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## When The Beard Is Too Painful To Remove

NEW YORK - They spend decades denying their sexual confusion to themselves and others. They generally limit their encounters with men to anonymous one-night stands and tell all manner of lies if their wives suspect, reported the New York Times. They consider themselves to be devoted husbands, conscientious fathers and suburban homeowners, and what typically brings them to the point of crisis in their 40's, 50's and even 60's is their first emotional connection with another man.

For Gay men in heterosexual marriages, even after the status quo becomes unbearable, the pull of domestic life remains powerful. Many are desperate to preserve their marriages – to continue reaping the emotional and financial support of wives, and domestic pleasures like tucking children in at night. The demand for support groups for Gay, married men, as well as traffic in Internet chat rooms, shows that so-called "Brokeback" marriages have hardly disappeared, as many experts assumed they would, even in an age when Gay couples, in certain parts of the country, live openly and raise children just like any family.

Leaving a marriage and setting up housekeeping with a Gay partner is not what most married Gay men have in mind when they join a support group, according to Stephen McFadden, a clinical social worker, who runs such groups in Manhattan. Instead, Mr. McFadden and others in the field say, their clients generally start out committed to the opposite goal. Even after a pained awakening or acknowledgment of their sexual orientation, these men want to save their marriages, Mr. McFadden and others say, either by lying, promising their wives they will not have sex with men or persuading them to accept their double lives.

Yet, such arrangements succeed for only "a small percentage" of couples, Mr. McFadden and other therapists said, but the stubborn attempt often makes these men unwelcome or uncomfortable in support groups for Gay fathers, which are easy to find but largely the province of men who are long divorced. One support group member, Steve T., is a Long Island doctor, married to his high school sweetheart and the father of three school-age sons. He said he felt the sting of judgment when he tried a group for Gay fathers. "They thought my desire to stay married was part of my denial," said Dr. T., who would do almost anything to keep his family together and his suburban lifestyle intact, even after telling his wife that he is Gay.

She is his "best friend" and the "perfect co-parent," said the 44-year-old doctor, who agreed to be interviewed on condition he not be

fully identified and his secrets thus revealed to relatives, neighbors and patients. He enjoys the social life of a popular suburban couple, adores his in-laws and wants to live in the same home as his children. But he also wants to continue a love affair with a man like himself: married, with children, a lawn to mow and a comfortable life. And until a few weeks ago, Dr. T. said, "this was working great in terms of getting our needs met and not disrupting our families."

Dr. T.'s wife had agreed she could live with his sexual orientation provided he didn't act on it. So he lied and said his homosexual relationship did not include sex. But she wasn't fooled and forced him to move into an in-law apartment in the family home, a way station to a more formal separation. This development has left him stunned, one moment sympathetic to his wife's position and the next disbelieving that they can't work it out. "I love her, but she wants me to be in love with her," Dr. T. said. "She wants to be my one and only. Everything we have will be at risk if, God forbid, we divorce."

Data on these marriages is scarce and unreliable because of the various ways of defining "Gay" in demographic research. Studies in the 1970's and 80's, using inconsistent methodology, found anywhere from one-fifth to one-third of Gay men were or had at one time been married. All the therapists and Gay men interviewed for this article assumed that percentage would be far lower in today's more accepting society.

But Gary J. Gates, a demographer at the Williams Institute, a research group that studies Gay issues at U.C.L.A., blended data for The New York Times from the 2000 Census and a 2002 federal survey of family configurations, and found that the percentage of Gay men who had ever been married could be as high as 38 percent – or as low as 9 percent – depending on whether respondents were asked their sexual orientation, whom they had sex with or whom they found attractive. Of the 27 million American men currently married, Mr. Gates found, 1.6 percent, or 436,000, identify themselves as Gay or Bisexual. Of the 75 million men who have ever been married, 1.8 percent, or 1.3 million, identify themselves that way. But, in both cases, when the men are asked about behavior if they have ever had sex with men, not what they consider their sexual orientation, the number of men who have ever been married doubles.

The sort of arrangement Dr. T. hoped for – a proper marriage and one or more relationships with men on the side – is not unheard of. Cole Porter pulled it off and so did James McGreevey, New Jersey's former governor, who left office, and his wife, in

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## Some Parts Of Military Still Hostile To Gays And Lesbians

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Gays in the U.S. military face regular hostility on some bases and ships where commanders fail to prohibit harassment more than a decade after the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law was enacted, although seeds of greater tolerance may be taking root, advocates and witnesses report, Reuters reported (Aug. 6). While some leaders have created environments where harassment is not tolerated, others have not and the evidence, according to witnesses, is both verbal and visual.

On the Navy's USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier, for example, anti-Gay statements and jokes are on display and have been incorporated into a video about the F-14 Tomcat fighter aircraft, recently shown to reporters on the carrier. Pilots on the Roosevelt sported T-shirts, also shown to reporters including this Reuters correspondent, that said, "I'm a Tomcat guy and you're a homo." The commander of the fighter squadron, in fact, wore the shirt. "The line between that and threats and violence can be quite thin," said Aaron Belkin, director of the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

Openly Gay people are prohibited from serving in the U.S. military under a 1993 law known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The military can't ask if a service member is Gay, but those who say they are Gay are discharged. The U.S. military argues that banning Gays from the military is critical to maintaining a unit's "cohesion," the trust among service members crucial to combat effectiveness. Harassment of Gays, however, is prohibited. The Pentagon, in a 2000 memo to the armed services and commanders, said "mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures" based on sexual orientation were not acceptable. That followed a report from the Defense Department's inspector general that found 80 percent of service members surveyed had heard anti-Gay comments and 37 percent had witnessed harassment against people thought to be homosexual.

The anti-Gay displays aboard the Roosevelt should be seen as harassment, said Steve Ralls, communications director for the Service members Legal Defense Network, a group working to see the Don't Ask, Don't Tell law repealed. "That type of behavior has real consequences," Ralls said, pointing to the anti-Gay graffiti allowed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky before the 1999 murder of Pfc. Barry Winchell, thought to be a Gay soldier.

In response to questions from Reuters, Navy Rear Admiral

Denby Starling, commander of the Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, said the anti-Gay messages witnessed on the Roosevelt were "contrary to Navy policy and core values and have no place within Naval Aviation or the Navy." "Immediately upon notification of your observations, Naval Aviation leadership engaged to take corrective action," he said in an e-mail. "Steps have been taken to ensure that the offending messages have been removed. Squadron and air wing leadership have been counseled regarding the inappropriate tone set by such messages and poor judgment demonstrated in allowing their display." Starling said other steps would be taken and the incident would be used to reinforce policy across the force.

The University of California's Belkin said his research shows attitudes against allowing openly Gay people to serve may be changing, especially among younger service members. But he said pressure to conform in an organization that places heavy value on tradition could inhibit change, noting servicemen may be "socialized to act anti-Gay." The military has dismissed more than 11,000 people for Don't Ask, Don't Tell violations, Ralls said. According to the Pentagon's latest data, 726 people were dismissed in fiscal 2005, representing 0.3 percent of all discharges that year.

Derek Sparks was discharged in 2002 after 14 years in the Navy when he admitted he was Gay amid an investigation into alleged homosexual activity. He denied committing the acts. The former sailor, part of a group of plaintiffs in a suit against the Defense Department, said anti-Gay remarks were tolerated in the Navy throughout his career. He hid his homosexuality because he wanted to serve, he said. "I loved serving and I loved being in the military so much that it was a sacrifice I was willing to make," Sparks said.

## Proposition 107 Has Day In Court

PHOENIX (ON) - Arguments were heard in Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Douglas Rayes' courtroom on the lawsuit (Case# CV2006-010505) filed by five couples, seeking continued protection provided by existing domestic partner benefits, on Proposition 107 (also known as the Protect Marriage Arizona amendment) Friday, Aug. 4.

Filed on July 12, the lawsuit contends that Proposition 107 violates Arizona's single-subject rule of the state Constitution (Art. 4, Part 2, Sect. 13), which reads: "Every act shall

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# UPDATE

## AIDSWalk Tucson 2006 - Take A Step

TUCSON - Take a step onto the beautiful University of Arizona Campus Mall for the 18th Annual AIDSWALK 2006, October 8.

For this year's event, organizers have pumped up the energy with a new location, new date, and new activities. Join the fight against HIV/AIDS by supporting those in the community living with or affected by HIV and AIDS, preventing the spread of HIV, and remembering those we've lost to HIV/AIDS. You can help. Participate in the 10K fun run or 5K walk and raise donations to support the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

This year marks the 25th anniversary since the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced its first warning of the disease later to be known as AIDS. Over the past 25 years, many strides have been made to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS but much more is needed to be done. Anne Maley, Executive Director, SAAF, commented, "Southern Arizona is experiencing a growing need for our services at a time when we are experiencing cuts in government funding. I encourage everyone to join AIDSWALK 2006 and help us increase awareness and the much needed resources to continue providing high quality services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Pima County and southern Arizona."

