

UPDATE

Around Tucson

TUCSON - Desert Voices, Tucson's premier LGBT chorus, now in their 18th season, will feature the music of WWII, beginning with their Veteran's Day weekend concert, "Keep The Home Fires Burning," Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12, 2 p.m., at the Proscenium Theatre on the Pima West campus. Desert Voices' 18th season's three shows will also feature the Andrews Sisters, Carmen Miranda, Frank Sinatra and the "Desertaires" as well as individual chorus members' instrumental talents. The Veteran's Day weekend show, "Keep The Home Fires Burning," will be followed by the annual Silent Auction & Cabaret on Feb. 17, 2007, "Stage Door Canteen," and completed April 21-22, 2007, with "Coming Out Under Fire." Individual and season tickets may be purchased at any time. For more information, go online to desertvoices.org. ...

Loving Annabelle is the next film to be featured in the UA LGBT Studies Lesbian Looks Series, Nov. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway. A modern homage to the 1931 classic, *Mädchen in Uniform*, Loving Annabelle is a smart and sultry film about a boarding school student who finally meets her match...or does she? For more information, contact Beverly Seckinger, E-mail: bsecking@u.arizona.edu. ...

"Musical Potpourri" benefit for TIHAN, Nov. 5, Catalina United Methodist Church, 2700 E. Speedway. An exciting hour and a half of musical entertainment with Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Nancy McCallian (folk/Celtic), Tucson Arizona Mass Choir (gospel), and Lisa Otey and Dianne VanDeurzen (Jazz/ boogie-Woogie). A reception following sponsored by Trader Joe's, Wild Oats Market, and Rincon Market. Panels of AIDS quilts will be available for viewing. Tickets are \$20 children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets available at the door or at TIHAN, (520) 299-6647. For more information, call (520) 577-9463 or go online to tihan.org. ...

Post-election Gathering and Community Forum at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Wednesday, Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m. What will this election mean to you? How will you feel if Proposition 107 is defeated? How will you feel if it passes? What has it felt like to see people rally around messages of hate? How has it been to talk with friends and family about this election? What have we learned? What are our next steps as a community? For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

Kate Clinton 25th Anniversary Tour Nov. 4

TUCSON - On Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 to 9:30 p.m., well-known comedienne, Kate Clinton, brings her tour to the Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress.

Kate Clinton is a faith-based, tax-paying, America-loving political humorist and family entertainer. She has worked through economic booms and busts, Disneyfication and Walmartization, Gay movements and Gay markets, Lesbian chic and queer eyes, and ten presidential inaugurations. She still believes that humor gets us through peacetime, wartime and scoundrel time.

This year Kate Clinton celebrates her 25th Anniversary of performing with a 50 city It's Come To This! tour across the United States and Canada. She will be celebrating all those laughs, those first dates and those comings out with a special show that also honors 25 years of community building.

For more information, contact the Rialto Theatre, (520) 740-1000 or go online to rialtotheatre.com.

18th Annual Jerome Beillard Festival For Life, Nov. 19

TUCSON - Enjoy an "Evening in Paradise" and show your compassion for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS at the 18th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life.

This live and silent auction will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 to 7:00 p.m. at The University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom and is presented by Long Realty Cares Foundation and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Proceeds will go to the programs and services of SAAF.

You'll feel as though you have escaped to an exotic tropical island for the evening as you enjoy the music of steel drum band Jovert, and the sounds of marimba and guitar from Duo Sonido, while sampling luscious hors d'oeuvres and sipping a cool beverage from the no-host bar.

Tickets are \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door, and are available by calling SAAF, (520) 628-7223. For information, check out the website at festivalforlife.org.

Lesbian Looks - Loving Annabelle, Nov. 10

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about a boarding school student who finally meets her match...or does she? The wild daughter of a senator, Annabelle comes to a very strict Catholic boarding school as the last stop in a run of exclusive private schools that have expelled her. Intelligent, beautiful and bored, Annabelle immediately impresses both her classmates and her English teacher, Simone, when she correctly interprets the heavily sexual meaning of an e.e. cummings poem. When student and teacher are the only two left on campus during spring break, the temptation is nearly overwhelming.

For more information, contact Beverly Seckinger, E-mail: bsecking@u.arizona.edu.

Ex-Gay Group & Tennessee Settle Lawsuit

MEMPHIS, Tennessee - A camp run by a so-called ex-Gay group has settled a lawsuit it brought against the state of Tennessee over allegations the camp was controlling access by "patients" to medication, 365Gay.com reported.

The camp, run by Love In Action International, gained national attention last year when a teen named "Zach" wrote in a blog that he is Gay and that his parents had forced him to go to the camp near Memphis to cure him of his homosexuality. Love In Action International, says it believes that instilling strong Christian beliefs can keep Gays from acting on their homosexual desires. The group, which also works with adults, has a program called Refuge for teens 15 to 18 years old.

The teen on the blog identified himself as a 16-year-old from Bartlett, Tenn., and said his parents "tell me that there is something psychologically wrong with me. ... I'm a big screwup to them, who isn't on the path God wants me to be on. So I'm sitting here in tears ... and I can't help it." The subsequent public outcry led to two state investigations. The Department of Children's Services said it had found no signs of child abuse but the state Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities Department said that the camp was keeping medication that had been prescribed by campers' doctors in a central location and determining on its own if and when the campers could use the drugs.

The department also said that the the camp needed to be licensed as a mental health facility. It asked Love in Action to close its facilities and apply for a state license. The organization disputed the claim it was controlling medications and refused to get a license, instead suing the state on the grounds Tennessee was discriminating against the camp on religious grounds.

Love in Action was represented by the Alliance Defense Fund, a legal group that fights on behalf on conservative Christian groups. Most of its cases involve challenging LGBT civil rights. Love in Action says that the state has now agreed to drop its charges and agree the facility does not need a license and to pay the organization's legal fees. Love In Action is one of several so-called ex-Gay organizations throughout the country. The American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association both have said such therapy can be emotionally harmful, leading to depression and self-destructive behavior.

Calling for friendly and reliable people to join SAAF's Client Services Team as volunteer Peer Counselors.



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LGBT In Military Warned Pentagon Snooping On Internet Usage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - LGBT military personnel are being cautioned about divulging personal information on the Internet following reports the Pentagon is monitoring what enlisted people do online, 365Gay.com reported.

The Army Web Risk Assessment Cell is monitoring official and unofficial blogs and other websites for anything that may compromise security. The team scans for official documents, personal contact information and pictures of weapons or entrances to camps.

But, warns the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, the information obtained could also be used under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" the ban on Gays serving openly in the military.

Any posting or visit to an LGBT Web site - especially one offering personals or LGBT chat rooms - could be interpreted as "telling".

"The military's stepped up surveillance of online activity also means an increasing risk to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender service members who use online communities," said Kathi S. Westcott, deputy director of law for SLDN.

"Service members must be especially cautious about posting any information online which reveals their sexual orientation. While online communities can be an important communication tool for military personnel, they can also lead to investigations and dismissals under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.'"

Under "don't ask, don't tell,"

stating that you are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual to anyone, at any time, can lead to your discharge - including statements made in online ads, profiles and chat rooms, Westcott said.

SLDN said that it is seeing about 2 cases a month over the past year where service members have head their careers threatened or ended because of an online statement.

Westcott recommends that LGBT servicemembers use pseudonym or screen name to avoid disclosing their identity and not to name a base where they are stationed but instead use the name of a nearby town or zip code.

She also suggests servicemembers avoid using base computers and email addresses, and not to send photographs showing their faces, themselves in uniform or of their tattoos.

Westcott advises anyone who is under investigation to use their Article 31 rights to say nothing, sign nothing and to ask for legal assistance.

Since the passage of DADT a decade ago more than 11,000 men and women have been dismissed under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" according to the Government Accountability Office. More than 800 of those service members were trained in skills deemed 'mission-critical' by the Pentagon.

The GAO also said that it has cost taxpayers more than \$200 million to recruit replacements for LGBT

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New Jersey Justices Say No To Marriage; Yes To Rights

TRENTON, New Jersey - The state Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision issued Wednesday (Oct. 25), has failed to find that the state's same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, reported advocate.com.

