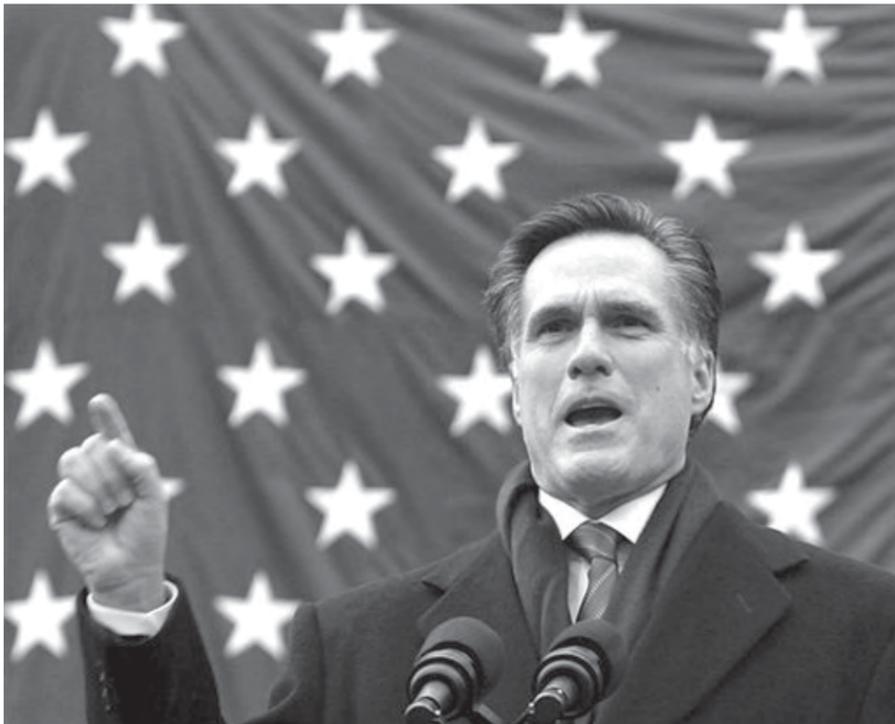




## Romney Asks Court To Order Anti/GL Amendment Put To Voters



**Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney**

BOSTON - Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney asked the state's highest court Friday (Nov. 24) for an order placing a proposed amendment that would ban same-sex marriage on the ballot without the approval of the legislature, reported 365Gay.com. Lawyers for Romney and ten other citizens filed the motion with a single justice of the court. The motion says the Republican governor is acting as an individual citizen. It was filed by a private lawyer representing the group.

The motion accuses the Legislature of obstructing the democratic process when lawmakers refused to vote on the proposed amendment earlier this month. On Nov. 10 the Legislature, meeting in a special joint session called a Constitutional Convention, to consider the proposed amendment recessed until Jan. 2, without taking a vote. Jan. 2 is the final day in the current session and it is expected no vote will be held, effectively killing the measure.

The move infuriated Romney and other social conservatives. Because the Convention is in recess until Jan. and not technically not over, most legal experts in the state believe the judiciary will not intervene. The governor's motion says the court has the power to act and asks that Secretary of State William Galvin be directed to place the amendment on the 2008 ballot if lawmakers fail to take action when they return on Jan. 2. Romney sent a letter to members of both the House and Senate accusing them of violating their oaths of office.

The court has not indicated when it might rule. Since the motion was put before a single justice, whatever the decision it is likely to be appealed to the full court.

The proposed amendment was the result of a signature gathering

campaign mounted by conservative groups. More than the required number of names were collected, sending the issue to the Constitutional Convention where it needs only the support of only 50 lawmakers - 25 percent of the House and Senate - in two constitutional conventions for it to be put to voters in 2008.

If the convention fails to vote on Jan. 2 supporters of the amendment would have to begin collecting signatures all over again in an attempt to place it before voters in 2010. Even if the measure were to pass on Jan. 2 it would need a second round of approval in the new session of Legislature - something considered even more unlikely. The Convention refused to vote on a citizens' initiative in 2002, and two years later lawmakers voted down their own proposed amendment that would have banned Gay marriage but legalized civil unions.

Romney has opposed same-sex marriage since the first court case was filed and forced local clerks to adhere to a law dating back to the early part of the last century that said marriage licenses could only be issued to people from out of state if their marriages would be legal where they lived. In numerous speeches around the country where the Republican governor is trying to drum up support for a presidential bid Romney has attacked same-sex marriage.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled in November 2003 that the state could not bar same-sex couples from marrying. Since then, more than 8,000 Gay and Lesbian couples in the state have wed.

## Tucson Domestic Partner Registry Marks Third Anniversary



TUCSON, AZ (Dec. 2, 2003) - Eighty couples participated in the launching of the Domestic Partner Registry on a sunny Tuesday (12/02/03) at Tucson City Hall and held a celebration at Sunset Park outside the building. "This is the first step towards bigger things for our community and another step closer to equality," a beaming Bertie Lozano said. Bertie is shown above with her partner Mathilde Slate after signing up at the registry. This weekend (12/02/06) marks the third anniversary of this historical event for Tucson.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Thanks to the common sense of Arizonans who went to the polls in the 2006 general election and became the first state in the county voting down (52 to 48%) a measure (Proposition 107) that would have prohibited governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions or domestic partnerships, Tucson's Domestic Partner (DP) Registry will mark its third anniversary on Friday, Dec. 1.

Through the work of the City's Commission on LGBT Issues, Wingspan, the Arizona Human Rights Fund and community activists, Tucson's Mayor and Council unanimously approved the DP measure at their weekly meeting, Sept. 15, 2003.

Tucson's Domestic Partnership (DP) Ordinance provides a registry for domestic partners who wish to register. This is a means by which unmarried couples who share a relationship of mutual support, caring and commitment may document their relationship. This is the first domestic partner registry law in the State of Arizona.

Domestic partners, according to the ordinance, are two people who sign a statement affirming that they:

are not related by blood closer than would bar marriage in the State of Arizona;

are not married to another person in a marriage expressly recognized by the State of Arizona or in any domestic partnership and/or civil union with another person;

are both 18 years of age or older; are both competent to enter into a contract;

both declare that they are each other's sole domestic partner; both currently share a primary residence, are in a relationship of mutual support,

and declare that they intend to remain in such for the indefinite future.

Any individuals who meet the above qualifications may register a domestic partnership, since the language of the ordinance is gender-neutral. There is no requirement for residency within the city limits of Tucson to register as domestic partners.

Tucson's DP Registry are open for review since it is a public record, so anyone look up information, including address information, on who is registered as a domestic partner. However, the ordinance provides only that registrants list a mailing address, which may include an address c/o another person or a post office box, and thus registrants do not have to provide their home address.

The ordinance lists two rights or benefits for registered partners in the City of Tucson: (1) a right to visitation of one's partner in a health care facility, as long as the patient consents; and (2) extending use of and access to city facilities to a registered domestic partner as if the domestic partner were a spouse.

To register, people (registrants) may go to City Hall to register in person, or may mail in their registration form to: City of Tucson, Finance Department, attn: DP Registration, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson AZ 85726. The registration form is available to pick up in person at City Hall at the first floor payment windows, or may be obtained by calling the Finance Department at: (520) 791-4566. Each person must sign the registration form before a notary public. Registrants who turn in their properly attested registration statement in person at City Hall will receive a certificate of registration in person. Registrants who mail in their properly attested registration statement will receive a certificate of registration by mail. The cost of registering is \$50.00. Checks should be made payable to the "City of Tucson."

# UPDATE

## In The Old Pueblo. . . .

TUCSON - Wanna be an Inflammable Friend? Are you passionate about supporting people to quit smoking? Wingspan is recruiting volunteers to participate in a variety of activities to help people quit smoking and stay quit. You could facilitate a smoking cessation class, link friends up to smoking cessation resources and help with other quit smoking strategies. The Inflammable Friends training will be held on Saturday (Dec. 3), from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Contact Judy Kinney, (520) 624-1779 for more information or to sign up! ...

TUCSON - Southern Arizona opponents of Proposition 107 will hold their official, victory party, Monday, Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m. at Colors Food & Spirits 5305 E. Speedway. Colors owners, according to the organizers of the event, have generously offered to open that night for the event, which is taking place after the official election results have been certified. Pima County's election totals will be certified at their weekly meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 28 per Arizona law. For more information about Colors Food & Spirits, go online to [colorstucson.com](http://colorstucson.com). ...

TUCSON - "FtF: FEMALE TO FEMME," a documentary screening followed by discussion led by Joan Nestle will take place Dec. 6, 6 to 8:00 p.m., at ILC (Integrated Learning Center), Room 150 on the University of Arizona campus. Joan Nestle has spent her life documenting and exploring femme desire. She is co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives, author of A Restricted Country and A Fragile Union and editor of The Persistent Desire: A Femme-Butch Reader. FtF denaturalizes gender and urges an understanding of femininity as multiple rather than singular, constructed rather than natural. Sexy, smart and funny, FtF features a host of fabulous femmes, who make it clear that there's no one way for a femme to define herself. For more information, go online to: [lgbc.com.web.arizona.edu/](http://lgbc.com.web.arizona.edu/) ...

TUCSON - Tucson and cities across the country and world will mark Friday, Dec. 1 for World AIDS Day, day of remembrance for individuals who have passed away or are currently living with HIV/AIDS. Tucson's commemoration will take place at the Fox Theater, 17 W. Congress, starting at 5:00 p.m. World AIDS Day is also an opportunity for individuals, businesses, community organizations, and faith-based organizations to demonstrate both their commitment to fight against AIDS and their solidarity in this effort. So join in and become more aware and able to support those living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, call the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, (520) 628-7223, [saaf.org](http://saaf.org), the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Action Network, [tihan.org](http://tihan.org), (520) 624-1779 or Wingspan, [wingspan.org](http://wingspan.org), (520) 624-1779. ...

TUCSON - Desert Voices Veteran's Day Weekend concert, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," will be shown on Tucson Access Cable on the following dates: Monday 12/4, 3:00 p.m., Channel 73/98, Friday 12/8, 11:30 a.m., Channel 73/98, Monday 12/11/2006, 3:00 p.m., Channel 73/98, Friday 12/15, 11:30 a.m., Channel 73/98, Monday 12/18, 3:00 p.m., Channel 73/98, Friday 12/22, 11:30 a.m., Channel 73/98, Monday 12/25, 3:00 p.m., Channel 73/98, Friday 12/29, 11:30 a.m., Channel 73/98.

## "A Queer Carol" Dec. 7-10 & 14-17

TUCSON - Come support Arizona's only LGBT theater company and the holiday production of A Queer Carol, by Joe Godfrey, Dec. 7-10, 14-17.

Directed by Joe W. Marshall, the show puts a uniquely Gay twist on the Dickens classic and features Tucson's Black Cat Ajia Simone as the Ghost of Christmas Present. The show opens Dec. 7 at the newly renovated Hollywood Cabaret Theatre, 1501 N. Oracle, with a special night on Dec. 15 to benefit Wingspan. After the benefit show, please join in as a special guest of Wingspan for a cast party at the Hollywood Bar.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and are available at Antigone Books (411 N. 4th Avenue) or by calling the Alternative Theatre Company at (520) 883-8246. A Queer Carol Performance dates: Thursday, Dec. 7 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8 - 8:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10 - 3:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14 - 8:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15 - 8:00 p.m., (Wingspan Night & Cast Party), Saturday, Dec. 16 - 8:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17 - 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

## Rainbow Teddy Bear Raffle Tickets On Sale

TUCSON - For only \$1, you can win a chance in the 2006 Christmas Rainbow Bears Benefit. Raffle tickets are now on sale for this chance to win one of seven life-size rainbow bears (stuffed animals of varying colors of the rainbow).

Under the coordination of volunteer David Manzanares, seven community bars will be displaying these beautiful stuffed bears and selling \$1 raffle tickets, and each will be raffling off their bear in drawings on Saturday, Dec. 23, 11:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the holiday programs provided for children, adults, and families affected by HIV/AIDS sponsored by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Raffle tickets are available at Ain't Nobody's Biz, Colors, Howl at the Moon, IBT'S, Venture-N, Woody's, and Yard Dog, as well as at the offices of TIHAN and SAAF.

## 'Double Trouble' At The Biz Dec. 8 and 9

TUCSON - Boys R Us, Tucson premier, grassroots gender performance troupe will showcase their latest production, "Double Trouble," Dec. 8 - 9, 10:00 p.m., at Ain't Nobody's Biz, 2900 E. Broadway.

