



## Family Of Slain Gay Man In 1976 Finds City Still Remembers



Richard Heakin's Memorial sits under an oak tree in Sunset Park, A few feet from Tucson City Hall.

TUCSON - Heather Ryan typed into an Internet search engine the name of an uncle four teens beat to death in Tucson and discovered a world unknown to the family. The June 6, 1976, attack on 21-year-old Richard J. Heakin, a Gay man visiting from Nebraska, had spawned a revolution, the Tucson Citizen reported.

Outraged that the 15- to 17-year-old killers received only probation for what was termed a hate crime, Tucson pressed for change and introduced anti-discrimination laws, new organizations and pride events celebrating the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community. Then a Tucson committee decided on a memorial and tried to reach the Heakin family. But a dishonest friend supposedly said they wanted nothing to do with it, the family later learned. Tucson pressed on with a bench and plaque in 2002 without knowing the family didn't judge Heakin and would have wanted to be part of the memorial.

The pivotal connection came earlier this year. While Lori Ryan, Heakin's sister, was at bingo, her daughter spent the night at their Missouri home tracking down e-mail addresses that resulted in a phone number exchange, which led to a talk with Rowan Frost, one among the group that tried to reach the family years ago. "We probably still would not have known if she hadn't . . . gone on the Net," Ryan, 49, said in a telephone interview. "Making that phone call made all the difference." So came the tender and thrilling moment when Ryan received a mass of newspaper clippings about various events commemorating her brother. She booked a flight to Tucson so she could get to know the city that has spent decades keeping his name alive.



Richard Heakin's sister Lori Ryan, shown at Richard's memorial, visited Tucson during Pride Week for the first time since her brother's death

Ryan flew into town the day before her brother's birthday. It was the first Heakin family visit and it coincided with the Tucson Pride rally and parade. When the community found out Ryan was coming, several groups made impromptu event changes. The Royal Elizabeth Bed and Breakfast Inn lodged Ryan at no cost. The Reveille Tucson Gay Men's Chorus honored Heakin Friday night. And Pride on Parade!, which had already selected a grand marshal, decided to give Ryan the honor instead. "We really felt like we owed Richard a debt of gratitude, and this is one of the ways we can pay our respects," said Gary Rhine, president of Tucson Pride, whose organization presented the parade.

In June 1976, Heakin was wrapping up a vacation and went with friends to the former Stonewall

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## Pride On Parade Marches Forth

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Dolly Levi would have been proud as Tucson's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) parade passed by.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, Tucsonans of all ages, sexual orientations, genders came to Fourth Avenue to enjoy Pride on Parade!, organized by Tucson Pride Inc (TPI).

As in year's passed, the 2006 parade was led by retired University of Arizona (U of A) professor and Navy veteran, Maurice Grossman, leading a contingent of Tucson's LGBT veterans carrying the flags with pride, as they all had serving their country.

Lori Ryan, the parade's Grand Marshal, looking resplendent in a classic Buick Riviera convertible, followed the veterans. Ryan was the sister of Richard Heakin, who's murder June 6, 1976 sparked the birth of Tucson's modern LGBT rights push. Also riding in the convertible were noted Tucson LGBT historian, James Uhrig, Observer Editor and Publisher, Bob Ellis, noted artist and Observer Publisher, Gary Clark and longtime community activist, Bruce Cole.

With upbeat music and a spectacular float, the Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) came after Ryan, getting those along Fourth Avenue to dance along as they did in their float.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) - Southern Arizona Chapter and Wingspan - Tucson and Southern Arizona LGBT community center marched behind GMHP and SAAF's float.

Benny Bob Thornton and Dina Frost, Mr. and Ms. Gay Teen Tucson took part in the parade, riding in a Ford Mustang lowrider convertible.

PFLAG's Donna Rochester rode behind Frost and Thornton in a convertible, enthusiastically waving to the crowd.

A large contingent of members of the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) followed Rochester, marching triumphantly up Fourth Avenue.

Wingspan's service groups, such as the Health & Wellness Project, the Anti-Violence Project, EON Youth, Voices Two-gether and Senior Pride marched with their banners and chanting.

Reveille's Gay Men's Chorus followed Wingspan's service organizations, marching as well.

Delta Lambda Phi, the University of Arizona's Gay, Bisexual,

Transgender and straight-supportive college fraternity were behind Reveille.

A group of people with signs for Pima County Superior Court Clerk, Patti Noland, followed Delta Lambda Phi. Noland was not part of the group.

Water of Life's own Sister's of Mischief were next in the line up, to the enjoyment of those along Fourth Avenue.

Centra Realty followed suit in two convertibles.

Color's Restaurant's colorful float was behind Centra's contingent.

Tucson's T-Squares were behind Color's entry, waving and dancing up the avenue.

A large and impressive group of people, carrying political signs for various Democratic causes and issues, marched after the T-Squares. Southern Arizona's Stonewall Democrats, the LGBT Democratic group strode up the street, chanting "107 has got to go!" Joining the Stonewall Democrats was Democratic state House candidate, Steve Farley.

A pink flamingo was part of the next group, as the Men's Social Network followed suit, to the amusement of the crowd gathered alongside each side of the street.

Dave Huff and the staff, friends and patron's of Woody's were next, marching and tossing pride necklaces to people alongside.

IBT's float, booming dance music and energetic dancers ended the parade, to the amazement of many.

The parade proceeded up Fourth Avenue to past University. After which, those in attendance enjoyed entertainment provided by Bunny Fu Fu - Miss Gay Arizona 2004, Janee Starr - Miss Gay Copper City 2007, Jessica Deveraux - Miss Gay Tucson 2007, Tori Steele - Miss Gay Arizona 2005, Diana Flair, Mr. Andrew Raymer - Miss Gay Tucson 2004, Lucinda Holliday - Miss Gay Arizona 1995, Mikaila Kay - Miss Gay Arizona 2007, Jason Brock Justice - Gay Idol 2006, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Desert Voices and Cameron Knight & The Icon Dancers.



# UPDATE

## Around Tucson

TUCSON - Homoneurotic is a wacky new production that takes a look at the "gay experience." This slap stick comedy production, a first of its kind, is being held at Club Congress, 311 E Congress Street, Oct. 20, 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

For more information, contact Kenton (520) 979-4508, homoneurotic@cox.net ...

Arizona Ballot Issues: A Panel on Border Issues and Same-Sex Unions, Oct 21. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom invites you to their Saturday, October 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m., program: Arizona Ballot Issues: A Panel on Border Issues and Same-Sex Unions. This will take place at the Quaker Meeting House, 931 N. Fifth Ave.

The meeting is free. The public is invited. Bring your questions. For more information, call (520) 791-9535. ...

Coming Out: Elders and Youth Share their Stories. Join in at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Oct. 21, 7 to 9 p.m., as six community members share their proud, funny, sad, hopeful and touching, coming out experiences in ten minute stories. This evening's storytelling is one of Tucson's many Pride celebrations during October.

There is no charge for this event! This evening is a joint venture of Odyssey Storytelling and Wingspan. Contact Pat Woelke, (520) 624-1779, E-mail: pwoelke@wingspan.org or Penelope, E-mail: penelope@odysseytelling.com for more information.

## Unmasking Violence: Celebrating 10 years of Anti-Violence Work, Oct. 22

TUCSON - Please join the Wingspan Anti-Violence Project Sunday, Oct. 22, 6 to 10 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street, to celebrate its 10 year anniversary in providing vital services to Southern Arizona's LGBT community.

This celebration will be a fun, Halloween-themed party with a mask making table, a costume contest, guest speakers, volunteer recognition and great performances. Costume prizes will go to Best Child's Costume, Best Overall Costume, Scariest Costume and Most Unique costume.

LGBT people, straight allies, and families welcomed! For more information, contact Melita Quance, (520) 624-1779, E-mail: mquance@wingspan.org.

## First Words: Relativity Oct. 19-22

TUCSON (ON) - First Words: Relativity, a festival of four plays on an alternative view of the families will be running Oct. 19-22, at Zuzi's Theater in the Historic Y, 738 N. 5th Ave.

How does a married couple dealing with issues of sexual orientation negotiate the rearing of their child? How does an elderly Lesbian couple living in a assisted living residence keep their relationship a secret? Where do a Gay father and his unmarried, pregnant daughter find common ground on issues of paternity? Why would a Gay man turn his back on his relationship with his partner and move away from his supportive family? And just what are "Gay family values" anyway?

First Words: Relativity is a festival of four new plays on the theme of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) family life. Reaching beyond the political spin generated in the last presidential election and rekindled by the proposed Protect Marriage Arizona Amendment, the First Words: Relativity Festival provides a more direct and personal view on how we define family. In fact, audiences may be surprised by work that crosses political and social boundaries separating liberal from conservative, gay from straight.

The works presented also deal with issues not commonly addressed in the public conversation concerning "non-traditional" families. While gay marriage, civil unions and adoption rights might be among the most salient issues on the ballot this year, the impact of sexual orientation on family roles and relationships is very complex, reaching far beyond what can be deliberated through political processes. Panel discussions including community leaders will follow some performances for the purpose of continuing the dialogue sparked by issues presented in the plays.

First Words: Relativity is sponsored by Stark Naked Productions, which will be present on four plays rotation, with panel discussions by community leaders following the performances. The schedule of the plays are: Thursday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m.: Stress Incontinence by Richard Chaney, Daddy by Chuck Cummings (mature content). Friday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m.: Back In by Jason Montgomery, Transitional Objects by Eugenia Woods (mature content).

## Square Dance Lessons from T-Squares

T-Squares, Tucson's only GLBT square dance club. Here's your chance to learn to dance! We are starting our annual series of class days for new dancers on the Tuesday evenings of October 17th, 24th, and 31st from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m. If you can't make it one evening, try another. No dance experience or special clothing is necessary. Live callers will teach you. These free introductory classes of modern gay square dance are held at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N Geronimo Ave, with parking off of Laguna St. For directions, maps, or more info, call us at 745-9212 or 325-6739, e-mail us at T-Squares@AZGayDance.org or visit www.AZGayDance.org. You will find our club friendly, welcoming, and lots of fun.

## Fifth Annual Men's Conference Oct. 20-22

PHOENIX - Arizona's capital will be the site of the Fifth Annual Men's Conference scheduled for Oct. 20- 22, at the Clarendon Hotel and Suites. This three-day weekend is hosted by the Bisexual Network of Arizona, and American Institute on Bisexuality/Bisexual Foundation, both organizations were founded in 1993 to educate the public about Bisexuality.