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention: There are an estimated 38.6 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, doubled since 1995. During 2005, an estimated 4.1 million people became newly infected with HIV, including 540,000 children 55% of U.S. adults, ages 18-64, report ever having been tested for HIV, including 21% who report being tested in the last year. This number has been increasing over time. Among the more than one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S., an estimated 25% do not know they are infected.

Help stop this global epidemic and support those living with HIV/AIDS while helping prevent new infections by participating in AIDSWALK 2006. Anne Maley added, "One hundred percent of donations raised will stay in Southern Arizona to support critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and to fund prevention programs for people at risk for HIV."

AIDSWALK 2006 promises to be fun, festive, and a day of awareness. We have activities for youth, plenty of great food, live music

including a live mini concert following the event, Quilt opening ceremony, and more! Information about the event is being added daily, so check out [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com) or contact (520) 791-WALK (9255) for the latest info. Be ready to gather your friends and family to take a step forward in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

## TIHAN Update

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will be auctioning an autographed Lance Armstrong poster donated by Armstrong's coach, Chris Carmichael.

The poster is currently on display at Arizona Cyclist bike shop in the St. Philips Plaza on Campbell and River. Dr. Kevin Carmichael, one of Tucson's top HIV doctors and brother of Chris Carmichael facilitated the donation, Dr. Carmichael stated, "My brother and I are very happy to be in a position to support TIHAN which provides a valuable service to the Tucson community, particularly in a time where money for HIV services has been effectively decreasing at a rate of about 15-20% annually. Fortunately through the efforts TIHAN and other organizations the impact of these dramatics cuts has been to some degree ameliorated."

Proceeds raised will benefit AIDS awareness and support services for TIHAN. Opening bids begin at \$1,000 and are being accepting from now until 2:00 p.m., Nov. 17. The winner will be announced at the El Tour de Tucson, Nov. 18. Please send bids by email to Scott Blades Executive Director of TIHAN, [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org). For more information please contact Scott Blades, Executive Director of TIHAN at (520) 299-6647 or email at [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org).

## "Create Your Own African Safari Trip" Being Auctioned Off NOW To Benefit TIHAN

TUCSON - Here's your chance to take a once-in-a-lifetime African adventure at a beautiful invitation-only ranch on 30,000 acres in Botswana, a unique setting in the heart of the Tuli Block where the ancient Limpopo and Magalakwena Rivers run together.

A generous donor has donated an 8-day "create your own safari" for two people, to be auctioned off to raise funds for TIHAN, and this adventure could be yours! The safari will be all-inclusive (except for airfare) and will be personalized to fit the needs of the winning bidder. In addition to an excellent bush adventure to see wild animals, the area offers one of the richest displays of bird life in southern Africa, including jewel-toned kingfishers, saddle-billed storks, great herons, fish eagles, exotic paradise fly-catchers, and the

rare pells fishing owl. The area is also home to free-roaming wild elephant herds, and an abundance of other wildlife.

Visitors to Matlou Ranch stay in the safari compound in thatched rondovas, appointed with artwork and rich displays of native handcraft. Each rondova has an in-suite shower and toilet facilities. Evening meals are served under the stars next to the fire or within the open-air boma. Day-time activities are designed to match each visitor's need for relaxation or adventure, including elephant viewing, photography, birding, eco-tours, hiking, fossil-hunting, or hammock laying with a "do-not-disturb" sign attached.

This package for two, valued at \$4,000, is being auctioned off now online via Tucson Audubon Society Online Auction. This safari item is listed on the second page of auction items on the website. (Note: the minimum reserve bid should correctly be listed as \$2,500.)

TIHAN's Executive Director Scott Blades just returned from a visit to this ranch, and can answer questions and provide photos of his adventure and the facility. (Note: some restrictions do apply. Dates subject to availability.) The auction deadline is August 31, 2006. For more details about the trip, contact Scott at [scott@tihan.org](mailto:scott@tihan.org) or (520) 299-6647.

## Community Forum On Anti-LGBT Campaigns Aug.16

TUCSON - Until Election Day on November 7, the LGBT community and allies will undoubtedly confront challenges as the proponents of Proposition 107 (the so called "Protect Marriage Arizona" Amendment) fills the airwaves, print media and our communities with divisive & dehumanizing statements about LGBT people. These statements not only fuel hate violence, but they can also negatively impact the mental health of the LGBT community.

Join other concerned community members for a conversation, Aug. 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., on the impact anti-LGBT campaigns, such as Proposition 107, have on the community. Learn how Proposition 107 and similar efforts have led to an increase in violence against LGBT people in other states; negatively impact domestic violence protections for victim/survivors of domestic violence who are heterosexual and LGBT; the psychological impact of anti-LGBT campaigns and how to help protect yourself, and how to fight against anti-gay rhetoric.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Sam Holdren, Wingspan's political organizer at [sholdren@wingspan.org](mailto:sholdren@wingspan.org), (520) 624-1779 x21.

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**COMMENTARY . . .**

Kevin Cathcart

**Listening To History**

NEW YORK - In 1948, the California Supreme Court became the first high court in the nation to strike down laws against interracial marriage. Many of you know this. What you might not know is that before the California court issued its decision, lawsuits challenging interracial marriage bans in 14 other states had been unsuccessful. For added perspective, consider that at the time 30 states (out of 48) still forbade interracial marriage, six by constitutional amendment, and that polls showed nine out of ten people opposed such unions. Despite those setbacks, people whose rights were trampled did not give up. They pressed on to change public opinion - and the law.

Most of us know the ending to this story: In 1967, as more and more states stopped barring mixed-race couples from marriage, the U.S. Supreme Court wiped out all remaining state bans. It's important to acknowledge the long struggle it took to get there as the LGBT community faces its own backlash on the marriage front. No doubt it's been a tough summer, as Lambda Legal and our sister organizations have been hit with a number of high-profile losses. But losses of this kind are expected in a civil rights movement, particularly one that aims to change not only the law but also the hearts and minds of people across the country.

When Lambda Legal took on its first marriage case in Hawaii in the early nineties, we had a huge battle in front of us in court and in the court of public opinion. Few people then could

have imagined that same-sex couples would be allowed to marry anywhere in the world - and unfortunately our experience in Hawaii, where we won in court but had the victory crushed by voter referendum, bore out this sentiment. Today four countries (and a fifth, South Africa, by the end of 2006) and our very own Massachusetts are marrying same-sex couples. We're also seeing progress on the relationship front in general, as California, Connecticut and New Jersey have recently passed more inclusive laws that protect same-sex couples, while Maine and Washington have added statewide antidiscrimination protections. We've actually come quite far, quite fast.

There is no question that the recent spate of marriage lawsuits brought by Lambda Legal and our allies at GLAD, the ACLU, NCLR and others have succeeded in shaping public opinion around marriage equality. In terms of the two recent high court losses in New York and Washington (both of which reversed Lambda Legal's lower court victories), the rulings, as bad as they were, acknowledged that the state legislatures might want to reexamine the impact of marriage laws on same-sex couples. This is good news because changes of this magnitude often require both the judicial and legislative branches to move the law forward in the long run.

On a more personal level, Lambda Legal's work on the ground, in the media and in the courts in New York and Washington has helped educate people in these states and

beyond about the hardships same-sex couples face. Many people have been persuaded by our plaintiffs' stories and by their own sense of fairness. This type of public education is crucial to our strategy. Years ago we saw the lack of it play out in Hawaii. Today we have the benefit of watching Massachusetts, where GLAD's case succeeded in lifting the state's marriage ban on same-sex couples in 2004. A 2005 Boston Globe poll showed a majority (56 percent) of people in favor of marriage for same-sex couples. A year earlier the majority (53 percent) was against it. In that year, people saw that the sky does not fall when same-sex couples are allowed to marry, that no families are hurt, while others are helped immensely by the protections

and responsibilities marriage brings.

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed by the recent losses, but I am not discouraged. I remain hopeful for ongoing marriage litigation in the country and for the numerous other cases challenging anti-Gay amendments. I take heart in the cycles of wins and losses that characterize important civil rights issues. And I still firmly believe that marriage is key to eradicating our status as second-class citizens, just as it was key to the civil rights movement half a century ago.

[Kevin Cathcart is the Executive Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.]

**Gay Games Receipts Exceed Expectations**

CHICAGO - The organizers of Gay Games VII have released preliminary estimates showing that ticket sales and attendance projections exceeded expectations, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). Attendance at Gay Games Chicago events exceeded 140,000 - 40,000 more than we had projected," said Kevin Boyer, Gay Games Chicago co-vice chairman.