Boys R Us bridges the gap between all areas of queer art by incorporating Drag Queens, Drag Kings, High Femmes, and all other types of gendered performance. Due to popular demand, Boys R Us decided to do a first; play two nights in a row at the same venue. Their last shows at the Biz had us turning away over 200 people at the door, so tickets are being sold in advance.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 the night of the shows at Ain't Nobody's Biz. For more information, go online to [myspace.com/thebiztucson](http://myspace.com/thebiztucson).

## Jamie Anderson In Concert Dec. 3

TUCSON - Noted songwriter and performer, Jamie Anderson, will be performing in the Old Pueblo, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., for the Greenfire Music Collective, at Tucson F.O.P. Lodge # 1, 3445 N. Dodge Blvd.

Touring nationally since the eighties, Jamie Anderson has played her warm and witty songs in hundreds of coffeehouses, concert halls, colleges and festivals all over the U.S. She's released seven albums including her newest, A Promise of Light, produced by Kiya Heartwood (Wishing Chair). Her music has been featured on Good Morning America, the Dr. Demento radio show, NPR's Car Talk, and stations all over the world. Jamie loves being a full time musician, so she doesn't really park cars, but her mama said she should have something to fall back on. Laughter is a big part of Jamie's live performance. Her offbeat song intros and stories help keep the performance fun but don't be surprised when she delves into more serious issues. She's emceed at many events and twirls the baton badly, sometimes at the same time. She's also a bellydancer and former radio DJ, never at the same time.

Tickets are \$10 and for more information, go online to [jamieanderson.com](http://jamieanderson.com).

## Forum On Protection To LGBT Community Dec. 16

TUCSON - Defeating Proposition 107 was only the first step since LGBT people of all ages need to know about wills, powers of attorney, co-habitation agreements Senior Pride is sponsoring a community forum Saturday, Dec. 16, noon to 2:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Arizona does not provide protection to the LGBT community when it comes to ending relationships, ensuring domestic partners receive property when a partner dies without a will, or ensuring a domestic partner can make important medical and financial decisions when the other partner is unable to. Members of the LGBT community need to protect themselves with appropriate estate planning documents like wills, powers of attorney, and co-habitation agreements. Melissa Noshay Petro (Mimi), community member and local attorney, will be presenting information about important steps you can take to protect your loved ones.

For more information, call Pat Woelke, (520) 624-1779 or E-mail: [pwoelke@wingspan.org](mailto:pwoelke@wingspan.org).

## Tucson Knight Owls Collecting Toys For Balboa Kids

TUCSON - TKO - Tucson Knight Owls are collecting new un-wrapped toys for the Balboa Heights children - ages 6 to 12 for Christmas.

The toys will be accepted from now until December 19th. They may be dropped off at the Yard Dog Saloon, 2449 N. Stone Avenue.

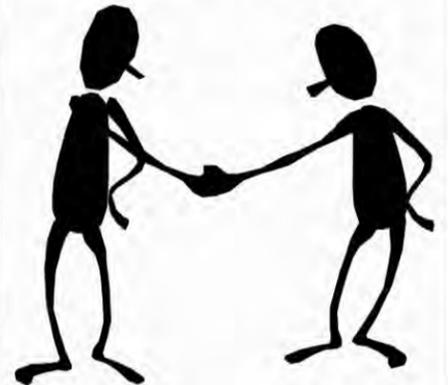
## LGBT Hanukkah Dec. 15, 17

TUCSON - Celebrate Hanukkah on Dec. 15 at Congregation Chaverim (Third Friday). Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by services at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP since space is limited for the dinner.

Special Hanukkah Party: Celebrate with other LGBT Jews on Sunday night Dec. 17, at a private home.

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Informing the Community  
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# Wal-Mart Changes Wording; Gay Foes Drop Boycott

NEW YORK CITY - A religious-right group that had called on supporters to boycott Wal-Mart's post-Thanksgiving Day sales to protest the retailer's support of Gay-rights groups withdrew its objections Tuesday, reported the Associated Press on the PlanetOut Network.

Wal-Mart said it would make changes in the way it contributed to such groups, earmarking funds only for specific causes it supported, such as workplace equality, rather than giving unrestricted gifts.

The American Family Association, which had been asking supporters to stay away from Wal-Mart on Friday and Saturday (Nov. 24-25) — two of the busiest shopping days of the year — said it was pleased by the change.

But a prominent Gay rights leader, Joe Solmonese of the Human Rights Campaign, said the change was minor and praised Wal-Mart for sticking with its commitments to diversity and equality. "I don't see it as backpedaling by Wal-Mart," Solmonese said. "I think the AFA failed, and thought to themselves, 'Let's declare victory and hope nobody notices.'"

However, another group critical of Wal-Mart was skeptical.

Wal-Mart's statement "is a confusing contortion of words that make it completely unclear whether Wal-Mart still supports equal rights for the (Gay and Lesbian) community or not, and worse, raises real questions as to whether they caved to the pressure from the religious right," said Chris Kofinis of WakeUpWalMart.com.

While stressing its support for diversity and nondiscrimination, Wal-Mart said in its statement that it "will not make corporate contributions to support or oppose highly controversial

issues unless they directly relate to our ability to serve our customers."

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Mona Williams said the company would continue working with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and other Gay rights groups on specific issues such as workplace equality. She indicated, however, that the company would henceforth avoid unrestricted donations that might be used for causes Wal-Mart did not endorse.

"Going forward, we would partner with them on specific initiatives. . . as opposed to just giving blanket support to their general operating budget," she said.

The company's statement, she said, resulted primarily from concerns expressed by customers and employees, not from the boycott threat.

The corporate actions that had triggered the protest plans were little different from those taken by scores of major companies in recent years — Wal-Mart paid \$25,000 this summer to become a member of the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and donated \$60,000 to Out and Equal, which promotes Gay rights advances in the workplace.

However, some activists depicted Wal-Mart's engagement as endorsement of same-sex marriage and a pledge to give Gay-owned businesses preferential treatment — assertions Wal-Mart denied in its statement Tuesday (Nov. 28).

Religious-right leaders had viewed Wal-Mart's actions as a betrayal of its own traditions, which have included efforts to weed out magazines with racy covers and CDs with explicit lyrics.

"This has been Christian families' favorite store — and now they're giving in, sliding down the

slippery slope so many other corporations have gone down," said the Rev. Flip Benham of Operation Save America. "They're all being extorted by the radical homosexual agenda."

Justin Nelson, president of the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, said earlier Tuesday that activists had misrepresented his business-oriented group as a leading advocate of Gay marriage in order to tarnish Wal-Mart. "Their campaign has not been to educate, but to mislead," he said.

Wal-Mart ranks in the middle among companies rated by the Human Rights Campaign, a major Gay rights group, for workplace policies toward Gays. Scores of companies now have a perfect 100 rating, while Wal-Mart's rating has risen from 14 in 2002 to 65 this year as it added sexual orientation to its nondiscrimination code and offered some domestic-partner benefits.

Tim Wildmon, the American Family Association's president, said Wal-Mart had been responsive to conservative pressure on a different issue, approving use of the word "Christmas" in advertising and employee greetings this season after shifting to a "happy holidays" phrasing last year. That campaign was one of the first times Wal-Mart came under sustained criticism from the right. Far more often, it has been a target of left-of-center groups, including WakeUpWalMart.com, complaining that the company pays low wages, skimps on employee benefits and outsources too many jobs. The company has responded by adding low-cost health care plans, launching environmental programs and increasing diversity among employees and suppliers.

# Target Stores To Offer \$4 Generic Meds In All Its Pharmacies

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota - Target expanded its \$4 generic-drug program to all of its U.S. pharmacies on Monday (Nov. 27), not just in states where it has been matching a plan offered by rival Wal-Mart, reported Reuters on advocate.com. Target said all of its 1,287 pharmacies across the United States would now offer some generic drugs at \$4 for a 30-day supply. The discount retailer had previously matched the list of drugs being sold for \$4 at Wal-Mart but only in states where Wal-Mart was offering the plan.

Now Target is selling \$4 generic drugs in nine states where Wal-Mart has not yet rolled out its program: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Wal-Mart also has not yet introduced its program in Hawaii, North Dakota, or Wyoming, but Target does not sell drugs in those states. Target also said that it is charging more for certain drugs—such as cholesterol drugs lovastatin and pravastatin—and some dosages of other drugs in 10 states due to state law.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, started selling certain generic drugs for \$4 per prescription in Florida in September. Since then, Wal-Mart has brought the \$4 drugs to 37 more states and said it plans to extend the plan to additional states as fast as it can. Wal-Mart has also added more drugs to its list, such as pravastatin, a generic form of Bristol-Myers Squibb's cholesterol drug Pravachol. The cut-price drugs are now available in 3,009 Wal-Mart pharmacies. Wal-Mart has about 3,960 U.S. stores. When Wal-Mart announced the \$4 plan in September, it drove down shares of generic-drug makers, pharmacy-benefit managers, and drugstore chains such as Walgreens and CVS.

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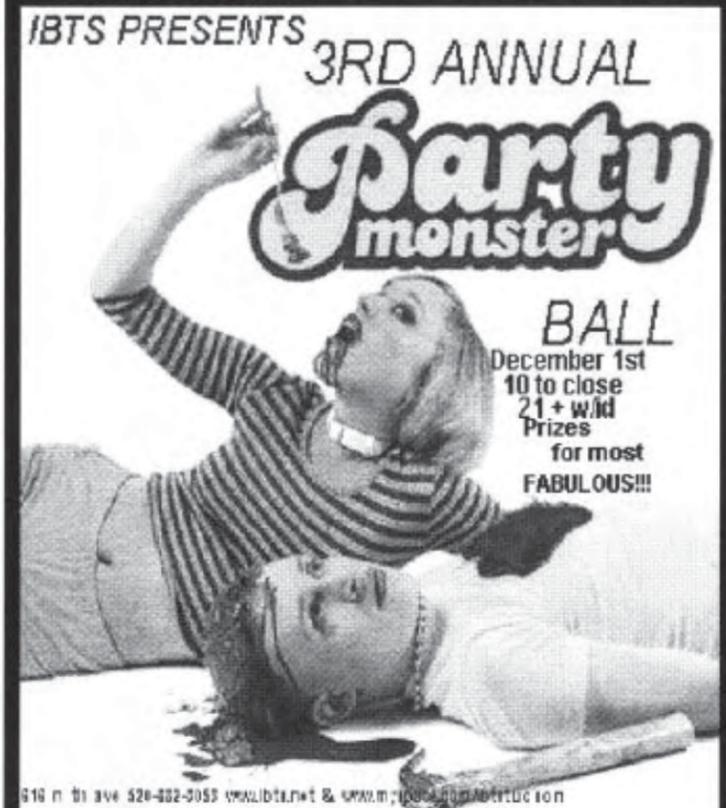
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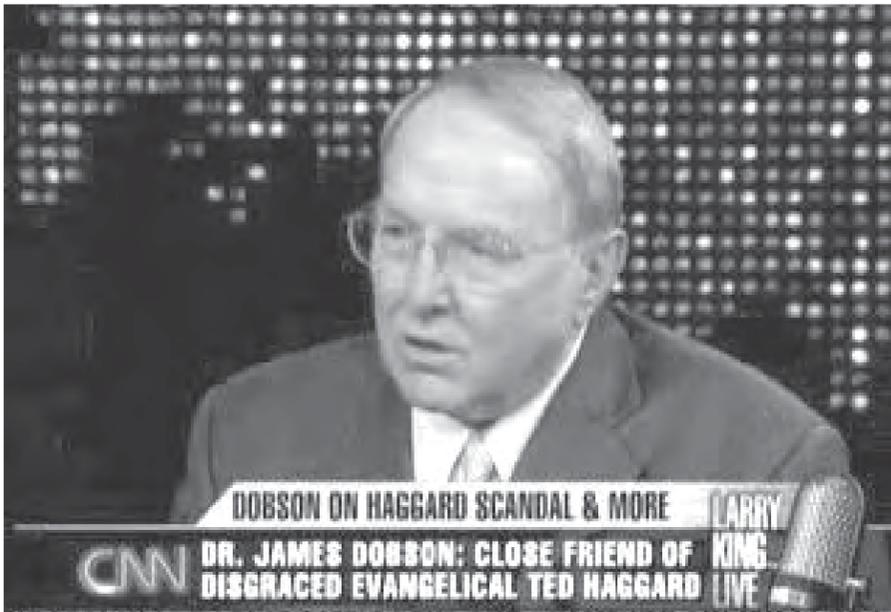
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# In Their Own Words



## But If God Allegedly Created The Earth In Seven Days?

Ted Haggard was one of the most prominent evangelical leaders in the nation until he admitted to having a sexual relationship with a male prostitute and buying meth.

