins have itchy feet and need to explore new environs immediately! But you will find that retro Mars zigs when you need to zag. No sooner do you set out on a certain course, bound for a delicious destination than you are pushed in the opposite, less desirable direction. Better keep an eye on your luggage and pack a map... or perhaps that gorgeous guide?

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
Something sets your jets on fire and your lust is launched on a collision course. Before you explode on some distant arid shore, beached like a forsaken whale, check to see if your own actions led you astray. Retro Mars makes you feisty, sexy and way



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# Nude Pictures Of Mayor's Gay Chat Buddies May Be Made Public

SPOKANE - Mayor Jim West's city-owned computer contains 1,800 files, at least half of them photos, that he doesn't want the public to see, according to new court filings, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

"From what I've been told by a city attorney, the mayor's computer contains pornographic pictures and probably very sexually descriptive correspondence with people he met on chat lines with his City Hall computer," City Councilwoman Cherie Rodgers told The Spokesman-Review for a Saturday report (October 8). West declined to comment on his decision to challenge release of the files.

The files apparently include photos of young men the mayor met on Gay Web sites using his city-owned computer, according to documents produced by City Hall. His files of "personal social contacts" also apparently include message exchanges with young men.

In September, Assistant City Attorney Milt Rowland said the city would release three CDs containing files copied from West's computer disc in response to a May public-records request from The Spokesman-Review. West's attorneys went to court to prevent the city from releasing the CD files or a copy of his City Hall computer hard drive. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Wednesday (October 12) before a visiting Adams County judge.

According to the city's written policies, data on city-owned computers "should be considered information available to the public." In many cases, improper use of government or business computers can lead to termination, the policies say. West, who faces a recall election Dec. 6, has said he didn't use his City Hall computer to visit Gay Web sites. That contention appears to be contradicted by an index of his computer files supplied by the city attorney's office.

The index "demonstrates that the Web site connections initiated from (West's) city computer include pictures and-or images," according to a legal brief by newspaper attorneys Duane Swinton and Tracy LeRoy. "Based on discussions before the court on Tuesday (October 4), the content of the records at issue involves images and-or pictures of young men from Internet sites such as Gay.com." The legal test for releasing such material is whether it would "result in irreparable injury" or not be in the public interest.

"Mayor West has failed to show that disclosure (of the contents of his city computer) would be highly offensive and is of no legitimate public interest," according to the brief. West has acknowledged meeting young men at online

chat rooms, so privacy issues there no longer exist - especially if he was using his city-owned computer, the newspaper brief says.

The mayor's attorneys argued that material on his government-owned computer was "personal social contact" information that would be "highly offensive to a reasonable person." A half-dozen young Gay men were offered perks, trips or City Hall jobs and appointments by West, who has said he did nothing illegal. The FBI is investigating whether those offers and appointments constituted an abuse of public office.

Meanwhile, West is telling longtime supporters he needs \$150,000 for his fight to remain in office. Through a committee set up to fight the recall, West sent out a four-page fundraising letter late last month asking for donations to support the campaign. "I must raise \$150,000 in a very short period of time for mailings and TV ads," he said. West has said his campaign would be based on what he's done for the city since taking office in 2004 and what he plans to do with the rest of his four-year term - plus the contention that "everybody's entitled to privacy."

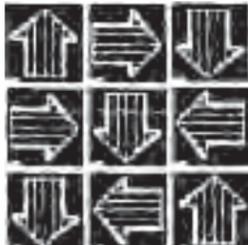
His letter also challenges The Spokesman-Review, which first reported allegations of West's sexual misconduct and misuse of office in May, and its editor, Steven A. Smith. "Are Steven Smith and the Spokesman-Review the ultimate authority in Spokane or is it the people? The choice is ours," West writes. Smith said West was trying to shift responsibility for problems of his own making, and defended the newspaper's coverage. "Politicians in trouble will always blame the press, that's Politics 101 and we understand that," Smith said.

## Survey Of Hollywood Movies Shows Unsafe Sex Is Common

HOLLYWOOD - A survey of 200 films from the past 20 years shows that unsafe sex is commonly shown, as is smoking, marijuana use, and other drug use, U.K. newspaper The Guardian reported on Advocate.com.

