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## Groups Call For National AIDS Strategy

WASHINGTON, D.C. - More than 100 organizations from across the country are calling for the next President to commit to ending the AIDS epidemic in America, reported 365Gay.com.

The groups, which include AIDS Action Washington, Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, have issued a "Call to Action" that has been presented to all Presidential candidates.

It asks that every Presidential candidate commit to developing a results-oriented national AIDS strategy designed to significantly reduce HIV infection rates, ensure access to care and treatment for those who are infected and eliminate racial disparities.

"More than 1.7 million HIV infections and over half a million deaths into the domestic AIDS epidemic, our government still does not have a comprehensive plan to respond effectively," said Rebecca Haag, Executive Director of AIDS Action.

"The wealthiest nation in the world is failing its own people in responding to the AIDS epidemic at home. Our country must develop what it asks of other nations it supports in combating AIDS: a comprehensive national strategy to achieve improved and more equitable results."

The groups, in a joint statement on Monday (September 17) said that the call to action is the result of "the lack of an outcome-based response to HIV domestically."

This, the groups said, has led to unacceptable results - half of people with HIV are not in care, there is a new infection every 13 minutes, infection rates have not fallen in more than 15 years, and dramatic racial disparities are becoming even more pronounced.

"America's response to AIDS is not serving those most in need," said Phill Wilson, Executive Director of the Black AIDS Institute.

"We cannot make significant progress on national AIDS statistics unless government and community efforts better respond to the needs of Black America, and we need a comprehensive national strategy to get there."

Julie Davids, Executive Director of Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project said a plan, not "a patchwork," is what is needed.

"We need to move from a response to AIDS that is often bureaucratic to one that is evidence-based and outcomes-oriented; a response that reaches everyone at risk of infection or needing care," said Davids.

The groups said that a national plan must set ambitious and credible prevention and treatment targets and require annual reporting on progress towards goals, identify clear priorities for action across federal agencies and assign responsibilities and timelines for follow-through, and address social factors that increase vulnerability to infection.

Mark Cloutier, the Executive Director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation said that there is an "enormous human and economic costs resulting from the lack of a focused response to HIV/AIDS domestically."

Cloutier said that without action there will be more unnecessary deaths, billions of dollars in increased health care expenses and a significant loss of productivity in our economy.

## Barney Frank Confident That ENDA Will Pass

WASHINGTON, D.C (Observer Update) - LGBT rights advocates expect Congress will soon move closer to approving a federal ban on job discrimination against Gay, Lesbian and Transgender workers, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Rep. Barney Frank, a leading proponent, predicts the ban will win House approval in coming weeks.

But he and other Gay rights supporters are less optimistic about the fight ahead in the narrowly divided Senate, where they would need 60 votes - rather than a simple majority - to overcome anticipated GOP stall tactics, such as a filibuster. "You don't know if anything can pass the Senate," said Frank, D-Mass., one of two openly Gay members of Congress. "No predictions are possible about the

Senate." Conservative activists, too, are bracing for a Senate showdown. "We know it's going to be very close," said Matt Barber, policy director for cultural issues for Concerned Women for America.

It is legal for employers in 31 states to fire someone for being Gay, the ban's supporters said. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) would make it illegal for employers to make decisions about hiring, firing, promoting or paying an employee based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Churches and the military would be exempt. Federal law bans job discrimination based on factors such as race, gender and religion. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have laws against sexual orientation discrimination. Ban

## 10th Annual Wingspan Dinner Sold Out

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan has announced that for the fourth year in a row, Wingspan's Annual Benefit Dinner has sold out.

Over 1,100 LGBT and Allied people will gather on Saturday, September 29 at the Tucson Convention Center to support Wingspan's mission and recognize the individuals who help build a better LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) and Allied community in Southern Arizona.

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Benefit Dinner, Wingspan will be recognizing the valuable contributions of Wingspan Award recipients over the past decade.

The Godat Award - Nine years ago, the Godat Award was inaugurated to recognize extraordinary long-term contributions by an individual to Southern Arizona's LGBT community. Ken Godat, after whom this award was named, was the first recipient in 1998. Over the last nine years, the Godat Award has celebrated the personal commitment and public advocacy of the following community leaders: 1998 Ken Godat, 1999 Jean M. Baker, 2000 Colette Barajas, 2001 Ana "Bertie" Lozano, 2002 Bob Ellis, 2003 Alexander John Goodrum, 2004 Alan Storm, 2005 Mae Krueger, 2006 Craig Snow.

The Community Ally Award - In 2001, an award was created to honor a straight ally who has made significant contributions to advance the freedom, equality, safety, and well being of LGBT people in Southern Arizona. Award winners have been: 2001 Ernesto Portillo Jr., 2002 Tucson Mayor George Miller, 2003 Reverend David Wilkinson, 2004 Dr. Kevin J. Carmichael, 2005 Detective Tim Rupel, 2006 Donna Rochester.

The Steve Hall Award - The Hall Award is given to an individual who makes outstanding volunteer contributions to further Wingspan's mission of promoting the freedom, equality, safety and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The award is named after Steve Hall, a former Wingspan Board member and volunteer who died in 2001. Past Award winners

opponents say it could undermine the rights of people who oppose homosexuality for religious reasons. "It would force Christian, Jewish, Muslim business owners to leave their faith at the workplace door," Barber said. Critics say Gay rights advocates are exaggerating the extent of anti-Gay discrimination in hopes of boosting their political agenda. "It is affording extra protection to a group that has not been disadvantaged," said Tom McClusky, vice president of government affairs for the Family Research Council, a socially conservative group. GOP Senate leaders are expected to oppose the measure, McClusky said. President Bush has not said where he stands.



Comedian Marga Gomez will perform at the Wingspan Dinner.

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Keynote Speaker at the dinner will be activist/author Leslie Feinberg

Comedian and performance artist, Marga Gomez, will host Wingspan's 10th Annual Benefit Dinner. Gomez' unique blend of devastating one-liners, fabulous characterizations, and sarcastic wit have earned her a respected spot in the LGBT comedy scene. She has appeared on Showtime, Comedy Central, PBS, and HBO.

The evening includes a keynote address by long-time activist and award-winning author, Leslie Feinberg. Feinberg's works include "Stone Butch Blues", "Transgender Warriors, Making History from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman", "Trans Liberation: Beyond Pink or Blue", and "Drag King Dreams". Feinberg is a managing editor of the Workers World newspaper, the founder of Rainbow Flags for Mumia and a national organizer for the International Action Center.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., plans to introduce Senate legislation this month proposing a discrimination ban. "It's always harder to pass bills in the Senate than in the House, but until we pass this bill, there will be a gaping hole in federal civil rights legislation," said Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, a leading Gay rights group, said the ban's Senate supporters would have momentum if the House approves the bill. The Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay-Republican group, said the ban is an easier sell than more controversial issues such as

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# UPDATE

## Tucson Mayor And Council Approves Resolution Condemning 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Tucson city government has sent a resolution to the state's congressional delegation asking that the federal ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military be repealed, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network executive director Steve Ralls said in a statement that more than 22,500 LGBT veterans live in Arizona and that there are presently more than 65,000 Gay and Lesbian troops on active duty.

"Communities from coast to coast realize they are less safe when qualified men and women are turned away from our fighting forces simply because they are Lesbian or Gay," Ralls said.

The resolution stated that discharging approximately 9,500 service members under "don't ask, don't tell" has cost taxpayers more than \$190 million.

More than 100 U.S. House members are attached to a proposed bill that would lift the ban against Gays serving openly in the military. Ellen Tauscher, a Democrat from California, is lead sponsor of the Military Readiness Enhancement Act. Arizona Democrats Ed Pastor and Raul Grijalva are two of 131 bipartisan cosponsors.

Tucson's action follows similar resolutions that have been passed by a handful of other cities across the country, including New York City, Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco, and St. Louis.

## Position Open At TIHAN

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) seeks a full-time Director of CarePartner Support to oversee support services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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## Forum To Address LGBT Violence September 26

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - A community forum to address the issues of anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender violence, will be held Wednesday, September 26.

Among the featured invited guests is Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, along with representatives of various community organizations and agencies.

This forum will take place at the Pulliam Auditorium at the Burton Barr Library, 1221 N. Central Ave, Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. RSVP: Encouraged, not required. RSVP at [equalityarizona.org](http://equalityarizona.org) or (602) 650-0900.

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## Avenue Q Tickets On Sale

TUCSON (Observer Update) - AVENUE Q, the smash-hit musical about trying to make it in New York with big dreams and a tiny bank account, makes its Arizona debut in Tucson, with eight performances only at the Tucson Music Hall, from October 16-21.

AVENUE Q features a cast of people and puppets who tell their story in a smart, risqué and downright entertaining way. It's the story of Princeton, a bright-eyed college grad who comes to New York City with big dreams and a tiny bank account. He soon discovers that the only neighborhood in his price range is Avenue Q; still, the neighbors seem nice. There's Brian the out-of-work comedian and his therapist fiancée Christmas Eve; Nicky the good-hearted slacker and his roommate Rod - a Republican investment banker who seems to have some sort of secret; an Internet addict called Trekkie Monster; and a very cute kindergarten teaching assistant named Kate Monster. Together, Princeton and his newfound friends struggle to find jobs, dates, and their ever-elusive purpose in life.

AVENUE Q features music and lyrics by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx, book by Jeff Whitty, based on an original concept by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx; it is directed by Jason Moore. AVENUE Q also features puppet design by Rick Lyon, musical supervision by Stephen Oremus, choreography by Ken Roberson, scenic design by Anna Louizos, costume design by Mirena Rada, lighting design by Howell Binkley, and sound design by Acme Sound Partners. AVENUE Q is produced by Kevin McCollum, Robyn Goodman, Jeffrey Seller, Vineyard Theatre and The New Group.