But the justices found New Jersey's two-year-old domestic-partnership system inadequate, and gave the Legislature 180 days to "enact an appropriate statutory structure" giving same-sex couples rights equivalent to those of married couples. The seven plaintiff couples "pursued the singular goal of obtaining the right to marry, knowing that, if successful, the rights of marriage automatically follow. We do not have to take that all-or-nothing approach," Justice Barry Albin wrote in the 4-3 majority opinion.

Now, lawmakers must determine whether the state will honor same-sex marriage or some other form of civil union. New Jersey's Assembly speaker pro tem, Wilfredo Caraballo, and colleagues Brian Stack and Reed Gusciara said they would introduce a bill to legalize same-sex marriage.

Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, in her dissent, said nothing short of full marriage "and all that the status of marriage entails" will suffice. "On this day, the majority parses plaintiffs' rights," Poritz wrote. She was joined by Justices Virginia Long and James Zazzali. The decision's timing was shaped by Poritz' mandatory retirement Wednesday, the day before her 70th birthday. Zazzali will succeed her as chief justice.

Steven Goldstein, chairman of Garden State Equality, was among those left unsatisfied. "Those who

would view today's...ruling as a victory for same-sex couples are dead wrong," he told the Newark Star-Ledger. "Marriage is the only currency of commitment the real world universally understands and accepts."

But Jon Davidson, legal director of Lambda Legal, which argued the case, found much good news. For the first time, Davidson said, all seven justices on a high court panel have found that the Constitution guarantees equal rights and benefits to same-sex couples. That was not the case in Washington state, he said, another 4-3 cliffhanger ruling. "The discussion's not over," Davidson said. "We have six months to get the legislature to allow same-sex couples to marry. "And at worst," he said, "same-sex couples in New Jersey will gain a vast number of rights and benefits that they did not formerly have."

Among the more important rights denied by the state's current domestic-partnership system are full inheritance rights and the ability to share property and receive alimony when their relationship ends. Others include the right to take family leave to care for an ill spouse, the privilege against being forced to divulge spousal secrets in a criminal case, the right to change last names without court approval and to hold property as spouses, ensuring its automatic transfer to the surviving partner when the other dies.

Advocates on both sides of the issue believed the state posed best chance for marriage equality since Massachusetts in 2003 because the New Jersey court has a

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Bush Turns To Homophobic Themes To Rally GOP

WASHINGTON, D.C. - President George W. Bush has for months cast the Nov. 7 congressional elections as a choice about just two issues: taxes and terrorism, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network. Now, with polls predicting bleak results for Republicans, he is trying to fire up his party by decrying same-sex marriage.

Bush is campaigning in Georgia and Texas, as his political advisers balance the need to help Republicans in tight races against the president's unpopularity. Polls show Democrats have a shot at gaining the 15 seats they need to win the House of Representatives, and may even win the six needed to take the Senate. All 435 House seats and 33 in the 100-member Senate are up for a vote next Tuesday (Nov. 7).

"For decades, activist judges have tried to redefine America by court order," Bush said Monday. "Just this last week in New Jersey, another activist court issued a ruling that raises doubt about the institution of marriage. We believe marriage is a union between a man and a woman, and should be defended." The line earned Bush by far his most sustained applause at a rally of 5,000 people aimed at boosting former Republican Rep. Max Burns' effort to unseat a Democratic incumbent. In this conservative rural corner of eastern Georgia, even children jumped to their feet alongside their parents to cheer and clap for nearly 30 seconds - a near-eternity in political speechmaking.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples must be given all the benefits of married couples, leaving it up to state lawmakers to decide whether to extend those rights under the structure of marriage or something else. One alternative, civil unions, is an idea Bush supports. But he ignored that on the way to portraying the New Jersey decision as the kind of thing America should do without. "I believe I should continue to appoint judges who strictly interpret the law and not legislate from the bench," the president said, earning more applause in the sweltering

basketball arena at Georgia Southern University. He pointed to his nominations to the Supreme Court of Chief Justice John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

The marriage theme became a staple in Bush's political remarks the day after the New Jersey ruling on a touchstone issue for religious conservatives who are crucial to Republican electoral calculations. White House deputy press secretary Dana Perino said it was added merely to respond to the ruling - not because his other messages were failing to connect. But the lines, repeated to great enthusiasm at a second rally later Monday (Oct. 30) in Texas, mark one of the only substantive changes in the president's stump speech as he turns from raising money for Republican candidates to encouraging the Republican faithful to vote Nov. 7.

To that end, he was focusing on the South. After campaigning for Burns, trying to win back the seat conservative Democrat John Barrow took from him in 2004, Bush flew to the district vacated by former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay. DeLay, a Republican, resigned in June amid a series of investigations of his fundraising activities. Organizers said Bush's appearance in a partially filled airport hangar in Sugar Land, Texas, drew more than 6,000 to support Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs' write-in campaign to replace DeLay. The former Republican party star and Bush ally on Capitol Hill was nowhere to be seen, and the president never mentioned DeLay's name.

The election in the reliably conservative district outside Houston is complicated. Republicans were legally barred from replacing DeLay's name on the ballot. So supporters must choose Sekula-Gibbs twice - once for the special election filling out DeLay's term and again for the general election for the next Congress. She faces former congressman Nick Lampson, who has outraised and outspent her, giving Democrats a chance at a seat long in the Republican Party's hands. A Lampson victory would also be sweet revenge for an opposition party that DeLay fought at every turn while in office.

Death Threats Follow Reichen's Rape Revelation

NEW YORK CITY - Lance Bass's boyfriend, Reichen Lehmkuhl, says he and the former 'N Sync star have been dealing with threats ignited by his new memoir about the trials of being Gay while serving in the military, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. "We have to be very protective," Lehmkuhl tells the TV show Inside Edition in an interview that aired Wednesday (Oct. 25).

"I am not going to hide," says the former Air Force captain and winner of season 4 of CBS's Amazing Race. "There are threats that come in from people who do not want me to be so public and expose what is going on in the military." Lehmkuhl says that he and Bass, who revealed he is Gay in July, forward the threats to private security personnel, who send what they consider the more serious ones to the FBI. "Everything is being covered, so we feel safe," he said.

We'll Say: Growing Up, Coming Out, and the U.S. Air Force Academy, recounts his time keeping his sexual orientation a secret from Air Force colleagues. "There was definitely an institutionalized acceptance of people being homophobic and telling Gay jokes and making homophobic remarks - really, really mean homophobic remarks to the point of 'Kill Gay people,'" Lehmkuhl, who was honorably discharged from the Air Force five years ago, told ABC News. He became a target when people began to suspect his sexuality, he says. One night, he told ABC News, a bag was pulled over his head and he was sexually assaulted. He didn't report the incident.



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# Proposition 107 Update

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - As the Election Day homestretch is here, Arizona Together is airing their television commercial to protect domestic partner benefits. To view the ad, go online [noprop107.com/videos/](http://noprop107.com/videos/).

Upcoming events through Tuesday, Nov. 7, 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. 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! For more information, call (520) 629-0050 or go online to [grijalvaforcongress.com](http://grijalvaforcongress.com).

Walk with Gabrielle Giffords 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 to [giffordsforcongress.com](http://giffordsforcongress.com).

Call Jeff Simpson - Southern Regional Field Organizer, (520) 326-



## New Jersey Justices

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history of extending civil rights protections. Cases similar to New Jersey's are pending in California, Connecticut, Iowa and Maryland. Equality supporters have had a two-year losing streak, striking out in the high courts of New York and Washington state and in ballot boxes in 15 states where constitutions have been amended to ban same-sex unions.

## LGBT In Military

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enlisted service members who were discharged.

A study conducted last year for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network concluded that the U.S. military could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits if Gays and Lesbians in the military were able to be open about their sexual orientation.

A bipartisan bill to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" died when Congress adjourned. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Mass.), the measure's author said he would re-introduce the bill in the next Congress.

8154, [jsimpson@aztogether.org](mailto:jsimpson@aztogether.org), Kendra Leiby - Central Regional Field Organizer, (602) 254-6401, [kleiby@aztogether.org](mailto:kleiby@aztogether.org), or Lisa Rayner - Northern Regional Field Organizer, (928) 221-4667, [lrayner@aztogether.org](mailto: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.