Of the list of the 200 most popular films from the Internet Movie Database's March 2004 list, researchers eliminated those made in the pre-AIDS era, animated films, movies rated acceptable for children, and those with nonhuman characters. In the 87 movies remaining, there were a total of 53 sex scenes, only one of which included the use of a condom, and that was mentioned only to prevent pregnancy, not to prevent HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases. None of the characters who engaged in unsafe sex in the films ended up becoming pregnant or acquiring an STD, the researchers say. Smoking appeared in 68% of the films, characters got drunk in 32% of the movies, marijuana use appeared in 8%, and other illegal drug use was featured in 7% of the films, according to the survey, which was published in the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

"The study showed there were no references to the important consequences of unsafe sex such as HIV transmission, spread of STDs, or unwanted pregnancy," the researchers told The Guardian. "The social norm being presented in movies is concerning, given the HIV and illicit drug pandemics in developing and industrialized nations."



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Thursday, October 13

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

Friday, October 14

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

Saturday, October 15

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed) 7:30 am. Join Robert, Mike & Jock for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Jack & Mike at 881-5733 or Robert at 400-1376.

#2 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.

#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.

**Sunday, October 16**

17TH Annual AIDS WALK takes place at Rillito Downs Race Park, River Road and First Avenue in Tucson. AIDS WALK 2005 will again feature both the traditional 4K walk as well as a 10K non-competitive run. Tucson's support of AIDS WALK over the years has made an important and lasting statement about Southern Arizona's commitment to the fight against AIDS.

#1 Men's Social Network, please join Jorge for AIDS WALK 2005 at Rillito Downs Race Track (1st Ave and River Road). Registration begins at 6:30 AM. The 4K Walk begins at 8:30 AM. Contact Jorge at 780-4690 for details or to donate on MSN's behalf if you are unable to walk.

#2 Men's Social Network, after the walk, join Jorge at 11:30 a.m. at Mother Hubbard's (Grant/ Stone) for breakfast/lunch.

The Men's Massage Group meets at 2:45 p.m. (On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month). It is a wonderful experience in meeting men through the sense of touch and it's safe. We provide a

nurturing space for bonding and sharing to happen. Fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up in advance or for questions.

**Monday, October 17**

Men's Social Network - Tomorrow (Tuesday, the 18th) is the last day to reserve for Brunch at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch on the 23rd. Please call Lloyd at 792-8537 for details.

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

**Tuesday, October 18**

#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 Karol for an evening of Dinner and a Movie; "Midnight Cowboy"; though tame by today's standards, it is the first (and only) 'X' rated movie to win a 'Best Picture' Oscar. For details and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

#3 Men's Social Network, last day to reserve for Brunch at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch on the 23rd. Please call Lloyd at 792-8537 for details.

**Wednesday, October 19**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Merlin and Lee

for an evening of Canasta. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For directions and reservations, please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

**Thursday, October 20**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for Coffee Night out at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. This is a No-host event, so please ask Barista to point you in our direction.

**Friday, October 21**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Lloyd as he hosts Pizza Night. For just \$5.00, come and enjoy a night of Pizza and good conversation. For reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537. Please reserve your spot by noon on Thursday, October 20th.

**Saturday, October 22**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv 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 Marv at 745-0304.

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

**Sunday, October 23**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed) 12:30 pm Join MSN for Brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Lloyd hosts the popular, twice yearly event. Reservations and \$ for this event were due on 10/18. Contact Lloyd for details at 792-8537.

**Monday, October 24**

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for the "putting out the Newsletter" Night. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Eating Out" (after Newsletter Night). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

Tucson Prime Timers Bowling, 10:30 a.m. Golden Pin Lanes, Miracle Mile. Lunch -- 12:30 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

**Tuesday, October 25**

#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. Willie hosts Bridge Night. If you don't know how to play, they'll teach you-and it's a very relaxed atmosphere. For reservations and directions, please call Willie at 297-8756.

**Wednesday, October 26**

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Karol for Canasta. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

**Thursday, October 27**

#1 Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Les hosts a Lunch Out at Mother Hubbard's (Grant & Stone).

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# Court Rules For Gay Blog Entry

DOVER - In a decision hailed by free-speech advocates, the Delaware Supreme Court has reversed a lower court decision requiring an Internet service provider to disclose the identity of an anonymous blogger who targeted a local elected official, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

In a 34-page opinion, the justices said a Superior Court judge should have required Smyrna town councilman Patrick Cahill to make a stronger case that he and his wife, Julia, had been defamed before ordering Comcast Cable Communications to disclose the identities of four anonymous posters to a blog site operated by Independent Newspapers Inc., publisher of the Delaware State News.

