

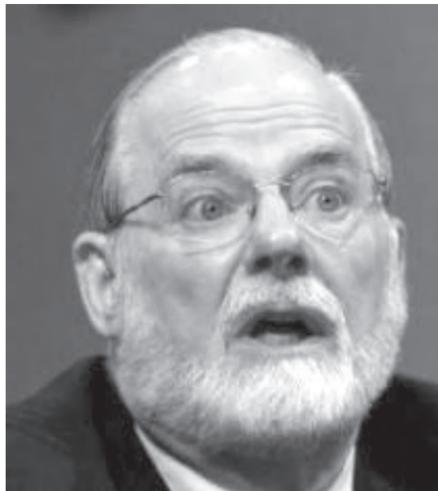


Bush Surgeon General Nominee Charged With Conflicts Of Interest

WASHINGTON, D.C. - George Bush's nominee for Surgeon General has drawn a lot of heat for among other things, his anti-Gay views as a leader in the United Methodist affiliate of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, reported talktoaction.com, but a new report may finally sink his already controversial nomination in a sea of conflicts of interest that have marked his career.

Dr. James Holsinger has also been a longtime leader of the Confessing Movement in the United Methodist Church. The Confessing Movement is a rightwing "renewal group" affiliated with the Washington, DC-based Institute on Religion and Democracy (IRD), whose purpose for a generation has been to divide and disrupt the historic churches of mainline protestantism in the interests of advancing neoconservatism and the religious right.

Holsinger was elected to the highest court in the Methodist Church a time when the IRD-affiliated church "renewal" groups had launched efforts to use church judicial systems to enforce their notions of orthodoxy, particularly on matters related to homosexuality.



Dr. James Holsinger

Now, an investigation Rev. Andrew J. Weaver, Ph.D. and Lawrence H. McGaughey, Esq., and published at Media Transparency, shows that Holsinger used the sale of a United Methodist Church-owned hospital in Kentucky, as a cash cow for his personal ambitions. It took years of litigation by the church to find out what had happened to its money, only to learn that Holsinger had diverted millions to endow professorships at the Chandler Medical Center at the University of Kentucky where he served as Chancellor and fundraiser-in-chief.

Meanwhile, Weaver and McGaughey report Holsinger did not disclose to his fellow church justices that he he was party to significant litigation against the church in the state courts – and thereby surface any potential conflicts of interest. The litigation cost the United Methodist Church (UMC) millions of dollars in legal fees to recover its assets. The

article also raises questions about how those assets (that were not given away) were managed while under the control of Dr. Holsinger and his associates, some of whom apparently also had conflicts of interest.

Weaver and McGaughey report: From the time of the sale of the property in July of 1995 until the [Kentucky Annual Conference of the UMC] KAC filed suit against the GSF on May 18, 2000, the foundation's trustees "refused to give an accounting of the proceeds from the sale to the Kentucky Annual Conference". In fact, as late as June of 2006 the lay and clergy members of the KAC felt compelled to pass a resolution formally seeking necessary "[i]nformation on assets, income earned, tax issues...investment practices, conflicts of interest, and other information" from the foundation.

The Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) of Lexington, Kentucky, was one of dozens of hospitals built by the Methodist church in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to provide care for the poor and indigent. The GSH had an unbroken legal and historic connection to Kentucky Methodism dating back to 1925. Photographic evidence presented in court showed that from 1968 until 1995, signs inside and outside of the hospital publicly proclaimed "The Good Samaritan Hospital of the United Methodist Church." Not surprisingly, the Kentucky courts repeatedly ruled that the hospital "was held in trust" for the KAC and that the church rightfully owns the assets.

It was only when Holsinger was named as Surgeon General nominee that the litigation came to an abrupt halt. Within a matter of days after his May 24, 2007, nomination, Holsinger resigned from the GSF trustees [the entity that controlled assets from the sale of the hospital] and the lawsuit, communicating through a spokesperson that to continue would be incompatible with an appointment as Surgeon General. Within a mere two weeks, the suit was finally settled, after seven years of litigation."

John Hurt To Star In Quentin Crisp Sequel

NEW YORK CITY - Actor John Hurt is to reprise his role as Gay writer Quentin Crisp in a sequel to "The Naked Civil Servant".

The first film was written from the early memoirs of the Gay writer and exhibitionist, but the new script was written from Crisp's diaries in the The New York Native magazine and conversations with New Yorkers, The Independent reported Sunday.