## Required I.D. At The Polls, Nov. 7

TUCSON - Every eligible registered voter is required to show proof of identity at the polling place before receiving a ballot. The voter shall announce his/her name and place of residence to the election official and present one form of identification from LIST #1 that bears the name, address, and photograph of the voter OR two different forms of identification from LIST #2 that bear the name and address of the voter.

A voter who does not provide one form of identification from LIST #1 OR two different forms of identification from LIST #2 shall not be issued a regular ballot, but shall receive a provisional ballot and will have five (5) business days after a General Election and three (3) business days after any other Election to provide sufficient ID to the County Recorder in order for their provisional ballot to count.

List #1 - Sufficient Photo ID (including name and address): Valid Arizona driver license or non-operating identification. Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification. Valid U.S. federal, state or local government issued identification.

List #2 - Sufficient ID without photo bearing the name and address (two required): Utility bill of the voter that is dated within 90 days of the date of election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable television. Bank or Credit Union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election. Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration. Indian Census Card. Property tax statement of the voter's residence. Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification. Vehicle Insurance Card. Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government issued identification. Voter Registration Card/Recorder's Certificate. Any "Official Election Material" mailing bearing your name and address.

For more information, call (520) 740-4330 or 740-4260. If you don't know where to go to vote, call either of those numbers or (520) 326-3716 or go online to: [recorder.pima.gov/search/geocode/search.html](http://recorder.pima.gov/search/geocode/search.html).

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# Arizona LGBT Vote Statewide

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - When voters, especially those Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Arizonans cast their ballots in the general election, Tuesday, Nov. 7, more than just selecting people to serve will be considered but the direction the state will head for the next four years will be decided.

As previous reported, on Arizona's general election ballot will be Proposition 107 which if approved would add an amendment to the state Constitution barring governmental and legal recognition of civil unions and domestic partnerships as well as same-sex marriages. Voters will also consider at least 18 other ballot measures in the general election (more depending upon which county a voter resides in).

Ballot measures are just one aspect of the Nov. 7 general election ballot, candidates for statewide political offices, posts in Arizona Legislature and the direction the state goes, either democratic or theocratic, will be considered.

Should Janet Napolitano continue leading the state to even more success or should the homophobic, right-wing theocrat, Len Munsil, the person who drafted Proposition 107 and the Republican gubernatorial nominee, take over?

For Arizona's Secretary of State, shall the anti-LGBT incumbent, Republican Jan Brewer continue to run the state's election division, Diebold Electronic Voting Machines (with no paper trail) and all or should Israel Torres, the Democratic nominee lead the elections department?

Has Democrat Terry Goddard, served the state's interest as Attorney General or should the Republican, "family-values" candidate, Bill Montgomery represent Arizona in the courts?

Anti-LGBT Republican Tom Horne has been the state's Superintendent of Public Instruction and is being challenged by Democrat Jason Williams, who according to the Tucson Citizen in their endorsement of Williams' bid, said he "has a strong understanding of teaching and learning and a wholehearted commitment to public schools." Which one should head Arizona's schools?

After nearly four years of running Arizona's finances and investments into the ground through

questionable actions, state Treasurer David Petersen, a Republican, accepted a plea agreement with Arizona's Attorney General and has resigned. Should the new Treasurer be a right-wing, homophobic ideologue, as in Republican state Senator Dean Martin or the Democratic candidate, Rano Singh, a teacher and small business owner?

Arizona's Legislature has been controlled by conservative Republicans who've attempted to thwart Gov. Janet Napolitano's effort to make the state better as well as approving homophobic measures, going on the record to support the homophobic Federal Marriage Amendment and the Marriage Protection Act naming two of several of the most recent proposals. Shall this continue or should a change in control take place?

## FDA Approves New Hepatitis Drug

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The tens of thousands of people in the United States who are infected by hepatitis B each year were given access to a new drug on Wednesday (Oct. 25) to fight the virus, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. The Food and Drug Administration said it approved Tyzeka, known generically as telbivudine, for use in treating adults with chronic hepatitis B. The drug is not a cure but can suppress the hepatitis B virus and reduce the liver inflammation that accompanies the disease, the FDA said.

Hepatitis B is caused by a virus that infects the liver. It can cause scarring, cancer, and failure of the liver as well as death. There are now six FDA-approved drugs to treat hepatitis B. Tyzeka was developed by Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., and the Swiss drug company Novartis Pharma AG. The Hepatitis B Foundation estimates that nearly 100,000 people in the United States are infected annually. Most recover from the infection, although some go on to develop chronic conditions. About 5,000 people in the United States die each year from hepatitis B and its complications.

The virus can be spread through infected blood, typically during unprotected sex, childbirth, or through the sharing or reuse of hypodermic needles. Side effects of Tyzeka include elevated levels of an enzyme suggestive of the breakdown of muscle tissue, upper respiratory tract infection, fatigue, headache, abdominal pain, and cough, the FDA said. Among other drugs in the same class, there have been reports of fatal cases in which patients suffered severe enlargement and accumulation of fat in the liver, the FDA said.



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# White House Aging Conference Calls For Inclusion Of LGBT Americans In Seniors Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The White House Conference on Aging is recommending that LGBT Americans be included in the official definition of minority populations - the first time the administration has considered such a move, reported 365Gay.com. Once every 10 years authorities on aging gather for the White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA). They meet, present papers and make recommendations to the President and the Congress on national aging policies for the future.

But, this conference, which began in 2005 under the Bush Administration, had squelched any discussion on aging in the LGBT community. Gay activists quickly mounted a national campaign to draw attention to the plight of LGBT seniors. In December they crashed a press conference to challenge the administration. LGBT elders and their advocates then staged their own conference called "Make Room for All: A National Summit and Hearing on the Recommended Priorities for the WHCoA: Diversity, Cultural Competency and Discrimination in an Aging America." The counter conference was sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and was backed by Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE); the American Society on Aging and its constituency groups, the Lesbian and Gay Aging Issues Network and the Network on Multicultural Aging; National Association on HIV Over Fifty; Older Women's League; and Griot Circle, among others.

The opposition has paid off. The

long-awaited Final Report contains, for the first time, the explicit inclusion of LGBT elders. Resolution 34, includes the following implementation strategy: "Expand the definition of minority populations to include - Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgenders [sic] and seniors with disabilities, and increase federal funding to NIH, CDC, Title 3 and other federal agencies to reduce health disparities and promote health promotion programming for all minority populations." Advocates for LGBT seniors have called for the creation of an accepting climate among senior service providers so that Gay elders are not forced to compromise their sexual orientation or gender identity in order to receive medical care and services. There also is a need for caregivers who are properly trained in working with LGBT seniors.

Additionally elder care workers say there is a need to strengthen the legal recognition of LGBT relationships, including more equitable taxation, the ability to make medical care decisions and hospital visitation rights; and the need for meaningful participation in planning. "Our community refuses to sit on the sidelines and watch our needs go ignored," said Amber Hollibaugh, a Task Force senior strategist and one of the nation's recognized specialists on LGBT aging issues. "Our community's inclusion in this final report reflects this unwavering principle."

## AFA: Avoid Gay Friendly Wal-Mart

NEW YORK CITY - The American Family Association is telling its members to avoid shopping at Wal-Mart over what the conservative Christian group calls an alignment by the retailer with "a pro-homosexual lobby group," reported 365Gay.com. Wal-Mart earlier this year expanded its LGBT diversity program in a deal with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. In an email alert to its members the AFA says that the company is retailing hundreds of products with "pro-homosexual leanings".

Randy Sharp, AFA's director of special projects said he did an online search of Walmart.com using such terms as "Gay," "Lesbian," "Transgender," "Bisexual," and "Gay marriage." "They'll come up with hundreds, sometimes even thousands of products relating to homosexuality [and promotion of] the agenda of the homosexual community," Sharp told Christian publication Agape. AFA is calling "on Christian consumers to spend their dollars elsewhere as a sign of their displeasure with Wal-Mart's pro-homosexual leanings." The organization is not calling its action a boycott, although the intent would appear the same.