In a series of obscenity-laced tirades, the bloggers, among other things, pointed to Cahill's "obvious mental deterioration," and made several sexual references about him and his wife, including using the name "Gahill" to suggest that Cahill, who has publicly feuded with Smyrna Mayor Mark Schaeffer, is Gay.

In June, the lower court judge ruled that the Cahills had established a "good faith basis" for contending that they were victims of defamation and affirmed a previous order for Comcast to disclose the bloggers' identities.

One of the bloggers, referred to in court papers only as John Doe No. 1 and his blog name, "Proud Citizen," challenged the ruling, arguing that the Cahills should have been required to establish a prima facie case of defamation before seeking disclosure of the defendants' identities.

The Supreme Court agreed, reversing and remanding the case to Superior Court with an order to dismiss the Cahills' claims. "Because the trial judge applied a standard insufficiently protective of Doe's First Amendment right to speak anonymously, we reverse that judgment," Chief Justice Myron Steele wrote.

Steele described the Internet as a "unique democratizing medium unlike anything that has come before," and said anonymous speech in blogs and chat rooms in some instances can become the modern equivalent of political pamphleteering. Accordingly, a plaintiff claiming defamation should be required to provide sufficient evidence to overcome a defendant's motion for summary judgment before a court orders the disclosure of a blogger's identity. "We are concerned that setting the standard too low will chill potential posters from exercising their First Amendment right to speak anonymously," Steele wrote. "The possibility of losing anonymity in a future lawsuit could intimidate anonymous posters into self-censoring their comments or simply not commenting at all."

The standard adopted by the court, the first state Supreme Court in the country to consider the issue, is based on a 2000 New Jersey court ruling. Under the standard adopted by the Supreme Court, a plaintiff must first try to notify the anonymous poster that he is the subject of subpoena or request for a court to disclose his identity, allowing the poster time to oppose the request. The plaintiff would then have to provide prima facie evidence of defamation strong enough to overcome a summary judgment motion.

"The decision of the Supreme Court helps provide protection for anonymous bloggers and anonymous speakers in general from lawsuits which have little or no merit and are filed solely to intimidate the speaker or suppress the speech," said David Finger, a Wilmington attorney representing John Doe No. 1. "Delaware cases are generally respected in other states, and we'll have to see if this trend continues with these types of lawsuits, but I expect the decision of the Delaware Supreme Court to be influential," Finger added.

Robert Katzenstein, a lawyer representing the Cahills, did not immediately return a

telephone message left at his home.

"This is the first state Supreme Court to squarely decide the standards to govern John Doe subpoena cases," said Paul Alan Levy, an attorney for Public Citizen, a national, nonprofit consumer advocacy organization, who helped argue the case for John Doe No. 1. "The court's determination to require sufficient evidence before a critic is outed will go a long way toward reassuring citizens that they remain free to anonymously criticize public officials."

Steele noted in his opinion that plaintiffs in such cases can use the Internet to respond to character attacks and "generally set the record straight," and that, as in Cahill's case, blogs and chatrooms tend to be vehicles for people to express opinions, not facts. "Given the context, no reasonable person could have interpreted these statements as being anything other than opinion. ... The statements are, therefore, incapable of a defamatory meaning," he wrote.

## Adoption Firm Re-lents, Accepts Gays And Lesbians

LOS ANGELES - A California adoption agency embroiled in a lawsuit has agreed it will no longer discriminate against applicants based on sexual orientation, the PlanetOut Network reported.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) announced it would drop the lawsuit it brought against Olive Crest Foster Family and Adoption Agency on behalf of Dr. Shannon Rose and her partner Jane Brooks, who applied to become foster parents in July 2002. In September 2002, they were notified by the agency that their application had been suspended, and they were informed of a new recruitment policy that gave preferential treatment to "nuclear families."

A social worker who quit her job over Olive Crest's handling of the case told Rose and Brooks that the policy was implemented specifically to discriminate against Lesbian and Gay applicants.

After the couple sued on May 1, 2003, state regulators started their own investigation. In April Olive Crest settled with the state, promising to end its policy of favoring "nuclear families." If Olive Crest breeches the terms of its two-year probation, its license will be automatically revoked.