For more information on the national tour of AVENUE Q, visit [avenueq.com](http://avenueq.com). For more information on Broadway in Tucson, visit [broadwayintucson.com](http://broadwayintucson.com). Discounts are also available for any group sale of ten or more tickets. Please call (520) 903-BWAY (2929) for more information or to arrange a group order. Half-price student group and fundraiser group tickets are also available. An ASL interpreted performance of AVENUE Q will be performed on Saturday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale and range in price from \$20-\$58 and are available through Ticketmaster.com, by phone at (520) 321-1000 (open 24/7) or in person at the Tucson Convention Center Ticket Office, 260 S. Church Avenue during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m., Satur-



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## ACLU Joins Toe-Tapping Case; Stall Gains Popularity; Prosecutors To Fight Suit



**Senztor Larry Craig**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (Observer Update) - One of the nation's oldest advocates of civil rights has come to the defense of alleged bathroom-sex-soliciting Sen. Larry Craig, saying his foot tapping and hand waving in an airport restroom do not provide enough evidence that he was going to engage in sexual activity in public, pageoneq.com reported.

The American Civil Liberties Union criticized the Minneapolis airport police sting aimed at preventing public sex in its restrooms. The ACLU filed a "friend of the court" brief Monday arguing that Craig should be allowed to withdraw his guilty plea to a disorderly conduct charge and fight the case because police failed to prove he attempted to engage in sexual activity in public. "Solicitation for private sex, regardless if it occurs in a bar or a restroom, is protected speech under the First Amendment," said a news release from the ACLU. "When free speech rights come into play, police enforcement actions must be 'carefully crafted' so that they don't unnecessarily ensnare people who are engaging in constitutionally protected speech."

Instead of having an undercover cop sit in a bathroom stall waiting to be solicited, the ACLU says police should have had a uniformed officer patrol the restroom and posted a sign in warning visitors that it was being monitored. Although Craig has "not always been a great friend of civil liberties," he deserves the same constitutional protections as every other citizen, ACLU executive director Anthony Romero said. "Government should make public restrooms safe for all, but it should do so in a manner that is really designed to stop inappropriate behavior, rather than destroying the lives of people who might have no intention of doing anything illegal," Romero said in the news release.

The ACLU pointed to a Justice Department guide on policing public places to prevent sexual activity that recommended posted signs and uniformed officers as opposed to undercover stings.

Meanwhile, when tourists ask for the bathroom in the Minneapolis airport lately, it's usually not because they have to go. It's because they want to see the stall made famous by U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's arrest in a sex sting.

"It's become a tourist attraction," said Karen Evans, information specialist at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. "People are taking pictures." Just 15 minutes into a recent shift,

Evans said she had been asked directions to the new tourist attraction four times. Other airport workers field the same question. "It's by the Lottery shop, right next to the shoeshine shop," said newsstand worker Abdalla Said, adding he gets the question daily.

On their way to Guatemala, Jon and Sally Westby of Minneapolis made a visit. "We had to just stop and check out the bathroom," Sally said. "In fact, it's Jon's second time - he was here last week already."

In other news, prosecutors plan to fight Sen. Larry Craig's attempts to withdraw his guilty plea, airport spokesman Patrick Hogan told McClatchy Newspapers. The judgment was sealed when Craig pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct and paid a \$575 fine, Hogan said.

"There was an arrest, several weeks later there was a plea, and a fine was paid," Hogan said. "We will object to the motion filed by the senator and vigorously defend the existing plea." The airport plans to file a response to the senator's motion, according to Hogan.

## Frank Confident ENDA Will Pass

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Gay marriage. Gay rights supporters were heartened when Democrats won control of Congress last fall. A bipartisan bill was introduced in April by Reps. Frank; Christopher Shays, R-Conn.; Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio; and Tammy Baldwin, a Wisconsin Democrat who is openly Gay. There are 167 co-sponsors, including a handful of Republicans.

A ban was first proposed in the House in 1994. Republicans had not permitted votes on similar measures while they controlled the House in past years. In the Senate, a bill failed by one vote in 1996. Sammon said even if ban backers fall short of the 60 votes needed to break procedural roadblocks expected from Senate opponents, it would mark progress. "Let's have a vote, let's have a count and see where we're at," Sammon said. "If we end up getting 54 or 53 or even 48, we know where we stand and we can figure out how to get more votes in the future." The House earlier this year voted to expand hate crime categories to include violent attacks against Gays and people targeted because of gender. Similar legislation is pending in the Senate. The White House has threatened a veto.





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TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) AIDS WALK will take place Sunday, October 14, starting at the Central Mall on the University of Arizona campus.

The first Tucson AIDS WALK was held in 1988, and since then more than 200 local and national companies and organizations have supported our local AIDS WALK.

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## Bank Grants San Diego LGBT Center \$17K

SAN DIEGO - Bank of America has awarded the San Diego LGBT Community Center \$17,000 to support its Youth Housing Project, [advocate.com](http://advocate.com) reported.

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## Corzine Vows To Sign Marriage Bill But Said It Would Not Make His Agenda in 2008

TRENTON, New Jersey (Observer Update) - New Jersey's governor last weekend vowed to sign a marriage equality bill but said he would not seek one in an election year, while California's governor did get such a bill but kept quiet about it as he exhorted fellow Republicans toward centrism, the PlanetOut Network reported.

New Jersey governor Jon Corzine on Sunday (September 9) called same-sex marriage in his state inevitable but said it "won't be on my agenda" until after the 2008 presidential election for fear it would be used as a wedge issue by the right wing, New York's Gay City News reported. "I don't think I'd like to see this debated in a presidential election year," the paper quoted Corzine, a Democrat, as telling members of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. "I don't know whether it's three years or five years, but in some time frame in the not so distant future, I suspect that New Jersey will embrace the moniker of Gay marriage or same-sex marriage," he said.

Corzine asserted he will sign a bill to allow same-sex marriage if the legislature sends him one. "I think we can move very quickly here, but I think we ought to do it in a way, by the way, that doesn't cause setbacks everywhere else in the country," Corzine said, "that doesn't make it a tool for people who I believe start unjust wars or try to take away children's health insurance or aren't committed to enforcing hate-crimes laws and all kinds of other things."

Meanwhile, California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who was sent a marriage equality bill by the California legislature, spoke over the weekend of the necessity of steering his Republican Party away from the Right—but did not mention the marriage

bill. "The California Republican Party should be a right-of-center party that occupies the broad middle of California," Schwarzenegger told his state party convention in Indian Wells. "That is a lush, green, abandoned political space. It can be ours," he said. Over the weekend Equality California mounted a petition drive urging Schwarzenegger to sign the marriage bill before the October 14 deadline. People can also e-mail the governor's office at [gov.ca.gov/interact](mailto:gov.ca.gov/interact) or phone (916) 445-2841. Schwarzenegger vetoed similar marriage legislation in 2005 and has indicated he will do so again.

The state GOP's percentage of voter registration has been shrinking, and to reverse it the party must tackle issues with broad public appeal, like climate change and building highways, railroads, and tunnels, he said. In an apparent reference to abortion and other social issues that often divide the party, he said members must be accepting of those with other views while not abandoning "who we are." He said he wanted the party to be welcoming to independents—the fastest-growing voter group in California. He said the party should open up its February 5 presidential primary to independent voters. Schwarzenegger, who is term-limited, was reelected last year. Corzine, up for reelection in 2009, told the LGBT journalists that it would be a "perfectly appropriate" time in two years to push the marriage issue in his state. "We of course will not have anyone dictate when we will push for a discussion about our families being denied their rights, but if that's the way he feels, we should sit down and meet to draw up a timetable," replied Garden State Equality's Steven Goldstein to Gay City News.

## Hate Crime Charged In 'Top Chef' Attack

NEW YORK CITY - A homeless man was charged with participating in an anti-Gay attack on a former "Top Chef" reality show contestant outside a bar, police said, the Associated Press reported on [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). Matthew W. Walli was in a group of about 12 people involved in a confrontation with chef Josie Smith-Malave, who is a Lesbian, and three other women who had just been thrown out of the bar over Labor Day weekend, Nassau County police said Thursday (September 13).

Walli's group made derogatory statements about the women's perceived sexual orientation, spat on them and hit them, police said. Walli stole a video camera from one of the women, causing her to fall and hurt her knee, they said. Smith-Malave, who was featured on Season 2 of the Bravo channel show and had been on Long Island to attend a friend's birthday party, suffered bruises, her lawyer said. Her sister, who is heterosexual, also was beaten, and another woman hurt her head. Walli, 20, was arrested Wednesday afternoon (September 12). He was charged with robbery as a bias crime, which is punishable by as many as 15 years in prison upon conviction, and was to be arraigned Thursday, police said.

He is from Oregon but is homeless in New York and was being held at the county jail, they said. A



Josie Smith-Malave

woman who answered the telephone at the jail said that only the sheriff, who was out of his office, could grant permission to speak to an inmate by phone. Police, who didn't say what led them to Walli, said they were still investigating the attack. Smith-Malave, a 32-year-old Miami native, is a former sous chef for the Marlow and Sons restaurant in Brooklyn. She has played for the New York Sharks of the Independent Women's Football League.

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## COMMENTARY . . .

### Attacks On Independent Courts Are Attacks On America

By Kevin Cathcart

We knew it wouldn't take long before the Iowa judge who struck down the state's ban on marriage for same-sex couples was pegged an "activist judge" by the usual suspects. They say they are defending "traditional" marriage and our democracy itself. But their attacks on the judicial system are about as un-democratic as you can get.