Focus on the family founder James Dobson, who considers Haggard a "close friend," told CNN's Larry King (Nov. 22) that he was "asked to serve on a three person restoration panel." One purpose of the panel, Dobson acknowledged, was to "restore [Haggard] from being Gay to not Gay." Dobson said he didn't have time to participate, however, because such a process "could take four or five years."

Transcript:

KING: Have you spoken to him?

DOBSON: I have talked to him. I was asked to serve on a three person restoration panel and I originally wanted to be of help and said that I would, but I just don't have the time to do that. And I called my board of directors, we talked about it at length and they were unanimous in asking me not to do that, because this could take four or five years and I just have too many other things going on.

KING: How's he doing?

DOBSON: I don't know. I haven't talked to him since it happened.

KING: Oh you haven't?

DOBSON: I talked to him the day that the news broke and I have not talked to him since then.

KING: Was he sad that day?

DOBSON: Oh, of course. I mean you can imagine he was shocked, he was numb, he even lied about it. There's a video of him saying that none of these things are true, but they were true or a least some of them were

KING: When you say, Doctor, when you say "restoration" you mean restore him from being Gay to not Gay or what do you mean?

DOBSON: Yeah, probably that, too.

## Remember Rights When Shopping, LGBT Group Says

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Hundreds of thousands of Gays and Lesbians headed to the malls like other other shoppers for Black Friday (Nov. 24), the busiest shopping day of the year, and the nation's largest LGBT civil rights organization is calling on Gays to support those companies that support LGBT issues. The Human Rights Campaign has prepared a Buying For Equality Guide that rates stores and manufactures.

"When the American consumer hits the malls the day after Thanksgiving, we hope our guide, 'Buying for Equality', will be in their hands," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"Every single day, those who support equality have an opportunity

to vote and put their values into action by utilizing their pocketbooks," said Solmonese. "Our community has billions of dollars worth of buying power and we intend to use it this holiday season. By purchasing products from companies supporting GLBT equality, you are sending a message that will be heard loud and clear."

The guide draws comparisons between products, services and retail outlets that consumers use on a daily basis.

For example, this year's guide includes comparisons between retail giants Gap, which receives a "green" rating with a 100%, perfect, score, and Abercrombie & Fitch, which receives a "yellow" rating with only a 50% score.



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Best Buy scored high while Radio Shack did not. Whole Foods received a positive rating but Kroger scored low.

The ratings are based upon the HRC Foundation's Corporate Equality Index which this year found, for the first time, more than half of Fortune 500 companies now offer domestic partnership benefits to their employees.

The report also showed that 138 companies received a perfect 100% score this year - a ten fold increase in only four years.

Wal-Mart is likely to receive

considerable attention this year from both Gays and Gay foes. Christian conservatives have been urging supporters to shop elsewhere this holiday season because of the giant retailers involvement with the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

Seventy percent of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people are very or extremely likely to consider a brand that is known to provide equal workplace benefits for Gay and Lesbian employees, according to research by Witeck-Combs Communications and Harris Interactive.

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## 'AMC' Introducing Transgender Character

NEW YORK CITY, New York - In a story unusual even for a soap opera and believed to be a television first, ABC's "All My Children" will introduce a Transgender character who is beginning to make the transition from a man into a woman, reported the associated Reported Press. The character, a flamboyant rock star known as Zarf, kisses the lesbian character Bianca and much drama ensues. The storyline began Thursday (Dec. 30) of the daytime drama.



Transgenders go through, he said. "I think it's groundbreaking and breakthrough television for daytime to put a spotlight on Transgender people and tell their story," he said.

There have been a handful of post-surgical Transgender characters in television shows, including a college professor in the 2001 prime-time CBS series "The Education of Max Bickford" and a model in the short-lived ABC soap opera "The City" in 1996, according to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Showtime's "The L Word" currently features a character changing from a woman into a man.

Actor Jeffrey Carlson portrays Zarf, an American who nonetheless speaks in an exaggerated British accent. He was on the show for one day last summer and was surprised to get a call pitching him the new story. Carlson said it can be intimidating feeling that he is representing the entire Transgender community. "I worry about missing something, but I guess that would be the same with any character," he said. "I want the 'All My Children' audience to go along. It's not for shock value. It's just another person who's story is being told in Pine Valley."

"All My Children" was looking for something new, and knows its audience is always interested in anything to do with sexuality, said Julie Hanan Carruthers, the show's executive producer. "After 36 years, you start rehashing," she said. "It's inevitable. We didn't want to fall back on the baby-switch story again." The show wasn't interested in doing something just to be sensational, she said. GLAAD and some Transgenders were brought in as consultants in shaping the character, teaching the producers when it is appropriate to call a character "she" even before surgery, she said.

After Zarf establishes a bond with Bianca that leads to the kiss, an angry Bianca tells him she's a lesbian. It triggers something within Zarf about why it made such sense to be falling in love with a lesbian. It's not clear, Carruthers said, whether "All My Children" will stick with the Zarf character through any surgery; one suspects the reaction of the soap's audience to the story will have a lot to do with it. "She talks about peace so much," Carlson said of his character. "I hope that she finds some peace."

Damon Romine, a spokesman for GLAAD, said he hasn't seen the show yet but feels people involved were genuinely interested in telling the story with dignity. Emotions are so close to the surface in soap operas, and this story can serve a purpose by showing what

## Federal Court Backs Removal Of Pastor's Anti-Gay Overpass Signs

MADISON, Wisconsin - Police did not violate the civil rights of a Monroe pastor when they told him to take his anti-homosexual banners off highway overpasses in 2003, a federal appeals court ruled on Nov. 20, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The ruling by a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Chicago, upheld a December 2005 ruling by U.S. District Judge John Shabaz.

appeals court had enough evidence to find that police were responding to traffic hazards caused by reactions to Ovadal's banners and not to his message. The city of Madison has since banned carrying any signs on bridges that pass over high-speed roads. Nate Kellum, a Memphis, Tenn., attorney who represented Ovadal for the Alliance Defense Fund, said the ordinance hurt free speech not only for Ovadal but for others. "It's a shame and a sad state of affairs that the city would go to such lengths to shut down free speech," Kellum said.

That court said it was the spectacle and the traffic hazard the protest caused, rather than the message, that prompted Madison police to remove Ralph Ovadal, pastor of Pilgrims Covenant Church, and his group. The banners stating "Homosexuality is sin" and "Christ can set you free" were unfurled on overpasses in September and October 2003. The demonstrations affected traffic below both times. The ruling in Ovadal v. City of Madison was the second by the appeals court in the case. In July 2005, it sent the case back to Shabaz, who had dismissed the case without a trial.

The appeals court said then that it needed the benefit of a trial to determine whether the city violated Ovadal's free-speech rights by ordering him to get off the overpasses. Seventh Circuit Judge Michael Kanne wrote at that time that police should have instead dealt with reckless drivers who caused the traffic hazards and that there was no "heckler's veto" of free speech. Kanne wrote in the decision that, after the district court trial, the

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# Around The World

**TORONTO, Ontario** - It's time to start laughing about the Toronto Maple Leafs. The team and the NHL have given permission for their logos to be used in a movie called "Breakfast With Scot." The producers call it "a thoughtful comedy," about a Gay ex-Leaf and his partner, the team's lawyer, whose life and relationship are turned upside down when they become the guardians of "a budding queen of an 11-year-old boy." The movie stars Tom Cavanagh of "Ed" and "Scrubs," and Ben Shenkman of "Just Like Heaven" and "Angels In America" star along with Noah Bernett of "Gothica." Laurie Lynd is directing Sean Reycraft's script based on a Michael Downing novel. Miracle Pictures and Capri Releasing are behind the project. The shoot in and around Toronto is slated to end Dec. 15. ...

**DUBLIN, Northern Ireland** - More than 80 percent of the Irish public believe same-sex couples should have the same legal rights as opposite-sex couples, but they are divided on how that should be done. The survey showed that 51 percent support civil marriage for Gay and Lesbian couples, while almost half of those surveyed believed civil partnerships should be made available. The survey was taken by Lansdowne Market Research for the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network. It also found that the Irish public is less supportive of adoption rights for Gay and Lesbian couples. Only 39 percent of those surveyed said they thought same-sex couples should be allowed to adopt children.

**RIGA, Latvia** - An anti-Gay politician has become the new head of the Latvian parliament's human rights committee. Janis Smits, who has condemned homosexuality as a sin, has been elected by fellow parliament members to the post. Smits is notorious for expressing the view that Gay people are degenerate. He has also been a leading voice against proposed legislation that would protect individuals from discrimination on the basis of their sexuality. In June he advocated that the government should eliminate references to homosexuality in an antidiscrimination bill, describing the measure as "the legislation of sexual perversions." Local human rights organizations were disappointed by Smits's elevation to the post, and members of the European Parliament's Gay rights group said that Latvian MPs did not take into consideration his

history of discrimination and hatred. Smits's party, however, has said he will uphold the rights of all individuals in society. ...

**BEIJING, China** - A prominent Chinese AIDS activist who was organizing a symposium to help people with the disease fight for their legal rights was released Monday (Nov. 27) after being held by police for three days, a colleague said. Wan Yanhai was taken in for questioning by four police officers on Friday (Nov. 24) and returned to work late Monday morning, said Wang Lixuan, a colleague at the Beijing-based Aizhixing Institute founded by Wan. "All he said was, 'I'm back. The symposium can't take place'," Wang said. The symposium had been scheduled for Sunday (Nov. 26). But with police still present on Friday, Wan had ordered colleagues to cancel the event, which was to have focused on AIDS, safe blood transfusions, and legal rights. It was not clear whether the organizers would reschedule the meeting. Wan's colleagues said more than 60 people, some of them AIDS sufferers and their families, had been invited to the event ahead of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1. In a sign that organizers had anticipated possible trouble, they did not publicize the symposium's location but asked participants to get details from the Aizhixing office. ...

**SAINT GEORGES, Grenada** - The country will not consider a recommendation from a regional U.N. office to decriminalize homosexuality and prostitution, the island's top health official said Monday (Nov. 27). Health Minister Ann David-Antoine said religious and cultural factors would prevent the government from taking up legal reforms advised in a report by the United Nations Development Program in Barbados after a September conference on combating HIV/AIDS. ...

**CAPE TOWN, South Africa** - A same-sex marriage bill passed South Africa's upper house on Tuesday (Nov. 28) and headed to the desk of President Thabo Mbeki for signing. Conservative religious groups and opposition members of Parliament called on Mbeki to veto the legislation but that is considered unlikely with a court ordered deadline to have marriage rights enacted looming. The Constitutional Court gave the government until Dec. 1 to enact equal marriage rights.

## South Africa Court Grants Same-Sex Partner Inheritance Rights

**JOHANNESBURG, South Africa** - The Constitutional Court in a unanimous ruling Thursday (Nov. 30) said that same-sex partners are entitled to inherit the estates of their partner even if that person did not have a will, reported 365Gay.com. The court upheld a Pretoria ruling in a case where a Gay man was cut out of his late partner's estate by the man's family even though they had been estranged for years.

The justices ruled that the Inheritance Act must have new wording inserting the words "partner in a permanent same-sex life partnership in which the partners have undertaken reciprocal duties of support" after the word "spouse", wherever it appears in the law. They also ruled that with some conditions the change should be retroactive.

The ruling ends a lengthy dispute with the family of Henry Brooks who claimed their son and Mark Gory were nothing more than roommates under the law. Gory and Brooks met in 2003 and soon began a relationship. The following year they purchased a house and moved in together. But, the house and most of

the couple's other joint possessions were in Brooks' name. They shared all expenses and soon after they purchased their home the couple exchanged informal vows and wedding bands at a celebration attended by Brooks' parents. Suddenly in 2005 Brooks died without leaving a will. Almost immediately Brooks' family began removing items from their home and eventually forced him to move out of the house. Gory filed suit, alleging that South Africa's estate laws were unconstitutional because they did not recognize same-sex partnerships. While the case was working its way up to the Constitutional Court, the justices made their landmark ruling last December that denying same-sex couples the right to marry was unconstitutional.

The court gave the government one year to amend the law. Earlier this month the National Assembly approved the legislation. With a week to go before the deadline the bill is now in South Africa's second House the National Council of Provinces. With a majority of the ruling African National Congress supporting the measure it is expected to be passed into law.