The fifth Annual Men's Conference will offer approximately 8-12 workshops, small discussion groups and panel discussions. Previous conferences have covered themes including: Coming Out, Safer Sex, Relationships, Spirituality, Sexual Identity, Health and Tantric Sex. Past conferences have been highly successful, drawing men of diverse backgrounds and various sexual orientations and gender identities for an informative and fun weekend. As in past conferences, all men are welcome including those identifying as Gay, straight, Bisexual, queer, questioning or trans-men and in various types of relationship styles such as single, married, monogamous, polyamorous, etc. This conference was created in 2000 to allow men to gather in a safe, supportive environment to explore the various topics that affect human sexuality.

For more information call (602) 280-9074, E-mail: 5MCB@binetaz.org, or go online to binetaz.org.

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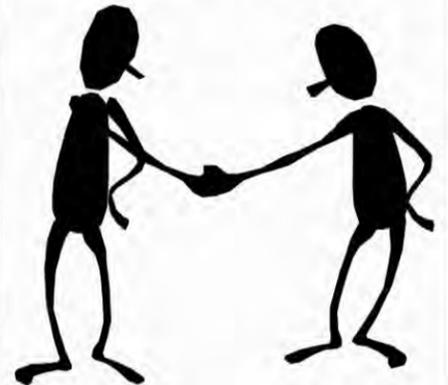
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# Proposition 107 Update

TUCSON - Proposition 107 will most likely fail November 7, according to recently released poll figures. The polling firm Harstad Strategic Research conducted the survey over the weekend of October 7. Results show that 48% of Arizona voters are opposed to the proposed definition of marriage, with 41% in favor of it, although a crucial 11% of voters are still undecided on the issue.

The survey was conducted using exact ballot language and shows that Proposition 107 will fail at the polls on Nov. 7. However, 11 percent of voters are still undecided and earning the vote of at least three percent of those individuals is the task at hand for opponents of Proposition 107.

"We are ecstatic about this recent poll but must keep up our aggressive pace if we want to defeat Proposition 107 on Nov. 7," said Kyrsten Sinema, chair of Arizona Together. "Arizona voters don't want families and individuals to lose their health care. This survey sampling is the first indication that our education efforts are working and that Proposition 107's deceptive veil as a Gay marriage ban is no longer effective."

"This type of polling result is unheard of in other states battling similar initiatives," said Steve May, Arizona Together's treasurer. "We've been laser-sharp in our communications strategy, and it is working. After learning about these new numbers, our volunteers and supporters are reenergized. With only three more weeks to go we are at a critical juncture. Our goal is to earn at least 3% of the 11% of undecided voters in the next three weeks—that's 1% a week." ...

The Tempe Firefighters Association and the Tempe Officers Association on Oct. 12, announced their opposition to Proposition 107 in a news

conference at Tempe City Hall. These two prominent Tempe groups were joined by the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans (AARA) and the National Association of Social Workers-Arizona Chapter (NASW-AZ) in their position against Proposition 107. All groups recommended a 'NO' vote during the news conference, recognizing that the passage of Proposition 107 will negatively impact their members and thousands of Arizona families by taking away domestic benefits such as health care, hospital visitation, and decision-making rights. A fifth organization, Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (PAFCO), a local association that promotes and protects human services funding has also recently joined the many other groups in opposition.

The Cities of Tucson, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe along with Pima County, Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Maricopa Community Colleges and various school districts across the state, currently offer domestic benefits such as health care, to their employees. Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, and former University of Arizona President Peter Likins have also publicly taken a stance against Proposition 107. The passage of the proposition will take away government entities' ability to provide domestic benefits to their employees and inhibit their ability to recruit the best employees. ...

During their weekly Study Session meeting, Oct. 10, Tucson's Mayor and Council voted unanimously to reaffirm their support for the city's 29-year-old anti-discrimination ordinance as well as for the domestic partners registry, enacted in 2003. ...

As the Election Day home-stretch begins, Arizona Together

announced that it is going on the air with a television commercial to protect domestic partner benefits. The 30-second commercial, "Can We Afford It," is a reference to the fact that Arizona cannot afford to take away health care from thousands of families, including children and seniors. It was only ironic that just recently Arizona Together could not afford to put the commercial on the air for mass consumption, but recently received a \$500,000 campaign donation from Bill Lewis and Rick Underwood, long-time community philanthropists, specifically to launch the mass media effort for education purposes.

"We are committed to making sure every Arizona voter understands the real issues behind Proposition 107 so that they can make an informed decision on Nov. 7," said Underwood. "Voters need to know that Proposition 107 will take away health care from families and ask themselves if Arizona can afford to do that."

"We realize that this year's ballot is one of the busiest Arizona has ever seen and with my background in the television industry, we understand that statistically, television is one of the most effective vehicles to reach the masses," said Lewis. "Arizona voters not only want, but deserve to be educated in every possible way. Arizona Together's commercial clearly explains why Proposition 107 is not about same-sex marriage and how it hurts all unmarried couples, straight or Gay, by taking away health care and legal protections." ...

Upcoming events: Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays 1:00 - 7:00 p.m., Arizona Together Tucson office, 181 South Tucson Blvd # 103. With only a short time before Nov. 7, more people are needed to help reach out and touch as

many Southern Arizonans as possible to educate them about why they need to vote no on 107. There is phone and data entry work that needs to be done from now until E-Day, and so far most of the folks called are on our side of the issue (i.e., no "hostiles"). Please stop by or call (520) 326-8154 to sign up for a two-hour (or longer) shift.

Walk with Congressman Raul Grijalva's campaign every Saturday, 9:00 a.m., Grijalva Campaign Headquarters, 3301 South Sixth Ave, southeast corner at I-10, next to El Indio Restaurant. Congressman Grijalva has done a lot to support LGBT equality, so the LGBT community should donate some time on a Saturday morning to walk and knock for him? This is a chance to have fun, educate voters face-to-face about what is at stake and get the word out about Proposition 107 and its impacts on all Arizonans. For more information, call (520) 629-0050 or go online to [grijalvaforcongress.com](http://grijalvaforcongress.com).

Walk with Gabrielle Giffords, every Sunday, 2:00 p.m., at Giffords Campaign Headquarters, 5704 East Broadway Blvd, between Craycroft Road and Park Place Mall. While in Arizona's Legislature Gabrielle Giffords did a lot to support the community and its now time to return the favor to help, have fun, and get the word out about the so-called Protect Marriage Amendment impacts on all Arizonans. For more information, call (520) 512-0012 or go online [giffordsforcongress.com](http://giffordsforcongress.com).

"First Words: Relativity" play series, Oct. 20 - 22. Staff an information table before the event to remind people to vote no, and to recruit volunteers to reach Arizona voters before Election Day. Table staffers also get to see the plays for free. Details at [firstwordsfestival.com](http://firstwordsfestival.com).

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# UPDATE

## Arizona's LGBT Vote: U. S. Senate

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - One of Arizona's two seats in the U.S. Senate are up for election in 2006 and for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) citizens, the choice for whom to vote for couldn't be any clearer.

Running in this year's election is the Democratic candidate, Jim Pederson, Libertarian Richard Mack. These two individuals are challenging the incumbent, Republican Jon Kyl, for the seat to serve in the U.S. Senate for Arizona for the next six years.

In the past three sessions of Congress alone, according to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Jon Kyl has scored a zero from the LGBT rights group.

In the most recent 109<sup>th</sup> session of Congress, Kyl:

Voted in favor of the Marriage Protection Act, (S.J. Res. 1), for which he was a co-sponsor;

Voted for the confirmations of Federal Judge William Pryor and Samuel Alito to the U.S. Supreme Court;

Voted against Senator Frank Lautenberg Amendment to Child Custody Protection Act (S. 403), which would have created a federal funding stream for states to teach comprehensive sex education;

Refused to co-sponsor the Early Treatment for HIV Act (S. 311);

Refused to co-sponsor the

Uniting American Families Act (S. 1278) that would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide same-sex partners of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents the same immigration benefits legal spouses of U.S. residents enjoy

Refused to co-sponsor the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2005 (S. 1145), that would expand federal jurisdiction to reach serious, violent hate crimes perpetrated because of the "actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability" of the victim.

Kyl expressed his public support of Arizona's Proposition 107, which would bar governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions, domestic partnerships as well as the prevention of the extension of medical and dental benefits to such relationships.

Pederson is a developer and the former chair of the Arizona Democratic Party and has been endorsed by the Tucson Weekly and the Human Rights Campaign. Pederson supports a woman's right to choose, stem cell research and opposes Proposition 107 as well as the proposed federal Marriage Protection Act.

Former Graham County Sheriff Richard Mack is running as the Libertarian nominee and expresses the libertarian mantra of taking government out of all aspects of life. On a questionnaire for the Arizona Republic, Mack expressed his opposition to Proposition 107 and the proposed federal Marriage Protection Act.

## City Still Remembers

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Tavern on North First Avenue just south of East Fort Lowell Road. As the group was leaving, Heakin was attacked in the parking lot. Within months, Tucson passed an ordinance protecting Gays and Lesbians. Later, the city also introduced protections for Transgendered people. Tucson's Gay-oriented newspaper, the Pride festival and Pride picnic were created. "I hope the community can once again take some healing from this," said Frost, a University of Arizona graduate student in public health.

While Heakin died in a hate crime, Ryan said she wants Tucsonans to realize he was loved by his family. "They know Richard was a young, Gay man, but they don't know who Dickie was." She recalls that Heakin got hit by a car, cut his finger on a running lawn mower and once fell out of a moving vehicle. Yet it was a savage hate-driven assault that took "Dickie." Ryan said he entertained and cared for his family, once taking his young cousin to the dentist and paying the bill. He was active with Gay organizations and was working toward buying his mother a "big, beautiful home." Nearly 120 cars followed a procession to his funeral, Ryan said. "I'm glad this is falling on Gay pride weekend because I want to thank the entire Gay community for all everyone did - all their donations, hard work and prayers," she said. "We want to let people know we're so sorry that they felt he wasn't loved because he was, very much so."