Mitt Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts and Republican presidential hopeful led the pack, weighing in just minutes after the ruling was announced. Clearly without enough time to read the 63-page decision, he called it "...another example of an activist court and unelected judges trying to redefine marriage and disregard the will of the people..."

Meanwhile, in Iowa some politicians used the ruling to call for a state constitutional amendment that would restrict marriage to one man and one woman. Senator Paul McKinley claimed most Republicans "believed a constitutional amendment was necessary because all it takes is one person in a black robe to declare a law invalid." Christopher Rants, his colleague in the assembly, reiterated this point, blaming state Democrats for opposing the amendment and "trying to appease special interest groups."

What is going on here? It's old-fashioned antiGay sentiment wrapped up in attacks on America's independent courts. The problem is these tactics are as dangerous as the homophobia that inspires them.

When politicians attack judges who are simply doing their job enforcing the Constitution, it is a strike against our government itself. The founders of this country recognized the danger of placing too much power in any one part of the government. To avoid this, they separated authority into three branches, the legislative, executive and judicial. The branches exercise "checks and balances" over one another, to ensure that the law of the land is upheld and that the core principles of liberty and equality are available to everyone.

Within this system, the courts have always been the appropriate place for people to seek help when their constitutional rights have been denied. America's founders agreed that there were certain rights so fundamental that they cannot be taken away, regardless of majority sentiment. Whether the issues invoked are considered controversial or not, even the fervor of 99 percent of the public does not entitle people in power to deprive those in the 1 percent minority of their fundamental constitutional rights.

Under America's system of government, there are some things that we simply do not get to vote on. We have no say, for instance, about whether others get to practice a religion, engage in free speech or have children. Without a powerful reason like a person's inability to consent, "the people" also don't get to vote on whether or whom heterosexuals may marry. Why should they have the right to vote on whether or whom Gay people may marry?

The Constitution protects us all against the ardor of those who believe passionately in the rightness of their cause. Regardless of the strength of their belief or how many may join them, they are not entitled to impose their will on others. Nor can they attack a court that rules in favor of fairness with desperate cries of "activist judge."

Politicians' strong words against the courts may win them support from some people at the polls, but this comes at great risk to the system of government upon which this country was founded. That means anyone who attacks independent courts is, in essence, attacking America. We need to stand up and denounce these attacks in Iowa and anywhere else they occur. Our courts, our Constitution and our country depend on it.

(Kevin Cathcart is the Executive Director of Lambda Legal.)

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# Will The Real Official Airline Of The LGBT Community Please Stand Up

NEW YORK CITY - Every so often one airline or another declares themselves the "official" airline to the Gay community. It's a bit confusing as this seems to change every few years, and sometimes even within the same year, reported gfn.com.

Earlier this year, Delta announced it was the "official" airline of 2007 Pride Festivals. Well, not all Pride Festivals, but at least six; in their continuing support for Gay community events and organizations, the airline was the official sponsor of festivals in Atlanta, Boston, Cincinnati, New York City, Salt Lake City and San Francisco, as well as Gay Days in Orlando, Florida.

If you attended any of these festivities you would have noticed ubiquitous ads for the airline, and if you went to their Web site you could take advantage of special travel packages for the pride events. In fact, Delta has been a Pride Festival sponsor since 2003. Now that Pride season is past, though, there's nary a whisper of anything Gay on the airline's Website, no micro-site, no Gay-travel deals, zich.

Supplanting Delta, though, is Southwest Airlines, which this week became the "official" airline of Gay and Lesbian San Francisco in a new marketing agreement with that city's board of tourism, with an eye-catching, come-hither micro-site.

More on that in a moment, but to be sure, the "official" Gay moniker is a category perilously crowded when it comes to air travel. The first airline to declare themselves the "official" airline of the Gay community was American Airlines. They could reasonably lay claim to that title since they were the first of the air carriers to offer domestic partner benefits, the first airline to score a perfect 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index, and the only airline to hold that honor four years in a row.

Now that the other major airlines offer domestic partner benefits to their employee, as well as other Gay-friendly employee benefits, it's hard to know who really loves us the most. But American certainly shows they still care about us, though they haven't been waving around the "official" banner these days. Instead, they have a spiffy micro-site on their Web page combining airfare with hotel, rental car and tour package deals for destinations known as being Gay-friendly or that have a special interest to Gay travelers. Rather than a seasonal, or gratuitous grab for Gay dollars, it's clear real thought went into this micro-site.

Lately, though, the airline has leaned a tad more Lesbian than Gay, named in April the "official" airline of Olivia Cruises and Resorts, the excellent cruise line that caters primarily to Lesbian travelers. It's not entirely surprising, but certainly laudable that American is the first Fortune 100 company to create a dedicated Gay marketing and sales team, which they call (also not surprising) The Rainbow TeAAm, who must be acutely aware of where the deepest, well-tailored suit pockets are.

Demographics are what make Gay and Lesbian travelers so important to airlines, of course, because we stay longer and we spend more than our non-Gay counterparts. Considerably more. Research by Harris Interactive with the Travel Industry Association shows that in 2006

Lesbian and Gay travelers took a projected total of 53.2 million leisure trips spending an estimated \$40 billion. Community Marketing Inc. puts that number even higher: Gay travelers, they say, spend \$54 billion a year in the United States on travel. Gay Tourism 2005, a 30-page research study conducted by GPTMC and Community Marketing notes that Gay overnight visitors spend nearly double that of general [non-Gay] overnight visitors, \$233 compared to \$101 respectively.

That factoid cannot have been lost on the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, or SFCVB, and Southwest Airlines who are now calling themselves the "official airline of Gay and Lesbian San Francisco," when they announced a \$180,000 Gay-friendly tourism marketing campaign last week. The campaign is "designed to increase air travel on the airline and overnight visits to San Francisco and the Bay Area by Gay and Lesbian travelers." The yearlong agreement incorporates advertising, communications, direct-to-consumer mailings, ticket-giveaways and online marketing. "We are thrilled to partner with Southwest Airline to welcome more Gay and Lesbian visitors to San Francisco," states Joe D'Alessandro, president & CEO, SFCVB.

More? San Francisco needs more Gay visitors? It may seem redundant to think any entity needs to woo any Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual traveler to the most famous Gay-friendly city on the planet. But the competition for the "best Gay destination" is rivaled only by the "official" tag everyone seems to covet. Just imagine San Francisco's chagrin when Las Vegas nudged out the City by the Bay in 2005 as the Gay-friendlier destination, according to a survey done that year by Community Marketing. Community Marketing, Inc. used online and field research to survey more than 4,000 Gays and Lesbians worldwide. "The fact that Las Vegas beat out San Francisco, which was once thought of as the preferred destination for this market, shows Las Vegas is making great strides in attracting a diverse audience," says Terry Jicinsky, senior vice president of marketing, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Still, New York City continues to rank as the No. 1 destination for U.S. Gay men, followed by Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

But last year's 2006 survey presented fresh information and, excuse the pun, a fresh wrinkle, when it showed Gay and Lesbian travel preferences varied greatly by gender and well as age. While New York is ranked No. 1 by Gay men, it ranks No. 3 among Lesbian respondents, who ranked Las Vegas No. 1, followed by San Francisco, New York and Provincetown. By age, the differences became even more striking: GenX Gay men tend to visit traditional urban areas, like the usual suspects of New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago, whereas senior Gay men opt for Gay resort areas like Palm Springs and Fort Lauderdale. GenY Lesbians are more likely to visit Palm Springs and Provincetown, while younger Lesbians visit Orlando or one of the major urban destinations.

With competition like that, it's no wonder San Francisco is pulling out the proverbial showstoppers. Full-color print campaign feature a series of 10 images shown through the viewfinders of digital cameras, showcasing the diverse activities and experiences Gay and Lesbian visitors may enjoy while in San Francisco. Finally catching up with American and United Airlines who have long had a dedicated Gay and Lesbian travel micro-site, Southwest Airlines kicks it into high gear with a Web page that includes specific information and Gay-specific imagery to make the Gay traveler feel welcomed and appreciated by the airline. Or at least acknowledged by the egalitarian airline who has a long-standing reputation for treating all customers equally. "We want the LGBT community to know about our low fares, excellent Customer Service, and great Rapid Rewards frequent flyer program for the same reason we want every community to know that if you love to travel, there's simply no better airline than Southwest Airlines," said Jena Atchison, Segment Marketing Manager of Southwest Airlines.

Interesting to note, The Travel Industry Association 2006 Travel Survey concluded that San Francisco is, in fact, the No. 1 Gay-friendly destination in the U.S., contradicting Community Markets' survey from the same year. We can only assume it just depends who you ask. Or which figures serve your marketing strategy best.

# Accused In Sandy Murder Secretly Gay Lawyer Tells Court



Anthony Fortunato

New York City (Observer Update) - One of three men charged with murder and robbery as hate crimes in the death of Michael Sandy should have the hate crime charge dropped because he is Gay his lawyer told a Brooklyn court on Monday (September 17).

Attorney Gerald DiChiara made the surprise disclosure during his opening remarks at the trial of Anthony Fortunato, 21, and two others. DiChiara said that Fortunato was only looking for sex the night he hooked up online with Sandy. The attorney also said that his client intended to come out to the others later that night. "He'd been leading a secret life through the Internet, meeting men and having sex with them," DiChiara told the court.