"We are pleased that our lawsuit has helped to force Olive Crest to abandon its discriminatory policy," said Rose. "There are 500,000 children in foster care in the United States, many in temporary emergency facilities waiting foster families or adoption. By denying us placement solely because we are Lesbians, Olive Crest was ignoring the needs of the children the state had placed in their care."

"Decisions about adoption and foster care placement should be based on what's best for the children, not on discriminatory policies that bar placements with Lesbian and Gay people," said Christine Sun, a staff attorney with the ACLU of Southern California. "Decades of research have found that Gay people are just as capable of being good parents as straight people, and their children are just as well adjusted."

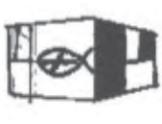
Corri Planck, the deputy executive director of the Family Pride Coalition, said, "Obviously we hope that adoption and foster care agencies would be thoughtful and deliberate in their selection process. They want to increase their pool of available parents, not decrease it."

"They have a responsibility to the children they are serving to get them in the hands of good parents with a loving home," Planck told the PlanetOut Network. "And good parents should be the qualifier - not whether they are straight or Gay."



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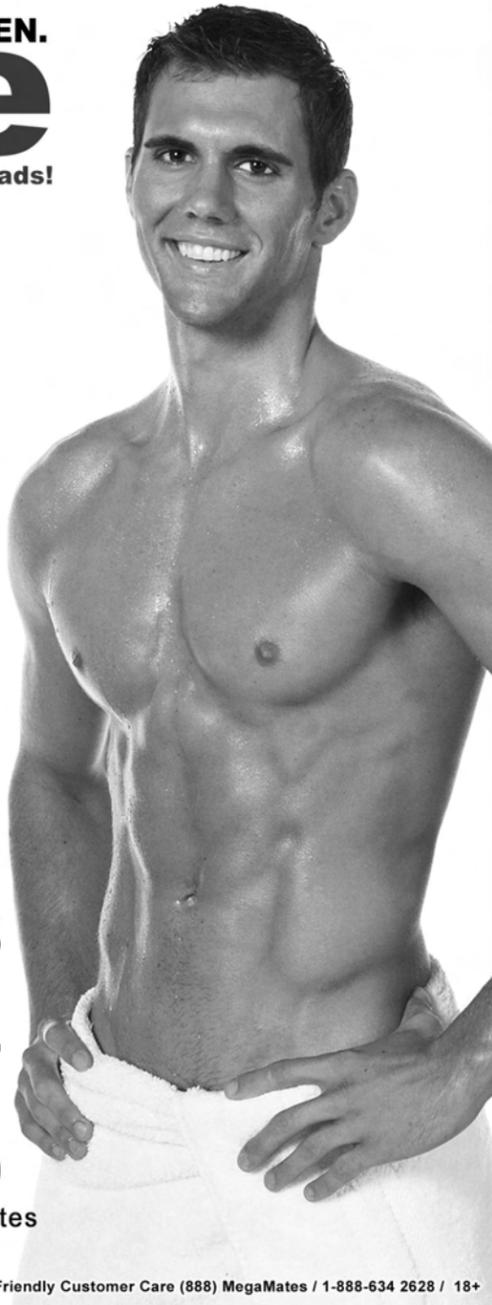