## Proposition 107 Update

N. Fourth Avenue, Sunday, Oct. 29, 5 p.m. People can either; Work this event. It's Fun! Requires standing for three hours, ability to move quickly, cheerfulness. Attend this event. Five U.S. dollars gets you a burger (cow, chicken, or veggie) and five (count 'em, FIVE) coupons for either Budweiser beer, flavored drink, soda, or juice, or tell your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to attend this event. ...

Call Jeff Simpson - Southern Regional Field Organizer, (520) 326-8154, jsimpson@aztogether.org, Kendra Leiby - Central Regional Field Organizer, (602) 254-6401, kleiby@aztogether.org, or Lisa Rayner - Northern Regional Field Organizer, (928) 221-4667, lrayner@aztogether.org to volunteer or give time to help defeat Proposition 107. ...

For donations, go online to [voteno107.com/donate.html](http://voteno107.com/donate.html) or [iwssecure.com/noprop107/contribute/](http://iwssecure.com/noprop107/contribute/). To send a check, make checks payable to "No on 107," and mail them to No on 107, 1718 E. Speedway Blvd. #244, Tucson, Arizona 85719, (Due to campaign finance disclosure laws you must include your occupation and employer when making a contribution), or "Arizona Together," and mail them to Arizona Together, 319 E. McDowell Road, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.



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## Kolbe Now Under Investigation For Relations With Pages



Retiring Congressman Jim Kolbe

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Overseers of the House page program discussed a camping trip that Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, took with two former pages and others in 1996 - an outing now under review by the Justice Department, a congressional source said, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The House Page Board, consisting of three lawmakers and two senior House officials, did not have any new information beyond recent news stories on the Kolbe trip. The source is familiar with the discussions but is not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

The conference call Monday (Oct. 16) involving the Kolbe trip shows that the people responsible for the teenage page program are casting a wider net following revelations that ex-Rep. Mark Foley was sending overly friendly e-mails and sexually explicit instant messages to former male pages. The meeting was first revealed by the lone Democrat on the Page Board, Rep. Dale Kildee of Michigan, who declined to say which lawmakers were discussed.

Meanwhile, the House ethics committee continued investigating the Foley matter. Investigators, pressing ahead with closed-door interviews, questioned Paula Nowakowski, chief of staff to House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Kolbe took the former pages as well as staff members and National Park Service officials on a Fourth of July rafting trip in the Grand Canyon in 1996, his spokeswoman Korena Cline said.

A federal law enforcement official said an allegation related to the trip was given to the U.S. attorney's office in Phoenix. It was not immediately clear whether it concerned any contention of improper activity by the retiring Kolbe - the only openly Gay Republican in Congress. The official described the inquiry as preliminary and as far narrower in scope than the federal investigation into Foley, R-FL, who resigned Sept. 29 after he was confronted with sexually explicit instant messages sent to former pages. A second law enforcement official said the 1996 Kolbe trip may be too old to investigate as a criminal matter. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined comment.

Cline said the rafting party included five current staffers, two former pages and Kolbe's sister. Nothing inappropriate happened on

the trip, she said. She did not know who the pages were or what year they worked for Kolbe, but she said they paid their own way. Beth Kolbe, the congressman's younger sister, who was on the three-night trip, said nothing inappropriate happened and that she had not heard of any concerns from anyone until the story of the camping trip appeared in the media.

In his unexpected remarks, Kildee - who is unhappy that Republicans did not tell him about Foley's improper approaches - said: "It was about other allegations and I'd like to leave it at that. Let me just say, not about Mr. Foley. It's only been allegations."

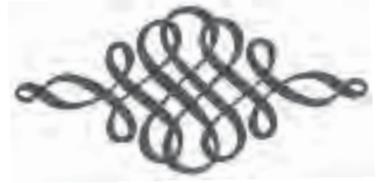
The page panel is only one Washington entity reviewing the congressional page program, in which teenagers are nominated by lawmakers to serve as errand-runners and receive firsthand experience with the legislative process. The high school students also attend classes at a congressional school.

Separately, the FBI also is investigating.

The chairman of the Page Board is Rep. John Shimkus, R-IL,

who acknowledged freezing out Kildee and Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., when he learned there were questions about Foley's conduct in the fall of 2005. Capito also has expressed concern that she was not informed, and her Democratic opponent has accused her of failing teenagers in Congress' care. Shimkus testified before the ethics committee last week,

and told reporters he was following the wishes of the parents of a Louisiana page when he decided not to inform Capito and Kildee.



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## POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

### American Dream

Dear Gracie:

The "American Dream," often associated with the Protestant work ethic, is that through hard work, courage and determination one can achieve prosperity, and these beliefs or values depending upon your opinion was held by many immigrants who came to the "land of the free" and for which were passed on to subsequent generations.

Another part of the "American Dream" Gracie, is to have the opportunity to be in a loving relationship, starting a family, providing for them and ensuring their future so that they have the same chances as well.

With the "American Dream," the United States was founded as a classless society, as the federal Constitution, one of the oldest legal documents in the world (in effect since 1789), that defines the U.S. government and the rights and benefits of citizens. As it states in the preamble of the Constitution, "We the People of the United States ..."

There are no caste systems, class status, or titles in the U.S. Gracie, this nation is supposed to be the land of opportunity for all who comes to these shores, paraphrasing the slogan on the Statue of Liberty which many immigrants saw as they came to this country to pursue the "Dream."

But unfortunately Gracie there are people and extremist wingnuts who feel otherwise, as you have witnessed that has taken place in other states and Arizona, thanks to the extremist, wingnut group, the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) and its president, Cathi Herrod, CAP's offshoot group - Protect Marriage Arizona, political consultant Nathan Sproul and Arizona GOP gubernatorial candidate, Lynden Lee "Len" Munsil.

There are Arizonans and other individuals living in many other states in the U.S. that work, vote, pay taxes, own a home, property, a business, have a significant other and in many cases, a family, in their efforts pursuing the "American Dream" who can't get the benefits and opportunities that other citizens in the country have, not because of something they've done but because of whom they are.

Gracie, when the effort is made to ensure that everyone has the same benefits listed under federal, state, county and local laws, these extremist wingnuts and groups state that these people are trying to get "special rights."

Some "food for thought" to consider Gracie:

There are families who pay taxes at a higher rate than other families in this country.

Some of the families are not even recognized as such under current law while there are other

families who are afforded the benefits and privileges listed in the statutes and must spend thousands of their hard-earned dollars drafting legal documents protecting their family.

In the "land of the free," there are individuals who work cannot and get medical and dental coverage for their significant other and their families while other individuals they may work alongside in their place of employment, who get these benefits.

Those workers who have contributed to the betterment of this country and now are enjoying their retirement, may find love in their "golden years," but can't have their relationship recognized because they will lose a significant portion of their "nest egg."

These are not "special rights" Gracie, but parts of the "American Dream," something that should be available and accessible to all Americans. These are some of the tenets for which this country was founded upon and for which this message will go forth in the battle here in Arizona against Proposition 107.

As ever faithful always.

## Feds Sue To Restore AIDS Workers' Puritan Pledge

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Bush administration sought Tuesday (Oct. 10) to overturn a court decision that lets nonprofit AIDS groups apply for federal funding without signing a pledge opposing prostitution and sex trafficking, reported the Associated Press on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

At least one of the groups, DKT International Inc., has refused to sign the pledge because it helps distribute condoms to prostitutes and other sex workers in Vietnam. DKT last year sued the U.S. Agency for International Development, contending their free-speech rights were violated by a 2003 law requiring that they explicitly oppose prostitution and sex trafficking to qualify for part of a \$15 billion AIDS program.

In May, U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan sided with DKT, saying the funding conditions insist that groups "parrot" the U.S. government's position on prostitution. But the Justice Department, in its appeal Tuesday, called the funding condition "highly germane" to the overall goal of fighting the spread of AIDS and HIV. "Congress could reasonably determine that the government's efforts to stamp out prostitution and sex trafficking would be most successful if HIV/AIDS services are provided by organizations that affirmatively oppose two underlying causes of the disease," the government said.

The case now heads to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. A date for arguments has not been set.

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## First Openly Gay Congressman Dies; Spouse Won't Get Pension

BOSTON - Former U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, the first openly Gay person elected to Congress, died early Saturday (Oct. 14) at Boston Medical Center, several days after he was admitted after collapsing while walking his dog, his husband said. Studds' fell unconscious on Oct. 3 because of what doctors later determined was a blood clot in his lung, his husband, Dean Hara, said.



Former Rep. Gerry Studds

Studds regained consciousness, remained in the hospital, and seemed to be improving. He was scheduled to be transferred to a rehabilitation center, but his condition deteriorated on Friday and he died at about 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, Hara said. Hara, who married Studds shortly after Gay marriage was legalized in Massachusetts in 2004, said Studds was a pioneer who gave courage to Gay people everywhere by winning re-election after publicly acknowledging his homosexuality. "He gave people of his generation, or my generation, of future generations, the courage to do whatever they wanted to do," he said.

As the first openly Gay member of Congress, Gerry Studds was a pioneer. And one of the many lessons he left is that one can lead an open and authentic life and do good. Gerry was one of the first to understand the fear and inequity faced by Gay and Lesbian service members and he worked tirelessly on their behalf. Equally important, he was beloved by the constituents of his coastal district for his advocacy on behalf of the fishing industry and the ocean environment. Gerry Studds understood that the greatest contribution he could make to his community was to do an extraordinary job, and that his why he was resoundingly reelected time after time until he chose to retire," said Human Rights Campaign President, Joe Solmonese.

Studds was first elected in 1972 and represented Cape Cod and the Islands, New Bedford, and the South Shore for 12 Congressional terms. He retired from Congress in 1997. In 1983, Studds acknowledged his homosexuality after a former Congressional page revealed he'd had a relationship with Studds a decade earlier. Speaking at the 1993 March On Washington for Gay rights, Studds turned to the crowd of almost one million people, pointed back at the Capitol behind him, and urged every Gay person inside to come out and be open and honest about who they are. If they stood up and walked out, he told the crowd, the work of the government would stop.

In other news, the federal government for the first time will deny death benefits to a congressman's Gerry Studds Gay spouse, the Lowell Sun reports. The federal government does not recognize the 2004 Massachusetts' marriage between Studds and Dean Hara, and won't provide a portion of Studds' \$114,337 annual pension to his surviving spouse. The federal law, defined by the Defense of Marriage Act, not only trumps the Bay State's Gay marriage law but reveals its limitations.