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# POLITICS 2006

by Mark R. Kerr

## A Post Election Primer, Episode Four

Ballots cast for the 2006 general election in Arizona have been tabulated and the totals are being reviewed and approved by the state's fifteen county Boards of Supervisors at their weekly meetings. Arizona's Secretary of State announced that the totals will be officially certified on Monday, Dec. 4.

Numerous contests for political offices from the local to federal levels as well as nineteen (or more as was the case for Pima County and others) statewide ballot propositions were considered by Arizona voters in the 2006 general election and in one case, the state made history.

Proposition 107 would have barred governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partners and the extension of any benefits to such relations with an amendment to the state Constitution. By a 51.8 to 48.2% margin, Arizona voters rejected Proposition 107.

A total of 28 state marriage initiatives have been considered through the 2006 general election, and 17 of these propositions included language outlawing domestic partnerships or civil unions.

Twenty-seven of these measures were approved, seven of them during this past general election but Arizona was the first and only state so far to vote down such a measure due to opponents of the ballot measure successfully getting their message across to the voters on what Proposition 107 would do and whom it would affect.

"This issue had nothing to do with same sex marriage," said state Representative Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, the chair of Arizona Together. "What it did was take away benefits and legal protections that unmarried families in Arizona had. And Arizonans believe that's wrong; that the government shouldn't take things away from people. Makes sense to me."

Arizonans voted down Proposition 107 in the most populated counties, Maricopa and Pima. Three other counties, Apache, Coconino and Santa Cruz also voted "no" on the proposal.

Pima County provided the biggest margin of "no" votes, 42,806 votes and Coconino County had the biggest margin of percentage, 40.5% voting "yes," 59.5% voting "no."

Ballots on Proposition 107 were cast as follows:

Apache - yes 8,661, no 8,740;  
Cochise - yes 19,422, no 15,490;  
Coconino - yes 15,139, no 22,279;  
Gila - yes 8,526, no 7,775; Graham - yes 5,221, no 2,369;

Greenlee - yes 1,151, no 885;  
La Paz - yes 1,921, no 1,772;  
Maricopa - yes, 421,568, no 449,065;  
Mohave - yes 25,429, no - 19,254;  
Navajo - yes 14,194, no - 11,246; Pima - yes 115,915, no - 158,721;

Pinal - yes 28,873, no - 26,882; Santa Cruz - yes 3,473, no 4,204; Yavapai - yes 36,992, no 34,346; Yuma - yes, 15,004, no 12,470. Total - yes 721, 489 (48.2%), no 775,498 (51.8%).

A recent poll of voters who cast ballots in the 2006 general election conducted by the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Phoenix's Public Television Station, KAET-TV (from Nov. 16 - 19) backed up Proposition 107 opponents who said it was about rights.

According to the survey: fifty-four percent of those who voted for the amendment said they felt marriage should only be between one man and one woman while thirty-nine percent said they voted for Proposition 107 for religious or personal reasons.

Sixty percent of those voting against Proposition 107 said they felt the measure was unfair because it violated individual rights or dealt with an area in which the government had no business being involved and another thirty percent said they voted against Proposition 107 because it was not fair to deny benefits to unmarried couples.

Only eight percent said they voted against the measure because they supported same-sex marriage.

The poll of 962 statewide voters had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.



# 39.5 Million People With HIV, Report Says

GENEVA, Switzerland - The global HIV epidemic is growing, leaving an estimated 39.5 million people worldwide infected with the deadly virus, the United Nations said Tuesday (Nov. 28), reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

AIDS has claimed 2.9 million lives this year and another 4.3 million people became infected with HIV, according to the UN's AIDS epidemic update report, published on Tuesday (Nov. 28). Spread of the disease was most noticeable in East Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

AIDS has killed more than 25 million people since the first case was reported in 1981, making it one of the most destructive illnesses in history.

"In a short quarter of a century AIDS has drastically changed our world," UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at a staff meeting. "AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria make up the deadliest triad the world has known."

But he said improvement in treatment, more resources and higher political commitment over the past 10 years gave rise to optimism.

The joint report by UNAIDS and the World Health Organization acknowledged that access to HIV/AIDS treatment has made a great leap forward in recent years, enabling many infected people to live longer. But it said much remained to be done, especially in prevention.

Sub-Saharan Africa, with 63 per cent or 24.7 million of the world's infected people, bears the highest burden, but in East Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia there are 21 per cent more people living with HIV than two years ago.

The virus spread fastest in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, with a nearly 70 per cent increase in new infections over the past two years. In South and Southeast Asia, the number of new infections has grown by 15 per cent since 2004, while it rose by 12 per cent in North Africa and the Middle East. In Latin America, the Caribbean and North America it remained roughly stable.

All regions of the world have had an increase in the number of people living with the deadly virus over the past two years, the report said. In some countries this was due to better access to medicine keeping people alive longer.

Never before have so many women been infected with HIV. There are 17.7 million women worldwide carrying the virus, an increase of more than 1 million compared with two years earlier. The proportion of

women among the infected is particularly striking in sub-Saharan Africa where they account for 59 per cent of the people with HIV/AIDS.

The report doesn't break down the estimates country by country, but it said the United States, for which figures were available for 2005 only, had 1.2 million people living with HIV last year. The United States therefore ranks among the top 10 countries in terms of infected people.

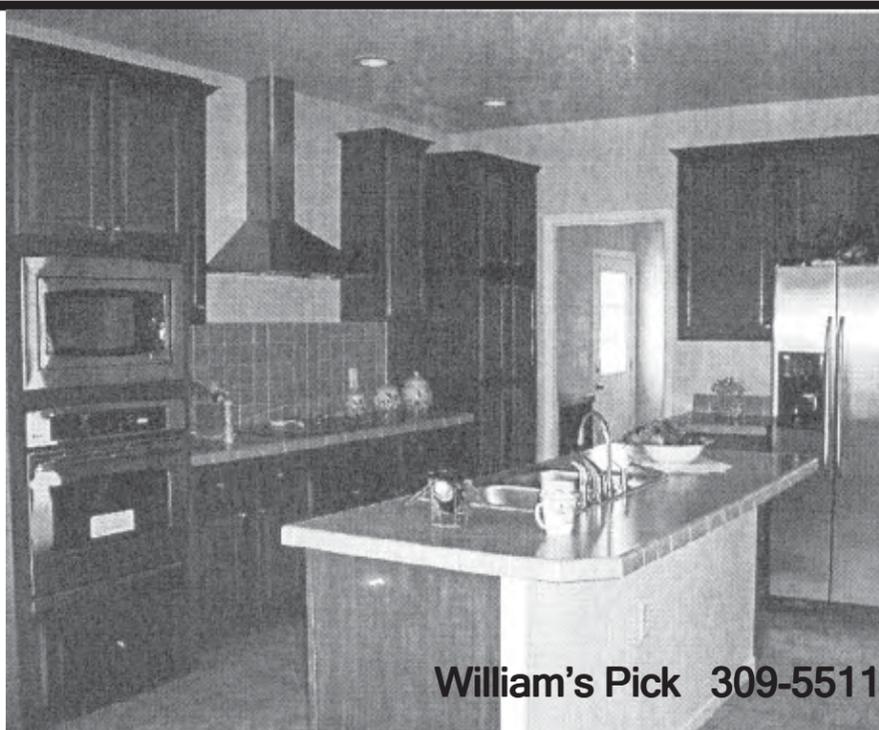
Unprotected sex in prostitution and between men, as well as unsafe drug injecting represent the highest risks for HIV infection and the main reasons for the spread of the disease in Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America, it said.

After sub-Saharan Africa, Asia is the second most infected region. Almost 8 million of the world's people with HIV/AIDS live in South and South East Asia. The report said there is increasing evidence for HIV outbreaks among men who have sex with each other in Cambodia, China, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam and Thailand, but it said few of these countries' AIDS programs really address the problem of sex between males.

In North America, an estimated 1.4 million people are infected, which represents a steady increase over the past few years mainly due to the life-prolonging impact of antiretrovirals.

In the United States, people from racial and ethnic minorities are more affected by the epidemic, with half of the AIDS diagnoses between 2001 and 2004 among African Americans and 20 per cent among Hispanics.

But infected people in the United States have been benefitting from more effective treatment over the past few years, leading to a 21-per cent increase of infected people surviving two years or longer since the early 1990s.



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## A Smarter Agenda

By Wayne Besen

It is time the Gay movement took the religious right's advice and created a Gay agenda. The new Democratic Congress is about to triumphantly take the reins, offering a unique opportunity to pass legislation, but we must tread carefully to avoid repeating past mistakes.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton waltzed into Washington and advocated allowing openly Gay patriots to serve in the military. While this was commendable, he moved too fast, too soon and the resulting brouhaha damaged his presidency and saddled the Gay community with today's Don't Ask/Don't Tell fiasco.

One lesson from the past is that if Gay issues are haphazardly introduced they can be radioactive and sidetrack the Democratic Party's broader agenda. If the Democrats are seen as kowtowing to a controversial special interest group the moment they are in the majority it may jeopardize their ability to reach mainstream Americans.

On the other side of the coin, the Gay community has been a loyal constituency group and our basic rights should be protected as a matter of morality. The way to reconcile this ostensible conflict is for major Gay political organizations to have an early strategic powwow with incoming House speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. The Gay leaders should offer to step back and make no demands for six months to let the Democrats establish a tangible record on bread and butter economic issues. The party must establish itself as one that represents all people and cares most about the concerns of average families.

Once party leaders have built a reserve of political capital and are able to boast of bipartisan accomplishments they will have earned credentials with suburban families and can address Gay rights without looking like they are pandering.

Democratic leaders should agree that for the GLBT community's six months of silence a major piece of legislation would be introduced in June. The most logical legislation would be the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

However, I think we should scrap ENDA in its current antiquated form and return to a broader bill that also bans discrimination in housing, credit and accommodations. ENDA made more sense when there were several influential members of Congress who were opposed to employment discrimination, but balked at losing the ability to discriminate in housing.

But the world has evolved and I suspect there are few members of Congress who now advocate situational discrimination. So, why not go for a more robust bill if there are enough votes to win?

It is crucial that GLBT leaders get a commitment from Pelosi and Reid to energetically push a Gay rights bill or ENDA in its current incarnation. Polls show that most Americans are overwhelmingly against discrimination, so it is a winning issue as long as the Democrats hold firm. If they appear weak and embarrassed to support equality it will be a disaster. The GLBT community will feel betrayed and lose faith in the Party, while the Democrats will play to stereotypes that they have no core beliefs or principles.

Once a non-discrimination bill is passed there is a good chance that President George W. Bush will veto it. There is not much we can do about this, except use it as a political rallying cry to get more Democrats elected to office. The Republicans may try to use this bill as a political weapon, but I think it will backfire.

In a recent column I predicted that the New Jersey Supreme Court's ruling mandating civil unions would have little affect on the Midterm elections. I correctly reasoned that the discussion on marriage had moved the bar to where civil unions are now boring and no longer political poison. The same argument can be made for an ENDA-type bill, with marriage rendering it quaint and uncontroversial.

After this bill is passed, we should take our lobbyists off of Capital Hill for another six months and do nothing else until 2008. In this presidential election year, we should introduce hate crimes legislation, which has the least potential to create a backlash, since even our opponents profess that Gay bashing is wrong.

Unfortunately, I left off my short list overturning the ban on Gays in the military. I think we should steer clear of this issue until after the presidential elections. This topic is too prone to demagoguery with conservatives, once again, descending into submarine barracks. If a Democrat wins the presidency and the party holds both branches of Congress, this would be a good issue for 2009.

Conservatives are right - we need a Gay agenda. If our groups strategically and systematically work with Pelosi and Reid we can eat our victory cake and they can still win reelection in a cakewalk.

(Wayne Besen is an author, activist, columnist and public speaker. Besen is the author of a book nominated this year for two Lambda Literary Awards, "Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth," and this op-ed is reprinted from 365Gay.com.)



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# More Than 2,000 LGBT Activists Attend NGLTF Creating Change Conference



**Matt Foreman**

KANSAS CITY, Missouri - More than 2,000 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) rights advocates converged for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) 19th annual Creating Change Conference to strategize and re-energize just one day after the critical midterm election. Creating Change reflects the breadth and scope of diversity of the LGBT community and supporters of LGBT rights. Special meetings, informal networking and brainstorming sessions run alongside more than 150 workshops and 14 daylong institutes.

Not surprisingly, attendees at this year's event were buoyed by the election's many positive outcomes for our community, while still recognizing the enormous work ahead of us as we build a progressive movement.