"We estimate that attendance at events organized by the Gay Games was 107,500, including opening and closing ceremonies, the Gay Games Expo, and all of the sports and cultural events. Official affiliated events and parties had an additional estimated attendance of 33,000 throughout the week." The opening ceremony at Soldier Field had an estimated attendance of 32,000, while the closing ceremony at Wrigley Field had nearly 20,000 in attendance, the

report shows. The four-day Gay Games Expo drew an estimated 13,250. Participating athletes and artists numbered 11,500.

"Ticket sales to sports and cultural events exceeded our estimates by almost 50 percent," said Boyer. "While most sporting events were free, we had projected to sell 8,000 tickets to some of the more popular sports and cultural events. Ticket sales actually totaled around 12,000, with several events selling out."

The preliminary numbers are significant given that the last two Gay Games events - Amsterdam in 1998 and Sydney in 2002 - lost large amounts of money. Now the Federation of Gay Games is projecting a surplus. Financial details will be released before Sept. 30.



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# UPDATE

## NM Gay Bashers Charged With Hate Crimes

EDGEWOOD, New Mexico - Three young men accused of brutalizing an 18-year-old Gay man for hours last weekend (July 29 - 30) have been charged with hate crimes, according to New Mexico police, court documents, and a prosecutor, reported Sirius Out-Q News on advocate.com. The men also allegedly kidnapped a woman, who was held in a camper and kicked and beaten while the man was repeatedly attacked after a house party in Edgewood.

facial lacerations and bruising but has since been released from a hospital. Saying that "it's pretty clear to us that his homosexuality was the reason for the beating," Dagnal confirmed the three men allegedly responsible have been charged under New Mexico's hate-crimes law.

Prosecutor Donna Dagnall said the man suffered bleeding on the brain and a concussion as well as

Uriah Smith, 17, and William York, 21, are in custody as police look for a third man. All three are charged with two counts of kidnapping, aggravated battery causing great bodily injury, false imprisonment, and conspiracy.

## Two arrested In Public Sex Crackdown

ST. GEORGE, Utah - Police are pledging to crack down on public sex and cruising in city parks after making their first Tonaquint Park lewdness bust in St. George, Utah. A 54-year-old St. George man and a 53-year-old Springville man were arrested Saturday afternoon (Aug. 5) and charged with lewdness in a public park.

Moss said. "If there's people down there trying to hook up, they usually leave and go somewhere else." Harding said, "We're going to cruise it more. We're going to work it undercover and try to stamp this out."

Police Sergeant Craig Harding said officers patrolling the park heard noise coming from the restroom and from outside were able to see one man touch the other in a sexual manner. "Any kid could have been exposed to this kind of activity, which is outrageous," Harding said. The park purportedly has gained a reputation as a cruising spot for men to hook up. "We heard there was possibly some Gay stuff going on, and I have my officers patrol that area," Lieutenant Dave

Leland Young, a Gay community activist in St. George, said the community does not want people to behave badly in a park, but some fear the police will go beyond cracking down on public sex. "There's been harassment on some levels. They're not going up to the heterosexual community and saying, 'What are you doing in the park?'" Young said. Police denied targeting people for being Gay. "We can't target people. We can't target groups. We can't target cultures, but we can target criminal behavior," Harding said.

## Not Guilty Pleas In Pride Attacks

SAN DIEGO - Three men pleaded not guilty during a brief court appearance Thursday to charges of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon in connection with attacks on 6 men leaving a Gay pride festival, 365Gay.com reported. Both counts carry hate crime enhancements.

Prosecutor Oscar Garcia told Superior Court Judge David Szumowski that witnesses have said they heard Carroll and Tatum and Carroll talking about going out to rob people to get drug money on the night of the attacks and that the two left with a baseball bat and knife. One of the victims remains in hospital with a fractured skull - the result of being hit with a bat. He may require reconstructive surgery. Another suffered superficial stab wounds. That man and the other three victims were treated and released from hospital. The men had just left the pride festival at Balboa Park when the assailants began taunting them with homophobic remarks.

James Carroll, Lyonn Tatum, and Kenneth Lincoln were arrested for the crime and bail was set at \$1 million for James Carroll and Tatum. Lincoln was ordered held in custody in lieu of \$350,000 bail. Both Carroll and Lincoln have criminal records. Lincoln was on parole in connection with another crime when he was arrested.

## Congratulations To The Cochise County Lesbian And Gay Alliance



On the highway from Tucson to Bisbee, you will find this sign just outside of Bisbee prominently displaying the message that the Cochise County Lesbian and Gay Alliance have adopted the highway and keep their section of the road clean and free of litter.

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embrace but one subject and matters properly connected therewith, which subject shall be expressed in the title; but if any subject shall be embraced in an act which shall not be expressed in the title, such act shall be void only as to so much thereof as shall not be embraced in the title," and should be stricken from the November ballot.

During the arguments before Judge Rayes, Glen Lavy, an attorney representing Protect Marriage Arizona, said the goal of the amendment is to define marriage between one man and one woman.

"These five lines and 58 words have one single purpose, and that is to protect marriage from contemporary threats," he said, adding that contemporary threats are "marriage equivalents that remove the unique status of marriage."

Lavy also stated that if their initiative passes, employees could still seek health benefits through their employers for 'dependents,' granted that there is no "committed relationship," causing counsel for Arizona Together to balk at that notion.

"Everyone is well aware that insurance companies can not hand out insurance coverage like candy," said Lisa Hauser, the attorney representing the five couples and Arizona Together, who also has filed on the lawsuit. "The idea that an employee can ask their employer to provide health insurance for individuals that they have no relationship with is unrealistic and would create chaos for businesses."

Glenn Cromer, a plaintiff in the case and a City of Phoenix employee, commented about the idea posed by Prop. 107 attorneys regarding seeking benefits as an unmarried person, "The City of Phoenix has certain stipulations that I had to meet in order to provide (domestic partner) benefits to Rebecca, my partner. We had to have a checking account together and a history of living together for at least two years. In other words, we had to be in a committed relationship not just have been dating for two weeks."

Information on literature handed out at the hearing by Proposition 107 proponents supported their counsel's perspective stating that: "Q. Does Arizona's proposed marriage amendment eliminate benefits for same-sex couples? A. The amendment would not prevent government employers from giving any benefits they wish, but it would preclude giving them on the basis of a domestic partnership."

Substantial amount of time was spent defining the single-subject rule. Arizona Together stands on its initial position that this initiative is attempting to incorporate in one ballot measure at least three separate issues including altering domestic partnership benefits for opposite and same-sex couples under the cover of a same-sex marriage ban.

Arizona's constitution limits amendments to a single subject. And if Rayes rules the initiative actually has two subjects – and his ruling is upheld by the state Supreme Court – the measure cannot be on the ballot.

Lavy said initiative backers believe that simply declaring that gays cannot marry would mean nothing if courts or lawmakers were to allow those who are not wed to have the same rights.

Hauser noted that the Legislature has considered these to be separate issues, pointing out that a 1996 state law prohibits the recognition of same-sex marriages. Arizona law, (A.R.S. 25-101, A.R.S. 25-112), marriage is defined as between one man and one woman and that the state will not recognize a marriage from another state that is not between one man and one woman.

These statutes were drafted by the current Republican gubernatorial candidate, then President of the Center for Arizona Policy, Len Munsil, approved by Arizona's Legislature and signed into law by then Republican Governor, Fife Symington, in 1996. In 2003, these statutes were challenged in court in the case of Standhardt v. Superior Court, and were upheld by the Arizona State Supreme Court in May 2004.

Legislation to bar local governments from offering domestic-partner benefits has failed in numerous attempts at passage in Arizona's Legislature.

"This initiative is attempting to 'pull along' voters by using a popular provision (same-sex marriage ban) to dismantle domestic partner benefits," stated Hauser. "Polls by Harstad and Lake do support the notion that voters have different opinions about same-sex marriage and domestic partner benefits. Each subject (issue) stands on its own and should be addressed on its own. The single-subject rule was designed so that unrelated issues are not 'log rolled' into one ballot measure."

Lavy acknowledged that Proposition 107 would do more than constitutionally define marriage in Arizona as between one man and one woman. It also would bar any legal recognition of civil unions or domestic partnerships, whether between same-sex or opposite-sex couples.

Rayes is expected to rule within a couple of weeks and both sides have said they will appeal the decision.

## LGBT Rights Fight Hinges On Two Signatures

CINCINNATI - Gay rights advocates in Cincinnati say they're pretty sure they can stop an effort to repeal the city's new Gay rights ordinance, reported Sirius OutQ News on advocate.com. The fight now hinges on just two signatures.

Earlier this year the Cincinnati city council passed an ordinance prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in employment and housing. A group called Equal Rights, Not Special Rights then launched an effort to put a repeal question on the November ballot. They collected more than 14,000 signatures, but the board of elections ruled that only 7,656 were valid—just two more than needed to get the initiative on the ballot.