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# New York Judge Recognizes Canadian Nuptials

ALBANY, New York - A year ago this summer, New York's highest court ruled that the state's law restricting marriage to heterosexual couples was not unconstitutional, Gay.com reported. That unfortunate decision left open a separate but related legal question: Must New York recognize legal same-sex marriages from outside its borders? In an opinion issued last week and made public Tuesday (September 11), a lower-court judge ruled that the state comptroller's office can indeed recognize the Canadian marriages of Gay and Lesbian state employees on behalf of the New York Retirement System.

York's age of consent, and marriages that evaded New York's now-defunct three-year waiting period before divorced people could remarry, Lambda Legal said in papers filed with the court. Unlike the vast majority of states, New York does not have a "defense of marriage" law expressly banning recognition of same-sex marriages from elsewhere. Therefore, people like Spitzer, Hevesi, DiNapoli, and other analysts hold that same-sex couples who hop the border into Canada must be acknowledged as legally wed. In the current suit, the conservative Alliance Defense Fund challenged the comptroller's policy, arguing that the July 2006 high court ruling upholding the discriminatory state marriage law not only prohibited same-sex couples from marrying in the state but also barred state officials from respecting same-sex marriages forged elsewhere. Indeed, in an earlier case, a judge agreed with that premise, ruling that New York's public-school health system did not have to extend insurance to the same-sex spouse of a retired teacher. That decision is under appeal.

If the ruling is upheld on a statewide basis, Gay and Lesbian couples' inability to marry in New York will be mitigated by the fact that they can jump over the border, marry in Canada, and win state-based rights. The four-page decision by Justice Thomas J. McNamara upheld the policy begun by former comptroller Alan J. Hevesi and continued by his successor, Thomas P. DiNapoli. The question of marriage recognition in New York came to a head in the hectic period after several Canadian provinces and the state of Massachusetts legalized same-sex marriage in 2003.

But as Lambda pointed out, and as Justice McNamara also stressed, the rules of marriage recognition are inherently geared toward marriages that could not be contracted in the state in the first place. The high court's decision last summer applied only to the status of same-sex couples who wished to marry within state borders, and should have no impact on the status of those wed in Canada, Spain, or Timbuktu. According to McNamara, the only out-of-state marriages that would not be honored would be those involving incest or polygamy, as well as those explicitly banned by the legislature. McNamara's decision will likely go up for appeal. Down the road, it would not be surprising to find the question on the docket of the court of appeals, New York's highest court.

As rebel marriages broke out in San Francisco, Oregon, and upstate New York the following spring, Attorney General Eliot Spitzer issued a nonbinding opinion stating that while same-sex marriages could not be legally contracted in New York, those legally contracted elsewhere must be recognized under long-standing legal principles. Hevesi based his open-door policy on Spitzer's opinion. New York, and many other states for that matter, honor marriages that could not be officiated within state borders.

These include common-law marriages, a marriage between uncle and niece, marriages below New

# Third Person Pleads Guilty To Murder In Death Of Scotty Weaver

BAY MINETTE, Alabama (Observer Update) - Twenty-one year old Nicole Kelsay showed little emotion as she plead guilty to committing murder in the death of a life-long friend. She entered the plea in Baldwin County Circuit Court on Wednesday (September 12). Martha Weaver, mother of murdered Baldwin County teen Scotty Joe Weaver, was weeping as she addressed one of three people accused in her son's death. 21-year-old Nicole Kelsay showed little emotion as she plead guilty to committing murder in Baldwin County Circuit Court Wednesday. Prosecutors say the young woman was one of the masterminds behind the 2004 death of the 18-year-old Weaver.

area near the mobile home.

As part of the plea agreement, Kelsay was sentenced to 20-years in prison, however, she will be eligible for parole in about six years. This past May, Christopher Gaines plead guilty to capital murder for his role in the crime. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The other defendant, Robert Porter, plead guilty to charges of murder and robbery. He was given two consecutive life sentences.

During the hearing, Martha Weaver asked Nicole why, but Kelsay never responded. Outside the courtroom, Mrs. Weaver repeated the question while speaking to reporters: "Why did she do it? Why did she plot to hurt him like that, because he never done nothing to her. He always tried to help her." Prosecutors say Nicole Kelsay and Scotty Weaver had been life-long friends. Authorities say Kelsay and two men, Christopher Gaines and Robert Porter, lived with Weaver in a mobile home in Bay Minette. That is where, attorneys say, Kelsay watched as Gaines and Porter strangled and beat Weaver to death, then they burned and mutilated his body in a wooded

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## Record Number Of Companies Ensure Rights Of LGBT Workers; But Many Businesses Still Discriminate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Nearly 200 major American businesses provide full protections and benefits for LGBT workers a new report shows but a second report on Gays in the workforce suggests there is a still a long way to go, 365Gay.com reported.

The Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index, released Monday (September 17), shows that 195 major U.S. businesses earned the top rating of 100 percent, up from 138 last year - a 41 percent increase.

The Index rates employers on a scale from 0 to 100 percent on their treatment of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender employees, consumers and investors.

The 195 businesses that met all of the criteria employ more than 8.3 million workers, HRC said in a statement.

This is the sixth year the organization has produced the index. When the first one was first released in 2002 only 13 companies, employing 690,000 workers, received the top rating.

"More businesses than ever before have recognized the value of a diverse and dedicated workforce," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese.

"More importantly, these employers understand that discrimination against GLBT workers will ultimately hurt their ability to compete in the global marketplace."

For the first time, a majority of rated firms - 58 percent - provide employment protections on the basis of gender identity.

The Corporate Equality Index, which this year rates 519 businesses, measures the extent to which employers protect their GLBT employees. Ratings are based on factors like non-discrimination policies, diversity training and benefits for domestic partners and Transgender employees.

The banking and financial services industry has 32 companies with 100 percent, more than any other industry. There are 30 law firms with the top rating, up from 12 last year.

Three sectors saw their first company achieve a top rating, HRC said.

In mail and freight delivery, United Parcel Service achieved 100 percent. In contrast, FedEx received a 55 and does not provide benefits for domestic partners firm-wide, including to married same-sex couples in Massachusetts.

Harrah's Entertainment Inc. (HET) is the first gaming industry company to achieve 100 percent.

In the transportation and travel services industry, Travelport known for its travel sites such as Orbitz.com is the first to receive a perfect score.

Among the 57 companies that have newly achieved a perfect score of 100 percent are: Allstate Insurance Co., Electronic Arts Inc., Esurance Inc., J.C. Penney Co. Inc., KeyCorp, Macy's Inc., Marriott Inter-

national Inc., Mastercard Inc., Waste Management Inc. and Yahoo! Inc.

"We're committed to making Yahoo! a great place to work and remain focused on offering progressive employment policies and benefits while recruiting the best talent from all backgrounds," said Cammie Dunaway, chief marketing officer and executive sponsor of the LGBT employee group at Yahoo! in a statement.

"We value our tens of millions of LGBT consumers around the world and are always looking for ways to further connect them to the information, passions, and communities that matter most to them, on our Yahoo! LGBT Pride site and across our network."

But a second report - issued by the American Civil Liberties Union - paints a bleak picture for many other LGBT workers in America.

Titled "Working in the Shadows: Ending Employment Discrimination for LGBT Americans" the report profiles workers from across the country who have experienced workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Among the cases cited was that of single mother Jacinda Meyer who worked as a licensed insurance agent in Southern California.

During her first nine months on the job, the company gave her positive feedback about her performance and a raise. But soon after her boss learned that she was a Lesbian, she was fired. She later applied for a job with a "sister company" and after several interviews and personality and placement testing, they made her a verbal offer. The next day, she received a call rescinding the offer.

It is legal to fire or refuse to hire someone for being Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual in 30 states, while Transgender workers can be denied or refused jobs in 38 states.

"Everyone should have an equal opportunity to find and keep a job to support their families," said Deborah J. Vagins, Policy Counsel for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties for the Washington Legislative Office of the ACLU, who authored the report.

"But as we learned all too clearly as we began researching this report, there are many unfair barriers for far too many Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender workers."

The release of the two reports comes as Congress prepares to vote on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. The bill is expected to be voted out of committee later this month.

"Every day, LGBT people across the country are forced to go to work, deny their families and hide who they are," said Vagins. "Yet even then, they live in fear that they will slip up or someone will discover who they really are."

In 1996, ENDA came within one vote of passage in the Senate.

A Gallup poll released in May found that 89% of Americans believe that Gay men and Lesbians should have equal rights in the workplace.



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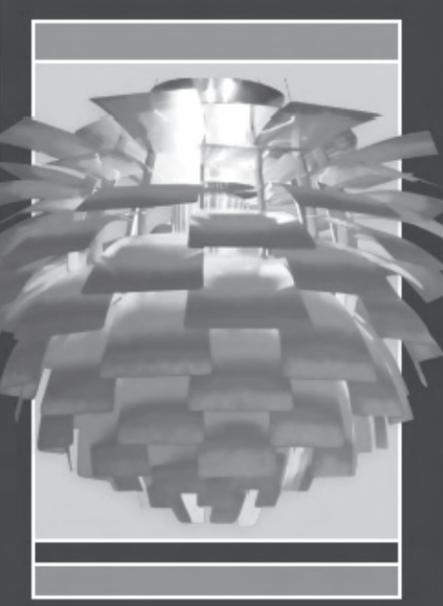
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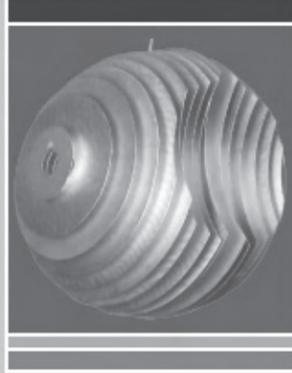


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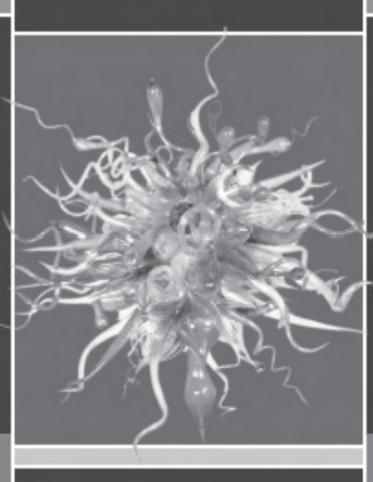
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## COMMENTARY....

by Deb Price

### Force Schools To Take Bullying Seriously

Growing up in a rough section of southern California, Linda Sanchez saw the lasting, painful damage caused by the hateful mouths and fists of schoolyard bullies.