"The original play, which showed Crisp's courageous resistance to the conventional morality of the immediate post-war decades, was
Continued on Page Three

Turnabout For TIHAN Nears Raising Record Amount



TUCSON - Shown above is a small portion of over 300 people attending a spectacular Turnabout Show at the Doubletree Hotel last Sunday. The benefit was the 11th annual fund-raising event for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network - TIHAN. As of press-time over \$17,000 was raised and more money is coming in, so the group expects that it will soon become the most successful Turnabout in the 11-year history. There are more photos on page Thirteen of this issue of Observer. All photos were taken by the Observer's energetic photographer, Bill Morrow.

Toe-Tapping Craig May Not Resign

BOISE, Idaho (Observer Update) - Sen. Larry Craig is reconsidering his decision to resign after his arrest in a Minnesota airport sex sting and may still fight for his Senate seat, his spokesman said Tuesday evening (September 4), reported the Associated Press (AP).

"It's not such a foregone conclusion anymore, that the only thing he could do was resign," Sidney Smith, Craig's spokesman in Idaho's capital, told AP.

"We're still preparing as if Sen. Craig will resign Sept. 30, but the outcome of the legal case in Minnesota and the ethics investigation will have an impact on whether we're able to stay in the fight – and stay in the Senate," Smith said.

Craig, a Republican who has represented Idaho in Congress for 27 years, announced Saturday that he intends to resign from the Senate on Sept. 30. But since then, he's hired a prominent lawyer to investigate the possibility of reversing his plea, his spokesman said.

Craig was a no-show as Congress reconvened after a summer break and it wasn't clear whether he'll return at all since deciding to resign over his guilty plea in a sex sting this summer at the Minneapolis airport.

Another spokesman, Dan Whiting in Washington, said Tuesday that Craig was expected to spend the week in Idaho as the Senate votes on spending bills for veterans and other programs. Whiting did not rule out Craig's returning to Washington before the end of the month.

A telephone call Craig received from Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.,

urging him to consider fighting for his seat is affecting Craig's decision to reconsider his resignation, Smith said.

"It was a little more cut and dried a few days ago," Smith said. "There weren't many options. He was basically going to have to step aside. Now, there's a little more to it."

Specter, senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, suggested Craig's GOP colleagues who pressured him last week to resign should re-examine the facts surrounding his arrest June 11. "The more people take a look at the situation, there may well be second thoughts," said Specter, a former prosecutor. If Craig had not pleaded guilty in August to a reduced charge and instead demanded a trial, "I believe he would have been exonerated," Specter said.

Craig gave up his senior positions on the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and the Appropriations veterans subcommittee last week, at the request of Senate Republican leaders. The Senate began debating the veterans spending bill.

Craig came under a steady drumbeat of criticism from Republicans in the days before he announced that for the good of the people of Idaho, he would step down Sept. 30.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell called Craig's actions "unforgivable" after the White House termed the situation disappointing. Republican Senate colleagues John McCain of Arizona and Norm Coleman of Minnesota said Craig should resign.

With Republicans defending nearly twice as many seats as
Continued on Page Three

UPDATE

PFLAG Meeting September 9

SAHUARITA - The local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be holding a meeting Sunday, September 9, 2:00 p.m., at the U.U. Fellowship House, 17616 S. La Canada in Sahuarita.

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Lou Prince and Patti Willis will be the facilitators and for more information, contact June Wortman, (520) 648-5877.

T-Squares Invite You To Dance

T-Squares are Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Trans, Whatever Square Dance Club and would like to invite readers to a free crash course in Square Dancing, Saturday, September 15 or October 27, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., lunch included, at the Old Pueblo Dance Hall, 613 E. Delano St. (Southwest of 1st Ave. & Fort Lowell Rd.)

Square Dancing is a fun, easy, social, healthy way to spend time with friends and to make new friends. No partners are needed and no special clothing is required. (We dance in shorts or whatever is comfortable.)

If you have any questions, either (520) 325-6739 or E-mail at T-Squares@AZGayDance.org.

T-Squares hopes to see many of you there for a day of fun, good music, and new friends.

Observer Wants Your Rant & Rave

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Is there something or someone you like or dislike? Perhaps, there is issue that you feel is important and needs to be "brought to the table?" Maybe you wish to just "get on the soap box."

In the most recent edition of The Observer, the paper launched a new column called "Rant & Rave," and the staff wants to give the readers a chance as well to rant or rave.

If you are interested, send you submission (less than 600 words), in an E-mail to: info@tucsonobserver.com.