"A Gay spouse will not receive any sort of pension or annuity or anything like that," said Chad Cowan, a spokesman for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, which administers the congressional pension program under federal law. "It's not anything that anybody in our office has seen before," he added.

Wives and husbands of deceased lawmakers have for years found financial comfort in their ability to collect more than half of the generous congressional pension earned by their late spouse. Long-serving members of Congress can retire with up to 80 percent of their highest salary.

When Studds, 69, died from a vascular illness, he was receiving an estimated annual pension of \$114,337, according to the National Taxpayers Union, which studies federal pensions. Studds was first elected to Congress in 1972 and served until 1997. His district

represented Cape Cod and the Islands, New Bedford and the South Shore. If Hara were a woman and married to Studds — rather than a same-sex spouse — he would receive \$62,000 a year from Studds' pension program under the congressional retirement system, according to NTU guidelines.

Although similar state benefits are provided to same-sex spouses within Massachusetts, the state's Gay marriage law is left toothless outside the commonwealth by a federal law passed in 1996 known as the Defense of Marriage Act. It supercedes any state initiative legalizing Gay marriage, and declares that federal benefits normally passed along to surviving spouses is limited to "a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife." The federal law was passed a decade ago in response to a never-realized movement in Hawaii to legalize Gay marriage. It then sat idle for years until Massachusetts became the first state in the nation allowing Gay people to marry. Once activated, the federal law prevented Gay spouses from receiving Social Security benefits, school scholarships, health care, veterans' benefits and other financial privileges offered through marriage. It affects only a portion of the 12,000 same-sex newlyweds in Massachusetts.

The Studds case, however, could provide Congress with a vivid example of how the law affects "one of their own," said Gary Buseck, legal director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders. "We'd been hoping at some point Congress would address the inequities" in the law, Buseck said. "There are plenty of people being impacted. But this is the first time right in the congressional family a distinguished member is being treated differently than other members."

Melissa Wagoner, a spokesman for Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, the senior Democrat on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, said, "It's wrong for our laws to deny any American the basic right to be part of a family and to be free from the stain of bigotry and discrimination."

When Studds died, Hara said his husband fought to advance the "last great civil rights chapter in modern American history," adding that he didn't see the "final sentences written." Hara declined to comment when reached at his home.

Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said Hara "shouldn't have to wonder" about receiving his husband's pension benefits. "He should be able to focus on grieving, not on the discrimination perpetrated against him," she said. The pension benefits "should be automatic," Isaacson said.

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## For First Time, Unmarried Households Reign in the U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - It is by no means dead, but for the first time, a new survey has shown that traditional marriage has ceased to be the preferred living arrangement in the majority of U.S. households, AFP reported.

The shift, reported by the U.S. Census Bureau in its 2005 American Community Survey, could herald a sea change in every facet of American life — from family law to national politics and its current emphasis on family values.

The findings, which were released in August but largely escaped public attention until now because of the large volume of data, indicated that marriage did not figure in nearly 55.8 million American family households, or 50.2 percent.

More than 14 million of them were headed by single women, another five million by single men, while 36.7 million belonged to a category described as "nonfamily households," a term that experts said referred primarily to Gay or heterosexual couples cohabiting out of formal wedlock.

In addition, there were more than 30 million unmarried men and women living alone, who are not categorized as families, the Census Bureau reported.

By comparison, the number of traditional households with married

couples at their core stood at slightly more than 55.2 million, or 49.8 percent of the total.

Unmarried couples gravitated toward big cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, while the farm states in the Great Plains and rural communities of the Midwest and West remained bastions of traditionalism, according to the survey.

The trend represented a dramatic change from just six years ago, when married couples made up 52 percent of 105.5 million American households.

It indicated that efforts by President George W. Bush and his allies, who over the past five years have made a concerted effort to shore up traditional marriage and families through tax breaks, special legislation and church-sponsored campaigns is bearing little fruit.

The shift, experts said, also raises the question about the future effectiveness of so-called "family value" politics currently played by both Republicans and Democrats.

Douglas Besharov, a sociologist with the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington-based think tank, said it is difficult for the traditional family to emerge unscathed after three and a half decades of divorce rates reaching 50 percent and five decades out-of-wedlock births.

"Change is in the air," Besharov said in a recent interview with the State Department journal called U.S. Society and Values. "The only question is whether it is catastrophic or just evolutionary."

He predicted that cohabitation and temporary relationships between people were likely to dominate America's social landscape for years to come.

"Overall, what I see is a situation in which people — especially children — will be much more isolated, because not only will their parents both be working, but they'll have fewer siblings, fewer cousins, fewer aunts and uncles," the scholar argued. "So over time, we're moving towards a much more individualistic society."

In the opinion of Stephanie Coontz, who heads the Council on Contemporary Families, growing life expectancy as well as women's earning potential are impacting the traditional marriage in unexpected ways.

If before World War II the typical American marriage ended with the death of one partner within a few years after the last child had left home, she pointed out in the journal, that today couples can look forward to spending more than two decades together in an empty nest.

"The growing length of time partners spend with only each other

for company, in some instances, has made individuals less willing to put up with an unhappy marriage, while women's economic independence makes it less essential for them to do so," Coontz wrote.

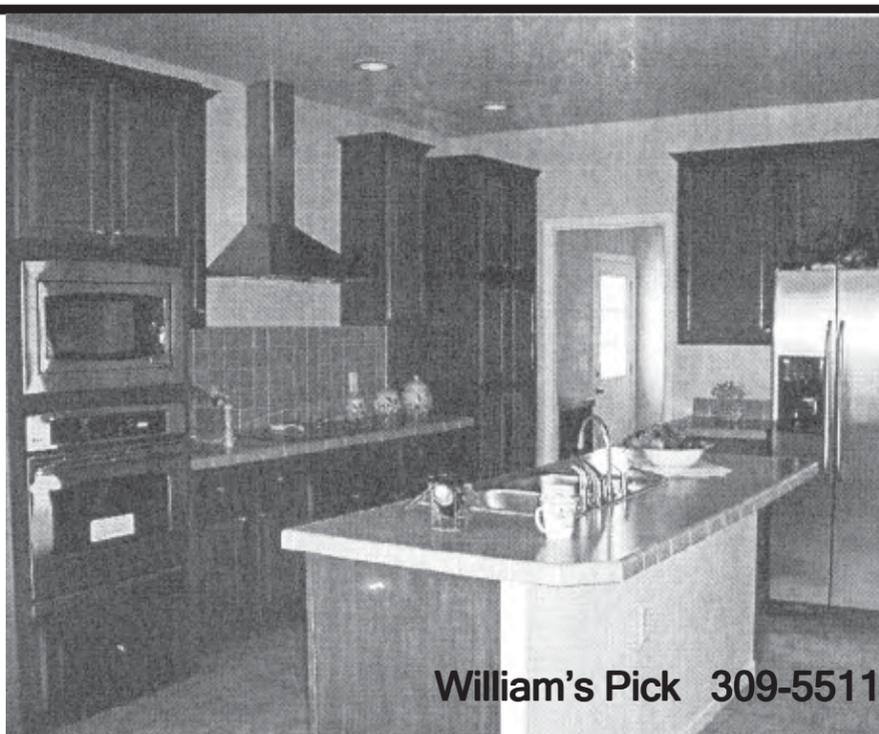
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The pension benefits are automatic for lawmakers caught misbehaving — a contrast noted by the National Taxpayers Union, which has sought unsuccessfully to strip lawmakers of financial benefits when they are convicted of a felony.

U.S. Rep. Bob Ney, the Ohio Republican who pled guilty Friday to conspiracy charges and faces up to 10 years in prison for taking bribes from lobbyist Jack Abramoff, will receive about \$29,000 a year from his pension for the rest of his life. "He will receive a pension while in prison," said NTU spokesman Sam Batkins.

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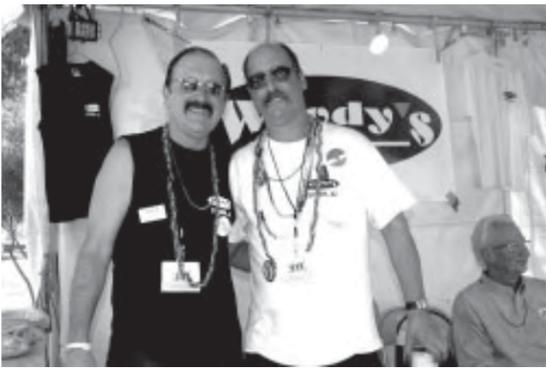
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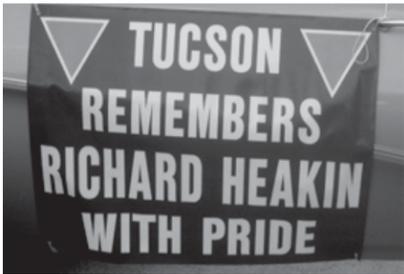
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## Supreme Court Won't Hear Boy Scouts Appeal

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A Boy Scout sailing group that lost free use of a public boat slip because of the Scouts' discriminatory policies failed to persuade the Supreme Court to take its case, the Associated Press reported on the PlanetOut Network.

The justices Monday (Oct. 16) let stand a unanimous California Supreme Court ruling that the city of Berkeley may treat the Berkeley Sea Scouts differently from other nonprofits because the Scouts bar atheists and Gays.

The leader of the Sea Scouts argued that forcing the group to pay for a berth at the marina violated the group's free speech and freedom of association rights.

The U.S. high court ruled in 2000 that the Boy Scouts have the right to ban openly Gay Scout leaders, a decision that rested on the Scouts' First Amendment rights.

Even so, the California Supreme Court said in March, local governments are under no obligation to extend benefits to organizations that discriminate.

Berkeley, home of free speech protests since the 1960s, adopted a nondiscrimination policy on the use of its marina in 1997 and revoked the Sea Scouts' subsidy a year later.

The Sea Scouts are a branch of the Boy Scouts that teaches sailing, carpentry and plumbing. City officials had told the group that it could retain its berthing subsidy if it broke ties with the Boy Scouts or disavowed the policy against Gays and atheists, but the Sea Scouts refused.

Eugene Evans, who leads the Sea Scouts, has been paying \$500 a month out of his own pocket to berth one boat at the Berkeley Marina; the group removed two other boats because it could not afford the rent. The group has about 40 members, down from as many as 100 before the subsidy was removed.