"I was one of those kids who always stuck up for the underdogs," she recalls. "So if somebody was being picked on, I usually would try to intervene."

No longer simply a good-hearted student, Sanchez, a Democrat serving her third term in the U.S. House, is working to make public schools safer by requiring educators to do more to stop bullying.

She speaks eloquently about bullying's dangerous ripple effects. The twisted killers in the Virginia Tech and Columbine High School tragedies were bullied before turning violent themselves. In another sad irony, victims of bullies sometimes see joining gangs as a way to protect themselves, she notes.

One in 10 high school dropouts blames bullying. Being bullied puts kids at high risk of having failing grades, hurting themselves with drugs or alcohol, and carrying emotional scars.

"Kids who are bullied are more

likely to suffer from low self-esteem and depression that can lead to suicide," says Sanchez, who chairs a House Judiciary subcommittee and sits on the House Education and Labor Committee.

"And the kids who do the bullying, there is a very clear link to becoming an adult career criminal. So if we can stop that behavior when it is not as severe, you can reduce (future) crime," she explains.

Sanchez is the author of two bills that tackle bullying and gangs. Key parts of her bills are in the working draft of House legislation to reauthorize the No Child Left Behind law this fall.

States already receive federal money to root drugs and violence out of schools. At Sanchez's urging, the House draft would require states – in exchange for that federal aid – to report on the prevalence of bullying, harassment and gang activity and prove they're trying to reduce them.

It would be a great first step.

But as Congress reworks No Child, it should take the all-important next step – spelled out in Sanchez's original legislation – and say schools' anti-bullying efforts need to specifi-

cally address all of the most common types of attacks: those based on a "student's actual or perceived race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion."

That's no radical idea. It's recommended by the American Association of School Administrators, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Association of School Psychologists, the National Education Association, and the National PTA.

Studies show that schools that list all sorts of bullying and tell students "None of this is allowed!" are more peaceful than those with vague anti-bullying policies, according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

Schools should be places "where kids can go and learn in peace – without fear," Sanchez says. No child should be bullied.

(Deb Price is a columnist for the Detroit News, from which this is reprinted from their September 17 edition).

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### Swishing Hips Set Off Gaydar In Study

LOS ANGELES - The way Gay folks strut is a giveaway to their sexuality, reports a somewhat unsurprising study by the University of California, Los Angeles, [advocate.com](http://advocate.com) reported. Sensors were attached to four men and four women—half of whom were Gay—so that students could observe the way each study participant walked on a treadmill. The students were accurate in assessing the men's sexuality 60% of the time, reports MSNBC.com. The Gay men slightly swayed their hips more than their straight counterparts, the study found.

The students' accuracy was weaker when guessing the women's orientations. A pattern was found, though—the Lesbians seemed to move their shoulders more when they walked than did heterosexual women. "There's reason to think that Gay people can't conceal their homosexuality," Michael Bailey, a psychology professor at Northwestern University told MSNBC.com. "I don't think it's a performance that Gay people enact. I think it's something that either is inborn, or it's acquired very early, perhaps by watching members of the other sex."

The study seemed to give more credence to the existence of "Gaydar," suggesting that people can really tell someone's sexual orientation from visual clues.



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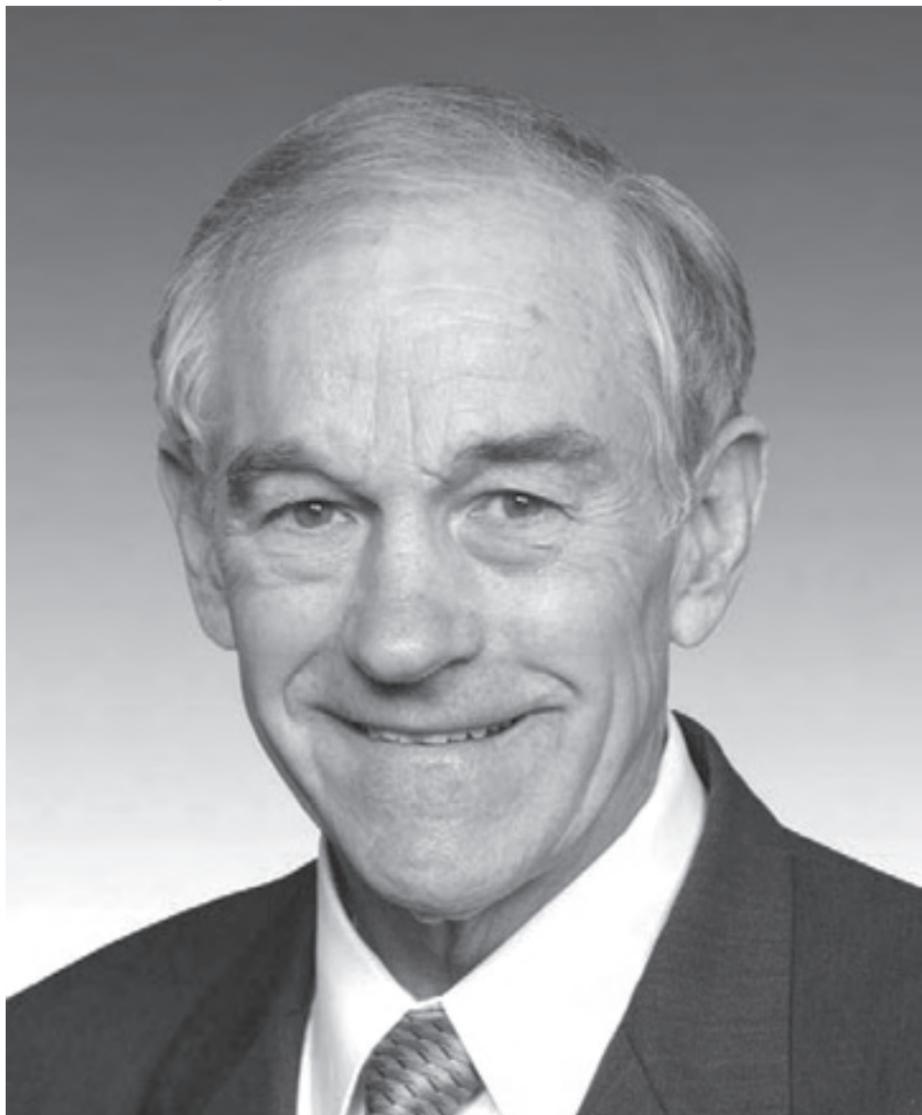
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# POLITICS 2007

by Mark R. Kerr

## Q-Politics 2008: Representative Ron Paul



For the ongoing 2008 Presidential campaign, one candidate for the Republican nomination has raised the interest of the blogosphere and the politically active in cyberspace with his stance on OIL (Operation Iraq Looting), also known as "Dubya's Quagmire."

U.S. Representative Ron Paul of Texas' 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District has been an opponent of this basically, unilateral invasion since its start in 2003. With this conflict seeing no end in sight, due to the Bush Crime Family, voters are looking at potential presidential candidates who are opposed to it and would support the troops by bringing them home, A.S.A.P. With his votes and statements, Ron Paul has received more interest and publicity in his small campaign because of his position on Iraq but the question is posed whether Paul is more than just one issue?

Ron Paul has been a Member of Congress three separate times in his political career. During the 1988 Presidential campaign, Paul was the nominee of the Libertarian Party, although he remained a Republican in voter registration. Referred to by fellow Members of Congress as "Dr. No," Paul has been called a conservative, a constitutionalist and a libertarian. Some have described him as a RINO (Republican in Name Only) for his votes but does this term work for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) voters, since a RINO usually would vote favorably on issues of concern.

According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), in the most recent Session of Congress (the 109<sup>th</sup>), Paul only voted favorably on one of five potential votes (the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment). In the two Sessions prior (108<sup>th</sup> and 107<sup>th</sup>), HRC reports that Paul received a rating of 25% and 0% respectively.

On the issue of hate crimes legislation, Paul had voted against bills to expand current federal law to include sexual orientation and gender identity, and has expressed his opposition to the concept of a hate crimes law.

Paul expressed his support for and would continue "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the policy prohibiting open Gays and Lesbians from serving their country in the armed services.

Same-sex marriage is an issue Paul does not support but he opposes any amendment to the U.S. Constitution on the issue.

On the other hand, Paul voted in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 and co-sponsored the Marriage Protection Act, which would have barred judges from hearing cases pertaining to the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act.

In 2005, Paul introduced the We the People Act, which would have removed from the jurisdiction of federal courts "any claim based upon the right of privacy, including any such claim related to any issue of sexual practices, orientation, or reproduction" and "any claim based upon equal protection of the laws to the extent such claim is based upon the right to marry without regard to sex or sexual orientation." If made law, these provisions would allow states to either prohibit or allow same-sex sexual practices and same-sex marriage.