Now local Gay rights groups are challenging the initiative, saying more signatures should be ruled invalid. An attorney for the group Citizens to Restore Fairness claims another 900 signatures appear to be invalid, while the antiGay group is filing its own complaint that says too many signatures were invalidated. The board of elections will write and certify the ballot question by August 24. Each side will then have 10 days to file challenges.



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## Reveille Gay Men's Chorus Camp August 19



TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Tucson's internationally known men's chorus will be starting their 12th year of changing hearts and minds through music with their annual retreat, Camp Reveille, Saturday, Aug. 19., at the Historic Y, 300 E. University Blvd.

If you love to sing and have always wanted to be part of a men's chorus please join Reveille for an evening of food, fun and music at their annual retreat, Camp Reveille. Reveille is an internationally known chorus having performed in Canada, México and Brazil. Their last concert, "Reveille Pride," received rave reviews in the local newspapers as well as delighting local audiences with their salute to the Tucson LGBT community through song. Come and see what all the excitement is about.

If you think you'd like to be a part of the Reveille family then Camp Reveille is the best way to meet the members and see what it is they have to offer, go online to [reveillgmc.com](http://reveillgmc.com), or call (520) 617-3100 or Artistic Director, Linus Lerner, (520) 360-5400 for more details.

## Gay's And Lesbians Packing Up And Leaving Virginia

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As Virginia moves closer to approving an amendment to its state constitution that would ban same-sex marriage, civil unions and possibly be used to void domestic partner benefits a sizable number of Gays and Lesbians are reportedly leaving the state, reported the Associated Press on [365Gay.com](http://365Gay.com).

Real estate agents in northern Virginia say they have seen a migration of Gay couples - many with children - from the state. The northern part of Virginia is considered the least conservative and

has been home to many same-sex couples attracted by generally lower real estate costs than in the District of Columbia and Maryland. But, fears of the effect of the proposed amendment would have on their families is making many bite the bullet and relocate in the more Gay friendly areas of Maryland and DC.

Reston, Virginia-based real estate agent Evan Johnson, who caters to mostly Gay clients, said that he is seeing more Gay people moving out of the area. One same-sex couple, Beth Lower and Kati Towle, said they chose to move out

of Arlington when Towle became pregnant and a lawyer told them not to have the child in Virginia.

A 2004 Virginia law prohibits civil unions or other "partnership contracts." The proposed constitutional amendment would strengthen that and expand it. A recent Mason-Dixon poll shows 56 percent of likely voters will vote in favor of amending the state constitution, while 38 percent of voters said they will vote against it. Only six percent of those surveyed remain undecided. Virginia law that does not

recognize co-parenting rights was used by a Lesbian mother in a bid to prevent her ex-partner who lives in Vermont from having visitation rights. The ensuing lawsuit is expected to wind up in the US Supreme Court.



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## When The Beard Is Too Painful To Remove

2004. Mr. McGreevey, 48, has spent the last year writing a memoir, "The Confession," to be released on Sept. 19, and recently, with his new partner, Mark O'Donnell, 42, moved into a Georgian mansion in Plainfield, N.J. The specter of AIDS has led to a formal and presumably safe way for Gay married men to have it all, known as a Closed-Loop Relationship. Instead of risky promiscuous sex, a married man has two "monogamous" relationships, one with his wife and one with another man, usually married. Done according to the rules, enumerated on Web sites and online support groups, all four parties agree to this setup. "It's an approach which people hoped would be a compromise solution," said Michael, the Web master of [www.marriedGay.org](http://www.marriedGay.org), a site based in Manchester, England, who declined to give his last name out of deference to his wife, whom he no longer lives with. "But it's easier said than done."

Closed-Loop Relationships are anathema to Bonnie Kaye, the former wife of a Gay man, who runs the Web site [www.Gayhusbands.com](http://www.Gayhusbands.com) and conducts "How to Come Out to Your Wife" workshops. "If they're too selfish to leave, I won't work with them," Ms. Kaye said. "If they love their wives, they need to give them their lives back." Deception remains common. An unscientific survey of visitors to [marriedGay.org](http://marriedGay.org) found that more than half of the married Gay respondents said their wives did not know of their sexual inclinations. Of those, a slim majority were considering whether to come clean but a third said "never."

Men who are forthcoming with their wives, and then divorce or separate, report surprise that what happens afterward is often vastly

harder than the process of ending the marriage. Scott W., 64, a retired school teacher and real estate agent, relieved his occasional need for homosexual sex with anonymous encounters on East Hampton Beach without quite labeling himself as Gay or Bisexual. Only when he fell for someone, who rejected him because he was married, did Scott conclude he had to divorce a woman he loved and had been with for 24 years. That process, as these things go, was without acrimony, said Scott, a former member of Mr. McFadden's support group, and he remains close to her and his two grown sons.

But looking for love in late middle age, Scott said, is a frustrating ordeal. After a brief "slut phase," he had "the naïve idea I'd find someone right away." Instead, he has learned he is ill-suited, or too old, for Gay night life. "They want to go out at 11 o'clock," Scott said, "and I want to go to sleep at 11 o'clock. Plus, in those places, there's too much noise and confusion." He eats dinner most nights at the bar of an East Side restaurant that attracts an older Gay clientele. The conversation is lively, Scott said, but he hasn't found anyone to date. Recently, a married Gay man left his business card but Scott threw it away. He is not looking for a one-night stand.

Scott's loneliness after divorce is common among middle-aged men, according to Dr. Richard A. Isay, 69, the first openly Gay member of the American Psychoanalytic Association who himself left a heterosexual marriage about 20 years ago, when he was already in a Gay relationship that he remains in today. Dr. Isay said he came slowly to understand his

patients' sense of isolation during three decades of practice, and therefore has modified his advice to Gay married men.

"I beg them to take it slow because it's difficult to find the substitute for the love and companionship of a longtime spouse," said Dr. Isay, author of "Commitment and Healing: Gay Men and the Need for Romantic Love" (Wiley, 2006). "They must take that loss into consideration." The loss comes on top of the adolescent awkwardness of not knowing the social norms of a new world, described on the blog [www.comingoutat48.blogspot.com](http://www.comingoutat48.blogspot.com). Its author, who identifies himself only as Chris, writes of changing his clothes many times before heading to his first Gay bar, finding it empty and not realizing he had arrived too early. He writes of not understanding the sexual terminology in Gay personal ads and looking for an "always Gay" man to teach him what he needed to know.

In an e-mail exchange, Chris compared the experience to "living abroad," where the "thrill of a new place" competes with "the deep loneliness" of unfamiliarity. It is not, he said "the existential loneliness of not knowing who you are and where you belong, but the loneliness of 'What am I going to do this weekend?' 'How am I supposed to behave?' or 'When will the phone start to ring?'"

Even in the security of a six-year relationship with a man, John J., 53, resists divorcing his wife of 30 years. "I am still so in love with her," he said, speaking on the condition he not be fully identified because his parents, in-laws and colleagues do not know the details of his separation. "And

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there's nobody else I'd use that word for." John said he had no moral choice but to leave his marriage once he "let the emotional aspect" of his attraction to men into his life. "That had been the realm of me and my wife," he said. "So that's the line of demarcation. The two, for me, are mutually exclusive. But divorce? I can't imagine the finality of that. I have doubts all the time."

## LGBT Curriculum Bill Guttled

SACRAMENTO, California - A bill that would have required California schools to teach LGBT history was watered down Monday (Aug. 7) in a last ditch effort to save it from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's threatened veto, reported [365Gay.com](http://365Gay.com).

The Assembly voted 56-2 to remove sections mandating the inclusion of Gays in history courses and now says only that school material should not be discriminatory toward Gays.

The change was made at the request of the bill's author, Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Los Angeles), one of a handful of openly Gay lawmakers in the legislature.

California already requires that African Americans, native peoples, Mexicans, Asians and Pacific Islanders be included in textbook descriptions of "the economic, political and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society."

Kuehl's bill would have added  
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## Billie Jean King's Name To Be Added To New York's National Tennis Center

NEW YORK - Billie Jean King's name will be added to the National Tennis Center during an opening-night ceremony at the U.S. Open, The New York Times reported Thursday (Aug. 3), according to the Associated Press on advocate.com. The plan to rename the tennis center, located in the Flushing neighborhood of Queens, N.Y., was to be announced at a news conference Thursday at Arthur Ashe Stadium. King; her mother, Betty; and New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg were expected to attend.



Billie Jean King

"This is a show of faith and respect," King told the Times. "And with it, a sense of responsibility. I don't think I'll ever comprehend this." The change will take effect Aug. 28, the start of the U.S. Open, the newspaper reported. The United States Tennis Association previously honored Ashe by naming its stadium after him nine years ago. King is honored to share her name at the center with Ashe, the first black man to win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. Ashe died in 1993 of AIDS-related pneumonia after contracting the disease through a blood transfusion during heart surgery. "Arthur and I are now side-by-side, and we're both public-park kids," said the 62-year-old King, who came out in the 1980s. "We were born the same year, and we fought for human rights."

hard-won a record 20 Wimbledon titles and four U.S. Open championships. She also beat Bobby Riggs in a nationally televised showdown billed as "The Battle of the Sexes" in 1973, a triumph that brought attention to women's sports.