Berkeley had allowed the Scouts free use of the marina since the 1930s, according to Evans. The Sea Scouts said they were singled out because Berkeley elected officials disapprove of the Boy Scouts' membership policies.

## AIDS Activist Jeff Getty Dies



Jeff Getty

JOSHUA TREE, California - Jeff Getty, a prominent AIDS activist who made history in 1995 when he underwent a controversial transplant of baboon bone marrow to treat the disease, has died at the age of 49, the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com. Getty died Monday (Oct. 9) of heart failure, but his death in only-now being reported. Ken Klueh, his partner of 26 years, says Getty died following treatment for cancer and a long struggle with AIDS, at the High Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree, where he had moved from the San Francisco Bay area in 2002.

Before antiviral drug combinations were used successfully by AIDS patients, Getty grabbed headlines in December 1995 for becoming the first person ever to receive a bone marrow cell transfusion from one species to another. His transplant at San Francisco General Hospital used cells taken from a baboon, with the hope that the primate's natural AIDS resistance would take root in his own system. The procedure, ultimately unsuccessful, sparked furious debate over the moral and medical implications of cross-species transplants.

"That trial reflects the level of desperation at the time," said Dr. Steven Deeks, the University of California, San Francisco, professor who was the experiment's lead

investigator. "Jeff was just hanging on to his life. He inspired us that a risky and aggressive intervention was worth trying." While the baboon bone marrow cells quickly disappeared from his system, Getty's health seemed to dramatically improve. He went on help pave the way for the drug cocktail HAART - or highly active antiretroviral therapy - that routinely keeps many HIV and AIDS patients alive today. "He is emblematic of a whole group of men who survived AIDS in the early 1980s and 1990s, and made it into the HAART era, but had developed so much resistance to the drugs that they never got their virus fully under control," Deeks said.

Since being diagnosed with AIDS in the days when the disease still was known as "the Gay cancer," Getty was a fierce activist, volunteering to test experimental drugs, getting thrown in jail for protesting against pharmaceutical companies and even throwing a coffin on a hospital lawn to demand organ transplants for patients. "He was the bravest of the brave. He was committed to getting results, even where it was clear that it wouldn't help him," said state Sen. Carole Migden, who worked with Getty back when she was an Assembly member.

A former University of California policy analyst, Getty had a keen intellect that helped him navigate the science and politics of the disease, but he also could be difficult and demanding, colleagues said. "He wasn't easy to work with," said Michael Lauro, an organizer who teamed with Getty in the advocacy groups Act Up Golden Gate and Survive AIDS. "That's how people with great vision, great hearts, and great drive are like. He could get things done."

Getty is survived by Klueh; his father, Edward Getty, of North Stonington, Connecticut; and his sisters, Carrie, Kim and Jennifer Getty. Plans for a memorial service in the Bay Area were pending.

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**November 3rd at Congregation Ner Tamid at 7:30 pm, northwest corner of Swan and River.**

**Celebrate Hanukkah on December 15th at Congregation Chaverim (3rd Friday).** Potluck dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by services at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP since space is limited for the dinner.

## Sunday Night at the Movies – "Yossi and Jagger"

New Date: Sunday, October 22nd (4th Sunday of the month), 6:00 pm at the Jewish Community Center, Heritage Room (River and Dodge), beverages provided. This movie is the touching story of two gay Israeli soldiers in a border outpost, trying to express their feelings toward each other.

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# Hate Stole Matthew's Right To Vote Eight Years Ago

By Judy Shepherd

your elected officials, whoever they may be, accountable!

Hate stole Matthew's right to vote 8 years ago. Don't waste your right to vote on November 7th.

If my son Matthew were alive today, I know he would tell you to register and to vote, reminding you that "if you don't vote, you can't bitch" about those who were elected or the actions they take as your representative(s). He would beg you to let your voice be heard and to use your precious right to vote. He would urge you to learn about the issues affecting you and your community. He would then challenge you to take what you have learned and pass it on. You have the responsibility to educate your family, friends and business associates about the issues affecting the LGBT community today and to encourage them to use their vote. Lastly, he would expect you to stay involved after the election and hold

Today, I am making the same five requests as Matthew: Register! Learn! Pass it on! Vote! Stay involved!

It's your right, your duty and your future. But, I have one more request to make of you - a very special request. Since Matthew can no longer exercise his right to vote, a right he cherished, I ask that you pledge below to vote for Matthew on November 7th. Commit to sharing your voice with Matthew, commit to using your primary right as an American, commit to playing a role in determining the future of your community. See you at the polls,

(Judy Shepard is the Executive Director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.)

# Hate-Crime Victim's Sister Awed By Memorial

By Ernesto Portillo Jr.

She wasn't emotional as she walked up to the shaded memorial bearing her dead brother's name Thursday (Oct. 12), but Lori Ryan seemed tentative nonetheless. It was understandable. It was the first time Ryan or anyone from her Nebraska family had been to Downtown's Presidio Park to see the 4-year-old plaque bearing the name of her older brother, Richard J. Heakin Jr., a victim of hate and intolerance. Heakin was a 21-year-old Gay man who was kicked and beaten to death in 1976. He would have turned 52 years old today.

Ryan has had 30 years to deal with her brother's death, sorting out the senselessness of it all. But it has only been four months since she and her family found out something good came from her brother's death. "I never realized his death made such a difference," said Ryan, 49, several hours after her plane landed at the airport. "It's incredible to know that people who didn't know him went through all this." Ryan is in town for this weekend's (Oct. 14 - 15) Gay-pride rally and parade.

Heakin, who was visiting some friends, was outside a bar when four local teenage boys kicked the life out of him. The four youths spent less than a month in jail and were given probation.

The shock over his violent death and the probation sentence galvanized many in Tucson and raised awareness over Gay bashing. A year after Heakin's death, the Tucson City Council passed a law - one of the first in the country - protecting the rights of Gays and Lesbians. In 1999 the council expanded its legal protection.

Then four years ago, Heakin's name was etched into a memorial, under the umbrella of a mesquite tree, giving some sense to his death. "Mom said something good came out of this," Ryan said. "But I wish I could have him back." Ryan said the family knew Heakin, a friendly and outgoing person, was Gay. They also knew violence against Gays was a part of his

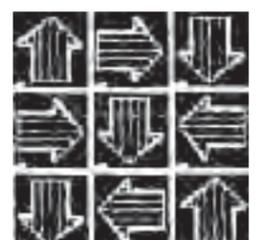
life. "He started high school with a black eye," Ryan said. But he would not fight back, said Ryan. Her brother was not a violent person.

Eventually her brother became active in Lincoln's Gay community. Heakin, who lived at home, would sit down with their father and talk about issues affecting homosexuals, Ryan said. Yet, when a Lincoln police officer awoke Heakin's parents at 4 a.m. to tell them their son had died, they didn't link it to Gay bashing. "We thought maybe he had a car accident," said Ryan. Heakin had bought a new car, drove his grandmother to Denver and then drove to Tucson. He was supposed to drive her back to Nebraska.

When the family found out the circumstances of Heakin's death, it devastated them. The sheer brutality of Heakin's beating shocked them and his friends. His death, they thought, ended the Heakin family's connection to Tucson. But four years ago when the Heakin memorial was being planned, an attempt to contact his family went awry. A family friend, acting as an intermediary, told the Tucson organizers the family wanted nothing to do with the memorial. It wasn't true, however.

Earlier this year, Ryan's daughter learned about her uncle's memorial on the Internet. Telephone calls were made between Lincoln and Tucson, once again drawing attention to Heakin's death. "I think he would be proud of what was done and what has happened here in Tucson," Ryan said.

(Ernesto Portillo Jr.'s is a columnist for the Arizona Daily Star from which this is reprinted from the Oct. 13 edition of the newspaper.)



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# Lesbian Coach Files Maine's First Sexuality Discrimination Suit

BANGOR, Maine - For 14 years Kelly Jo Cookson was the girls softball coach at Brewer High School, in Brewer Maine but now she's out of work after her contract was not renewed, reported 365Gay.com. According to a lawsuit filed by Cookson the decision followed her outing by a fellow coach. It is the first lawsuit alleging sexuality bias under Maine's nine month old law barring discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in jobs, housing and credit.

Cookson's suit also alleges that Brewer School Department and Superintendent Daniel Lee slandered her when he told two parents that he "knew things about Kelly that I can't share publicly." Cookson was named Penobscot Valley Conference Class A Coach of the Year in 1995, 1996 and 2001. But last year she ran afoul of school board officials for having students walk through a pasture containing manure during a team cookout. In a disciplinary letter Cookson was told the students were

exposed to infection or illness, and that the action could be perceived as hazing. A student and her parent have filed notice they will sue Cookson and the school board over the manure incident and claim the student was verbally harassed.

But, at no time, alleges Cookson, was she told her job was in jeopardy. Lee, in a prepared statement, denies bias and points to the manure incident. He said the board will vigorously fight the lawsuit in court. According to Cookson the decision to terminate her came only after she was outed. She is seeking reinstatement, a jury trial, compensatory damages, lost pay and attorney fees.

Sexual orientation was added to Maine's Human Rights law in 2005 year but was fought by Christian Civic League which gathered enough signatures to place a repeal question to voters last November. The bid to kill the law was rejected by voters and it went into effect last December.

# Long Beach Latest City To Call For Legalized G/L Marriage

LONG BEACH, California - The City of Long Beach has become the 39th community in California to support same-sex marriage and call for the state and federal government to remove restrictions to marriage, reported 365Gay.com. In a unanimous vote the Long Beach City Council approved the motion.

"It's pretty black and white to me. This is a civil rights issue," said Councilman Patrick O'Donnell, who co-sponsored the motion. The measure has no legal force but backers said it symbolizes support for the city's tens of thousands of Gay residents. The issue of same-sex marriage is expected to reach the California Supreme Court next year.

The Court of Appeals in a

split decision ruled that the state's ban on same-sex marriage does not violate the constitutional rights of Gays and Lesbians. "The time may come when California chooses to expand the definition of marriage to encompass same-sex unions. That change must come from democratic processes, however, not by judicial fiat," the Appeals Court ruling said. In a dissent, Justice Anthony Kline wrote, "[T]he inescapable effect of the analysis the majority adopts is to diminish the humanity of the Lesbian and Gay men whose rights are defeated. The right to marry is of fundamental important for all individuals." Last year the legislature passed a bill that would legalize Gay marriage but was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The governor at the time said the issue should be decided by the courts or by plebiscite.