Binational same-sex couples would not have an open door in a Ron Paul administration since he is opposed to the Uniting American Families Act, the proposed federal legislation that would give committed, binational same-sex couples the same rights as opposite sex couples in regard to immigration.

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issue Paul is opposed to since he voted to ban Gay and Lesbians adoptions in the District of Columbia in 1999.

Ron Paul is not and has not been a cosponsor of the Early Treatment for HIV/AIDS act.

Paul's campaign Web site is ronpaul2008.com. For more information on other issues, go online to ontheissues.org/Ron\_Paul.htm or vote-smart.org/voting\_category.php?can\_id=296.

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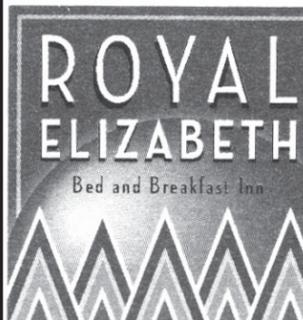
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## Favorite Books Of The New Queerlennium

The GLBT Services Committee was established in 1997 to better serve southern Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender library users. It seeks to fulfill this mission by creating exciting programs such as GLBT author visits, and through participation at various outreach events such as OUToberFEST and Tucson's annual Pride Parade.

On a daily basis they review, order and make GLBT materials available for all PCPL users, regardless of age, location or sexual orientation. The Pima County Public Library's GLBT Services Committee is dedicated to upholding the library's Mission Statement as well as the Library Users Bill of Rights for all of our customers. PCPL is one of the few public libraries in the country to have an established GLBT Services Committee. It's an exciting time for GLBT-themed publishing. More and more books reflecting the strength, experience and vision of GLBT people appear on the shelves of book stores and libraries. The Pima County Public Library's GLBT Services Committee are proud to offer our favorite recent books that are by and about GLBT people. We hope this offering inspires you to read one or more of these marvelous books.

*Civil Wars: A Battle for Gay Marriage* by David Moats (Harcourt). When a Lesbian couple applied for a marriage license in Vermont in 1997, they were denied, and their subsequent lawsuit led to a civil rights struggle in that state that would make national headlines. Although the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that the state's marriage law was unconstitutional, the matter was turned over to the Legislature for consider-

ation. *Civil Wars*, written by the Pulitzer prize-winning editor of *The Rutland Chronicle*, tells how Gay and Lesbian activists, aided by the state's only openly Gay legislator, Bill Lippert, created a successful grass-roots effort establishing the nation's first Gay-inclusive civil union law.

In a warm, personal style, Moats introduces us to all the principals, carefully guiding the reader through each phase of the political process. In order to gain support, Gay rights advocates compromised by settling for civil union rather than marriage, but the opposition was still fierce. If there's one thing the book proves, it's that courage is needed in order to stand up to the threats and distortions of anti-Gay forces. Lies, abuse, and death threats became a reality not only for Lippert and other Gay activists, but for their straight allies as well. When the time came for a crucial vote, Lippert made the speech of his life to help turn the tide.

It's a moving and dramatic story, and also an excellent look at the day-to-day hard work that it takes in order to claim our rights, not just symbolically through protest, but on the practical level of political action and legislation. *Civil Wars* doesn't minimize the difficulties and personal risks involved in standing up for Gay rights, or the rewards. In the end, this story of one state's journey towards justice is an inspiration for us all. (Chris Dashiell)

*Courting Justice: Gay Men and Lesbians v. the Supreme Court* by Joyce Murdoch and Deb Price (Basic Books). Veteran journalists and life partners Joyce Murdoch and Deb Price provide an exhaustively researched, thorough history of Gay-related cases before the Supreme Court. They paint fascinating portraits of the array of justices, clerks,

attorneys, and plaintiffs embroiled in these controversies, from the surprising 1958 victory of a tiny homosexual magazine, to the 2000 defeat of a Gay Eagle Scout. Reading this book, one often thinks of poor Dorothy and her friends petitioning the wizard. *Courting Justice* is a stunning indictment of our highest court, which it shows to be "an active drag on the nation's evolution to a more just society." (Terry Nordbrock)

Back in 1993 I was amazed by some of my straight-but-not-narrow friends. They assumed that my then-partner and I were legally married. "Why do you need Power of attorney?" they asked, "We were at your wedding." Fast forward a decade later and you'll find that the Friends of the Friends of Dorothy are better versed on Gay and Lesbian legal issues, but it's usually only veterans of law school that know anything about *Hardwick v. Bowers* or *Romer v. Evans*. (*Hardwick* is the 1986 Georgia sodomy ruling that has been used by lower court judges as precedent that Gays do not have sexual privacy rights. *Romer* is the 1996 Gay rights victory that struck down Colorado's anti-Gay ballot initiative.)

To remedy this ignorance, Joyce Murdoch and Deb Price have produced *Courting Justice: Gay Men and Lesbians v. the Supreme Court*, a comprehensive, fascinating, and readable history of the American Gay and Lesbian dance with the law. Murdoch, a National Journal editor, and Price, a syndicated columnist with the *Detroit News*, researched Court files, interviewed former court clerks and lawyers, and many of the original plaintiffs and defendants covering a period from the 1950's to

the present. There are interesting portrayals of the Justices. Lewis Powell was the swing vote on *Hardwick*, who claimed to have never met a homosexual. It was a claim that could have been disputed by the string of Gay clerks who worked for Powell. Justice Frank Murphy served the Court from 1940-1949 and looks to have been, most probably, Gay.

The best part of the book is the chance to learn about the brave plaintiffs. Frank Kameny was an astronomer who became an activist after losing his federal job in the '50s. Tom Waddell, founder of the Gay Games went to court over the use of "Olympics". So, is every American is entitled to equal rights under the law? Keep in mind that the 1996 ruling in *Romer v. Evans* (striking down the Colorado anti-Gay ballot initiative) is the first and only Court ruling to address that discrimination based on sexual orientation violates the Constitution's guarantee of "equal protection of the law." May the Court start reflecting our society sooner, not later. (Beth Petrucci)

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## Gay Businessman Targets Colo. Congressional Seat

DENVER, Colorado - Gay money is oozing out of Colorado's political pores these days, washblade.com reported.

Tim Gill, a Gay Denver-based software mogul, began directing millions of dollars to Gay candidates and issues through the Gill Foundation in the late 1990s. And then there's Jared Polis, who made his money by creating a web site, Blue

Mountain Arts, for his parents' company, Blue Mountain Cards, and other business ventures. "I think it's had a profound impact in Colorado," Polis says about his and Gill's financial contributions to Gay-friendly politicians. "We've elected state legislative majorities that are friendly on LGBT issues. We've moved the



Jared Polis

ball forward and helped [remove] some of the most anti-Gay members of our legislature."

Now Polis is ready to take a more active hand in politics. His latest venture is running for an open U.S. House of Representatives seat in Colorado's 2nd District.

many of them knew – that Arrowood had just become the first openly Gay person in a statewide elective office in North Carolina. A decade after such an event would have startled the N.C. capital, no one has made an issue of his sexual orientation. Arrowood said he has no agenda. He described his judicial philosophy simply. "It is to administer justice without favoritism to anyone or to the state," he said from the bench after Chief Judge John Martin swore him in.

The 15-member court is North Carolina's second highest, hearing appeals in three-judge panels. Arrowood fills the spot left when Judge Eric Levinson of Charlotte became justice attache to Iraq for the U.S. Department of Justice. He is scheduled to stand for election to an eight-year term in November 2008. Voters in North Carolina have never, in recent memory, been given the choice in a statewide election of voting for someone who is openly Gay. "It will probably be in some voters' minds," Arrowood said. "For the vast majority of people, they won't care. They're going to judge me by my qualifications, what I bring to the bench and what I do when I'm on the bench."

There is one openly Gay member of the General Assembly, Sen. Julia Boseman, a Democrat from Wilmington. Arrowood is also a Democrat. Criticism of Arrowood has been muted. When Equality North Carolina, a Raleigh group that advocates for Gay and Lesbian rights, applauded Arrowood's appointment, the conservative N.C. Family Policy Council took note on its Web site. But the criticism was aimed at Arrowood's work for the group – and his leadership of its political action committee, which gives money to candidates – not his personal life.

Gov. Mike Easley's office said that he doesn't know about Arrowood's sexual orientation and doesn't care. "John Arrowood is a fantastic judge, and we're

fortunate he's willing to serve the state of North Carolina," spokeswoman Sherri Johnson said. Dan Ellison, president-elect of the N.C. Gay Advocacy Legal Alliance, said the appointment signals progress. "It's great for people in elected office and in appointed positions at every level to be open about who they are," said Ellison, speaking for himself and not the alliance. Arrowood agreed. "Judges ought to be honest about who they are," he said, "and this is who I am, so I'm not going to hide it."

## San Francisco Targets G/L Tourists

SAN FRANCISCO - A new ad campaign launched by the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau in coordination with Southwest Airlines will attempt to increase the number of Gay and Lesbian travelers visiting the city, officials announced, reported the Associated Press.

The \$180,000 tourism campaign will focus on advertising and marketing tactics, including ticket giveaways and informational mailers, officials said. The Visitors Bureau will partner with Southwest, termed "the airline of Gay and Lesbian San Francisco," for at least one year.

The bureau previously launched a tourism campaign for Gay and Lesbian couples in May, when a part of its Web site was dedicated to Gay travel.

## Gay Appellate Judge Quietly Makes History



Judge John Arrowood

RALEIGH, North Carolina - Charlotte lawyer John Arrowood made history Friday (September 14), reported the Charlotte Observer. The reason isn't clear from his resume, the envy of most lawyers. Arrowood, 50, was a partner with the firm James, McElroy and Diehl. He served on the N.C. Banking Commission and on the boards of the Mint Museums and the Charlotte Center for Urban Ministry. He has won legal awards.