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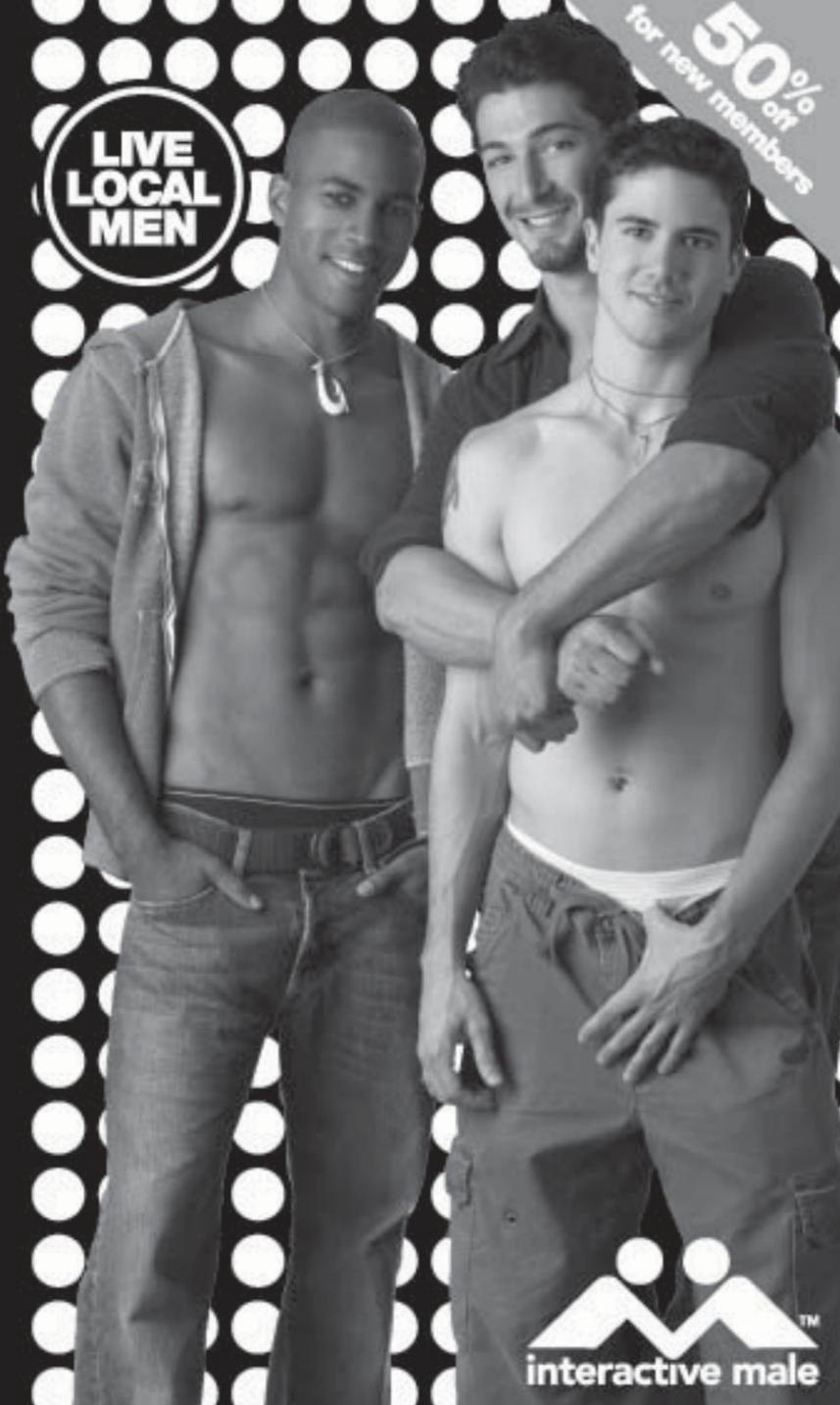
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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

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**COLORS** - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 skyy Cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half price appetizers. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11am. Lotchen open until 8pm. Watch the NFL here! \$1.00 Jumbo Hot Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments at 4 and 7pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points. Great chance to learn the hottest game around

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. BurgerBBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am. Brunch \$5, 11:30 - 2:30. Patio open 1pm-close. Yard games on the grass. Beer Bust 16oz \$1 2-7p. \$2.50 Sirloin Burger or Chicken w/sides 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9

**YARD DOG** - Open 10am - 2am. Patio Bar opens at 5pm.

## monday

**COLORS** - Closed on Mondays.

**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 - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm. Sign-up begins one hour before playing time. No Cash - Play for Prizes and Points.

**IBT's** -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy & Beeefeaters Martinis.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Karaoke w/ Michael D. 9-1

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

## tuesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month "Dinner & Movie" sponsored by GMHP. All other Tuesdays "Dinner and a Concert" shown on 52" projection system. Full menus served until 10pm.

**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 Debbie from 8 - midnight

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month \$2.00).

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longneck. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. 80s Nite 9-close. \$1 off to those wearing 80s concert T-shirt. (Excludes draught & schnapps).

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm.

## wednesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

**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.

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

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Underwear- fetish-leather nite \$1 off for those wearing underwear-fetish or leather. (Excludes draught & schnapps) for all in leather or underwear.

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Vodka until 8pm Beer Bust 4-8pm.