# Wal-Mart Fires G/L Rep.

NEW YORK CITY - A Wal-Mart Stores Inc. executive who was caught in the middle of a pair of controversies at the world's largest retailer earlier this year has left the company, reported 365Gay.com.

Dee Breazeale managed luxury goods at the company's Sam's Clubs when the chain was slapped with a suit in June alleging it sold counterfeit handbags. She more recently was named by Wal-Mart to join a panel for a Gay and Lesbian business group. Breazeale "is no longer employed" at Wal-Mart, spokesman John Simley confirmed. Simley declined to comment further. "It wouldn't be appropriate to discuss the circumstances of her departure," Simley said.

Breazeale had been named in August to serve on the advisory council to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. News that Wal-Mart had joined the group provoked criticism from some conservative groups that threatened

to boycott stores. In June, French luxury conglomerate LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton sued Wal-Mart in federal court in New York, alleging counterfeit versions of its Fendi brand bags and wallets were being sold in Sam's Clubs stores. Wal-Mart responded that the suit was without merit. Breazeale didn't immediately return phone calls to her home seeking comment on Friday. Officials at the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and an LVMH spokeswoman weren't immediately able to comment.



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**NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE  
Elections**

by Lee Thorn

If the Republicans have the audacity to bring the price of gas down to under two bucks a gallon before the election, that might be enough of an October surprise to save their bacon.

However, if the Speaker of the House refuses to step down before the election, thereby keeping the current sex scandal prominently in the news from now until then, that might be enough of an October surprise to cost the Republicans their bacon, i.e. control of both Houses of Pork. In other words, the coming contest might well be characterized as the battle of gas versus a one-syllable word that rhymes with gas.

But seriously, folks, how in the world did we get to this point? There's a war on. We're losing it. We can't do anything to win it. Thousands are dying pointlessly. Our border with Mexico is a joke and nobody but Lou Dobbs is concerned with the economic and cultural implications of this absurdity. The American worker is being squeezed like he hasn't been squeezed since the Great Depression. And the election may turn on pages and gas, two of the phoniest issues imaginable.

I recently heard a conservative radio guy say, "Do you really think that the Republicans can affect the price of gas?" Well, yes. Specifically, two Republicans, Cheney and Rove, could set the price of gas for the week before the election anywhere they wanted it with less than a phone call. They could do it with a slightly raised eyebrow. Anyone who doesn't know that just hasn't been paying attention.

As for the page scandal, as much as I love watching the Republican hypocrites sweat bullets, what's the big deal? Are we shocked and appalled at the notion of intergenerational sex, or the notion of underage sex? News bulletin: Young people have been knowingly trading their youth for the wealth and power of old people in sexual relationships deemed satisfactory on both sides for as long as history has been written. I'm not saying that pages should be fair game for congressmen, but I understand that they are game, fairly or not.

Perhaps we're here, back in the land of October surprises and phoney issues, simply because we live in an uncivilized country. In an uncivilized country it's easy to fool the natives with phoney issues because the populace isn't educated. To be educated, you have to be seriously knowledgeable about the culture and history of your country and seriously knowledgeable about the culture and history of the world. Americans, by that definition, are uneducated. Don't take my word for it; watch Jay Leno's recurring bit called "J-walking."

Americans are trained to read, write and work computers so we can be productive workers. Gore Vidal, one of America's most under-

rated literary artists, recently said something about America being saved by the imminent awakening of the blue-collar worker. As realistic as Vidal often is about politics, the awakening of the blue-collar worker is a fantasy. Throw cold water on him. Jerk his chain. Rattle his cage. Once you've got him fully awake and alert, he can still only read, write and work a computer. The apartment of his mind is still unfurnished. His warehouse of ideas is still empty. He doesn't have the historical perspective to understand that, in the last six years, more work has been demanded of him and less of its fruits have been returned to him than in any other time in recent history.

He doesn't have the cultural perspective to understand the political rhetoric of his own country, even when that rhetoric is spoken at its most accessible level. Anyone who knows American political rhetoric is aware that Bush has pretty much walked his talk. What he's been saying from day one, once you cut away the obligatory flowery nonsense and the half-hearted blarney, is simply this: "I'm going to shovel as much money as fast as I can to the corporations." And that's what he's been doing. So why, you ask, don't the news media blow the whistle on them and translate the rhetoric so that the most uncultured rube will understand what the politicians are really saying? Why don't the media blow the whistle on them? Because the media are them.

But I'm a sport at heart. I won't let the phoniness of the issues or the pitifulness of the reaming American workers are taking keep me from enjoying the spectacle and the horse race. I've already got two major bets down on the next presidential election. I'm betting that neither of the front-runners, McCain and Hillary, will get nominated. Same problem with both of them—too much baggage.

(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.)

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# Murder Charges Laid In NYC Gay Attack



Michael Sandy

**N E W YORK CITY** - The charges against two of the men accused of driving a Gay Brooklyn man onto a busy highway where he was struck and killed have been formally upgraded to murder. A third man is expected to face the same charge, reported 365Gay.com. Michael Sandy, the 28 year old victim, died Friday (Oct. 13) after his family removed life support.

Police allege that Fox and Shurov posed as Gay men, cruising an Internet chat room looking for a mark to rob. They met Sandy online. Chat messages between Sandy and the men were reportedly found on his home computer and a printout from his computer showing directions to Plum Beach, a popular cruising area, were found in his car. Police allege that Sandy arranged to meet Fox on a street corner in Sheepshead Bay. The two then drove the short distance to the beach where the other three were waiting.

When the gang began beating him Sandy bolted for the nearby Belt Parkway with his attackers in close pursuit. They caught up with him in one lane of the highway and as Sandy broke free he was struck by a car, sustaining massive injuries. The attackers were last seen rifling through Sandy's pockets before fleeing. The car did not stop and police earlier this week appealed for the driver to come forward. Police said that this is the first known case where the Internet has been used to lure a Gay man into an attack and issued a warning to people to be wary of who who they meet in chat rooms. Police say people should not arrange to meet in secluded areas or in their homes. A restaurant, club or other public place where there are witnesses is recommended.

John Fox, 19, and Ilya Shurov, 20, were formally indicted late Monday on second degree murder charges. They are also charged with second degree manslaughter, assault and robbery as hate crimes. The third suspect, Gary Timmins, 16 is charged with assault and robbery as hate crimes. His charges could be upgraded to include murder a police spokesperson said. A fourth man accused of being an accomplice is cooperating with police and reportedly led investigators to the other three.

## FBI: LGBT Third Largest Hate Crimes Victim Group

WASHINGTON, D.C. - New statistics show that hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians accounted for the third largest number of bias crimes in the country last year sparking a new push from LGBT rights groups for federal hate laws, reported 365Gay.com.

orientation or gender identity."

Extending hate crimes law to include members of the LGBT community is endorsed by more than 175 law enforcement, civil rights, civic and religious organizations, including: the National Sheriffs' Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Overall the number of reported hate crimes was down by six percent. Crimes against people based on their race accounted for more than half of the incidents. Crimes based on religious bias were reported in 17 percent of the cases and attacks on members of the LGBT community came in third at 14.2 percent according to the FBI statistics.

The numbers are considered by many LGBT rights groups as low because not all Gay victims report attacks on them for fearing of being outed publicly and because not all areas of the country track LGBT bias crimes. Legislation that would have included crimes against Gays and Lesbians in federal hate crime laws passed the House but was dropped in the Senate in May.

The Human Rights Campaign called the new numbers ample proof of the need for passage of the bill and warned many local police departments do not take crimes against Gays seriously. "It is critical that all jurisdictions treat these crimes seriously and report hate crimes statistics to the FBI and the public," said HRC President Joe Solmonese in a statement. "We need to ensure the safety and protection of every single American regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual

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**COMMENTARY . . . by Frnak Rich**

Paging Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council: Here's a Gay Republican story you probably did not hear last week. On Tuesday (Oct. 10) a card-carrying homosexual, Mark Dybul, was sworn into office at the State Department with his partner holding the Bible. Dr. Dybul, the administration's new global AIDS coordinator, was flanked by Laura Bush and Condi Rice. In her official remarks, the secretary of state referred to the mother of Dr. Dybul's partner as his "mother-in-law."

Could wedding bells be far behind? It was all on display, photo included, on [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov). And while you're cruising the Internet, a little creative Googling will yield a long list of who else is Gay, openly and not, in the highest ranks of both the Bush administration and the Republican hierarchy. The openly Gay range from Steve Herbits, the prescient right-hand consultant to Donald Rumsfeld who foresees disaster in Iraq in Bob Woodward's book "State of Denial," to Israel Hernandez, the former Bush personal aide and current Commerce Department official whom the president nicknamed "Altoid boy." (Let's not go there.)

If anything good has come out of the Foley scandal, it is surely this: The revelation that the political party fond of demonizing homosexuals each election year is as well-stocked with trusted and accomplished Gay leaders as virtually every other power center in America. "What you're really seeing is the Republican Party on the Hill," says Rich Tafel, the former leader of the Gay Log Cabin Republicans whom George W. Bush refused

to meet with during the 2000 campaign. "Across the board Gay people are in leadership positions." Yet it is this same party's Congressional leadership that in 2006 did almost nothing about government spending, Iraq, immigration or ethics reform, but did drop everything to focus on a doomed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

The split between the Republicans' outward homophobia and inner Gayness isn't just hypocrisy; it's pathology. Take the bizarre case of Karl Rove. Every one of his Bush campaigns has been marked by a dirty dealing of the Gay card, dating back to the Lesbian whispers that pursued Ann Richards when Mr. Bush ousted her as Texas governor in 1994. Yet we now learn from "The Architect," the recent book by the Texas journalists James Moore and Wayne Slater, that Mr. Rove's own (and beloved) adoptive father, Louis Rove, was openly Gay in the years before his death in 2004. This will be a future case study for psychiatric clinicians as well as historians.

So will Kirk Fordham, the former Congressional aide who worked not only for Mark Foley but also for such Gay-baiters as Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma (who gratuitously bragged this year that no one in his family's "recorded history" was Gay) and Senator Mel Martinez of Florida (who vilified his 2004 Republican primary opponent, a fellow conservative, as a tool of the "radical homosexual agenda"). Then again, even Rick Santorum, the Pennsylvania senator who brought up incest and "man-on-dog" sex while decrying same-sex marriage, has employed a

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Gay director of communications. In the G.O.P. such switch-hitting is as second nature as cutting taxes.