Jennifer Block And Three Writers At Antigone Books

TUCSON - Come to Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Avenue, as Jennifer Block will discuss her book, Pushed: The Painful Truth about Childbirth and Modern Maternity Care (Perseus, \$26.00), Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Nearly half of all mothers in the U.S. are chemically induced into labor whether they want to be or not; almost a third give birth via C-section. When did birth become an emergency instead of an emergence? Why are midwives illegal in eleven states? Block's research and experience show that while medical intervention certainly has its place, there is compelling evidence that we are overusing medical technology at the expense of maternal and fetal health. Block is a former editor at Ms. Magazine and an editor of the revised Our Bodies, Ourselves.

The reading will be followed by a question and answer period and refreshments will be served.

On Friday, September 21, 7:00 p.m., come to Antigone Books for readings by three fabulous Tucson fiction writers: Lydia Millet, Stacey Richter and Aurelie Sheehan. Millet's most recent novel, My Happy Life, (Soft Skull Press, \$13.00) is a bittersweet fictional memoir. Richter's newest story collection, Twin Study (Counterpoint, \$24.00), contains twelve bracingly imaginative tales full of

eccentric characters. Sheehan's latest novel, History Lesson for Girls, (Penguin, \$14.00) is at once an emotional inquest into and elegy for a friendship between two thirteen year-old girls.

For more information, call (520) 792-3715 or go online to antigonebooks.com.

Wingspan's Tenth Annual Dinner, September 29

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson and Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center will be holding their tenth annual benefit dinner, Saturday, September 29 at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church.

Join in and support Wingspan's important mission and recognizing the individuals who help build a better LGBT community is Southern Arizona.

Comedian and performance artist, Marga Gomez, will host the 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.

Join the community as Wingspan honor's each of the LGBT Southern Arizonans who have received Godat, Hall, and Community Ally Awards in the past ten years.

Individual tickets are \$100 with proceeds going to Wingspan. For more information or to order tickets, call (520) 624-1779.

Gay History On View At The Smithsonian

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A collection of artifacts from renowned Gay activist Frank Kameny is now on display in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, reported 365Gay.com. The Frank Kameny Collection includes such objects as the protest signs from the 1960s demonstrations in Washington and Philadelphia, Gay rights buttons with Kameny's famous phrase "Gay Is Good" and a photograph of protesters picketing in front of the White House on Oct. 23, 1965, which Kameny helped organize.

"This is the first time the Smithsonian has ever included displays of Gay civil rights artifacts," said Bob Witeck, CEO of Witeck-Combs Communications, Inc. "This exhibit gives (the Gay rights) story equal treatment alongside other movements." Kameny's artifacts will rest in the "Treasures of American History" exhibit alongside such historic American objects as the Greensboro, N.C., lunch counter from the 1960 desegregation protest, the ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz," Abraham Lincoln's top hat and Thomas Edison's light bulb.

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



If you are interested in offering
peer support to clients,
educating on HIV/AIDS and
more, contact Volunteer Re-
sources at 628-7223 or
volcoord@saaaf.org

SAAF

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation



P.O. BOX 50733,
TUCSON, AZ 85703
(520) 622-7176 (Voice)

Office Hours: 9a.m.-6p.m.
Monday thru Friday

Office Closed Thursdays

Observer on the World Wide Web :
www.tucsonobserver.com
E-Mail: info@tucsonobserver.com

EDITOR/PUBLISHER:

Bob Ellis

ARTS & GRAPHICS:

Gary Clark

MANAGING EDITOR:

Mark Kerr

Special Events Photos:

Bill Morrow

Hunter Johnson

Horoscope:

Charlene Lichtenstein

Contributing Columnists

MARK R. KERR - LEE THORN

*

Publication of names or photos of any person or organization in the OBSERVER is not to be construed as indication of the sexual orientation of such person, organization or advertisers or any employees thereof.

Opinions that are expressed in Letters to the Editor or columns by contributors are not necessarily those of the OBSERVER, its staff or advertisers. OBSERVER assumes responsibility for its own editorial policy only.

Although OBSERVER has many fine advertisers, we do not accept responsibility for any claims made pertaining to their products and/or services.

*

Permission to reprint (except for separately copyrighted material) is granted when credit is given to the OBSERVER.

*

Informing the Community
The Observer



Howl at the Moon


 sports pub & dance club

915 W. Prince Rd.
 1st stoplight west of Oracle
 SW corner of Prince & Fairview
 293-7339
howlatthemoontucson.com

Shows, Shows, Shows

Saturday, Sept. 8th - 10 pm
Miss NCC Plus Pageant

Tuesday Sept. 11th - 8 pm
Heather Boa & Friends

Saturday, Sept. 15th - 10 pm
Ellas de Noche Latino Show

Tuesday, Sept. 25th - 9:30 pm
Chantelle Douglas & Friends

Saturday, Sept. 29th - 10 pm
Benefit featuring Miss USA-at-Large



Gay Penguin Book Gets Most Complaints

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Not all penguin stories are equal in the public's mind, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

"And Tango Makes Three," an award-winning children's book based on a true story about two male penguins who raised a baby penguin, topped the American Library Association's annual list of works attracting the most complaints from parents, library patrons and others. Overall, the number of "challenged" books in 2006 jumped to 546, more than 30 percent higher than the previous year's total, 405, although still low compared to the mid-1990s, when challenges topped 750.