Arlen Kantarian, the USTA's chief executive of professional tennis, told the newspaper that the association had long been exploring ways to honor King. "You're talking about coming up with something that measured up to the impact Billie Jean has had on tennis and society," he said. USTA chairman Franklin Johnson said he brought up the idea of renaming the center for King in March. The USTA voted unanimously in favor of the proposal last month. "Once it was put forward,

King, the only woman to win U.S. singles titles on all four surfaces—grass, clay, carpet, and

## Bed and Breakfast Owner To Keep Rainbow Flag Flying Despite Local Opposition

MEADE, Kansas - A 12-year-old son's gift of a colorful flag he found while staying with his grandparents in California has put his parents in the middle of controversy in the small town of Meade, Kansas, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com.. J.R. and Robin Knight said they knew the rainbow flag was a symbol of Gay rights when they decided last month to fly it on a pole in front of their business, the Lakeway Hotel. But that isn't why they flew the banner.

Gay rights movement. They moved to Meade two years ago from southern California to pursue their dream of operating a bed-and-breakfast.

The Knights say the anger displayed by some residents has strengthened their resolve to keep the rainbow flag flying. Flying the flag not only protests discrimination, they say, but they also believe giving into the pressure would send the wrong message to their son, Anthony. "It's our business. It shouldn't be dictated by other people," Robin Knight said. So, when someone cut away the flag last week, leaving behind only tattered corners, the Knights quickly ordered two more, and said more will be coming to replace any others that might be destroyed.

"We just put it up. We didn't think about it," Robin said. "It has pretty colors, it's bright, it's summery." And, J.R. Knight said, it was a symbolic way to have their son nearby. The decision prompted a controversy in the town of 1,600 and eventually someone cut the flag down. It's also prompted an Internet-fueled debate on Gay rights in rural America, and the Knights say they have received messages of support from around the world.

Now, the Knights say, they are determined to replace the flag and keep it flying. Waitress Vicky Best said such a flag has no place in Meade. "It's hard enough to keep your kids on the straight and narrow without outside influences like that," she complains. "We stay in a small town to stay away from the crap like that that's happening in big cities," she said, calling homosexuality "biblically wrong."

But retiree Charles Helms said he doesn't care if the Knights fly the flag. "If he wants to fly that thing, let him fly it," Helms said. "I don't have a problem at all because I know the story behind it." The Knights say they have no problems with homosexuals, but they have never taken a role in the



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# POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

## First Choice

Joel Ireland, Judith Belcher, Chuck Phillips, Jim Toevs, Gary Auerbach, Mort Nelson, Tom Volgy, George Cunningham, Mary Judge Ryan and Eva Bacal all have something in common - they each ran against Jim Kolbe as the Democratic nominee for Congress, from 1986 - 2004 and lost, most of them badly since the Democrat's had basically given up on reclaiming the seat from a then entrenched incumbent.

That's history now since Kolbe, either tired or has read the "handwriting on the wall" or "political tea leaves," is leaving Congress at the end of this year. So a contest for the open seat has ensued, with both political parties nationally, eyeing Arizona's Congressional District 8 (CD - 8) which covers most of Tucson, Pima County and Southeastern Arizona.

A multitude of people have filed to run as candidates in the Democratic and Republican party primary election that will take place Tuesday, Sept. 12. Some of these individuals could be considered contenders for the position, raising vast sums of money or forming strong, credible campaign organizations while others are just pretenders, enjoying the limelight under the delusion that they will actually succeed Jim Kolbe to represent CD - 8 in January 2007.

One of these individuals first ran for political office, in 2000, for the Arizona House of Representatives for then Legislative District 13 which covered Eastern, Central Tucson North to the Catalina Mountains. In that race, a political rarity had occurred with the state Senate seat, as well as both seats in the state Houses of Representatives were open, resulting in a free-for-all on the local level for the three posts.

When contacting these individuals to see where they stood on issues of concern to Tucson's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, one candidate stood out, actually knowing the two bills before the Arizona Legislature during the session pertaining to HIV/AIDS testing and protecting the rights of LGBT people in the workplace, they knew the bill number, sponsors and stated their position on both, citing information, studies as well as the attempts to enact legislation on the federal level.

This candidate was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in 2000 and elected to the Arizona Senate in 2002, serving her constituents and people across the state with their knowledge and caring for the betterment of everyone's lives. Not paying just "lip service," but taking stances and action (through sponsorship or co-sponsorship of legislation) when needed, especially for the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities.

From protecting the rights and privacy of those wishing to be tested for HIV; ensuring funding for Arizona's AIDS Service Organizations; attempting to ensure that medically accurate information is given on HIV/AIDS in the state's public education system, allowing governmental entities to provide medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners (same or opposite sex) and their families; the creation of a real, right-to-work state, in which all

Arizonan's, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, perceived or otherwise, could earn a living without fear of losing their job because of whom they are; expanding the state's bias crime's law to cover misdemeanors; and, preventing the scape-goating for political profit of Arizona's LGBT community by the Republican majority on worthless "postcards," this person, Gabrielle Giffords, has stood with Arizona's LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities, one of the few who did in Arizona's Legislature and it is time to stand with Giffords during this election year.

Giffords is running for the Democratic nomination for Congress in CD - 8 for which voters will decide their respective party's nominees in the primary election that will take place Tuesday, Sept. 12. Registered voters have the option of casting their ballots for their choices, by mail or voting before Sept. 12 and will do so for this race, as well as the other contested primary elections for the Democrats and Republicans.

Gabrielle Giffords is this individual's first choice in the CD - 8 Democratic primary. There are other qualified and honorable candidates running as well for the open seat in the election and if one of them comes out victorious on Sept. 12, this individual is prepared, on Sept. 13, to support them to ensure for the first time, residents of Congressional District 8, especially LGBT residents and those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS have real representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For more information about the Giffords campaign, headquarters at 5704 E. Broadway, to request an early voting ballot, or to volunteer, call (520) 512-0012, or go online to gabriellegiffords.com. It a political rarity when a seat opens up for an office on the federal level, a once in a lifetime occurrence for many constituents and it is time that the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities to take advantage of it and not let their choices slip away.

### LGBT Bill Gutted

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Gays and Lesbians to the list.

Now the bill, rather than being proactive, would simply prohibit any negative portrayal of Gays in textbooks and other instructional material.

If the Senate concurs with the change, Kuehl said she believes Schwarzenegger would sign it. "I'm not really someone who wants to plop something down on his desk for him to veto," said Kuehl. "I want a signature."

The original version passed the Senate in May and the governor said he would veto it if it passed the Assembly. Schwarzenegger has not indicated whether he will sign the amended bill if it passes. His spokesperson, however, reiterated concerns about the bill.

"The governor will not sign a bill that micromanages curriculum that is better left with the state board of education," said Margita Thompson.

Both Gay and conservative groups across the country have been watching the progress of the bill. If the original measure had become law similar legislation could have been pursued in other states.

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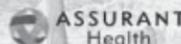
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## Organizers Hail First OUTgames A Success

MONTREAL, Quebec - Despite an at-times tempestuous coming-out party, organizers of the inaugural World Outgames were calling the gathering of Gay athletes a success Saturday as the event wrapped up after more than a week of competition, 365Gay.com reported. "It was a gigantic effort," Outgames co-president Mark Tewksbury told a news conference Saturday afternoon. "The feedback we're receiving from our participants, which is really our first concern, has been overwhelmingly positive."

More than 12,000 athletes from 111 countries took part in the games, which featured such traditional Olympic sports as rowing and figure skating, but also more unconventional competitions such as square dance. "We Play For Real is the slogan of these games and it really came to life with the athletes of the world coming here and really raising the bar," said Tewksbury, a onetime Olympic swimmer for Canada. "Not just in terms of how the competitions were delivered, but in terms of how they competed." But sporting feats had to share the spotlight with politics, as the Outgames lived up to its billing of being as much about culture and human rights as about athletics.

Before the games even started, singer k.d. lang, who performed at the opening ceremonies, blasted Prime Minister Stephen Harper for passing up an invitation to attend the event. His public works minister, Quebec Senator Michael Fortier, was subsequently roundly booed when he tried to address the crowd at the kickoff ceremony. Several other prominent politicians dropped by through the week, including openly-Gay Liberal leadership candidate Scott Brison, Treasury Board President John Baird and Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe. In fact, one of Duceppe's troops, Montreal-area MP Real Menard, even managed to win a silver medal in wrestling.