As for Mr. Foley, he is no more representative of Gay men, whatever their political orientation, than Joey Buttafuoco is of straight men. Yet he's a useful creep at this historical juncture because his behavior has exposed and will continue to expose a larger dynamic on the right. The longer the aftermath of this scandal continues, with its maniacal finger-pointing and relentless spotlight on the Republican closet, the harder it will be for his party to return to the double-dealing that has made Gay Americans election-year bogeymen (and women) for so long.

The moment Mr. Foley's e-mails became known, we saw that brand of fearmongering and bigotry at full tilt: Bush administration allies exploited the former Congressman's predatory history to spread the grotesque canard that homosexuality is a direct path to pedophilia. It's the kind of blood libel that in another era was spread about Jews.

The Family Research Council's Mr. Perkins, a frequent White House ally and visitor, led the way. "When we elevate tolerance and diversity to the guidepost of public life," he said on Fox News Channel, "this is what we get — men chasing 16-year-old boys around the halls of Congress." A related note was struck by The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, which asked, "Could a Gay Congressman be quarantined?" The answer was no because "today's politically correct culture" — tolerance of "private lifestyle choices" — gives predatory Gay men a free pass. Newt Gingrich made the same point when

he announced on TV that Mr. Foley had not been policed because Republicans "would have been accused of Gay bashing." Translation: Those in favor of Gay civil rights would countenance and protect sex offenders.

This line of attack was soon followed by another classic from the annals of anti-Semitism: the shadowy conspiracy. "The secret Capitol Hill homosexual network must be exposed and dismantled," said Cliff Kincaid of Accuracy in Media, another right-wing outfit that serves as a grass-roots auxiliary to the Bush administration. This network, he claims, was allowed "to infiltrate and manipulate the party apparatus" and worked "behind the scenes to sabotage a conservative pro-family agenda in Congress."

There are two problems with this theory. First, Gay people did not "infiltrate" the party apparatus — they are the party apparatus. Rare is the conservative Republican Congressional leader who does not have a Gay staffer wielding clout in a major position. Second, any inference that Gay Republicans on the Hill conspired to cover up Mr. Foley's behavior is preposterous. Mr. Fordham, the Gay former Foley aide who spent Thursday testifying under oath about his warnings to Denny Hastert's staff, is to date the closest this sordid mess has to a whistle-blower, however tardy. So far, the slackers in curbing Mr. Foley over the past three years seem more straight than Gay, led by the Buffalo Congressman Tom Reynolds, who is now running a guilt-ridden campaign commercial desperately apologizing to voters.

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A Washington Post poll last week found that two-thirds of Americans believe that Democrats would behave just as badly as the Hastert gang in covering up a scandal like this to protect their own power. They are no doubt right. But the reason why the Foley scandal has legs – and why it has upstaged most other news, from the Congressional bill countenancing torture to North Korea's nuclear test – is not just that sex trumps everything else in a tabloid-besotted America. The Republicans, unlike most Democrats (Joe Lieberman always excepted), can't stop advertising their "family values," which is why their pitfalls are as irresistible as a Molière farce. It was entertaining enough to learn that the former Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed wanted to go "humping in corporate accounts" with the corrupt gambling lobbyist Jack Abramoff. The only way that comic setup could be topped was by the news that Mr. Foley was chairman of the Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus. It beggars the imagination that he wasn't also entrusted with No Child Left Behind.

Cultural conservatives who fell for the G.O.P.'s pious propaganda now look like dupes. Tonight on "60 Minutes," David Kuo, a former top official in the administration's faith-based initiatives program, is scheduled to discuss his new book recounting how evangelical supporters were privately ridiculed as "nuts" in the White House. If they have any self-respect, they'll exact their own revenge.

We must hope as well that this crisis will lead to a repudiation of the ritual targeting of Gay people for sport at the top levels of the Republican

leadership in and out of the White House. For all the president's talk of tolerance and "compassionate conservatism," he has repeatedly joined Congress in wielding same-sex marriage as a club for divisive political purposes. He sat idly by while his secretary of education, Margaret Spellings, attacked a PBS children's show because an animated rabbit visited a lesbian couple and their children. Ms. Spellings was worried about children being exposed to that "lifestyle" – itself a code word for "deviance" – even as the daughter of the vice president was preparing to expose the country to that lifestyle in a highly promoted book.

"The hypocrisy, the winking and nodding is catching up with the party," says Mr. Tafel, the former Log Cabin leader. "Republicans must welcome their diversity as the party of Lincoln or purge the party of all Gays. The middle ground – we're a diverse party but we can bash Gays too – will no longer work." He adds that "the ironic point is that the G.O.P. isn't as homophobic as it pretends to be." Indeed two likely leading presidential competitors in 2008, John McCain and Rudy Giuliani, are consistent supporters of Gay civil rights.

Another ironic point, of course, is that the effort to eradicate AIDS, led by a number of openly Gay appointees like Dr. Dybul, may prove to be the single most beneficent achievement of this beleaguered White House. To paraphrase a show tune you're unlikely to hear around the Family Research Council, isn't that queer?

(Frank Rich is a columnist for the New York Times from which this is reprinted from its Oct. 15 edition.)

## Study Shows Increase Of G./L Couples

By Mark R. Kerr

LOS ANGELES (ON) - The Williams Institute for Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy released a report analyzing new demographic data about Lesbians, Gay men, and Bisexuals in the United States. The study examines recently released data from the American Community Survey (ACS), part of the US Census Bureau.

The study documents a 30 percent increase in the number of same-sex couples in the United States over five years, from nearly 600,000 couples in 2000 to almost 777,000 in 2005.

"Most likely, as stigma associated with same-sex partnering and homosexuality decreases, more same-sex couples are willing to identify themselves as such on government surveys," said Gary Gates, Senior Research Fellow at the Williams Institute and author of the study. "This is especially remarkable considering that states offering formal recognition of same-sex relationships in the first half of this decade – Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California, and New Jersey – saw relatively small gains in the number of Gay couples."

Aside from a more welcoming cultural climate, however, the turbulent political landscape for Gay people might also be a large factor pulling couples out of the closet. According to the Williams study, the ten states with the largest increases in same-sex couples were the sites of some of the

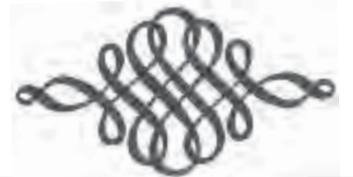
nastiest political battles and biggest Gay losses since 2000, such as Washington State and New Hampshire.

The rest of the surge of Gay couples came from the Heartland, including Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, Iowa, and Missouri, states with hotly contested races and Gay-related ballot measures. Since 2000 most of that top ten have passed laws and constitutional amendments that bar the door to marriage, and sometimes other forms of recognition, for same-sex couples.

ARIZONA INCREASED BY 37%

According to the study estimates from 2000 - 2005, Arizona had an increase of 37% of people reported to be in a same-sex relationship (2000 - 12,332 - 2005 16,931). The numbers of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) state population in Arizona in 2000, was estimated at 4.5% of the population, (191,663).

In Southern Arizona, the study estimated that in Congressional District 7, there were 1,998 same-sex couples, with the LGB population at 23,297, 4.6% of the overall population. An estimated total of 2,412 same-sex couples reside in Congressional District 8, with the LGB population at 25,540, 4.8% of the overall population.



**De Ambiente** is an HIV prevention program specifically targeted to Latino men who have sex with men (MSM) in Tucson, Arizona. Based on local epidemiological statistics, Latino MSM is the single group at highest risk for contracting HIV.

If you are interested in being part of this program or participating in our events call Hector Quiroz at 520.628.7223 ext.253 or email at [hquiroz@saaf.org](mailto:hquiroz@saaf.org)

### Upcoming Events

Oct. 21 Many Men Many Voices (Hombres de Ambiente) workshop

Nov. 11 Come socialize with other Latino men at De Ambiente Social Hour (call for location information)

Nov. 18 Many Men Many Voices (Hombres de Ambiente) workshop



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Wild, wooly Neptune makes an excellent aspect to Venus this week scattering our various love missives to the immediate world. Everything is viewed through a pink haze and everyone is beautiful and sexy. Ready to take the plunge? Err, better wait until the fog lifts next week.

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**

Friendships become more important to your overall happiness. You can count on pals to help you out of a jam, if you need a shoulder to cry on or if you find yourself in a sticky situation. And yet, things can get a bit too close for comfort. Know when to draw the line, Gay Ram. Don't become so tied up in the group dynamic that you don't have enough wiggle room.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**

You feel pretty darned good about yourself. It will be hard for queer Bulls to avoid the temptation of grabbing all the credit for a group success. When do you give and when do you take? The Neptune / Venus trine can show you the path to personal glory. There is nothing weak about giving others some credit. Sometimes we gain more power by giving it away. Sometimes.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**

Even pink Twins are surprised at the expansive opportunity the Neptune / Venus trine offers in any fun, global pursuit. If you're tired of the tried and true, this is a great time to discover something untried and new. Travel offers entree to new fun outlets so buy a ticket to parts unknown. Even legal entanglements may become untangled with a big payoff. Ka'ching!

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**

Neptune trine Venus separates your id from your ego. Expect insights into your personality that enable you to become more in tune with all your peccadillos. Good thing too; some Gay Crabs may have reached a personal impasse where they feel off course. Reassess and change direction now if necessary. Ah but for others, how can you improve on perfection?

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**

If relationships have not been going as smoothly as you had hoped, there may be a jolt and readjustment that stoke the embers and keep the fires burning. Proud Lions adore having a significant other, but some-

times you have to ask at what price. Thankfully this is the time to air out grievances and perhaps strengthen the bond. A little love talk couldn't hurt. Ahem.

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**

Queer Virgins have their work cut out for them when Neptune trines Venus and piles the works on... and on... and on. But this is also a time of great opportunity and profit. Finances fall into place so sweatily work your way to retirement while the energy is hot. The secret is, of course, to direct your energy effectively. Don't waste a drop!