The reason wasn't even clear when a packed courtroom saw him take the oath Friday for the N.C. Court of Appeals. No one mentioned what

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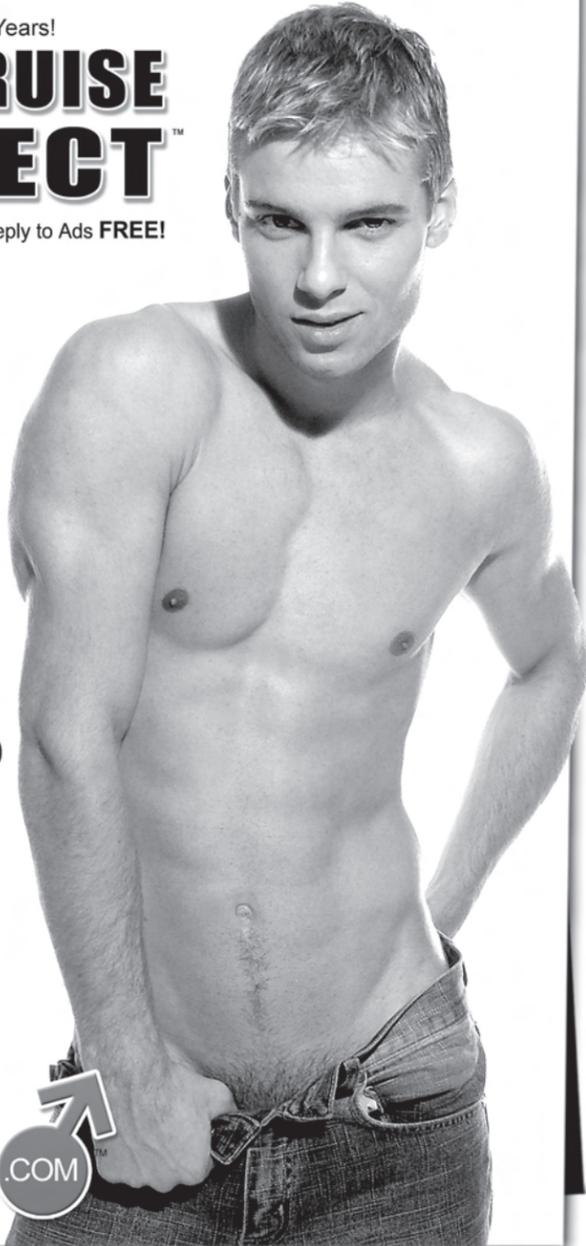
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## Schwarzenegger To Veto Marriage Bill Again

SACRAMENTO, California - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has announced he again will veto legislation that would allow same-sex couples to marry in California. And he warned lawmakers that they can keep on passing the bill and he will continue to veto it, 365Gay.com reported. The only thing that would change his mind, he said Monday (September 17), is if voters overturned Proposition 22 which was passed by the electorate in 2000 to stop Gay marriage, but which courts have ruled only applies to marriages performed out of state. "It would be wrong for the people to vote for something and for me to then overturn it," Schwarzenegger told reporters at a news conference.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

"We're extremely disappointed he is taking a position on the bill without meeting with a single Lesbian-Gay family, as we have asked him to do the last two years," said Geoff Kors, the executive director of Equality California. "How would he feel if this was a bill affecting who he could marry?"

The governor's veto threat is his first comment on the current bill since February when he suggested he would reject it if the measure passed the legislature. The bill passed the Senate just over a week ago. Schwarzenegger has until October 14 to sign or veto the bill. His announced veto came as supporters of same-sex marriage prepared to hold rallies across the state. The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act, would amend the Family Code to define marriage as a civil contract between two persons instead of a civil contract between a man and a woman. It is almost identical to legislation passed in 2005 and vetoed by Schwarzenegger. The measure also

reaffirms that no religious institution would ever be required to solemnize marriages contrary to its fundamental beliefs.

California law already permits same-sex couples to register with the state as domestic partners, affording them hundreds of state protections. However, same-sex couples in California and their families still are not eligible for more than a thousand federal protections offered to married couples, including family and medical leave, social security benefits, long-term care insurance and the ability to sponsor a partner for immigration benefits. Meanwhile, the California Supreme court is expected to hear oral arguments late this year or early in 2008 challenging the state's refusal to recognize same-sex marriage.

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# Foley Likely Won't Be Prosecuted, Amid Failure By Media To Report On e-mail Soliciting Male Page



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PALM BEACH, Florida (Observer Update) - Former Republican congressman Mark Foley, whose e-mails and instant messages caused uproar and became the butt of a thousand jokes, might have scored yet again, pageoneq.com reported. According to ABC, Florida laws may spare the congressman because of the state's three-year statute of limitations.

Florida did not start a criminal investigation of Foley until November 2006, making it "nearly impossible to prosecute" an explicit instant message Foley sent to a 17-year-old high school student in 2003. Who's to blame? House Republican leadership, for one, who had knowledge of Foley's inappropriate behavior for years. The emails originally leaked out of the office of Rep. Rodney Alexander (R-LA), a Democrat-cum-Republican who changed parties in 2004. But the untold story is that the media, too, had a hand in protecting Foley. The messages first crossed the desk of the St. Petersburg Times in 2005. Raw Story is also aware, through various sources, that ABC had elements of the Foley story a year prior to the article's release.

The critical instant message conversation cited by law enforcement, however, did not emerge until after ABC published their story in August 2006. Harper's Magazine also admitted they had received the first batch of "over-friendly" emails a month earlier. St. Petersburg Times Executive Editor Neil Brown defended his decision not to run the Foley story after they received "creepy" messages from a Louisiana page in which Foley was seeking a photograph. "I led deliberations with our top editors, and we concluded that we did not have enough substantiated information to reach beyond innuendo," Brown wrote in an October 2006 editorial. "We couldn't come up with a strong enough case to explain to a teenager's parents why, over their vehement pleas to drop the matter, we needed to make their son the subject of a story - and the incredible scrutiny that would surely follow. "It added up to this conclusion," Brown added. "To print what we had seemed to be a shortcut to taint a member of Congress without actually having the goods."

Lane Hudson, the former Human Rights Campaign staffer who first posted the emails online - the posting which spurred ABC into running a story - said he was not surprised. "The fact that Foley's getting away with it is symptomatic of how things work in Washington," Hudson said. "Republicans in Congress knew about it for years and did nothing

about it, the FBI did nothing about it, and the media failed in its responsibility to properly investigate it." In the messages, Foley asks a then-17-year-old page detailed information about masturbation. For the first time, Raw Story will also admit having had the email exchange between Foley and a male page prior to ABC's publication. This site did not receive the emails until roughly a week prior to ABC's release, and was unable to acquire a second source to publish the story. We did not have the more explicit IM conversations. And now, Foley will probably get away.

"Barring any extraordinary circumstances, it is very unlikely for charges to be filed in a case once the statute of limitations has run its course," Aya Gruber, a former federal public defender and professor of law at Florida International University, told ABC News. "Federal officials turned the case over to Florida after concluding that Foley did not engage in any actual sexual contact until the former pages had turned 18, and had therefore not violated federal law. Washington, D.C. law defines the age of consent as 16," ABC added. Florida law stipulates that using the Internet to "seduce, solicit, lure or entice" a minor to commit any illegal act "relating to lewdness or indecent exposure" is a third-degree felony. This would include email and instant messages.

Mike Rogers, the Gay blogger who first suggested Foley was Gay on his website blogACTIVE, also said the media had failed. "Once again, the mainstream media has failed in its role in a great democracy," he remarked. "Despite even being given constitutional protection to pursue stories, the papers in Florida not only protected a political career - most likely so they could have continued access to Congressman Foley - but they stood in the way of reporting a crime. With the statute of limitations passed, the blame for Mark Foley's escape from the law falls squarely upon the heads of the newspapers that had this evidence."

The House - led by Democrats - has also stymied Florida's investigation. Lawyers for the chamber blocked investigators' access to Foley's computers, saying they were the equivalent of congressional papers, which only Foley could release. The action followed on the heels of what was later ruled an unconstitutional invasion of Rep.

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; \$2 Pitchers til 10pm and Rotating Shot Specials all night; Latino Explosion 9pm with DJ Hill. Beer Bust 5-10pm

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver. Dickie Steed on piano during brunch. Brunch served until 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well. Reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - 10am. Starting 9/9. NFL package here. Wear an NFL team t-shirt or jersey and get 50¢ off your drink. Smirnoff Vodkas \$2.50 all day. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 3 and 6 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. .

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

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events); Brunch 11:30am-2:30pm; Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm til 2am. Beer Bust 2-7pm; Bar-B-Que 5-9pm; Karaoke with Michael D. 9p.m.; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9pm; Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm Watch for special events.

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

## MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-10pm; Drink what you want with ½ priced Happy Hour. Poke-Her Monday! Free card lessons 5pm. Free Texas Hold-'em Tourney at 6pm; Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Places. Happy Hour pricing.

COLORS - Closed on Mondays.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour all day & night with \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Watch MNF here! \$1.00 hot dogs during game. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker tourney at 6 & 8:30, Play for points and prizes. No cash involved.

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 Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events) Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm

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

## TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Half-Price Happy Hour 3-8pm. Karaoke 8pm-12am with 2 for 1 drinks.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.50 well margaritas and tequila. 75¢ off call tequilas. Free Texas Hold-Em Poker for women only at 6:00 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved.