As NGLTF Executive Director Matt Foreman said in his dynamic "State of the Movement" address; "Let's remember this moment of hope and optimism as the time that, with incredible pride in all we've accomplished, we lifted our heads up and re-embraced a vision and an agenda where equality is the floor and a transformed America is the ceiling." Foreman offered an agenda in which we "see and think bigger and better." An agenda that will not allow a federal nondiscrimination or hate crimes bill that is not Transgender inclusive. An agenda that unequivocally states that equality under the law is the floor, not the ceiling. One in which there is marriage equality and a woman's right to choose is inviolate. One in which everyone can serve openly in the military and there is an end to the scapegoating of any group of people for political gain, including people of color and immigrants. "This, folks, is a big agenda. It requires us reaching out and working with and for 'other' causes as never before," Foreman told the standing-room-only crowd during a speech that was covered by the Associated Press and Reuters news services, among others.

"This is not only the right thing to do, it is critical we do it. It will make achieving the floor of our agenda and the vision of our movement possible," Foreman concluded. "So, let's remember this moment of hope and optimism as the time that, with incredible pride in all we've accomplished, we lifted our heads up and re-embraced a vision and an agenda where equality is the floor and a transformed America is the ceiling."

Loretta Ross, national coordinator and co-founder of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, sounded a similar note in her plenary speech, calling for activists to build a new human rights movement that starts at home. Expressing concern that we are "indulging in the excesses of identity politics" and engaging in separate and

parallel social justice movements, Ross said, "While we're fighting each other in our own Oppression Olympics, the neofascists and neoliberals are kicking our asses. They're killing us. And only a united movement for all of our human rights will save us."

In the closing segment of the opening plenary, a panel moderated by Andy Marra, board president of the National Center for Transgender Equality, and featuring Eddy Morales, outgoing president of the United States Student Association, Rinku Sen, publisher of ColorLines, Olga Vives, executive vice president of the National Organization for Women, and Cuc T. Vu, Task Force board member and the immigration campaign manager for the Service Employees International Union, talked about the intersection of social justice movements.

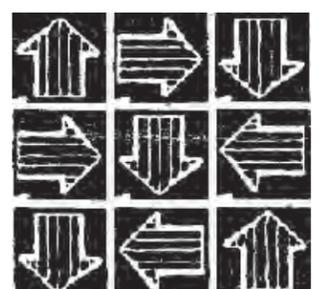
Sen said that while many might be excited by the outcome of the election, come January when the new Congress convenes, "we need to push really hard to win back the rights we've lost over two decades and expand those rights, so by '08 we can begin having a really different electoral conversation."

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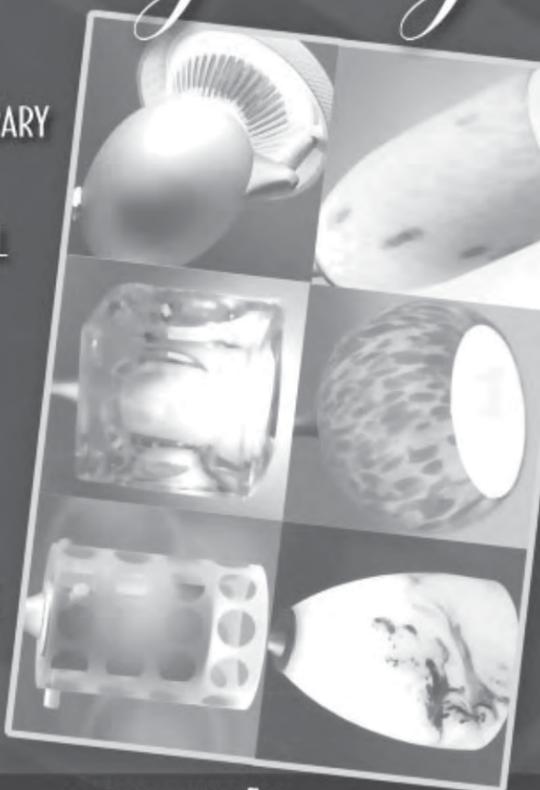


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# NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Milton Friedman

by Lee Thorn

Milton Friedman just died and everybody's saying what a brilliant, influential, wonderful guy he was. No problem. Let's celebrate what a brilliant, influential and wonderful guy he was. But, in the interest of honesty, let's also point out that he was nuts. He's spent his professional life going around saying stuff like labor unions haven't helped workers and big corporations will provide health insurance for their employees because of competition with other big corporations. To his denigration of the accomplishments of unions, I can only ask, "What planet have you been living on?" To his assurance of the future beneficence of big corporations, I say, "What have they been waiting for?"

We have a tradition in our culture of cutting academics a lot of slack. It's a tradition I support. They get to have their private languages and their various forms of insulation from the real world, but, at the end of the day, if they come out with pronouncements that are just plain crazy, we ought to call those pronouncements crazy and we ought to worry about the professors' influence instead of celebrating it.

It's the same story with Henry Kissinger, at least as far as being brilliant and influential go. (I don't think anyone ever accused him of being wonderful.) The man, as smart as he might be, is not playing with a full deck. I recently heard him on television claiming that we actually won the Vietnam war. I've got to believe that he may be the only person on this planet, not occupying a padded cell, who holds that opinion. Apparently we pulled out just in time to miss the victory parade so they decided to cancel it. Am I the only public scribbler to see a certain irony in Kissinger's being a prime adviser on the Iraq war when he was also a prime adviser on the Vietnam unpleasantness, and when he still thinks we won it?! Would someone please cue the TWILIGHT ZONE theme?

And don't forget Robert Bork, a guy who was nominated to serve on the United States Supreme Court, a guy who people still refer to as brilliant and influential, a guy who can't find any hint of a right to privacy in the U.S. Constitution, a brilliant and influential nut. I quote the U.S. Constitution: "The right of people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." Gosh, Mr. Bork, if that's not privacy what do you think we should

call it? Maybe we could make up a new word that means the same as privacy.

These three characters remind me of the so-called scholars who claim that the Holocaust never happened. I don't care how brilliant and influential you are, if you think that the Holocaust never occurred there is something wrong with your intellectual functioning.

Part of the Friedman coverage can be explained by people not wanting to say anything bad about the dead. Another part, the bigger part in my estimation, is that we aren't really comfortable with the idea that you can be a perfectly respectable academic and, at the same time, a complete lunatic. The truth is that academia offers enormous shelter to anyone who's willing to go along with its prevailing conventions. Not long ago the international academic world was swept up by deconstruction, a truly bizarre doctrine that held everything to be equally plausible. Inexplicably, the professors who embraced this nutty dogma in order to enhance their careers still stopped at red lights when they drove home, a quirky concession to the old-fashioned notion of plausibility.

I'm not picking on our esteemed public intellectuals because they got something wrong. We all do that all the time. I'm not picking on them because they did something nutty. We all do that once in awhile. Remember Richard Branson's urinals that were designed to look like mouths and Rupert Murdoch's attempt to return O. J. Simpson to the media spotlight?

I'm picking on these brilliant, influential, wonderful guys because they have incorrigibly rejected reality over a period of decades. And I'm not concerned about their motives for doing so. All I'm saying is, in the interests of simply protecting ourselves, in the interests of good old self-preservation, while we celebrate their brilliance and their influence and their wonderfulness, let's not forget that their elevators don't go to the top floor, that they're one brick short of a load, that they've gone around the bend, etc.

(Thorn welcomes comments, suggestion 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.)

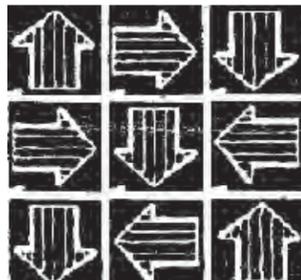
## Where's Dad? Gay NY Man's Shocking Find

BROOKLYN, New York - When Paul Iversen came out almost a decade ago he became estranged from his Brooklyn family, but now, with the holidays coming on and his family advancing in years he felt it was time to try to reconcile with his father, reports 365Gay.com.

Iversen knocked on his parents apartment door and asked his mother if he could see his father. The 73 year old woman opened the door, the New York Daily News reports, and told him his father was in the bedroom. There he found the skeletal remains of the father, under the covers in bed, lying in a fetal position. The son persuaded the elderly woman to call police.

The Daily News reports that the woman told investigators that Frank Iversen, 75, had died of natural causes three years ago. She did not report the death because she wanted to continue collecting his Social Security benefits. The paper quotes unnamed police sources as saying the woman told investigators that she and her husband had made a pact that if one of them died the other would hide

the body to continue collecting the benefits. Neighbors told the Daily News that they had noticed foul odors coming from the apartment for more than a year but did not think to notify police. The paper said that Frank Iversen had not been to a doctor for decades. An autopsy will be performed by the medical examiners office to determine an exact cause of death, but that could prove difficult or impossible because of the condition of the body. Joanne Iversen allowed herself to be checked into Bellevue Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.



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The next few weeks turn hot, hot, hot as we move into holiday season. Should we blame it on global warming or the rush of six planets in feisty, fiery Sagittarius that heat up the cosmos? Don't sit and chill. Get Out and melt a few snowballs. Ho, ho, ho.

**ARIES (MAR. 21 - APR. 20)**  
Proud Rams simply cannot sit at home. You crave adventure and yearn to travel. So why limit yourself to the usual? Plot an international itinerary that is guaranteed to get you Out and about when six planets posit in Sadge. However, if time and money are tight, fix your sights on exotic delights a bit closer to home. Trim a few trees down the block.

**TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)**  
Queer Bulls feel lusty and very sexy now. You are a force with whom to be reckoned and can attract anyone that you set your sights on. Spread your joy around. Remember that hesitation is a buzz killer. Make your best moves while six planets sit in Sadge and don't be stingy with your affections. Spike the eggnog while you roast a few chestnuts. Ouch!

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Pink Twins are forced to face relationship issues head on. Are there unresolved problems that are creating an uncomfortable undercurrent? Are you giving too much or too little? (Remember, it is better to give than to receive.) For those who are trawling the bars with their portable mistletoe, seek some new haunts filled with a bunch of merry elves.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
A cavalcade of planets in Sagittarius focuses more of your efforts on work. Oh goodie. Pink Crabs find themselves burning the midnight oil on the job like just another old Cratchett. Yes, you will be very productive but don't aspire to be an office drone. Find time to hang the balls, stuff the stockings and make very merry in the next few weeks.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)**  
Proud Lions are unleashed and on the prowl for the next few weeks. Tis the season to have festive fun, so party hearty and maneuver among the

various movers and shakers. You have great energy reserves so seek and accept as many invitations as you can fit on your blackberry. Ah but will you overdo and imbibe a bit too much? We can only hope so!

**VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)**  
The focus is on family and home issues while six planets in Sagittarius stoke your hearth. Don't be surprised if the huddled masses descend upon your humble abode for a little holiday cheer. As far as family is concerned, queer Virgins may reach a wall, but these walls are surmountable. The most important thing is to be true to yourself, bad hairstyle notwithstanding.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)**  
You are apt to say one thing too many when a pride parade of planets in Sagittarius make havoc with your communication skills. Oh who cares? Even though Gay Libras are usually diplomatic and eloquent, the world is very forgiving now. But just to be on the safe side, why not just let your actions speak louder and prouder than your words.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)**  
Proud Scorps are flush with funds. Bank on those six planets in Sagittarius to bring you fiscal luck and fortune. With a bit of research, you can carefully plant your small nut so it can eventually grow into a tall money tree. Or throw caution to the wind and just enjoy your gotten gains. Will you overspend on a few holiday trinkets? They hope so!

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)**  
The spotlight finds you no matter where you go or where you try to hide. Blame those six planets in your own sign for lighting up your tree with neon. The next weeks bring not only fame and glory, but also a bit of notoriety which can make you especially attractive. Reach Out and take the world by storm, Gay Archer. Share your gifts and don't keep your intentions under wraps.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)**  
Pink Caps give and can receive now. Make the most of your karma by volunteering for a worthy Gay charity. You may find yourself wedged next to the celebrity du jour at a holiday party. Each opportunity can become an opportunity of a lifetime. Don't foul it up by stringing mistletoe on a wire and

hanging it over your head.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)**  
Friends are your holiday gift this holiday season. Six Sagittarian planets make you ground zero for all sorts of social festivities. Plan accordingly Aqueerius and stock up on goodies. As you pour the eggnog and hang your tinsel, think of ways to expand your usual social circle. I've heard that those eight tiny reindeer are quite the party animals.

**PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)**  
Guppies find themselves cast in the role of professional intermediaries. Whether its planning the office holiday party or divvying up the bonuses, it seems that you can do no political wrong. You dive in the corporate pool and swim with the big fish. But don't get too big for your britches, buddy. You may find those Santa pants begin to pinch after a while.