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**

Party hearty Gay Libras find that the dissipated life has its perks. But don't squander it on the hoi poloi. You are in the epicenter of the action where you can plug into the best party circuit. Meet influential powerful folks and get electrified rather than dimmed. While you are at it why not tap into your Gay muse and explore creative disciplines? Okay, you can use leather straps.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**

There are issues that need to be addressed with family and the Neptune / Venus trine can help you unearth the unearthenable, crush the lumps and chew the stones. Proud Scorps weather even the most foul rainstorm and emerge clean, refreshed and affirmed. Why defer happiness because certain relatives disapprove? Strengthen your home environment now. It's your life.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**

Gay Archers have held back their more outrageous thoughts and opinions because they've been fearful that folks wouldn't understand. Don't worry; the Neptune / Venus trine enables you to say what you think regardless of what others may do. Good! It's high time that you allow your expansive, humanistic perspective full range. Hoist the rainbow banner - others will salute.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**

Pink Caps may have had some monetary concerns recently. But for those who have done their fiscal homework, any carefully constructed portfolio can pay off now. For those who lacked the foresight (and the dough) to plan ahead, there is still an opportunity to mix a little green with your lavender. From little acorns, mighty oaks grow. So plant a little acorn now.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**

If you heed the call of the fashion police, you find your new look inspires international acclaim. With Neptune in your own sign, Aqueerians can take a hard look at how they appear to others; how they dress, act and react. It's now clear that Venus gives you a small push and you can climb another rung on the social pecking order. Hey watch where you peck, buster!

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**

It's time for all Guppies to blast open their closet and dump out the garbage. The Neptune / Venus trine does wonders for your confidence and peace of mind. Spread all those good vibes around around, compadre; there are many in our community who could use a cheerleader. A little effort goes a long way now so don't hesitate; demonstrate.

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# Non Bar Calendar

Wednesday, October 18

**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, October 19

**#1 Men'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.

**#2 Men'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.

**#3 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed:

Today is the day for that all so important phone call to Lloyd! Please call now to reserve your place for tomorrow night's Friday Night Pizza Night. Buzz Lloyd at 792-8537.

Friday, October 20

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Pizza Night Tonight! Did you call last night to make your reservation? Great! Call Lloyd for information and give your life direction...792-8537. Enjoy!

Saturday, October 21

**#1 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 8:30a.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.

**#2 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 Monthly Pot Luck. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay Hollywood movie serial killer instincts! Phone host Steve at 644-2076 for location, driving directions, and info.

Sunday, October 22

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.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, or 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!

Monday, October 23

**#1 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Newsletter and Movie Night! Once a month, the men of MSN get together to help get their newsletter in the mail. Requiring very little effort, this is a great way of socializing, and also a great

way to find out all the dirt for next month's Calendar a whole 3 days earlier than the average MSN member. The movie, shown after the newsletter is put to bed for this month, is "Loggerheads". Arlan is hosting this event, and you can contact him at 323-7414 for info and directions.

**#2** It is here! It is now! It is time!

The Last Day to pay for your place at the table for next Sunday's Guest Ranch Brunch! Pay up and chow down, thank you very much.

Tuesday, October 24

T-Squares, Tucson's only GLBT square dance club. Here's your chance to learn to dance! We are starting our annual series of class days for new dancers on the Tuesday evenings of October 17th, 24th, and 31st from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m. If you can't make it one evening, try another. No dance experience or special clothing is necessary. Live callers will teach you. These free introductory classes of modern Gay square dance are held at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N Geronimo Ave, with parking off of Laguna St. For directions, maps, or more info, call us at 745-9212 or 325-6739, e-mail us at T-Squares@AZGayDance.org or visit www.AZGayDance.org. You will find our club friendly, welcoming, and lots of fun.

**#1 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A "whistful" evening of Bridge with host Michael at 326-3555. Please plan and call ahead for an evening of fun, and challenge your skills or learn new ones.

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Thursday, October 26

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Friday, October 27

**#1 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 9:30a.m. Does it "Matter?" It matters to the Sunrise Scientists! Join host Tom for goodies in his Luxurious Laboratory Lounge (Decorated by Elvis during a sighting). Then.....Lecture 1: Enter the Quantum and Lecture 2: Wave or Particle? Call Tom at 744-9036.

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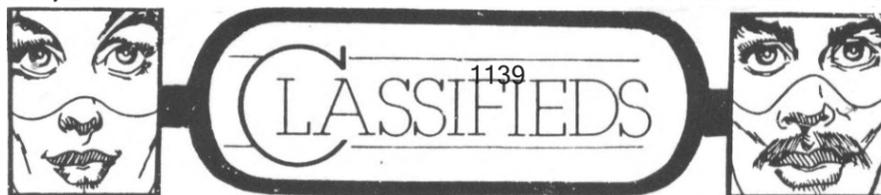
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## SUNDAY

**COLORS** - Open 11m - 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 performed by Dickie Steed during Brunch (11:30-2:30)

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 10am. \$2.50 Smirnoff Vodkas all day. We've got the NFL Sunday Ticket. Watch your favorite NFL team here. \$1 Jumbo Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00, and 7:00 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved.

**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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Watch Monday Night Football here! \$1 Jumbo Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Domestic Draft Beer at happy hour prices all night.

**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. Game Night with Dan 5-7pm and nightly dinner specials.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4-9pm. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:30 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

**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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Pool All Night. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournament at 6:30 pm for Women Only and open tournaments at 7 and 10. Play for points & prizes - no cash involved.

**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, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Karaoke with Roseemry at 8:30pm

**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 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 and Craig Faltin. 10pm "Guys & Dolls" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. 21 and over.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 3 pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 4 - 9 pm. Free Two-Step lessons with Amanda every other Friday. Call 293-7339 for schedule. DJ Pat plays your favorite country dance songs 8:30 to close. Kitchen open 9 pm - midnight serving late night munchies menu.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman 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.

**YARD DOG** - Open daily 8am.50¢ off any Top Shelf Gin until 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm

## 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. Hot new jazz duo "Sunnyatta" performs 7:00-10:00pm.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 11:00 am. Happy Hour 11 am - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Kitchen open 11am -9pm. \$2.50 Capt. Morgan or Malibu. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for \$4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Johnny D playing dance mix or check our ad for special events. Kitchen open 9pm to midnight serving late night munchies menu.

**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.

## Arts and Entertainment

### Now Playing thru November 12

Live Theatre Workshop "Caught In The Net" - Two teens discover both their fathers are taxi drivers, they want to meet in person. Little do they know they both have the same father. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays - Saturdays; 3:00 p.m. Sundays. 5317 E. Speedway Blvd. Tickets \$14 - \$17. 327-4242.

### Now Playing thru December 17

Live Theatre Workshop - All Together Theatre's production of Christopher Johnson and Michael Matinez's "The Pirate Queen Of The Caribbean" continues every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. through December 17. \$5.00- \$8.00. Call 327-0160 for reservations.

### Now Playing thru November 4

Gaslight Theatre presents "Phantom of the Opera" adapted by Peter Van Slyke. 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sundays. 886-9428.

### Sunday, October 22

Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the first concert in their Piano and Friends Sunday Matinee Series' Twelfth Season. Cellist Zuill Bailey with pianist David Wiley will perform at 3:00 p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General admission tickets are \$25. Student tickets are \$10. At 34, Zuill is already recognized as a brilliant cellist. He graduated from Peabody and

## Arts and Entertainment

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Juilliard Conservatories and is known for his "incredible technique coupled with an outstanding musicality that is nothing short of breathtaking," enhanced by his superb 1692 Goiffriller cello.

### October 22 thru November 11

Arizona Theatre Company presents August Wilson's "Jitney" the winner of New York Drama Critic's Award for Best Play. Overflowing with passion, poetry and unforgettable characters, August Wilson's plays are important reflections of our American history. ATC Box Office 520-622-2823.

### Saturday, November 4

Jay Leno live at Desert Diamond Casino. Two shows 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) Or 321-1000. I 19&Pima Mine Road. (Exit 80, 7 minutes South of Tucson. [desertdiamondcasino.com](http://desertdiamondcasino.com)

### January 2 - 7

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "All Shook Up". 1-866-821-2929 or online [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

### January 23 - 28

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Altar Boyz". 1-866-821-2929 or online [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

### March 20 - 25

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Rent" 1-866-821-2929 or online

[broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

### April 17 - 22

A Nederland Presentation: Broadway In Tucson "Dirty Rotten Scoundrel". 1-866-821-2929 or online [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com)

## BAR CALENDAR

### Of Upcoming Events

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

VENTURE-N - Steak Night 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### SUSNDAY, OCTOBER 22

YARD DOG SALOON - Burgers, Dogs and Bratwurst at 5:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

WOODY'S - Underwear Night. Join the staff and wear your best Boxers.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

WOODY'S - Halloween Party and Costume Contest.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

WOODYS - A special Halloween show with Tucson's Black Cat Ajia Simone and guests.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

WOODY'S - Annual Masquerade Ball and Costume Contest.

VENTURE-N - "Nightmare In Black" Halloween Party! Costume Contest 11:30 p.m. Specials 9:00 p.m. until closing,

## Safe Sex



## Is Bringing Men Together

# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

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

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

**P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

**GLBT-friendly AL-ANON** group meets Saturdays at 11am at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tucson.

**YOUNG AND GAY?** GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 425 E. 7th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers (TPT) activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 298-6727, leave name and phone number. [Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org](mailto:Tucsonpt@primetimersww.org)

**TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

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

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

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

**WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center,** 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

**GET NAKED with TNTucson MEN!** We're a social and recreational club. Have you ever longed to camp, swim, hike or play with others who enjoy the same, dropping all the masks and pretensions? We're for you! [TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com](mailto:TNTucsonMEN@nethere.com), P.O. Box 12176, Tucson 85792 or call 514-9894

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

**BEARS OF THE OLD 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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,** dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit [www.azgaydance.org](http://www.azgaydance.org)

**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. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. 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, contact **TEAM ARIZONA** at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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

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

**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 Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and

Pride Weekend. 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network** meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th Street. 743-4800.

**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.

**REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 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 MANTO 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 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://www.desertdominion.org)) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

**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. Check out our website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swot>. Bi-weekly daytime meetings, Saturdays at 10am and Sundays at 2pm. Contact John at 327-3135 for more info and upcoming dates.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.

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**Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>  
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 425 E. Seventh Street  
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 Popcorn,  
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*Seating is limited!  
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