"For us to have the visibility with the human rights and the sports, it seemed to raise the level of discussion about our issues, which are very serious," said Tewksbury. That point was underscored Friday (Aug. 4) when four non-homosexual members of a Montreal-area water polo team were forced to withdraw from the games after they were heard making homophobic comments following a tournament game. Organizers said some 500,000 spectators took in the various events, a figure that was treated with some skepticism by members of the media after dismal attendance figures were recorded during the opening days of the games.

Despite scheduled performances by the likes of singer-actress Liza Minnelli and DJ Tracy Young, another paltry crowd was on hand for the closing ceremonies at Montreal's Olympic Stadium. But for the athletes, empty stands and political wrangling were far from a priority. "The whole thing's just been so well done," said Tim Evans, an Australian rower sporting a neckful of gold medals. "You walk down the street and everyone's fantastic." One Quebec athlete said it was important to put the games in the right context. "When you come from a country like France or England (being Gay is) not so bad," said Sylvain, who declined to give his last name. "But there are people here from at least 70 countries where it's still criminal . . . and they were able to live in an open way (this week)."

Speaking at the closing ceremony, Tewksbury pointed out that though the Outgames is a sporting event, something bigger was at play. "Maybe the Olympics asks us to be better athletes, but the Outgames asks us to be better human beings." The sophomore edition of the Outgames is slated to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2009.

## High Court Rules In Favor Of Child Custody For Lesbian

MONTPELIER, Vermont - The Vermont supreme court said Friday (Aug. 4) that Vermont courts, not those in Virginia, have exclusive jurisdiction in a battle between two women over custody of a child they had while they were in a relationship, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. The unanimous ruling in Vermont conflicts with a series of decisions in Virginia courts, which held that that state's laws banning same-sex marriage controlled the case.

Vermont justice John Dooley wrote, however, that it is Vermont's laws that control the case because the women involved in the dispute were legally joined in a civil union in 2000 and that is what governs their 2003 separation and subsequent child custody disagreement. Vermont became the first state in the nation to recognize same-sex couples' relationships in 2000 when it enacted a civil union law. Whether such relationships would be recognized in other states has been a matter of litigation. "This is a straightforward interstate jurisdictional dispute over custody, and the governing law fully supports the Vermont court's decision to exercise jurisdiction and refuse to follow the conflicting Virginia visitation order," Dooley wrote.

The case involves Lisa Miller-Jenkins and Janet Miller-Jenkins, who were Virginia residents in 2000 when they traveled to Vermont to be joined in a civil union. Lisa Miller-Jenkins conceived a child through artificial insemination

while the couple were together, and they eventually moved to Vermont. About a year later Lisa Miller-Jenkins renounced her homosexuality, returned to Virginia, and denied Janet Miller-Jenkins's demands for visitation rights. They were granted a dissolution of their civil union, akin to divorce, and Lisa Miller-Jenkins filed for full custody.

A Vermont family court judge gave Janet Miller-Jenkins temporary visitation, prompting Lisa Miller-Jenkins to file one month later for full custody in Virginia courts. The Vermont supreme court ruled in favor of Janet Miller-Jenkins on three key issues: the visitation dispute, the Vermont court's refusal to abide by the Virginia court's orders, and a contempt order issued by the Vermont family court against Lisa Miller-Jenkins for failing to abide by its visitation order. A lawyer representing opponents of same-sex marriage said the dispute undoubtedly will have to be resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court. "It's a classic conflict between two states over same-sex unions," said Mathew Staver, founder and chairman of the antiGay Liberty Counsel, which is representing one of the women in the dispute. "The real question there is whether or not a state can have its own policy that does not accept same-sex unions or whether they have to accept the union of another state."

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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE**

**Dylan**

by Lee Thorn

The AMERICAN MASTERS series on PBS did a good job of presenting Bob Dylan and his times. The show developed several interesting ideas as they related to the songwriter, but it regrettably failed to include any serious analytical approaches to his work.

One of the funnier elements of the show was the contrast between Dylan the unknown frantically trying to promote himself and his music and Dylan the famous person being accused of "selling out." As the show makes clear, Dylan was a born salesman. He was all about selling. It's as nonsensical to accuse him of "selling out" as it is to accuse a snake of crawling or a spider of climbing or a wind of blowing.

And that brings us to the popular habit of entertainers referring to themselves as "artists." I don't know if Dylan does that, but any number of people would gladly do it in his behalf. While recognizing that there's both a serious and a casual use of the word "artist," let's also recognize that Dylan creates a product for the purpose of making money and that artists, in strict serious modern parlance, make art for its own sake. There's nothing wrong with making money; there's everything wrong with blurring important distinctions.

The program did a nice job of showing how much people wanted Dylan to be a poet, a prophet, a social activist, and anything except a singer/songwriter. He wasn't a poet because poetry isn't pop music. Each genre has its own conventions and is quite recognizable. Real poets get a kick out of the word "poet" being bestowed as an honorific, as it often is on Dylan, when actual poets go begging.

The same goes for "prophet." The real McCoy is likely to go to prison or the gallows while the term adorns a shocking number of favorite sons. It's perfectly clear from the PBS show that Dylan had no interest in being a prophet.

Nor was he interested in being a social activist, which raises the question of whether songwriters owe it to their fans to be reformers. There are plenty of songwriters who embrace that role, but should it automatically come with the territory?

Why not stop trying to make Dylan a bunch of stuff that he's not and simply celebrate him for what he is — one of the best pop songwriters who ever lived? And, as long as we're rooting around in reality, why not try to figure out what makes his songs so great?

The limpish line taken by several people in the AMERICAN MASTERS show was that Dylan's songs were great because they expressed the temper of feeling or mood of the times in which they were written. The problem with this quasi-explanation is that it's so hopelessly vague you can't actually argue either for or against it. If, for example, you wanted to take the pro side, what exhibit could you produce to demonstrate the congruence between the temper of the times and one of Dylan's songs? I guess it probably wouldn't be Sheriff Bull Connors and his police dogs. Conversely (or is it contrapositively?), if you wanted to take the con side, what exhibit would you produce? Presumably not the march on Washington.

What the AMERICAN MASTERS show could really have used was a panel of songwriters — with guys like Willie Nelson who have really thought about the craft — who could take a hard detailed look at Dylan's work and see what makes it tick so magnificently.

I'm not a songwriter, but I wouldn't be surprised if the pros broke Dylan's stuff into two or more categories and said one category is great for one group of reasons and another is great for a different group of reasons. Some of Dylan's best lines work for me because of their stark, almost desperate simplicity: "How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?" On the other hand, the appeal of much of his work is in its openness to interpretation. A friend in the AMERICAN MASTERS piece talks about Dylan asking her what she thought something he'd just written might mean. He seemed to be quite open to and comfortable with his song's meaning totally different things to different people.

The originality of the images, the originality of the juxtapositioning of the images, the nimbleness and downright acrobatics of his language, the sparkling pyrotechnics at times, I'd love to see a bunch of old songwriters sitting around and hashing all that out in convincing analytical detail. "The temper of the times." Give me a break!

Dylan wasn't an artist, a prophet, a poet, a sellout or an activist. He was a brilliant pop songwriter whose work substantially enriched my life. And I'm glad he made a ton of money doing it. By the way, I put him in the past tense only because I'm not familiar with his current work. I'm told that, by his own estimation, it doesn't measure up to the old stuff.

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

**High Court Rules**

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But an attorney who represents advocates of same-sex marriage said that might not necessarily be so. Jennifer Levi of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders said the Virginia court of appeals has stayed its ruling pending a decision by Vermont's courts, which now say the women were legally joined and were both legal parents. "Once that determination is made, that's where every court and federal law couldn't be clearer about the fact that Vermont has jurisdiction to resolve questions of custody and visitation of that case," Levi said. "So I think it's really premature to address where this will be resolved. I'm very optimistic that the Virginia court of appeals will rule consistent with the Vermont supreme court."



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Wednesday, August 9  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm  
**Canasta!** Hosted by Marvin 745-0304  
 MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, August 10  
**#1Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.  
**Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle** According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

**#2Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.  
**Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet** on Fabulous 4th, the Premier, Central Tucson, GLBT owned and operated purveyor of stimulating caffeine enhanced beverages, delicious food, WIFI energy, and safe social intercourse. Just show up to join in this no host cavalcade of queer conversation.

**#3Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.  
**Play Bridge** hosted this evening by Karol at 744-9017. Bridge nights are generally featured on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, but please

check the calendar and phone the host to confirm date, time, location, and emcee. Lay your cards on the table for a "whist" full evening of Bridge! And remember: Bridge is like sex: if you don't have a good partner, you'd better have a good hand!

Friday, August 11  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m.  
**Lloyd hosts a word for word 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. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

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

Saturday, August 12  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.  
**Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle** every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Contact tonight's dreamy but taken host Marvin at 745-0304. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay serial killer instincts!