## Same Sex Marriage Case Advances To Connecticut Supreme Court

HARTFORD, Connecticut - The state of Connecticut violates its own constitution by denying same-sex couples the right to marry according to a brief filed Wednesday (Nov. 22) in the Connecticut Supreme Court by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), reported 365Gay.com.

GLAD, the Boston-based legal group that won same-sex marriage in Massachusetts, argues that the denial of marriage by Connecticut's 2005 civil union law is arbitrary and fails to provide Gay and Lesbian citizens with the equal treatment the constitution requires. The brief says that denying same-sex couples access to marriage violates the state constitution in two ways: Gay and Lesbian citizens are denied both equal protection and due process.

The brief was filed in GLAD's appeal of a July ruling that

**WEEKLY OBSERVER** said same-sex couples do not need marriage because they already are entitled to civil unions. "Civil union and marriage in Connecticut now share the same benefits, protections and responsibilities under law," Judge Patty Jenkins Pittman said in a written ruling. "The Connecticut Constitution requires that there be equal protection and due process of law, not that there be equivalent nomenclature for such protection and process."

The civil unions law was enacted in 2005 a year after eight same-sex couples began their suit against the state. The couples filed the lawsuit after they were denied marriage licenses.

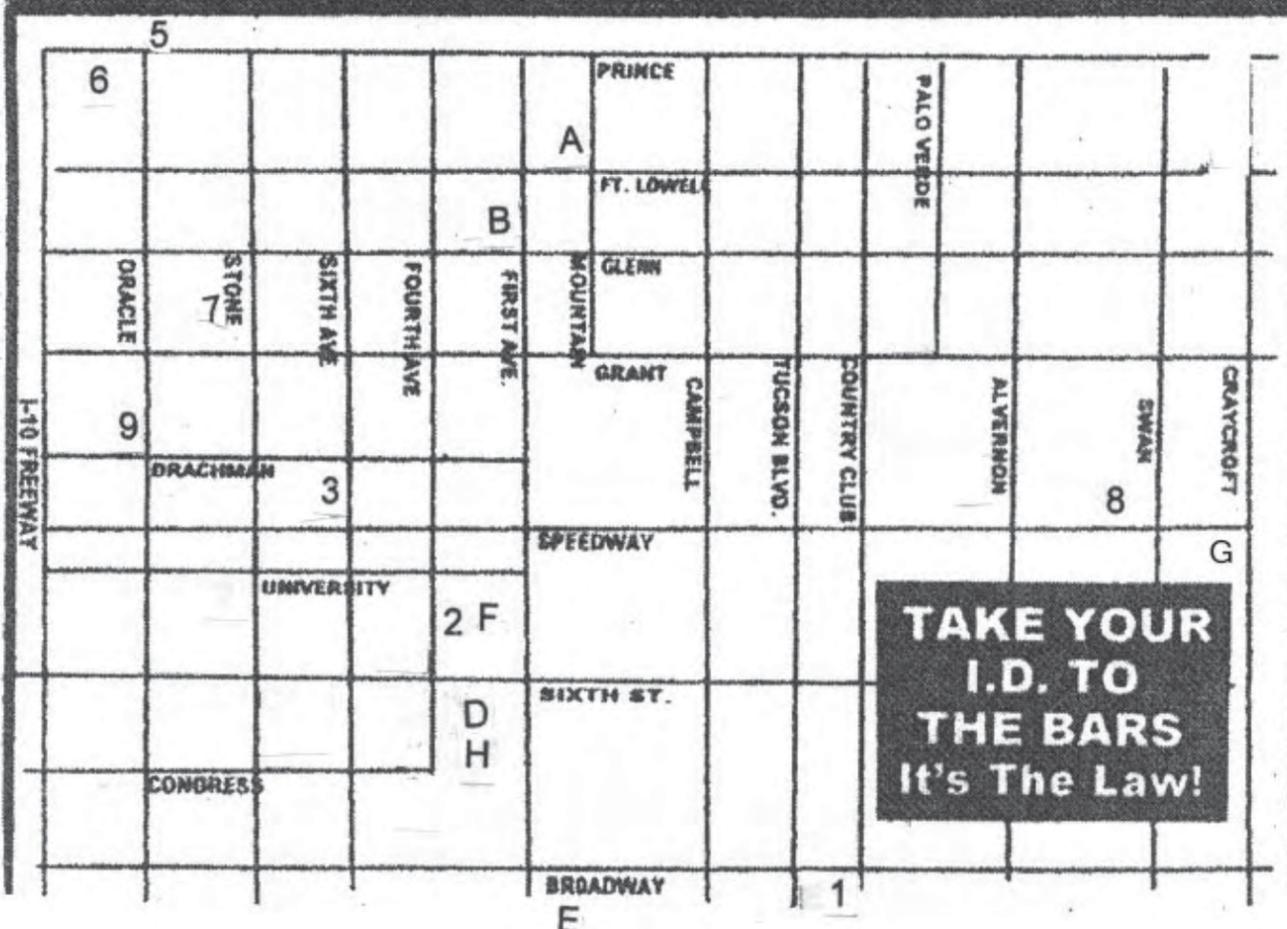
In its arguments to the Supreme Court GLAD said that when lawmakers debated and enacted the civil union statute, they recognized that same-sex couples have the same capacity for love and commitment and the same need for protections under marriage laws as heterosexual couples.

While the legislature acknowledged "both the common humanity of Gay people and their right to equal treatment in their family lives," they blinked and placed same-sex couples in a new and separate legal category, instead of granting full equality, said GLAD senior attorney Bennett Klein.

"Everyone recognizes that marriage has no substitute in our society," said Klein. "No other institution garners the same dignity and respect - dignity and respect that these couples and their children deserve as much as anyone. The legislature rationalized discriminating against Gay and Lesbian citizens by citing personal beliefs, their constituents' prejudices, and a simple desire to keep Gay people separate. None of that is constitutionally legitimate."

Massachusetts currently is the only state that allows same-sex couples to marry. Last month the New Jersey Supreme Court gave the state Legislature 180 days to act on a ruling to grant same-sex couples the rights and benefits enjoyed by different-sex married couples but left it up to the legislators to decide whether to call it marriage or civil unions. High courts in New York and Washington state this year ruled that the legislature had the right to decide the issue of Gay marriage. A similar lawsuit is expected to be heard by the California Supreme Court next year.

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Wednesday, November 29th

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Canasta! Hosted by Merlin and Lee at 207-5336. 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 30th

**#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.

**#2Men'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, December 1

**World AIDS Day 2006** - A free community event will be held at the Fox Theatre in downtown Tucson. The Information Fair begins at 5:00 p.m. Hors d-oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. and Live entertainment at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by The Fox Theatre, COPE Behavioral Services and Arizona Department of Health Services. For more information call 520-798-1772.

Tuesday, December 5

**#1Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Currently reading and discussing *The Counterfeiters* by Andre Gide. Save the first Tuesday of each month for the Gay Reading Group. Meets at Wingspan. Call Doug at 529-0014 for info.

**#2Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Bruce. Call for info and directions 743-3890

Wednesday, December 6th

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Canasta with Marv and Steve. Call 745-0304 for info.

Thursday, December 7th

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. #1Coffee Night at Rainbow Planet is no host drop-in caffienated talkfest.

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Friday, December 8th

**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, December 9th

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Pinochle with Marv. Call 745-0304 for info.

Sunday, December 10th

**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 by the Event Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations.

Monday, December 11th

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Poker Night! Texas Hold-Em with Karol. Cal 744-9017 for information.

Tuesday, December 12th

**Men's Social Network** Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. A "whistful" evening of Bridge with host Terry at 577-3545. 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!

## Gay Street Patrols Guard The Castro

SAN FRANCISCO, California - Three men in orange ball caps and jackets walk through San Francisco's predominantly Gay Castro neighborhood, reported 365Gay.com. It's after midnight on a Saturday night and the street is busy with people heading to the area's bars and clubs.

Ordinarily the pair might look as though they are members of a team on their way to a team function. But they are part of a new community street patrol aimed at stomping out homophobic attacks before they can get violent. Police say crime in the Castro has not risen noticeably, but many residents disagree. On Halloween night a shooting spree wounded nine people and left another person injured in the ensuing panic.

Several weeks earlier police confiscated a gun from a man stopped on the street. In late summer two men reported being attacked and raped on the street. As community outrage began to grow in Oct. police held a community meeting, pledging to put more officers on foot patrol into the area. That has been augmented by the Castro Community on Patrol organization.

Organized by 35-year old Carlton Paul the patrol has signed up and trained 25 people and hopes to have about 50 more by spring. The patrols work in threes and accompany police officers on foot. The volunteers do not intervene where there is an incident, but help serve as witnesses

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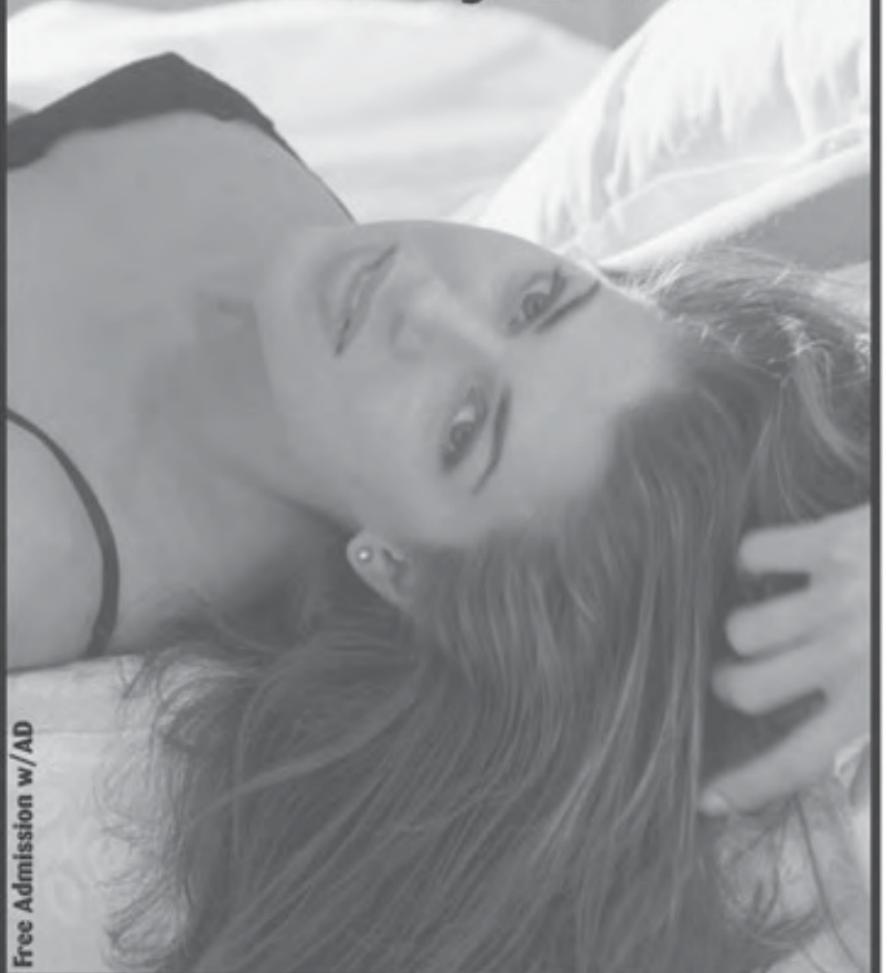
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and community liaison. If they become separated from the cops they are with, each has a whistle. The whistles and jackets were paid for by area businesses. Whistles are also being handed out to people in the neighborhood to use if they are attacked or witness an attack. About 3,000 whistles have been ordered. So far the patrols are working only on weekends, but if they prove successful they'll be expanded throughout the week.



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# Gay Mega Church Boosts United Church Of Christ Membership In The South

DALLAS, Texas - The acceptance of a predominantly Gay Dallas megachurch into the United Church of Christ (UCC) means that about a quarter of the mainline denomination's members in Texas and Louisiana attend the same church, reported the Associated Press. The North Texas Association of the Cleveland, Ohio-based UCC voted 32-9 last month to admit the 4,300-member Cathedral of Hope after a yearlong courtship. (story) The cathedral bills itself as "the world's largest liberal Christian church with a primary outreach to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people."