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 Noon til 2am. Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events). Havana Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Tequila until 8pm Dart Tourney at 9am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

## WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink what You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 18 to Party, 21 to Drink! 18 & Over Night w/DJ Hill at 9pm! Rotating Shot Specials all night. Patio Bar opens @ 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. \$5.00 Jager Bombs and Long Island Ice Tea. Free Texas Hold-'Em Poker Tournaments at 6 & 8:30 pm Play for points & Prizes. No cash involved.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon til 2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Chili Dog Buffet 5-9pm; Underwear/Fetish/Leather Party 9-close - \$1 off all drinks for those who participate (50¢ off draught/schnapps) Back Pocket Patio Bar open 9pm-close.

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

## THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; 'Thirsty Thursday' with Tori Steele & Friends! Drag show now ts at 10pm with Tori Steele, China Colliins and guests. \$2 Pitchers and Rotating Shot Specials. Followed by DJ Hill til 2am.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm. .

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Mexican Beers \$2.50 all lday, all night. Karaoke starts at 8:30 p.m.

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 Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl Spec Events); Free Pool all day. Nacho Chip Buffet 5-9pm; \$1 PBRs Longnecks and \$2 Tecate Longnecks; Back Pocket Bar open 8-close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Top Shelf Bourbon til 8pm. Beer Bust 4-8pm. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

## FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am; Drink What You Want with ½ priced Happy Hour 3-8pm; Rotating weeks Latin or Hip Hop Music with DJ Hill at 9pm. Rotating Shot Specials all night! Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and reduced prize appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis and Craig Faltin 6:30-9:30pm. "Guys & Dolls" comedy drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.50 Smirnoff Ice. Triple Black, Green Apple and Raspberry Twisters. Free Country dance lessons at 7:30p.m. DJ Pat plays the best of contemporary and classic country 8:30 to close..

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon-2am; Happy Hour Noon-8pm (excl spec events); Martini Happy Hour 5-8pm- \$1 off all call Martinis; Simon Crown plays 6-9pm in the Back Pocket Patio Bar. DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close; Watch for special events.

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

## SATURDAY

THE BIZ - \$2.00 U-Call-Its til 11pm. Saturday night dance party with DJ Hill 9pm. Patio Bar opens at 10:30pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Lunch served until 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, reduced price appetizers. Dinner served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 11am. Happy Hour 11-8pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. \$4.50 cheeseburger & fries. \$2.50 Captain Morgan or Malibu Rum all day, all night. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

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-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5-close. Live Jazz with Arthur Migliazza in the Back Pocket 6-9pm; DJ Jeff in the Back Pocket 9-close. Watch for special events.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 4-8pm. \$1.25 glass, \$2.25 pitcher. Patio Bar Opens 7pm.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

HOWL AT THE MOON - Two Step lessons with Amanda at 7:30 p.m.

WOODY'S - Simon Crown performs in the Back Pocket Patio Bar 6-9 p.m.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

THE BIZ - Masquerade Ball begins at 9:00 p.m. Drink Specials all night. Come dressed to impress.!

HOWL AT THE MOON - September Birthday Bash. \$1.00 off your drinks all night if your birthday is in September. Gold Rush is here singing classic country and golden oldies at 9:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Watch UofA football on the Big Screen 3 p.m.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WOODY'S - Sindy / Autumn Party. Drag Bingo 8:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

HOWL AT THE MOON - Chantelle Douglas is your hostess on Tuesday for a mid-week reality break. Show starts at 9:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

HOWL AT THE MOON - Two Step lessons with Amanda at 7:30 p.m.

WOODY'S - Weekend Main Bar Remodel Grand Opening.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

HOWL AT THE MOON - It's a big show benefitting Miss USA at Large! 10:00 p.m.m

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

HOWL AT THE MOON - Chantelle Douglas is your hostess on Tuesdays for a mid-week reality break. Show starts at 9:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

WOODY'S - Simon Crown performs in the Back Pocket Patio Bar 6-9 p.m.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

HOWL AT THE MOON - Show featuring Jessica Devereaux.

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**A man who  
doesn't  
advertise  
is like one  
who winks in  
the dark:  
he knows  
he's doing it,  
but nobody  
else does.**

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# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

**TUCSON KNIGHT OWLS (T.K.O)** Openly invites new members to our monthly meetings which occur on the first Saturday of every month at 12:00 pm., followed by a beer bust from 2pm to 6pm., at our home bar the Yard Dog saloon.

**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 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 325\_2111 7am-7pm M-F - 9am-5pm weekend and holidays.

**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

**IINNER 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.

**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; Dezer Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezer 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).

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

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

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

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

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

**REVELLE 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](http://SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoo.com). See you on the trails.

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

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.



## Israeli Gays Unhappy Madonna Attends Kabbalah Meet

TEL AVIV, Israel - Some Israeli Gays are criticizing Madonna for taking part in a conference in Tel Aviv put on by Kabbalah when Israeli leaders of the mystic Jewish sect have been vocal in their opposition to homosexuality.

Mainstream Judaism has been critical of the Kabbalah movement but Orthodox rabbis embraced Kabbalah leaders when they joined in voicing outrage over Worldpride in Israel and Gay pride marches in Jerusalem.

Last year Rabbi David Basri, head of the Kabbalah's Magen David Yeshiva in Jerusalem blamed Gays for an outbreak of bird flu. Basri said the outbreak was God's punishment for the promotion of same-sex marriage.

## State Withdraws Tax Break For Anti- G/L Pavilion

TRENTON, New Jersey - State Environmental Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson withdrew a state-funded tax break for a Methodist group that refuses to allow Gay couples to celebrate their civil unions at the popular beachfront pavilion in Ocean Grove, nj.com reported. Jackson denied the Green Acres program tax exempt status the state had granted to the Methodist Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association because, she said in a letter sent to the association, "...it is clear that the Pavilion is not open to all persons on an equal basis."

A Lesbian couple filed a state

civil rights complaint against the Camp Meeting Association earlier this year after their request to hold a civil union at the pavilion was denied. The association, in turn, filed federal civil rights suit, claiming its rights as a church would be violated if it were forced to allow civil unions, which conflict with Methodist doctrine.

Garden State Equality said the decision as a victory that will cost the Camp Meeting Association "hundreds of thousands of dollars." A response from association was not immediately available.

## Call For Impeachment Of Iowa G/L Marriage Judge

DES MOINES, Iowa (Observer Update) - A Republican who mounted a failed US Senate bid in 2002 is back and has formed a citizens group calling for the impeachment of a district court judge whose ruling overturned Iowa's ban on Gay marriage, reported 365Gay.com.

Bill Salier and his organization, Everyday America, say that Polk County Judge Robert Hanson violated the state constitution in his ruling last month. In a statement the group says that Iowans must stop officials from overstepping the constitution to change society as they see fit. It is doubtful the initiative will get very far. Only the Legislature can impeach a judge, and in Iowa the Legislature is controlled by Democrats.

On August 30 Hanson ruled that a state law allowing marriage only between a man and woman violated the constitutional rights of

due process and equal protection. Less than two hours after the ruling two Des Moines men applied for a marriage license, found a judge to waive the waiting period and were married. Hanson then stayed his ruling until the state could appeal it to the Iowa Supreme Court. The marriage of Sean Fritz and Tim McQuillan remains the only legal same-sex marriage in the state.

## Study: GSAs Show Positive Effect In Schools

WASHINGTON, D.C (Observer Update) - Secondary institutions that have Gay-straight alliances (GSA) provide a more positive learning environment for LGBT students than schools that don't, according to a study released Wednesday (September 12), advocate.com reported. The study, sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, also found that the students in GSA schools are less likely to hear homophobic remarks and slurs in the classroom than students in non-GSA schools.

GSAs also affect classroom performance. LGBT students enrolled in schools with GSAs are prone to feel safer and thereby miss fewer classes. Fifty-two percent of students in schools with a GSA said that the faculty, staff, and administrators are supportive of LGBT pupils. Social and population research in the study shows that youths in Southern and rural areas are less likely to have access to LGBT resources in school. Research also identified African-American students as least likely among ethnic groups to have access to a GSA.

Eliza Byard, GLSEN interim executive director, said in a statement that the research provided proof that youths are showing a desire to make

schools safer. "Educators and policy makers need to match that commitment by providing additional educational interventions that assist and support GSAs,"

## Accused In Sandy Murder Secretly Gay Lawyer Tells Court

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But prosecutor Anna-Sigga Nicolazzi painted a far different story of Fortunato. She told the court that Fortunato was behind the plot to use a Gay Internet dating site to lure a man to a secluded park and rob him. That man turned out to be Sandy, but the plot went wrong and Sandy ended up dead. Fortunato arranged to meet Sandy at the far end of a parking lot at Plumb Beach, a well-known Gay cruising spot in Brooklyn October 8, 2006. When he arrived he was set upon by the others. Sandy bolted for the nearby Belt Parkway with his attackers in close pursuit. They caught up with him in one lane of the highway and as Sandy broke free he was struck by a car, sustaining massive head injuries. The 28 year old died a week later after his family instructed doctors to take him off a life-support machine.

Nicolazzi told the court the evidence will show that Fortunato bragged to the two other accused, John Fox, 20, and Ilya Shurov, 21, that Gay men were easy targets and that he had committed a similar robbery before. That evidence will come from a fourth man who was there the night Sandy died - 17-year old Gary Timmins, who already has pleaded guilty to attempted robbery as a hate crime and has agreed to testify against the others. Nicolazzi said Timms will testify that the three accused read newspaper accounts of the attack in the newspaper and that Fortunato joked about the way in which Sandy died.

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