The AFA already is involved in a boycott of Ford Motor Company over the automaker's support for LGBT causes. The AFA said it has collected 500,000 Internet pledges to boycott Ford vehicles. The conservative Christian group launched a nationwide boycott of Ford last year over the automaker's support for LGBT issues. Weeks later it put the boycott on hold after dealers asked for time to see if the AFA complaints "could

be addressed by them in cooperation with officials from Ford Motor Company." In early December, following a meeting with the AFA, Ford, through its ad agency, began notifying Gay media outlets that it was canceling all ads for Jaguar and Land Rover but would continue, at least for now, to run ads for Volvo. The AFA ended its threatened boycott declaring victory.

Major LGBT civil rights groups immediately demanding a meeting with company executives. The groups demanded to know if a secret agreement had been made with the American Family Association to end the company's long commitment to the Gay community. The groups also sought a commitment from Ford on funding to LGBT civil rights groups and to resume advertising in the media. A day later Ford issued a statement saying that it would feature all of its brands in a 2006 ad campaign in LGBT publications. Previously Ford was advertising only its Land Rover and Jaguar brands in the Gay press. The AFA reinstated its boycott in March. At Ford's annual meeting a shareholder forced a vote to drop protections for LGBT workers from its human resources regulations. The motion called for Ford to change its policy to exclude any reference to sexual interests, activities or orientation. It was resoundingly defeated.



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**COMMENTARY . . . Out In Baghdad**

By Chief Petty Officer Stuart O'Brien of the Australian Defense Forces

SYDNEY, Australia - I was sitting at my desk thinking of what to write about my time in Baghdad, Iraq this year. Six months over there seems like a long time, however, it just flew by and it's nothing compared to the time our US colleagues spend there.

It's funny the friends that you make in a place like this. I remember while doing our pre-deployment training, I met some really nice people. One guy from the Army and a girl from the Air Force. Now my sexuality never came up nor did it for about a month after we arrived in Baghdad. And it was funny when it did, as simple comment of "What does your partner do, is HE in the Navy too?" So causal was the comment I never thought anything of it. That's what it's like in the Australian Defense Force these days, sexuality isn't a problem at all. Now that I've been back in Australia for three months, I stay in touch with them constantly - one thing I love about the Defense Force is the friends you make.

While there we made a number of close friends with our US counterparts. They were dumfounded when we got talking about our families back home and our partners, especially when it came to my partner - another guy. Intrigued, I guess is an understatement. The US policy on Gays in the Military is "Don't Ask,

Don't Tell" - simply, you tell and you're out - dishonorably discharged. Having said that, some of them did disclose their sexual preference to us Aussies as they knew we didn't care and that it wasn't an issue in our Defense Force.

For us the funniest reaction we got was when they found out that in the Australian Defense Force, same-sex couples were now recognized the same as heterosexual couples (married/de facto couples). They just couldn't believe it.

There was no animosity, no-one running away in fear that I might hit on them, it was as though sexuality didn't matter and to me it didn't. To this day I still don't see the big deal, heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual - does it really matter. Over there we were there to do a job and that's exactly what we did and made some life long friends too. Some of the US guys and girls were happy that they had found friends that they could talk freely with - open up and be themselves. However, they knew at the end of the day, it was back into the closet when they returned to their units.

I guess I have a very different outlook than others about being Gay and in the Defense Force. I've served over 16 years in the Navy, being openly Gay for just over 10 years. Now by openly Gay I mean that I don't hide the fact, if asked I tell (again something our US colleagues cannot do yet!). I talk about my partner as my heterosexual friends do. I think my life is just so much easier with a happy-go-lucky attitude. I've had some great positions since being in the navy, serving at sea on three different ships, Admirals Staff, Career Management and in an operational zone on the ground (playing army if you like - something a sailor doesn't do everyday!) and in every one, my partner was always accepted. I guess it has a lot to do with attitude and outlook on life within the ADF.

I'm not sure why I started writing this; however, I just felt that I needed too. Life is far too short; live and love I say - sexuality should never be an issue anywhere in the world.

(O'Brien's oped was reprinted from the Oct. 24 edition of the Gay Military Times.)

**Judicial Nominee Says She Did No Wrong Attending Lesbian Wedding**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A Michigan judge whose nomination to the federal bench is stalled over her appearance at a Lesbian commitment ceremony says she attended as a friend, not to give legal sanction, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The nomination of Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Janet T. Neff to be a U.S. District Court judge is on hold because Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., is not satisfied with her response to questions about her views on same-sex marriage, a spokesman for the senator said Thursday (Oct. 26).

Neff's status has been in limbo since last month, when Brownback placed his procedural hold - using a technique that allows a lone senator to stall a nomination. Brownback wanted to know whether there was anything illegal or improper about the 2002 ceremony in Massachusetts and how Neff's actions might shape her judicial philosophy. In an Oct. 12 letter to Brownback that was released by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, Neff said a minister presided over the ceremony and she insisted her attendance would not affect her ability to act fairly as a federal judge. "The ceremony, which was entirely private, took place in Massachusetts, where I had no authority to act in any official capacity and where, in any event, the ceremony had no legal effect," Neff wrote.

She said her family had lived next door to one of the women, Mary Curtin, for more than two decades and considers Curtin part of the extended family. "When Mary and her partner, Karen Adelman, asked me to participate in their commitment ceremony by delivering a homily, it was not different from being asked by my own daughters to be part of an important event in their lives," Neff wrote.

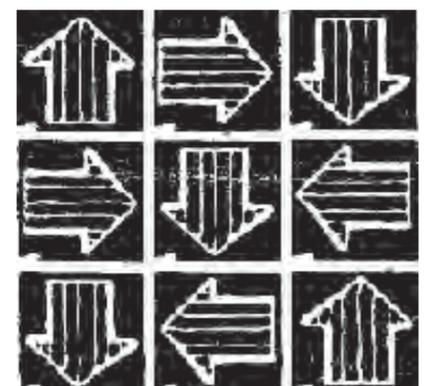
Neff declined to answer Brownback's questions on whether the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage or civil unions, saying it would be improper to address questions that might come before her as a federal judge. "She did not really address the judicial philosophy questions to his satisfac-



**Appeals Judge Janet T. Neff**

tion," Brownback spokesman Brian Hart said. He would not say what Brownback planned to do next. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has declined Brownback's request to bring Neff back for a second hearing, a committee spokeswoman said Thursday. The committee has approved Neff's nomination, which is pending before the full Senate.

Brownback, a vocal opponent of Gay marriage, has traveled to Michigan and other states this year while he considers a presidential bid in 2008. Commitment ceremonies for same-sex couples usually are symbolic and carry no legal rights. Massachusetts did not recognize Gay marriages in 2002 but legalized same-sex marriage two years later after a ruling from its highest court. President Bush nominated Neff and two others to fill three vacancies in Michigan as part of a compromise this year with Michigan Democratic Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow. Neff has a liberal reputation, while the other nominees are considered conservatives.

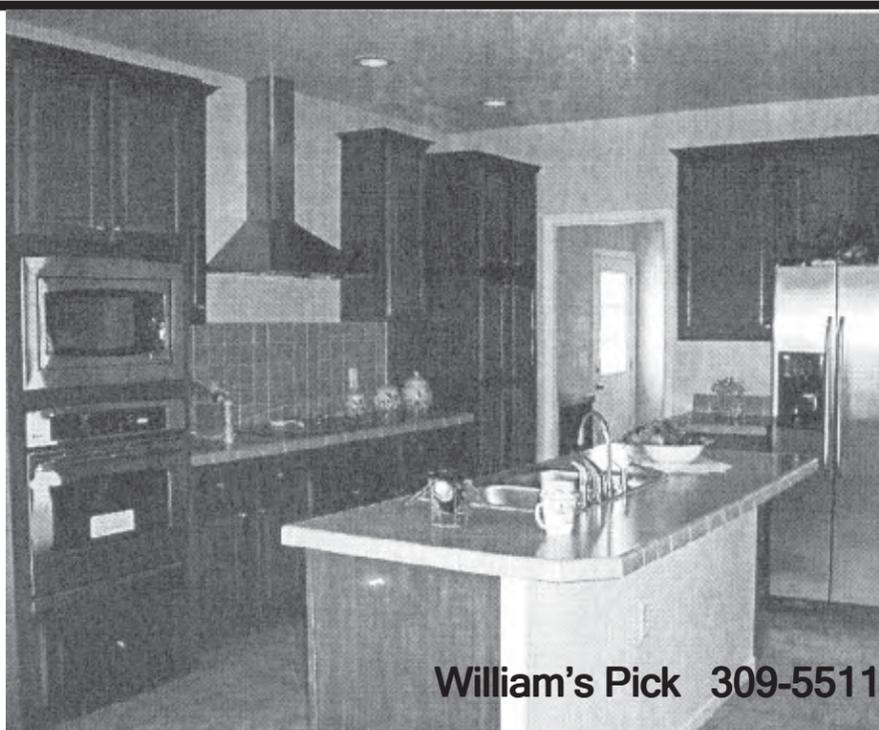


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# POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

## Questions To Consider About Proposition 107

Should those fortunate enough to be in a loving, committed relationship and those couples with families be entitled to what rights, benefits and privileges listed under the Arizona State Constitution?