The cathedral, which became the fourth largest church in the denomination, was spurred to affiliate with the UCC after its controversial decision last year to endorse Gay marriage. It is the largest Christian denomination to do so. "They are a progressive denomination, and they have taken progressive stands all along," said the Rev. Michael S. Piazza, the cathedral's national pastor and dean. "When they took that vote, it really made it clear that was our home."

About 140 churches in the 5,700-church denomination left the UCC. The Puerto Rico conference of the denomination, which has about 60 churches, also has decided to depart, though some individual churches may stay, said the Rev. Bennett Guess, UCC spokesman. That number has been partially offset by 65 churches that have expressed interest in joining, the most since the UCC was formed in 1957 by the union of the Congregational Christian Churches in America and the Evangelical and Reformed

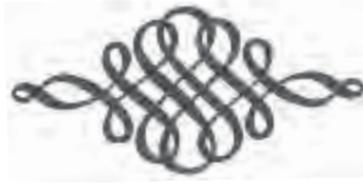
Church. The Cathedral of Hope is part of a "continuing drumbeat of new churches" since the denomination's rule-making body overwhelmingly approved a resolution in July 2005 endorsing same-sex marriage, Guess said. "The future of the UCC is much brighter because they are on the right side of history," Piazza said. "The future generation has no homophobia. They won't tolerate people who won't accept their family and friends."

In the early 1970s, the 1.3 million-member UCC became the first major Christian church to ordain an openly Gay minister. The church declared itself to be "open and affirming" of Gays and Lesbians 20 years ago. "The UCC is clearly going after a certain niche in American society who are very liberal and have a particular religious vision that includes inclusiveness," said John Evans, associate professor of sociology at University of California, San Diego. "They are becoming the religious brand that is known for this." The long-term effects of that strategy remain to be seen, Evans added.

Eighty percent of the Protestant denomination's members live in the Northeast or industrial Midwest, but it seems to be making increased inroads as an alternative in the South, where conservative evangelical churches dominate. Four years ago, the 5,500-member Victory Church in Stone Mountain, Ga., became the UCC's second largest church. Before the Dallas cathedral's application was approved, the denomination had only 13,648 members and 85 churches in

Texas and Louisiana. "I hope that we help initiate a dialogue about what it means to be a vitally alive, vibrant congregation in terms of worship and vision. I think that's a direction the UCC is seeking to go," said the Rev. Jo Hudson, senior pastor of the cathedral, which gives away \$1 million a year in community assistance. The cathedral separated from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in 2003 after a dispute regarding Piazza's financial management. The congregation voted a year ago to seek affiliation with the UCC, although ties with the denomination go further back. Piazza said a 1997 congregational vote authorized exploration of denominational affiliation with the UCC. But the potential union met obstacles including a resolution preventing the North Texas association from "knowingly" ordaining Gay or Lesbian ministers. The resolution has since been repealed.

Times have changed, said John Vigus, the association's parliamentarian. "I think people have more of any understanding that instead of condemnation of one's lifestyle, that maybe we don't agree with them, maybe we wouldn't live the Gay lifestyle ourselves, but we shouldn't be condemning it," he said. "Maybe that was wrong. We've been doing it in the past, but maybe we were wrong."



# Oregon Expected To Approve Civil Unions Next Year

SALEM, Oregon - Oregon same-sex couples are anxiously awaiting the start of the 2007 session of the Legislature and the return of legislation that would allow civil unions in the state, reported 365Gay.com.

The Democratically controlled Senate last year approved a civil unions bill only to see it die in the Republican dominated House. The GOP leadership first gutted the legislation and then House Speaker Karen Minnis refused to allow it to come to a vote. In an interview at the time, Minnis said Oregonians decided the issue in 2004 when they joined with voters in 10 other states in passing Gay marriage bans. The bill would have created a civil unions registry and grant same-sex couples many of the rights available to married couples including inheritance benefits, pensions, property rights when a partner dies, and the right to make medical decisions for a partner. The measure had the support of Gov. Ted Kulongoski who has pledged to support the reintroduction of the legislation.

This time it will have a much better chance of passage. Basic Rights Oregon, the state's leading Gay rights group, mounted a full scale attack on Minnis and campaigned hard for Democrats in November's general election. The group narrowly failed to defeat Minnis but was instrumental in a Democratic sweep of the House. Democrats now control both houses in the legislature.

House Majority Leader-elect Dave Hunt said he believes the majority of Oregonians support civil unions and that the legislation will be passed. "We are not talking about bringing up divisive issues. We're trying to follow positions that we think are very much supported by a majority of Oregonians on education, health care, public safety and civil rights."



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## AIDS Set To Be Third Largest Killer

LONDON - Within the next 25 years, AIDS is expected to join heart disease and stroke as the top three causes of death worldwide according to a new study, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. When global mortality projections were last calculated a decade ago, researchers assumed the number of AIDS cases would be declining. Instead, it's on the rise.

Currently ranked fourth behind heart disease, stroke, and respiratory infections, AIDS is expected to become No. 3, said researchers in a new report in the Public Library of Science's Medicine journal. It accounts for about 2.8 million deaths every year. But the researchers estimate a total of nearly 120 million people could die in the next 25 years.

Overall, the researchers predict in three decades, the causes of global mortality will be strikingly similar worldwide, apart from the prevalence of AIDS in poorer countries. Most people will be dying at older ages of non-infectious diseases like cardiovascular disease, stroke and cancer.

The paper by Dr. Colin Mathers and Dejan Loncar of the World Health Organization estimates of least 117 million people will die from AIDS from 2006 to 2030. In an optimistic future projection, if new HIV infections are curbed and access to life-prolonging antiretrovirals is increased, 89 million people will die from the disease.

"What happens in the future depends very much on what the international community does now," Mathers said.

These marked differences should spark changes in current approaches to controlling AIDS now, some experts said.

"It will be increasingly hard to sustain treatment programs, unless we can turn off the tap of new HIV infections," said Dr. Richard Hays, professor of epidemiology at London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who was not linked to the study. "These AIDS numbers point to a need to do more in prevention."

Simply focusing on treatment or politically uncontroversial prevention methods will not suffice.

"You can't put all your eggs in the abstinence basket," said Hays.

"We need a menu of strategies for real people," he said, adding condom distribution as well as new methods, such as a vaccine, are needed.

Mathers and Loncar analyzed data from more than 100 countries. The authors looked at the links between mortality trends and income per capita, as well as factors including education levels and tobacco use. Their research also used UN estimates for projected AIDS infection rates and the World Bank's numbers for future income per capita.

Mathers and Loncar then took all of this information and plugged it into a complex modelling equation to predict the top future causes of death and disease.

"This is an important contribution that will help us determine the priorities in public health," said Dr. Majid Ezzati, an associate professor

of international health at Harvard University, who was not connected to the paper.

While it may be possible to avert some of the impending damage from HIV/AIDS, Mathers said other predictions are unlikely to vary significantly.

As populations age, he explains, they are naturally more susceptible to illnesses like cancer and heart disease than from infectious diseases — even in the developing world. Life expectancy is expected to increase worldwide, with the highest projected life expectancy in 2030 to be in Japanese women, at 88.5 years.

Mathers and Loncar speculate by 2030, cancer deaths will jump from 7.1 million in 2002 to 11.5 million. The number of deaths from cardiovascular disease is expected to rise from 16.7 million in 2002 to 23.3 million in 2030. Overall, they expect non-communicable diseases to account for 70 per cent of all deaths globally, up from 59 per cent in 2002.

Though economic development may bring better health care, it also has an unfortunate side-effect: more road accidents. Based on rates of increasing car ownership, the World Bank estimates traffic fatalities will increase globally by 66 per cent by 2020. This might be avoided, Mathers said, if developing countries learn from the experience of developed countries, where laws and improved safety practices have sharply cut the numbers of road-related deaths.

Knowing the likely causes of future mortality allows policymakers to attempt to improve the expected outcome. While Mathers and Loncar are unable to account for unforeseen events such as the emergence of new deadly diseases or major outbreaks like a flu pandemic, their projections may help to set the agenda of global health.

"I hope this paper inspires change," said Mathers. "And I hope our pessimistic projections turn out to be wrong."

## Married Lesbians File For Divorce In Rhode Island

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island - A Lesbian couple married in Massachusetts has filed for divorce in Rhode Island, setting up a legal conundrum for judges in a state where the laws are silent on the legality of same-sex marriage, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. Margaret Chambers and Cassandra Ormiston of Providence were married after the Massachusetts supreme judicial court legalized same-sex marriage in 2004. They filed for divorce in Rhode Island on Oct. 23, citing irreconcilable differences, Chambers's attorney, Louis Pulner said. Ormiston declined to comment.

Rhode Island family court chief judge Jeremiah Jeremiah Jr. has yet to decide whether his court has jurisdiction and said he believes it is the first filing for a same-sex divorce in the state. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 5. Massachusetts became the only state to allow same-sex couples to marry after the state's supreme judicial court ruled it was unconstitutional to bar them from it. Until recently, though, it was up in the air whether out-of-state couples could marry in Massachusetts. In September a Massachusetts judge decided that nothing in Rhode Island law specifically banned same-sex marriage and said Rhode Island couples could legally marry there.

"Now the ultimate question is whether the state will recognize or determine whether it has jurisdiction to handle an out-of-state divorce when we don't have any case law that accepts or rejects same-sex marriage," Pulner said. Rhode Island attorney general Patrick Lynch said it is up to the courts and legislature to decide whether the state recognizes same-sex unions.

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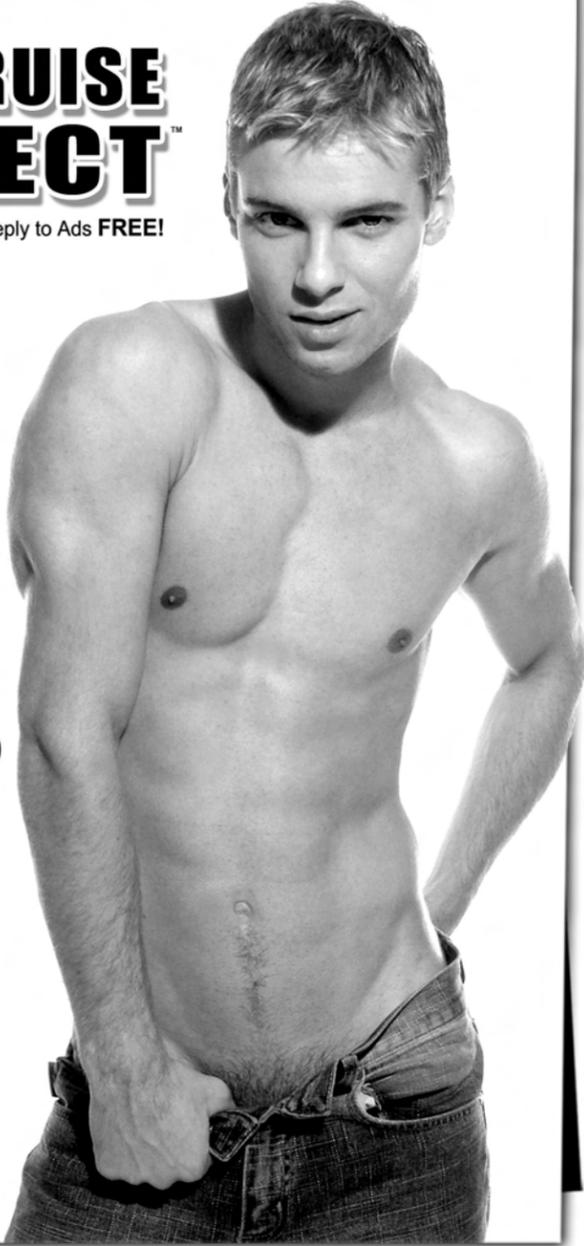
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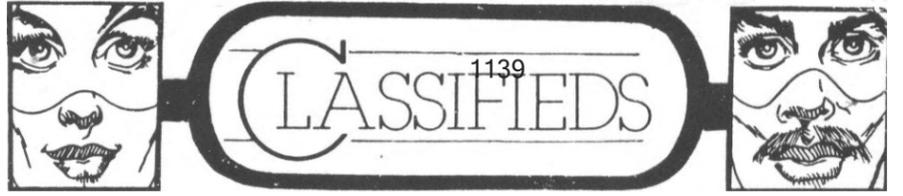
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## Acclaimed Mexican Actor Voices Support For Same-Sex Unions Law



Gael--Garcia-Bernal

MEXICO CITY, Mexico - Actor Gael Garcia Bernal joined other Mexican celebrities Tuesday (Nov. 28) to voice support for Mexico City's new law legalizing Gay civil unions, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Garcia Bernal, actor Diego Luna and director Alfonso Cuaron were among 51 people who published a half-page open letter in local newspapers supporting the law passed this month by local lawmakers.