Tucson Prime Timers Business Meeting – 11 AM, Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Sunday August 13  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.  
 Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and

directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com by the Event Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. There is nothing like a buffet with men to find everything you have been craving!

Tucson Prime Timers Brunch, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, August 14.  
**Tucson Prime Timers Lunch – 12:30 P.M.,** The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave.

Tuesday, August 15  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with men at a deeper level? A Circle Of Men meets every Tuesday evening. Please call Tom at 591-2828 for info and directions.

Wednesday, August 16  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm  
**Canasta!** Hosted by Jack at 887-3736. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, August 17  
**Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast meeting** at the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel on Speedway

and Campbell. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m. The charge for members is \$15 and Guests, \$20. Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 15 at 520-615-6436

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**#2 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: Pizza night is tomorrow night, so that means that tonight is phone call night! Please call Lloyd now or even right now at 792-8537 if you plan to attend Pizza Night.

Friday, August 18  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. YEAH!!! It's Lloyd again hosting pizza night. Four fabulous flavors from Little Caesar's: Supreme, All Meat, Pepperoni, and Vegetarian. Plus salad and dessert for just \$5.00! Please call ahead to let us know that you will be attending: Lloyd at 792-8537

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

Saturday, August 19  
**#1 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:30a.m. Join Robert for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. Two great ways to work on your game! For details and directions please call Robert at 400-1376.

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Sunday, August 20th  
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Tucson Prime Timers Brunch – Noon, Colors, 5305 E. Speedway

Monday, August 21  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: If you are not out to lunch, then you will want to join Merlin and Lee this Thursday at India Oven on Campbell, at Noon, for the \$6.95 buffet. Those who want to attend should call no later than today at 207-5336. Please always remember: "Ask not what you can do for your country, ask what's for lunch." -Orson Welles

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

Tuesday, August 22  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A Circle Of Men by Tom Saylor-Brown Are you looking for an opportunity to connect with men at a deeper level? A Circle Of Men meets every Tuesday evening. Please call Tom at 591-2828 for info and directions.

Wednesday, August 23  
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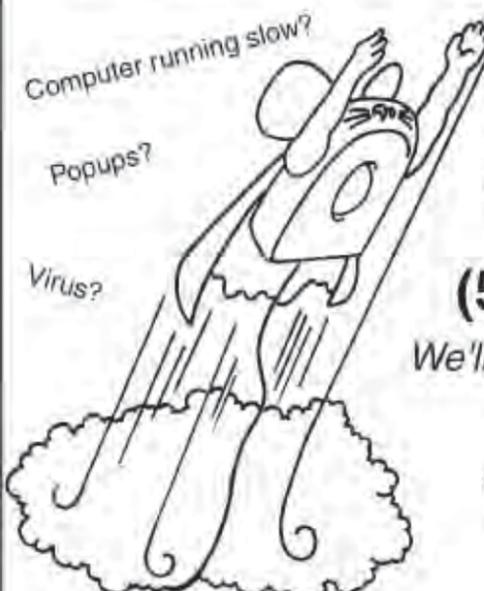
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There is something magical and musical going on when Venus and Mercury dance their way into mighty Leo this week. Ha cha cha! Who can resist the urge to love and laugh through it all? I certainly can't.

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**  
 Don't be too hard on yourself if you find that you simply cannot focus on the nitty gritty details this week. It is not the time to get between the lines, proud Ram. Relax and let your imagination soar, seek a light romance or get your hands dirty with something (or someone) artistic. Venus and Mercury rubadub and make their big move this week. Do the same.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
 Is there something missing from your homelife or is it just that things have settled down into one long boring routine? Yawn. Queer Bulls should not be content with the same old stuff. What turns you on? Whatever is grilling your goose, turn up the heat when Venus and Mercury fire up Leo. Try looking at life from a new position. Err prone?

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
 Words may fail you on occasion but not when Mercury and Venus conspire in Leo. Pink Twins can say what they mean and mean what they say. And they can do it in a way that charms just about any snake. (A rare talent!) Negotiate a good deal for yourself. You not only manage to get more than you bargained for, you can also use it to your advantage. Take advantage!

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
 Money flows more easily and you feel in charge of your destiny. But don't squander your largess on just any old tired thing. This happens to be a great time to harness your finances and build up your reserves. Pink Crabs seem to have not only the insights but also the moxie. Calculated risks may just payoff. Then hello retirement! Or is it dissipation?

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
 Not only do you know what to say, you are given the rare opportunity to say it to a bevy of top tier, powerfully connected folks. Press the flesh and impress them all in that lavish proud Leo way. But once you have them in the palm of your hand, what next? Plan it out. The idea is to mold them into a useable form. And what shape might that be? Ahem.

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
 There are several things going on this week and all are impacted by Venus and Mercury. First you may find that you are especially intuitive at discerning the motivations of others. Second, you may feel a strong urge to make a positive impact on the world around you. Why not combine both talents, queer Virgin? Build a team of do-gooders and do some good. Goody.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
 Even though Gay Libras often enjoy going with the flow and basking in the reflected glow, this week the crowd looks to you for direction. Don't disappoint. You have some fairly great ideas and some even better connections that can help out. Gather your best buddies and plan some ground shaking, groundbreaking events. Did the earth move for you?

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
 Proud Scorps tend to keep their eye on the big corporate prize. Now, as Venus and Mercury make their big move, so can you. All your careful planning and

hard work may just pay off. (You have been working hard, haven't you?) Of course, when all else fails, use your considerable resources to charm the pinstriped pants off of the big kahunas. Then hang them out to dry.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
 The summer is not over just yet. There is still a load of time to fit in at least one more great escape. Venus and Mercury travel into Leo and so should you. Choose a destination that will have them talking for weeks. Think big and boisterous. (A perfect combination.) Whoo hoo! Gay Archers are ripe for adventure. Get going before you begin to stink.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
 Check out a few new avenues to intimacy while Venus and Mercury provide the grease for your wheel. Pink Caps not only feel sexy, they look pretty sexy too. Work both your inner and outer beauty to your advantage. Goodness knows, it comes so infrequently. Belly up to the bar and sip at the cup of the debauched. Gee I'll have what your drinking.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
 Independence is all well and good but there are times when connecting to a certain special someone is exactly what you need. Concentrate on those intensely personal one on one relationships this week. Aqueerians may not want to admit it, but they can often feel incomplete and alienated. Turn on your electricity and plug into others. Surprise! One may recharge you.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
 There is no better time to hone your assorted skills. Mercury and Venus provide the impetus to buff and shine in whatever area of life you choose. Will you apply yourself to work projects, home based tasks, health regimes or open up your vista and explore new avenues to personal success? Who cares! The most important thing, Guppie, is to make your move now.