Can governmental entities recognize these relationships and families in the manner they choose to do so, under their respective ordinances, statutes or state constitution and do such couples have the right to choose these options if they are created and offered?

Those in relationships, who filed legal paperwork, under the guidelines set down by the state constitution or statute to have their relationship recognized, as well as drafting a will or medical powers of attorney, have these documents stand up in a court of law in Arizona?

Is every citizen in Arizona entitled to due process under the law, regardless, as stated in the constitution, Arizona laws and local ordinances?

Do governmental entities have the right to extend medical and dental benefits to all of the families of their employees under the provisions set down under Arizona's constitution and the respective laws and ordinances on the legal books?

Private businesses that extend benefits to the families of their employees, be able to continue doing so in Arizona, as well as doing business with the state, county or a local government?

Shall every citizen in Arizona, be entitled to the protections, rights, benefits and privileges listed in the state constitution or statute, as well as the ordinances drafted and adopted by

local governmental entities, regardless of their race, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, perceived or otherwise?

As society changes and develops, can local, county and state draft ordinances, regulations and laws dealing with the ever-changing aspects as set down by the state constitution, statute or their respective charter?

Will businesses (such as insurance companies) that recognize such couples or families with the benefits and privileges as they offer other "married" families, continue to do so if the constitution says otherwise or cease operating in Arizona?

Shall every citizen in the state be afforded the right to work, own property, start a business, pay taxes, worships or not, vote, and participate in all aspects of the community, regardless of their race, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity, perceived or otherwise?

If Proposition 107 is approved by voters on Nov. 7, these won't be questions but the facts all Arizonans will face, regardless of if they are in a relationship or not, their financial status or whatever reason. If this attempt by radical right theocrats to enshrine discrimination succeeds, we all will have no rights and economics, comfort, age or otherwise won't help since everyone will lose if Proposition 107 is approved.

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# COMMENTARY...

## Winning On Gay Marriage

By Evan Wolfson

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Once again, America is heading into an Election Day with another round of ballot-measure attacks on Gay people. While a shifting mood in the electorate may give our cause a boost—and as the public begins to wise up to Karl Rove's Gay-scapegoat-distraction plan—we are still likely to lose most, if not all, of the ballot measures aimed against us this year. We need to be ready to explain that loss to ourselves, our media and the public so the right-wing cannot spin these defeats into a false claim that our cause undermines candidates or other concerns we share.

At a similar juncture before the election in 2004, in a speech entitled *The Scary Work of Winning*, I described why we lose these battles. Most basically, civil rights movements rarely win early votes. After all, if it were as simple as a minority turning to the majority and saying, "Please stop discriminating against us," we wouldn't need constitutions or courts. Many of these attacks are cruelly aimed at Gay people in states with already beleaguered communities, underfunded infrastructure, and few if any existing legal protections—this year's wave includes Alabama, Arizona, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

But, as I said in 2004, the other reason we are likely to lose in some places is that we have not fully fought the fight; we have not fully engaged in the conversation necessary—sustained and to scale—to move hearts and minds. When we run campaigns that flee from describing who local Gays are and why marriage matters—campaigns that fail to connect the dots between fairness and how the denial of marriage harms families and helps no one—we are not giving people what they need over enough time to move them to our side.

In *The Scary Work of Winning*, I laid out a several "lessons" from civil rights struggles that we need to embrace. One was what I called "losing forward," or progressing toward the long-term win. It followed the first lesson, "wins trump losses"—and I am an optimist who believes in fighting to win. But we can't always win on the enemy's timeframe, we can't win without envisioning what victory means and what it takes, and we can't win if we run from a fight.

When I push campaign leaders, activists and funders on the need to talk specifically about Gays and marriage—and not run away from what the battle is really about—it is not merely to win down the road. I push this repeatedly because it is our best chance of winning, period. But I also believe that if we fail to at least lose forward, then we not only lose once, but twice, because we do not advance our cause.

So far, too many of our state campaigns—both the short-term election efforts and the longer-term public education work—fail to offer the voting public real content and an authentic engagement. Too often they have not used the airtime of an election battle to talk about Gay people and marriage—the two things these ballot measures are most about—instead relying on generic appeals to fairness. Too many of our side's campaigns have chosen to emphasize collateral effects on non-Gay families, as if voters will really be persuaded that what the media will always refer to as "the marriage amendment" is somehow not about Gay people's freedom to

marry. Worst of all, many campaigns and activists have gone with the message that people should vote the measure down simply because it is "unnecessary" or "goes too far." That subliminally suggests—unintentionally, but in a way that is still damaging to our long-term movement—that some discrimination is okay and that it would indeed be a problem if we really did have Gay couples marrying.

So what should a campaign message be—both in the short-term burst of an election and, more importantly, in the conversations over time? Its core should be something like this:

Local couples such as Jane and Judy of Kenosha Falls, Wisconsin [substitute a locality in your state here], who are in love and have been together X years and are raising Y kids and caring for Judy's aging parents [paint a picture—personal, local, emotionally compelling—ideally giving the names/ages of people, including the kids] suffer real harm when excluded from marriage. Being denied marriage means that Jane and Judy don't get the legal commitment to match the personal commitment they've made in life, and thereby are denied X and Y [specify some of the tangible and intangible concomitants of marriage, to be found in my book or on the Web]. Denying them marriage does nothing to help anyone else, but it does hurt their family—that's not our Wisconsin values. Discrimination like this has no place in Wisconsin or in our constitution. And by the way, this constitutional amendment is deliberately sweeping and vague, and is intended to deny them civil unions, partnership, health benefits and more, depriving Jane, Judy and their kids of any measure of protection, large or small, for their family. That's cruel and unfair.

The campaigns should use the time to introduce non-Gay people to their Gay neighbors. For instance, the 2000 Census tells us 13,802 same-sex couples live in Virginia, which is surely an undercount. Of those, 17.9 percent are African-American and 29.9 percent of them are raising children, meaning there are more than 4,000 couples with kids, and, thus, thousands of Virginia children who are being harmed by the denial of marriage that undermines their families.

Note the "by the way" in the message above. This may, indeed, be the part of the message that is easiest for a critical group of people to get to first. But they can't get there until we have spent enough time and given enough information in the first part of the campaign (over many months) to connect the dots to the denial of marriage. This includes diffusing or reducing the anxieties and misconceptions around marriage at least enough to get them ready to take in the "by the way" message regarding the breadth and cruelty of the "second sentence" of many of these amendments, which seek to go beyond barring same-sex couples from marriage to denying those couples, and unmarried heterosexuals, any measure of protection, large or small. This is why we need to start earlier and use time more wisely than we have in any of these battles. And campaigns—electoral or educational—that think they can make the whole conversation and vote about the "by the way" from the get-go are kidding themselves, no matter what a pollster or consultant may tell them is the easier lift.

The effort to wall us off from marriage and cement discrimination  
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**COMMENTARY . . . by Kevin Cathcart**

**Where We Stand Now**

TRENTON, New Jersey - Oct. 25, 2006, was an important and exciting day in the history of our struggle for equality. Seven justices of the New Jersey Supreme Court unanimously decided "the state must provide to committed same-sex couples, on equal terms, the full rights and benefits enjoyed by heterosexual married couples." Unlike previous marriage decisions in other states, there was not a single dissenting opinion on this fundamental principle.