"We're still in ... the mid-range in terms of how many challenges we get," Judith Krug, director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, told The Associated Press during a recent interview. "And Tango Makes Three," by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, was published in 2005 and named by the ALA as one of the year's best children's books. But parents and educators have complained that "Tango Makes Three" advocates homosexuality, with challenges reported in Southwick, Mass., Shiloh, Ill., and elsewhere. The ALA defines a "challenge" as a "formal, written complaint filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness." For every challenge listed, about four to five go unreported, according to the library association. Krug said 30 books were actually banned last year. "Books aren't banned nearly as much now as they used to be, because communities are much more active in fighting that,"

Krug said about the bans, which can lead to books being removed from both school and public libraries.

Other books on the 2006 list include two by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, "The Bluest Eye" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Beloved," both cited for language and sexual content; Cecily von Ziegesar's popular "Gossip Girls" series, criticized for sexual content and language; and Robert Cormier's "The Chocolate War," for language, violence and sexual content. Krug said she has statistics for challenged books through the first few months of 2007, when there were widespread reports that librarians were banning Susan Patron's "The Higher Power of Lucky," the story of a 10-year-old's physical and spiritual journey and winner of the prestigious Newbery prize for the best children's book.

Librarians had complained on an Internet list serve, LM-Net, about the book's use of the word "scrotum," the sac holding a man's testicles. But when The Associated Press last February contacted several librarians who had posted critical comments, all said they were either carrying "Higher Power" or hadn't decided. Krug confirmed that the ALA had received no reports of "Higher Power" being banned, or even challenged. The publisher, Simon & Schuster, agreed, saying Tuesday that it had not heard of any problems at libraries. "When a book gets in trouble, we usually learn about it pretty quickly, like with 'Tango Makes Three.' We

knew about that right away," said publicist Paul Crichton of Simon & Schuster, which also released the penguin book. "But to my knowledge, that hasn't happened with 'Higher Power of Lucky.' That was a case of much ado about nothing." The ALA, the American Booksellers Association and others in the publishing community will hold their 26th annual Banned Books Week from Sept. 29 to Oct. 6, highlighting works that have been banned or were threatened with removal.

Quentin Crisp Sequel

Continued from Page One

first broadcast by ITV in 1975. The new play, will be set in New York in the 1980s and 1990s, where Crisp, writer, artist's model, sometime male prostitute, and self-declared 'stately homo of England' had gone to live." said James Burstall, head of the production company Leopardrama. "He went there because he wanted to be his own man in a new city and also because he wanted to entertain and be entertained."

Craig May Not Resign

Continued from Page One

Democrats in 2008, Nevada Sen. John Ensign, chairman of the Senate GOP's election effort, said he would resign if he were in Craig's circumstances but stopped short of saying the Idahoan should give up his seat. Craig's third six-year term in the Senate expires in January 2009.

Republican Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has not named Craig's successor and has not said when he will. Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, also a Republican, is considered the front-runner for the job.

Billy Martin, one of Craig's lawyers, said the senator's arrest in an undercover police operation in a men's room of Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport "raises very serious constitutional questions."

Martin, who represents Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick in his dogfighting case, said Craig "has the right to pursue any and all legal remedies available as he begins the process of trying to clear his good name."

Craig has contended he had done nothing wrong and said his only mistake was pleading guilty to a

misdemeanor charge.

Craig has hired a high-powered crisis management team that includes Martin; communications adviser Judy Smith; Washington attorney Stan Brand, a former general counsel to the U.S. House; and Minneapolis attorney Tom Kelly.

McConnell disputed that there was a double standard in how GOP leaders reacted to Craig's case and to the admission in July by Sen. David Vitter, R-La., that his telephone number showed up in 1999, 2000 and 2001 phone bills of an escort service that federal authorities say was a prostitution ring.

In Vitter's case, "there have been no charges made," McConnell said, adding that the alleged wrongdoing occurred before Vitter was a senator.

Craig, by contrast, pleaded guilty to a crime, McConnell said. "The legal case was, in effect, over. At that point, the question was for the Republican leadership, what would be our reaction to it," he said.