"The vote for the civil-unions law was a vote in favor of liberty, social equality and the strength of civil society," the artists wrote. The law was by Mexico City Mayor Alejandro Encinas and is due to go into effect in four months. It allows same-sex couples living in Mexico City to register civil unions with authorities, granting them inheritance rights and

other benefits typically given to spouses. The conservative National Parents Union called the law "aberrant" and conservative groups have threatened a legal challenge. The Mexican Council of Bishops says it's the first step toward legalizing Gay marriage and adoption by Gays, which it opposes.

Garcia Bernal, star of "Amores Perros," "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and "The Motorcycle Diaries," frequently weighs in on politics. While promoting his new movie "Babel," in which his character gets into trouble with U.S. immigration authorities, he criticized a planned U.S. fence along its border with Mexico as "absurd." "In the personal, civic arena, I love entering into politics," he said Tuesday (Nov. 28) in an interview with the Televisa network.

## Police Investigate Haggard's Gay Whistle Blower

DENVER, Colorado (Observer Update) - The city's police department want to talk to the former Gay escort who blew the whistle on evangelist Ted Haggard, a leader in the evangelical movement and pastor of 14,000 member New Life Church he built in Colorado Springs and who was at the forefront of the effort to amend the Colorado constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

Haggard, an outspoken critic of homosexuality he was outed by former hustler Mike Jones in the days leading up to the amendment vote. Haggard was subsequently fired by the church and forced to resign as president of the National Association of Evangelicals, a position which had given him unbridled access to the White House. The story broke when Jones brought tapes of conversations with Haggard to Denver TV station KUSA. Jones told the station that he had a long term pay for ex relationship with Haggard and had helped the pastor buy crystal meth. Jones denied selling the drug but said he put Haggard in touch with someone who would.

exactly what role Jones played in the drug use. He may also be under investigation for prostitution a police source said Monday (Nov. 27).

At the time he was interviewed by KUSA the station advised him to get a lawyer because he may had admitted committing a crime the station reported. Jones' attorney, David Lane, told the station that he has advised his client not to talk with investigators. "One aspect of Mike Jones going public in this is that he would become an object of police scrutiny," Lane told KUSA. "I informed the Denver Police and the Denver DA, Mike has nothing to say to them. Any contact they want with him has to come through me." No charges have been filed against Haggard and the investigation is ongoing.

Denver police immediately began an investigation into Haggard's drug use. Now that investigation has spread to Jones. Denver police want to know who supplied the drugs and



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# Gay Enron Conspirator Sentenced To Three Years



**Michael Kopper**

HOUSTON, Texas - Gay Enron Corp. conspirator, Michael Kopper, and Mark Koenig were sentenced on Friday (Nov. 24) to far shorter prison terms than they agreed to in pleading guilty, when a Texas judge rewarded their cooperation in prosecuting their former bosses for fraud, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein sentenced former finance officer, Kopper, 41, to three years and one month. Koenig, the onetime investor relations chief, received an 18-month sentence. Each was fined \$50,000. The sentences are sharply less than when both men initially pleaded guilty, when Kopper agreed to accept a 15-year term and Koenig agreed to 10 years. Prosecutors asked for leniency.

Kopper was the first Enron executive to accept a plea bargain. He agreed to cooperate with the government in August 2002, less than a year after Enron's collapse. Kopper and his domestic partner, William Dodson, jointly stole \$16.5 million from Enron. Kopper's early assistance "shaved months" off the investigation, leading to charges against at least 20 other people, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathryn Ruemmler wrote in a letter requesting leniency. "His most significant and direct contribution was he led to the charging of [Andrew] Fastow," Ruemmler told the judge at the hearing. "The significance of that really cannot be overstated."

Andrew Fastow was the former chief financial officer who created illicit partnerships at the heart of the fraud, and was sentenced to six years in prison. "Simply put, Mr. Kopper's assistance was invaluable to the government's efforts to get to the bottom of what happened at Enron and to charge culpable individuals," Ruemmler wrote in a court filing.

During his sentencing, Kopper told Judge Werlein he felt "deep sadness, shame and regret" for deceiving Enron's shareholders and employees.

"We took their trust, and we just threw it away," Kopper said in an emotional testimony. "I am horrified I contributed to the pain these people have suffered." The judge told Kopper the three year sentence had to reflect the seriousness of the offense, promote respect for law and punish him for stealing millions of dollars from Enron. Kopper and Koenig played integral roles in a fraud that allowed Enron to hide billions in debt and deceive investors about the company's true financial health. More than 5,000 jobs and \$1 billion in employee pensions were erased when Enron filed bankruptcy in Dec. 2001. Kopper pleaded guilty to two conspiracy counts, agreeing to forfeit \$8 million and surrender claims to another \$4 million in dispute.

Kopper testified in an Enron-related trial that he and his domestic partner, Dodson, jointly stole \$16.5 million from Enron through former executive Andrew Fastow's side deals. Dodson hasn't been prosecuted and retains roughly \$9 million of the illegal proceeds, Kopper testified. According to a report in The New York Blade, Dodson may be able to hang on to the stolen money because Kopper and Dodson, as a Gay couple, are not legally married. Alphonso David, a staff attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, said if Kopper and Dodson were married, the Enron funds that now belong to Dodson would be considered jointly owned by the two men under the marriage laws of most states. "It's ironic that some of the same people who are opposed to legal recognition of marriage between same-sex couples are upset that this couple gets to keep about \$9 million in stolen funds," David told the Blade

## Channing: I Didn't Say It Like That

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - A recent interview with Carol Channing has left some in the Gay community up in arms, but she has since given a rebuttal interview with the Gay biweekly In Los Angeles Magazine to dispel the impression that she is homophobic, reported advocate.com. An article by Kaizaad Kotwal in the Nov. 10 issue of the Cleveland-based weekly Gay People's Chronicle quoted Channing as denouncing Gays and her Gay following. "I am knee-deep in the Bible," she said in the interview, "and you know what it says about that."

Channing, in the interview with Jeremy Kinser and Karen Ocamb for In Los Angeles, said, "I never said that! I've never read anything in the Bible

about being Gay, or at least I haven't read that part. But it is true that I don't think about them in that way. They are Gay. Who cares? The Bible says, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

The interview with Gay People's Chronicle also quoted Channing as saying that Gay people fighting for rights was "not [her] problem" and that "if they can't take care of their own problems, then why should I bother." In her In Los Angeles interview, Channing noted that her record of fighting for Gay rights "speaks for itself" and described Gays as self-sufficient. "Not being Gay, it hasn't been a problem I've had to live with myself," she said.



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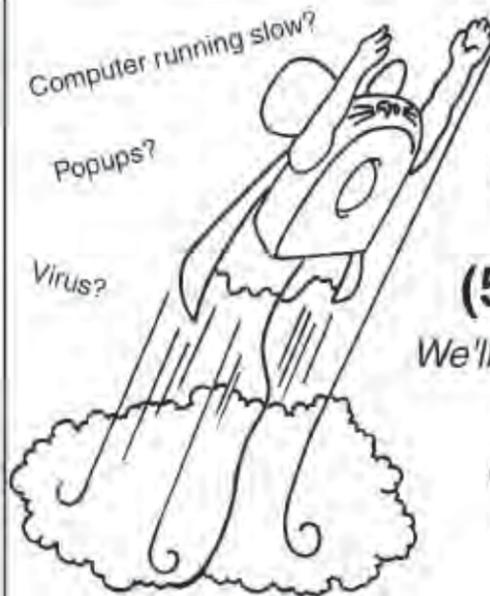
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**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open at 10am. \$2.50 Smirnoff Vodkas all day. We've got the NFL Sunday Ticket - Watch your favorite NFL team here. \$1 Jumbo Dogs, \$2 Chili Dogs. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 4:00, and 7:00 pm. Ply for points and 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.

**HOLLYWOOD** - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft.

**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. Nightly dinner specials.

**HOLLYWOOD** - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Karaoke 8pm-12am.

**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.

**HOLLYWOOD** - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Movie Night. First show 6pm, Second show 8pm with movie theatre popcorn and hot dogs.

**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 day and 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. Great way to learn the game or sharpen your skills.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny 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.

**HOLLYWOOD** - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Stnad-up Comedy Night - open mike 8-10p.m. Register 7pm. Prizes for winners.

**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 opens 7pm.

## FRIDAY

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-1am. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well. Full menu served 4-10pm. 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.

**HOLLYWOOD** - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft. Two for One 9pm - 12am. With midnight 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 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-11pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3 Skyy cocktails, \$2.50 Domestic and Well Full menu served 4-10pm. Nightly dinner specials. "Pacific Breeze performs 7-10pm.

**HOLLYWOOD** - Open 5pm. Happy Hour 5pm to 7pm. \$1.75 well, domestic bottles, draft.

**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 Mailbu. Cheeseburger & Fries Special for \$4.50 all day. Best burgers around. Johnny D playing dance mix or ch3eck 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.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**HOLLYWOOD** - Movie Night - fresh popcorn and hot dogs.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - Thanksgiving

**HOLLYWOOD** - Thanksgiving Dinner is on the 'house' beginning at 67:00 p.m. Then it's Comedy night. Register at 7:00 p.m. - Showtime is 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Prizes for the winners!!

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Opens today at 5:00 p.m. No Karaoke Tonight.

**IBT'S** - Opens today at 6:00 p.m. "Boys Night Out" 10:00 p.m. to closing.

**WOODY'S** - Join your friends here for Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7 p.m.

**VENTURE-N** - Opens today at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Pot Luck at 2:00 p.m. They cook the turkey and ham - you bring your favorite side dish or a dessert. See bartender to sign up your dish.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**HOLLYWOOD** - "Two For One" night from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight. Check out the Midnight specials.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Fried Chicken Dinner Special - it's finger-lickin' good!

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Drag Show performance show with coronation of NCC/USofA Miss Newcomer, Tucson's own Knokache'. Show starts at 9:00p.m. \$2.00 Cover.

**WOODY'S** - Bradley's Gay Hypnosis Show. Fun-Comedy-Laughter. 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 Admission. The must-see comedy show. Can you be hypnotized???

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - First day of a three-Day celebration of their anniversary. Come on by and howl. 2-Step lessons with Amanda. Country DJ 8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - TMI (Too much Information) band is playing classic rock, blues and more. 9:00 p.m. \$5.00 cover.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Silver Coyote Holiday Dance and Potluck. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Dancing, swing, golden oldies, classic country, ballroom and easy listening favorites. Bring a dish to share, celebrate the holidays in a relaxed atmosphere. Non-smoking in the dance area. \$2.00 Cover.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - AGRA Roadrunner promotional Party for the January 13-14 Rodeo in Phoenix.. Dust off your boots.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

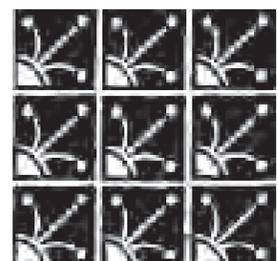
**HOWL AT THE MOON** - "The Bitches Are Back" Reunion Show with Kenneth Blake, Lucinda Holliday, Bunny FuFu and special (surprise) guests.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - "Don We Now Our Gay Apparel" Show 9:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Make your plans now for New Year's Eve. Food, party favors, country DJ, champagne. More details later.



# 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.

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

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

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

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO** - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust

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

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

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

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

**T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club,** dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit [www.azgaydance.org](http://www.azgaydance.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus,** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. All alcoholics welcome.

**MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK:** Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

**CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE** to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games, contact **TEAM ARIZONA** at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

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

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

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT,** Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings

the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. [www.tucsonglbtchamber.org](http://www.tucsonglbtchamber.org)

**TUCSON PRIDE, INC.** (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and

Pride Weekend. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA).** The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezert 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 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

**"OUT ON THE TRAILS - EQUESTRIAN FUN!"**

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

**THE 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](mailto: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.

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.

**BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY.** Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Informing The Community



# 2006 CHRISTMAS RAINBOW BEARS BENEFIT

## Benefiting SAAF and TIHAN



Benefiting Children, Individuals, and Families  
Affected by HIV/AIDS This Holiday Season!

Participating GLBT Host Bars: **Raffle Tickets \$1.00**

IBT's  
Colors  
The Biz  
Woody's  
Yard Dog  
Venture-N  
Howl at the Moon

**Tickets available at SAAF, TIHAN, and these locations**

One Life Size 2006 Christmas Rainbow Bear  
will be displayed and raffled on Saturday  
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