In the past few days, the courageous plaintiffs who brought the case spoke eloquently about their families, and Lambda Legal's team of attorneys joined them to speak forcefully about the reasons why they deserve the same respect and legal protections as their heterosexual neighbors and friends. Their voices were heard, and we are grateful to them.

But the decision was not all we had fought for. By a slim 4-3 majority, the court left it to the New Jersey legislature, in the first instance, to enact either full marriage equality, or attempt a parallel, "civil union"-type scheme within the next 180 days. But a civil union is a separate, confusing legal idea that divides us from our friends and neighbors, rather than bringing us together as equals. We agree with Chief Justice Poritz, who wrote in her dissent, "Labels set people apart as surely as physical separation on a bus or in school facilities."

After the decision was announced, Lambda Legal's plaintiffs Sarah and Suyin Leal had a disappointing answer for their three children who asked: "Can you get married now?" We believe Sarah and Suyin's family deserve nothing less than full marriage rights and equality. We believe all Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals, Transgender people and those with HIV deserve nothing less than fair treatment from their government.

Lambda Legal will continue to represent the hopes and needs of our plaintiffs and our community by working for full marriage equality and providing clear, in-depth information about its importance. Visit our website [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org) where we have assembled publications and other information to inform the debate.

Working with many partners, we will use our legal expertise and continue to show all fair-minded people how we have been harmed by inequality. The rights and benefits of marriage are essential to our families.

The New Jersey decision gives us hope, but it also gives us a big job to do. You can help by contacting your friends and family in New Jersey and encouraging them to write their representatives to urge them to support full marriage equality for same-sex couples (we've made it easy by making a special page at [ga4.org/campaign/newjerseymarriage](http://ga4.org/campaign/newjerseymarriage) for New Jersey residents to email their representatives) – and if you live in New Jersey, you can send an email yourself! You can also help by speaking up, making sure you vote and talking to as many people as you can about equality.

This is where we stand today: The decision in Lewis v. Harris has brought us one important step closer to equality and given us new hope. We stand strong in our resolve to continue to fight.

(Kevin Cathcart is Executive Director of Lambda Legal)

**RNC Chief Accepted Political Contributions from Gay Porn King**



**RNC Chief Ken Mehlman**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The RNC (Republican National Committee), headed by Ken Mehlman, was running that race-baiting 'bimbo' ad against Rep. Harold Ford (D) down in Tennessee. One of the barbs in that ad was the claim that Ford had taken political contributions from "porn movie producers."

But it seems there is plenty of porn movie producer money to go around.

It turns out that the Republican National Committee is a regular recipient of political contributions from Nicholas T. Boyias, the owner and CEO of Marina Pacific Distributors, one of the largest producers and distributors of Gay porn in the United States. This recent article on Marina Pacific's new marketing campaign form XBiz, a porn industry trade sheet, notes that, in addition to producing its own material, the "company acts as a distribution house to hundreds of lines, mostly Gay, 40 of which can be purchased only through MPD."

The company actually seems to be a trendsetter in the industry. As Boyias recently noted, "We have always modeled ourselves after a Fortune-style company. They are the models of exceptional customer service. We have formed strategic alliances with our vendors and customers alike, offering them tools and marketing to assist them in succeeding with their business models. Our one-on-one interpersonal relationships have never been duplicated in the distribution industry."

Some recent releases include "Fire in the Hole", "Flesh and Boners", even a "Velvet Mafia" series. FEC.gov lists Boyias as contributing to the RNC three times in 2004 and two times in 2005. The NRCC got a little too. But only \$250. The FEC records list Boyias as either "self employed" or as owner and CEO of NTB Inc. But the California Secretary of State's website lists Boyias' NTB, Inc as located at 7077 Vineland Ave, which turns out to be the same address where Marina Pacific is located. So I'm pretty sure we're dealing with the same guy. So, Ken Mehlman, for porn producer money before he was against it, I guess.

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**Winning On Gay Marriage**

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and permanent second-class citizenship into constitutions, the precious charters of freedom and national unity, is cruel and despicably un-American. The good news is that even these unfair and harsh amendments are not the last word—unless we allow them to be. As evidenced by the unanimous decision from the New Jersey Supreme Court opening the door to marriage equality, ours is the generation that will live to see the

exclusion from marriage ended in all 50 states, if we do the work—in all 50 states, using our time wisely to do it right.

(Evan Wolfson is author of Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay People's Right to Marry (Simon & Schuster, 2004), and executive director of Freedom to Marry, the Gay and non-Gay partnership for marriage equality nationwide.)



# Halloween



# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

## Surprises

by Lee Thorn

You get old. You get surprised. You ask yourself, "Am I surprised because the world has actually changed or only because my aging has changed me?" It's not always an easy question to answer.

I'm pretty sure about tattoos. I clearly remember when tattoos were the exclusive province of criminals and royalty. If you weren't a crook or a king, no tattoo. Then one night the entire middle class of the USA snuck out and got a tattoo – butchers, bakers, candlestick makers.

The next morning I woke up surprised. And I was sure it wasn't me this time; it was the world that had changed.

But what about CNN's recent program called, "Broken Government?" I can't remember ever seeing a network television show on which an established network news personality explicitly told his viewers how to vote. The host of this program said, in so many words, vote against all incumbents. This straightforward political advocacy seems to indicate that somebody somewhere in the upper reaches of network ownership has suddenly and drastically changed the basis rules.

I would love it if everybody took the network's advice because the practical effect of voting all the incumbents out would be to give control of both houses of congress to the Democrats, a party that may be fairly useless but at least isn't purely evil. But I am surprised, to put it mildly, by both the change in the rules and the fact that nobody but me seems to have noticed it.

I was also surprised by the media reaction to the Hugo Chavez speech that became famous for the fact that he called President Bush "the devil." The speech's fame was not diminished by the warm reception it got from its United Nations audience. Immediately after the speech every aspect of it but one was analyzed. I looked at the analysis provided on several networks. They all ignored the very same part of the speech.

When Chavez was making the speech, I had thought that the part which would later be ignored was pretty important. I was surprised, not to say amazed, at how wrong I turned out to be. The ignored part occurred fairly late in the speech. It was a charge that the United States is currently harboring and protecting known international terrorists. Although I don't now remember the details of the charge, I do remember that it was made with sufficient specificity that I felt certain it could and would be definitively answered not only by the news outlets but by official government sources as well.

No such luck. It was never MENTIONED. Anywhere. At least anywhere that I could find, and I looked for it. Nobody even said, "We don't know what Chavez is talking about." Nobody even said, "We know what he's talking about, but it's too far-fetched to dignify with a denial." Nobody but me seems to have heard it. This is the kind of thing that can worry you when you're old. Am I hearing things that weren't said?

I was surprised by how little attention was given to an astonishing study conducted by MIT and Johns Hopkins concluding that about 660,000 Iraqis have died during the war. Compare that with the official US estimate of about 80,000 having died. This study, conducted by two of the foremost scientific institutions in the world, this study saying that we've underestimated dead Iraqis by about 600,000, was worth one or at most two days of network news coverage! Think about the proportions here. What if you were expecting a monthly water bill of \$80 and you got one for \$660? Even though it would only be money, not human lives, you'd hit the ceiling. You'd be jumping up and down until you figured out exactly what happened and made sure that it couldn't happen again. And whose estimate do the Iraqis and the rest of the world believe, one made by a government up to its armpits in civilian blood or one made by two disinterested and extremely distinguished educational institutions?

On the day the story broke (and then disappeared), President Bush said that the universities' "methodology was flawed." I was surprised again, not to say shocked. If they haven't been able to teach Bush to correctly pronounce the word "nuclear" in six years, how in the world did they teach him to say "methodology" overnight? Perhaps they used torture.

Maybe Cheney and Rove hooked electrodes to his most sensitive body parts and said, "We're going to keep shocking you till you say it right."