## thursday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,\$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

**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 Debbie from 8 to midnight.

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio open 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 \$6.00.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am w/Special Happy Hour til 2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Free Pool all day. NTN Game Nite w/prizes 9-close. \$1 Pabst Blue Ribbon. Patio bar open 8pm-close

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 5pm.

## friday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-2am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly Dinner Specials. 6:30-9:30pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. Reservations suggested. Open 11am for lunch. Dinner 5-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm domestic beers or well cocktails \$2.25. Close 1am.

**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. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then a mix of dance & country 'til close. Kitchen re-opens 9 pm to Midnight for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm,, Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm-2am.

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am.w/Special Happy Hour til-2pm \$1.50 well or domestic longnecks. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. Patio Bar open 8-close. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 5pm

## saturday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-2am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$4 Skyy Martinis, \$2 Domestic and half-price appetizers Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Amber Norgarrd sings originals and cover tunes 6:30-9:30pm. Reservations suggested. Close 1am.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** -Open at 11:00 am. Kitchen open til 8pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm, \$2 Well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 small pitchers, \$5 large pitchers. \$4.00 Cheeseburger & Fries all day. DJ Johnny D playing your favorite dance & country 9pm to close. Kitchen re-opens 9pm - midnight for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke and Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Ajia Simone or Jancee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm. DJ 9 to close.

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. Regular Happy Hour 2-8. \$5 Steak or Fish w/all the trimmings 5-9. Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz w/Arthur Migliazza on the patio 6-9. Party w/DJ Jeff 9-close.

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 5pm.

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# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

**WOODY'S** - Sarong/Underwear Party 8:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

**COLORS** - Hosting tonight's Guys and Dolls show is Tucson's own ;Black Cat' Ajia Simone with special guesst Venecia.

**WOODY'S** - Wine Tasting Party 6:00 p.m. (Register with one of Woody's bartenders by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. October Birthday Party 10pm - balloons - cake - champagne. Limited to 25 Customers. Celebrate your October birthday at 10:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

**WOODY'S** - Blacklight Party 8:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

**WOODY'S** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MasquErotic Halloween Costume Ball. Mark your calendars.

## Schools Remain Unsafe For LGBT Students Study Shows

**NEW YORK** - A new study, released to coincide with National Coming Out Day (October 11), shows that nearly a quarter of all LGBT students do not feel safe at school, 365Gay.com reported.

The study, conducted by Harris Interactive for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, paints a disturbing picture.

It shows that 65% of all teens report that they have been verbally or physically harassed or assaulted during the past year. The study says that the harassment came about because of the teens' perceived or actual appearance, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, race/ethnicity, disability or religion.

Appearance was the most common reason, the report says, but found that the next most common reason for frequent harassment is sexual orientation.

One-third of teens reported that students are frequently harassed because they are or are perceived to be Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual.

LGBT students are three times as likely as non-LGBT students to say that they do not feel safe at school and 90 percent of LGBT students said they have been harassed or assaulted during the past year.

The study, titled "From Teasing to Torment: School Climate in America, A Survey of Students and Teachers," questioned 3,400 students aged 13-18 and over 1,000 secondary school teachers nationwide.

While more than two-thirds of students said their school has some type of anti-harassment policy, less than half of all students say their school has a policy that specifies sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

The survey found that having a harassment policy in place that specifically mentions sexual orientation or gender identity/expression is associated with more students feeling safe.

Kevin Jennings, the Executive Director of GLSEN, said that the study shows bullying and harassment can impact a student's ability to learn,

"It also shows how having anti-harassment policies in schools - particularly those policies that include sexual orientation or gender identity/expression - can be associated with students feeling safer," said Jennings.

The study also found that 85% of secondary school teachers believe that they have an obligation to ensure a safe learning environment for LGBT students.

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-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.

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

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

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

**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.

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

**LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP.** Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, a reading from a Buddhist religious text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Meets every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Sean Seeba at 622-8759 for more information.

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

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

**MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP** (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

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

**MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY FORMING** for anyone wanting quality friendships, better health and more passion in their lives. This group has far-reaching benefits for those who want to explore their own spirituality, sexuality and purpose in life. Weekly social events include Keys to Healthy Relationships, and Be Your Own Best Lover. Also events include entertainment like dinner, movies, theater and art. Group discussions. Group fun with intimacy, spontaneity and play. A great way to meet other men who are on a more focused path. Contact Marc Haberman, Holistic Health Practitioner at 881-4582.

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