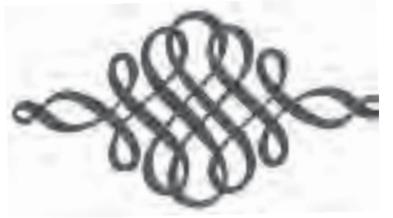
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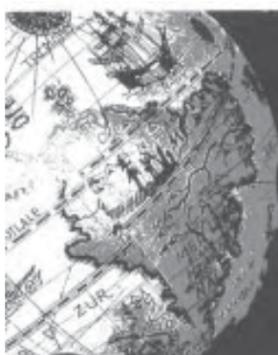
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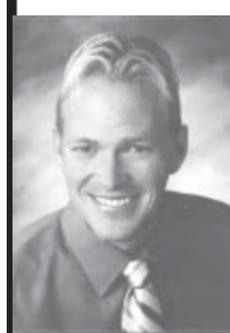
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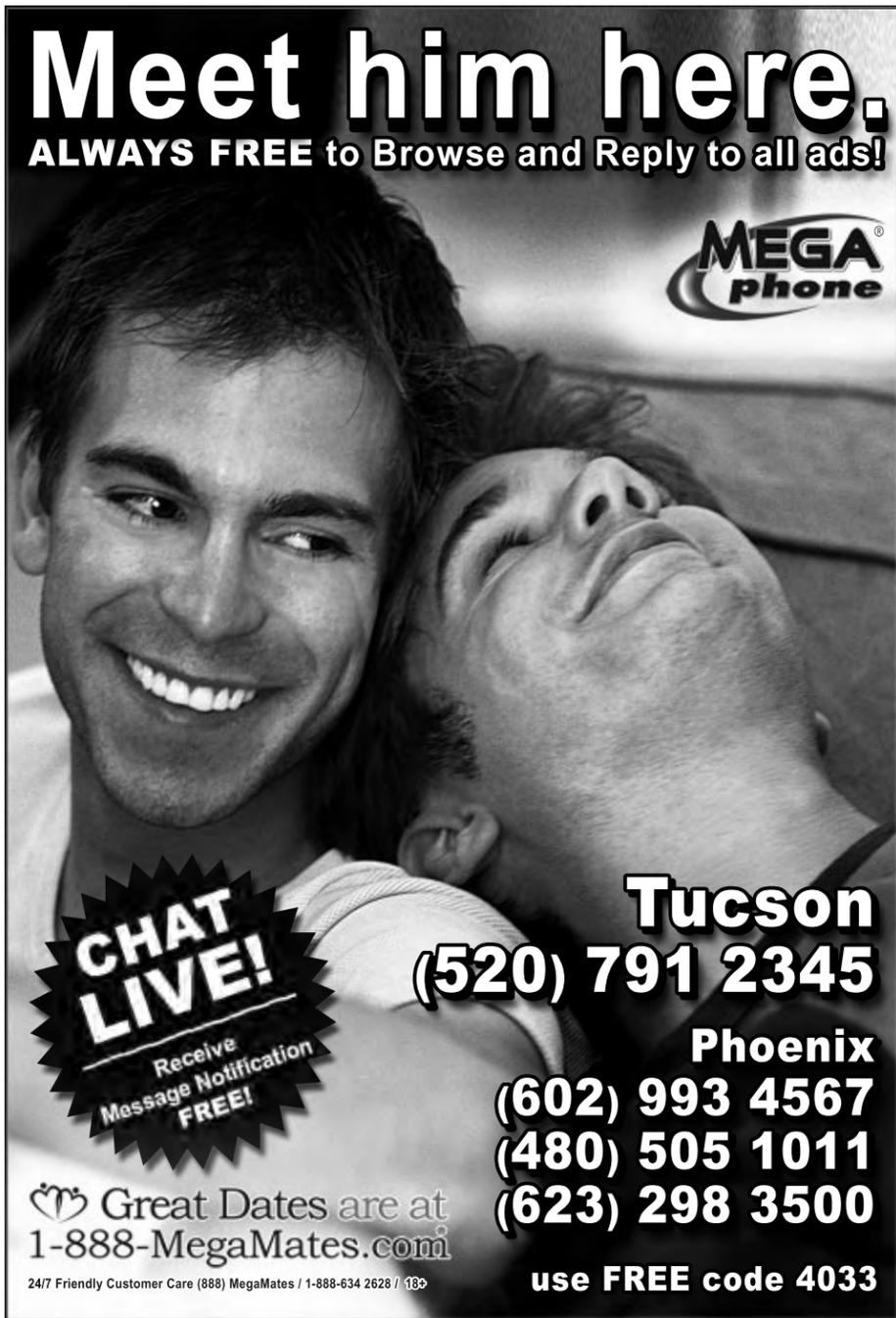
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**Voters Oust Commissioners Who Tried To Criminalize Gays & Lesbians**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As Virginia moves closer to approving an amendment to its state constitution that would ban same-sex marriage, civil unions and possibly be used to void domestic partner benefits a sizable number of Gays and Lesbians are reportedly leaving the state, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Real estate agents in northern Virginia say they have seen a migration of Gay couples - many with children - from the state. The northern part of Virginia is considered the least conservative and has been home to many same-sex couples attracted by generally lower real estate costs than in the District of Columbia and Maryland. But, fears of the effect of the proposed amendment would have on their families is making many bite the bullet and relocate in the more Gay friendly areas of Maryland and DC.

Reston, Virginia-based real estate agent Evan Johnson, who caters to mostly Gay clients, said that he is seeing more Gay people moving out of the area. One same-sex couple, Beth Lower and Kati Towle, said they chose to move out of Arlington when Towle became pregnant and a lawyer told them not to have the child in Virginia.

A 2004 Virginia law prohibits civil unions or other "partnership contracts." The proposed constitu-

tional amendment would strengthen that and expand it. A recent Mason-Dixon poll shows 56 percent of likely voters will vote in favor of amending the state constitution, while 38 percent of voters said they will vote against it. Only six percent of those surveyed remain undecided. Virginia law that does not recognize co-parenting rights was used by a Lesbian mother in a bid to prevent her ex-partner who lives in Vermont from having visitation rights. The ensuing lawsuit is expected to wind up in the US Supreme Court.

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## sunday

**COLORS** - Open 11am - 11pm Champagne Brunch 11am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. Full menu served 2-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Live music from Bob Feldhaus during Brunch (11:30-2:30) & Dickie Steede during dinner (6:30-9:30)

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. \$2 Smirnoff Sunday. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 1:00, 4:00, and 7:00 pm. 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. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

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

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

## 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Monday Munchies 4 - 9 pm with reduced prices on appetizers - best deal in town! Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm. 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** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8pm..

**WOODY'S** - Open 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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm

## tuesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. 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. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Women-only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:30 p.m. for women only.

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month \$2.00).

**WOODY'S** - Open 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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## wednesday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only.

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

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 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. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## thursday

**COLORS** - Open 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. 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 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). Bring your own or get it here \$6.00.

**WOODY'S** - Open 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 7pm.

## friday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. 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.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Two-step lessons with Amanda every other Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. DJ plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to midnight then dance mix 'til close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight for late night munchies.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Rayman spinning club music inside. 9pm-2am.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

**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.

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## saturday

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-11pm. Nightly dinner specials. Singer, piano player Marilyn Harris performs during dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Reservations suggested.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3 sm pitchers, \$5 lg pitchers. \$4.00 Burger & Fries all day. DJ Johnny D playing the best mix in town. Check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9 pm - 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 Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside and Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close..

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

**WOODY'S** - Open 10am. 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 7pm.

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Gaslight Theatre presents "Gnatman" at 7010 E. Broadway. A comedic superhero musical written and directed by Peter Van Slyke. Performances 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. Sundays. Call 886-9428 for information and reservations.

## August 15

AVA Amphitheater at Casino Del Sol presents Earth Wind and Fire. I-19 Exit, Valencia West.. 321-1000.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## August 18

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## September 1

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## September 3

AVA Amphitheater at Casino Del Sol presents Bill Cosby. I-19 Exit, Valencia West.. 321-1000.

## September 9 thru 30

Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) presents William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" as part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national theater initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Directed by Jon Jory who directed last seasons elegant "Pride and Prejudice". ATC Box Office 520-622-2823

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

**WOODY'S** - Create your own underwear Party! 8:00 p.m. Hosted by David. \$1.00 off all drinks for participants (excludes schnapps and draught Beer).

## FRI - SAT - SUN - AUGUST 11-12-13

**COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS** - Celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with Happy Hour pricing from opening until close through Sunday. Friday show (Every Friday) "Guys & Dolls" 10:00 p.m. with Tucson's Queen of Comedy, Lucinda Holliday. plus Hot Jazz and Cool Martinis with Susan Artemis at 6:30 p.m.. Saturday "Sunyatta" the sexy and sassy new musical duo (every Saturday) 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Sunday a special drag show to benefit TIHAN at 9:00 p.m. Starring Veronica Chase and Mikaila Kay/ Happy Anniversary.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

**WOODY'S** - August Birthday Celebration here. 10:00 p.m. Champagne Toast. Cake, Balloons. Sign up with your favorite bartender now!

**YARD DOG** - Live on stage "Sonny Jones" 9:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

**HOWL AT THE MON** - Dance Mix with Johnny D

**YARD DOG** - Brian's Birthday Party 3:00 p.m. DJ "Dynasty" 10:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

**YARD DOG** - Burgers, Brauts and Hot Dogs 5:00 p.m.

## MONDAY, AUGUST 14

**WOODY'S** - "Gay Idol" Karaoke Contest starts 9:00 p.m. Compete for \$3,000 prize. Open to competitors and well as non-competitors.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

**VENTURE-N** - Locker Room Party. Towels and Drink Specials. 8:00 p.m. until closing.

## FRI-SAT-SUN, AUGUST 18-19-20

**WOODY'S** - Welcome Back Students Party! Friday, Bud Light Party with prizes and \$2.50 Bud Light 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Sunday Aug. 20, Special show with Ajia Simone and Chane Jordan. 8:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Live music with TMI. Classic rock, blues and more. Starts 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 cover..

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

**VENTURE-N** - Steak Nite 6:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Native American Little League fund raiser with Tex-Mex band, drag shows and Raffles. Starts at 8:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG** - Hawaiian Luau V. Watch for details.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

**VENTURE-N** - Jungle Party. Get your costumes ready. Great prizes.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at [www.botop.com](http://www.botop.com) All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

**LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON** - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay square dance club 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, 425 E. 7th St. 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-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

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

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

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

**SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS.** Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner 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.

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

**TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.** Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

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

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

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

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

**LGBT BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP.** Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10:00 - 11:30am at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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

**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 swimming, hot tubbing and socializing in a relaxed, private setting

The new **MAN TO MAN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY** is meeting about honoring the spiritual side of ourselves. It is the men's social/erotic group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities, and real tantric sex education. Call Marc 881-4582 in advance Check it out. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.



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