(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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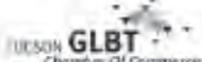
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November is a great time to make waves. A bold host of planets traipse through Scorpio into Sagittarius and take a snarly nip at Pluto. Changes are afoot once you set things into motion. Set your own course and avoid any turkeys ... unless they are stuffed and roasted.

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

Proud Rams delight in the full range of earthly delights and why not? November heats your stewpot to a slow and steady simmer. Before you boil over, temper your ardor with a flight of fancy with a particularly charming admirer. Travel can not only bring things into focus for a certain relationship, they can also create new, delicious liaisons. Yummy.

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

If there are some burning issues that need to be addressed in a certain partnership, think it through carefully before you express yourself. Handled correctly, you will be able to charm your way to love and even lust. Queer Bulls can nurture their dreams and make them come true as the month wears on. Did I say "dreams?" I meant dreamboats.

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

November brings you the opportunity to make some significant strides at work. Pink Twins will find that they can pour on the effort and reap substantial results. But don't sit in the backroom and wait for the world (or bosses) to notice. By mid-month, you will be poised to cash in and make the most out of your efforts. Mount your campaign ... or something like that.

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

Creativity hits a high note for all Gay Crabs this November. Not only can you find many ways to express your Gay muse, you can also participate in others' versions of artistic fun, from performances to parties. Sparks of genius can be found in every socket. This is not the time to sit home and wait for the pride parade to come to you. Get off the couch, get ready and get Out.

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

Proud Lions find that they can be amply entertained right at home this November. Whether you decide to throw a massive Thanksgiving basheroo or just hang out with a few select friends and family is up to you. The secret to your happiness will be connection and reconciliation wher-

ever possible. Don't compromise but be prepared to lend a sympathetic ear and give advice.

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

Get on your soapbox and change the world. Well, if you can't change the entire world, start with your immediate neighborhood. Queer Virgins often have excellent ideas but tend to keep them under wraps. Don't fall to that temptation. Mid-month you will realize that not only are you right most of the time, you don't mind letting others know that is the case.

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

While you have a great urge to make lots of money in November, you may find that your path to early retirement takes a bit of a detour. This is because you may not be listening to or may be misinterpreting good financial advice. But don't worry Gay Libra, by mid-month you are back on track and ready to become a bull or a bear with the rest of the gobblers.

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

Proud Scorps become the center of attention whether they like it or not. That is because a bunch of planets sit in your own sign. Don't fight fate. You can accomplish a great deal this month by just pushing your agenda with the right influential people. Your assorted rumblings can lead to rumbles. Good thing too. Shake up the space and toss out the incumbents.

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

As much as you disdain secrets and behind the scene maneuvers, early November is a great time to brew your assorted potions in secret. But don't feel that you need to keep all your great ideas under wraps for too long. You are soon given a great opportunity to strut your stuff. By mid-month, Gay Archers will set their personal course into motion. Err or is that into commotion?

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

They usually say the more the merrier and that is certainly the case for pink Caps this November. Friends come out of the woodwork and manage to get you into all sorts of delightful mischief. Don't limit yourself to the same, small coterie of compadres. There are some interesting folks out there waiting to meet you. Expand your social circle into a globe and go trotting.

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

Aqueerians are apt to spend more time and attention on career prospects. You may find yourself embroiled in political intrigue. If so, try to hold off on any actions until mid-month. There are aspects of the power play that are not quite in focus. Time will tell. In the meantime, find ways of showcasing your talents to the powers-that-be in a neutral, yet insidious manner.

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

Sensitive and perceptive Guppies can see all this November. Not only are they especially intuitive, they also can imagine the entire landscape from various angles. But don't waste this valuable aptitude on trivial aims. There is so much at stake and so few who really see things as they are. Burdensome? You bet but then so is doing nothing and complaining.

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Tuesday, November 7th  
**#1 Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Gay Reading Group: No, not YOU! Were reading a book! Hope to see you first Tuesday of each month at Wingspan. Read and discuss Bernard Cooper's The Bill from my Father. Call Doug for info: 529-0014. E-mail: [drweiner@msn.com](mailto:drweiner@msn.com)

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm

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Wednesday, November 8th  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Canasta! Hosted by Marv 745-0304. MSN Canasta is played every Wednesday at 7pm, but check back here for the host du soir. If you are a nervous first timer, you will find printed rules of play, and guys eager to get you up and in the action as you learn the game!

Thursday, November 9th  
**#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.

Friday, November 10th  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Lloyd hosts a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For

reservations and directions, please call Lloyd at 792-8537. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Saturday, November 11th  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Call your host Marvin at 745-0304. New recruits are always welcome and beginners are tutored to develop their gay Hollywood movie serial killer instincts!

Sunday, November 12th  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:00p.m. Thom hosts Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. Price is usually under \$10 bucks. For reservations and directions, please contact Thom at 623-2941, or e-mail [thomsepals@hotmail.com](mailto:thomsepals@hotmail.com) by the Event Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations.

Tuesday, November 14th  
**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A "whistful" evening of Bridge with host Jim at 790-8735. Please plan and call ahead for an evening of fun, and challenge your skills or learn new ones. And when your Bridge partner excuses himself to go to the bathroom, at least then you will know what he has in his hand!

Wednesday, November 15th  
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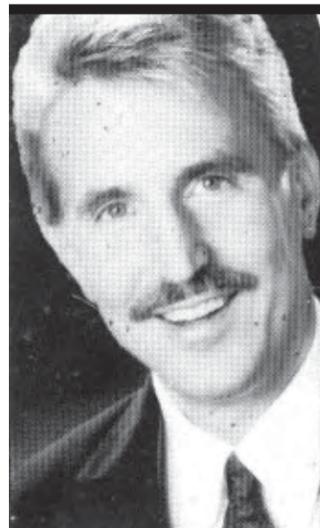
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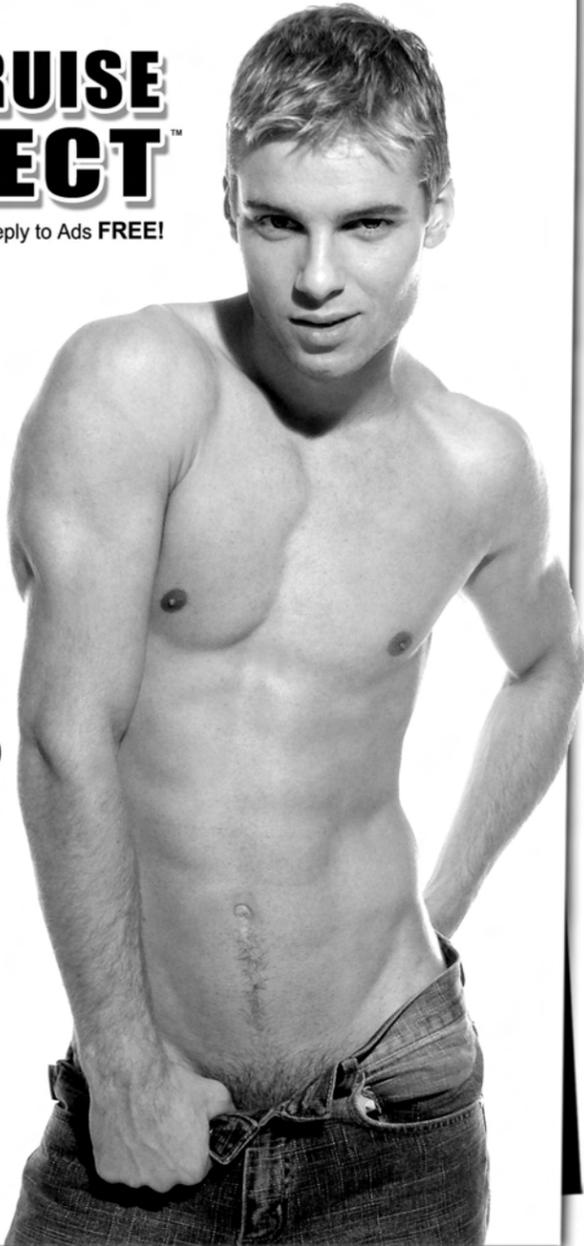
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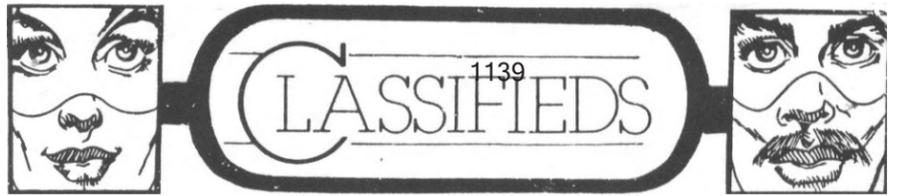
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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## 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 Rosemary 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 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.

### 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.

## Arts and Entertainment

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Friday and Saturday. 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Sundays. 886-9428.

### November 2 - 5

Invisible Theatre presents "A Single Woman" written and performed by Jeanmarie Simpson. At Invisible Theatre, 1400 N. First Ave (at Drachman). \$25 per person. 520-882-9721 for info and reservations. A Single Woman is based on the life and writings of early feminist Jeannette Rankin, who was the first woman elected to Congress - before women had the right to vote! Deliciously political, occasionally chilling, ironic and idiosyncratic.

### 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. 19&Pima Mine Road. (Exit 80, 7 minutes South of Tucson. [desertdiamondcasino.com](http://desertdiamondcasino.com)

### November 9-10-11-12

Invisible Theater presents "Let It Be Art!" at it's theatre, 1400 N. First Avenue (At Drachman). "Let It Be Art!" Harold Clurman's Life of Passion, starring Ronald rand, is a dramatic journey of humor, boldness and fervor, of the man heralded as "the elder statesman of the American Theatre". His ardor for the theater and his contribution to the craft of acting remains an inspiration for actors, directors and theatre lovers. An experience you won't want to miss.

Tickets \$25 per person. Call 882-9721 for reservations and information.

### 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)

## BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Silver Coyote Ballroom Dance from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Swing, easy listening, golden oldies, country. Non-Smoking in the dance area. Feel free to bring a snack to share with your friends. Full bar service available. \$2.00 cover. Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. It's also Karaoke Night here. Rosemary kicks the action off at 8:30p.m. Drink special is \$2.50 Mexican beers - Corona, Sol, Modelo Especial, Negra Modelo and Dos XX Lager.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - They're having the Blue Plate Special again with a 2-piece fried Chicken dinner for \$4.50 or a 4 piece dinner for \$6.75. It's really finger-licking good. Drink special is \$2.75 Smirnoff Twisters. Flavors available are raspberry, mandarin orange, green apple, triple black (lime), Ice (citrus) or Fire (sort of a grape soda type thingy). No two-step lessons this week, but Pat will be DJing starting at 8:30 p.m.

**IBT'S** - "I'm A Sexy Bitch" Night with DJ Mike Lopez spinning on the patio and DJ Dave Santora spinning on the dance floor.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Steak Night at 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**IBT'S** - "Midnight Sun" Party, 10:00 p.m. to closing. Prizes and Give-aways.

**WOODY'S** - Wine Tasting Party. Make Your Reservation Now! Also It's the November Birthday Party. If your Birthday is in November, sign up now.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**WOODY'S** - Camouflage Party. Watch for details....

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

**IBT'S** - Third Annual "Party Monster Ball". 10:00 p.m. to closing. Prizes, give-aways and costume contest.

# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

"CELEBRACION" Out & About The group is planning to go out for Thanksgiving brunch. Our plans are not yet complete, but if you would like some more information about this, please contact us at out-about@comcast.net, or leave a message at 520-615-9237. We will contact you, as soon as possible. Come and join us it will be fun.

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.

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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)

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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.

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

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th 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.

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th 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 MAN TO MAN Social/erotic education club is the tantric men's group that offers passionate friendships, fun activities and real Tantric sex education. Marc 881-4582

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM 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.

MEN'S HIKING CLUB - A peer-run MEN's outdoor club for hiking, biking, camping, boating etc, is now up and running in the Tucson area. To join, go to [SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoo.com](http://SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoo.com). See you on the trails.

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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# Evangelical-GOP Alliance Continues To Weaken

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Of the many disturbing trends for Republicans this campaign season, one of the most troubling is the drop in support among white evangelicals, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The number of conservative Christians with a favorable view of the party has plummeted from 74 percent to 54 percent between 2004 and this year, according to the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. Evangelicals comprise more than one-third of GOP voters.

But analysts say it's far too soon to write off the powerful Republican-evangelical alliance that helped the party dominate in the 2004 election. Conservative Christians have been here before – disappointed that Republicans they helped elect failed to enact the evangelical agenda – yet they have consistently returned to the GOP. Even as they question the current Republican leadership, evangelicals are far more supportive than other Americans of President Bush and the party, the Pew Center found.

"There's a lot of discontentment," said Marvin Olasky, editor of the Christian newsweekly World and a framer of the "compassionate conservative" language used by Bush. "But unfortunately for most conservative evangelicals, there's no alternative." That doesn't mean the GOP can rest easy. Damage over the past two years could cost Republicans on Nov. 7 if disenchanted evangelical voters stay home. And tensions with a core constituency would muddy the run-up to the 2008 presidential race.

Evangelical frustration is ap-

parent in their qualified endorsements of GOP candidates. James Dobson of Focus on the Family said at a September "Stand for the Family" rally in the battleground state of Pennsylvania that Republicans have made no progress on issues important to Christians who helped put the GOP in control. Still, he told attendees to vote. "Whether Republicans deserve the power they were given," Dobson said, "the alternatives are downright frightening."

The complaints are familiar. Through every Republican victory since the Moral Majority was formed in 1979, abortion remained legal. Gay couples won greater acceptance and prayer was still barred from public schools. In 1999, Cal Thomas and Ed Dobson, both veterans of the Moral Majority, examined these failures in their book "Blinded by Might," and concluded that politics was too corrupt to be used to spread Christian morality in America. A few other evangelicals suggested conservative Christians withdraw from politics and focus instead on faith. The retreat never happened. Between 1999 and 2004, the share of white evangelicals identifying themselves as Republican grew from 39 percent to 49 percent, the Pew Center found.

It's unclear whether this campaign season will be different. Like many other Americans, evangelicals are upset by U.S. strategy in Iraq, corruption in the Republican-led Congress, and the case of former GOP Rep. Mark Foley, who sent sexually explicit e-mails to pages. But conservative Christian grievances go further. Dobson and other evangelicals have accused Congress of ignoring their policy

agenda on marriage and abortion. The Bush administration did give evangelicals what they wanted most – conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices – by appointing John Roberts and Samuel Alito.

Yet, even that victory was sullied. Many evangelicals complained that Bush's pitch to Christians on behalf of his first choice for the seat now held by Alito, Harriet Miers, was based on her conservative Christian faith. Those who considered her unqualified for the post found the approach patronizing. Disillusionment has led to a backlash.

Some evangelicals are once again warning that lawmakers are using Christians for their votes and politics is corrupting the church. In the book "Tempting Faith, An Inside Story of Political Seduction," author David Kuo, a former aide in the White House faith-based office, wrote that Bush aides privately called conservative Christians "nuts," "ridiculous" and "goofy." Kuo, a born-again Christian, said Republicans have failed to fulfill campaign promises to evangelicals, yet have kept Christians on their side by portraying Bush as "pastor-in-chief." "So much of the support for his presidency comes purely on the basis of his Christian faith," Kuo said in a phone interview. "The biblical notion is to defer to your pastor. Christian political leaders have taken advantage of that – portraying themselves as spiritual leaders – but they're not. They're political leaders."

William Martin, author of "With God on Our Side, The Rise of the Religious Right in America," said Kuo's book may have an impact because it touches on the long-

standing evangelical sensitivity to being marginalized by broader society. But Martin said only a small minority of evangelicals believe they should abandon politics – leaving the Republican grip on the movement intact for now. "The great advantage that conservatives have had within the evangelical community is that a consistent, coherent message has been repeated over and over and over to people who meet together one, two, three times a week," Martin said. "Liberals really have nothing comparable to that."

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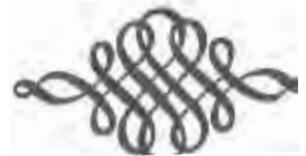
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