Tucson's #1 Gay Club

NEW TO IBT'S



SUNDAYS

EVERY SUNDAY 9pm-CLOSE

BRING YOUR WEEKLY SERVICE INDUSTRY PAYSTUB AND RECEIVE EMPLOYEE PRICED DRINKS, OR PAY \$5.00 TO GET DRINK SPECIAL W/OUT PAYSTUB!

2007
 2008
 2009
 2010
 2011
 2012
 2013
 2014
 2015
 2016
 2017
 2018
 2019
 2020
 2021
 2022
 2023
 2024
 2025
 2026
 2027
 2028
 2029
 2030








WE NOW ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS!!!

616 N. 4th Ave 520.882.3053 www.ibts.net and www.myspace.com/ibtstucson

Boy Scouts' Secret 'Degenerate' Files Revealed

OLYMPIA, Washington - The Washington state supreme court has forced the Boy Scouts of America to turn over "ineligible volunteer" files that revealed a sexual abuse problem among Scout leaders far greater than the organization previously admitted, reported Gay.com. Although justices ruled that the files themselves would not be made public, attorneys said the Boy Scouts "have ejected at least 5,100 adult leaders nationwide for sexual abuse allegations since 1946," according to the Seattle Times.

important. Research has shown that the group least likely to engage with sex with boys are open and out Gay men."

In the past 15 years, the organization has kicked out leaders for abuse allegations at a rate of one every other day. The ruling stemmed from a 2003 suit filed by two former Scouts, brothers Tom and Matt Stewart, now men in their 40s, who say they were sexually molested by a Scoutmaster over many years. The records they obtained show that, as part of the "ineligible volunteer" files, the organization retained information on 1,000 "degenerates." The Stewarts' attorneys counted 732 "degenerate" files from 1946 to 1971 among the 45 boxes of files ordered disclosed by the Scouts. Lumped together as "degenerates" were both volunteers known to be Gay and/or known to be pedophiles.

The new revelations have put the Scouts under closer scrutiny for their handling of molestation charges and potential abuse. David Finkelhor, who heads the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire, told Gay.com that, for the 15 years he served on a board of advisers that helped Scouts combat abuse, he was frustrated by their secrecy. "On the one hand, they had developed a very progressive and comprehensive abuse prevention program and put time and money into that, and at the same time they wouldn't even let our board see files that would have helped us track cases over time," Finkelhor said.

Jon Davidson, legal director of Lambda Legal, told Gay.com that the Boy Scouts of America understood that those two groups had little, if anything, to do with each other. "Even the organization's literature says it's a myth that Gay men are more likely to engage in sexual abuse than straight men," Davidson said. "They never have asserted that (potential pedophilia) is a reason to exclude Gay men from the Scouts. They simply insist that Gay men don't make good role models."

Although Scout officials won't talk about the cases, they affirm that volunteers represent a small fraction of the 1.2 million adults who participate in Scouting every year and stress that new background checks and training prevent such problems. Despite the new safeguards, the secrecy in the 97-year-old organization closely mirrors the stonewalling of the Roman Catholic Church, according to David Clohessy, national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests. "In many institutions, especially those with rigid, clear lines of authority, there is a temptation to obsess over public image and perceived short term damage from scandal and litigation rather than focusing on real long-term solutions, and the most glaring example of that is the Catholic Church," Clohessy told Gay.com.

In the 1990s, Lambda Legal fought to reinstate James Dale as Scoutmaster after the Boy Scouts kicked him out upon learning he was Gay. Though Dale and Lambda Legal were victorious in the New Jersey appeals court and the New Jersey Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the unanimous decision, ruling that because it is a private group, the Boy Scouts had a constitutional right to exclude openly Gay people from leadership positions. The organization also does not allow Gay Scouts.

Clohessy, who has counseled dozens of abused Scouts over the years, in addition to many more who were abused in the church, said he expects many more Scouts to come forward with these new revelations. "The strongest motivator for coming forward is public awareness," Clohessy said. "And that hinges on legal actions. Unfortunately, that's tough when you have an arbitrary statute of limitations that can give victims no legal options. That tends to keep them trapped in shame and isolation."

Davidson was quick to reject the notion that pedophilia involving boys and homosexual sex are related. "Pedophiles often become Boy Scout leaders because they can have access to kids. But for most of them, it's about (abusing) kids before puberty, and the gender of the child is less



Visit our Back Pocket Patio Bar — Tucson's Alternative

Friday Night Patio Bar opens At 5pm,

Sunday September 9th Drag Bingo

Every Sunday
Tucson's Best All Day Party
Brunch 11:30-2:30
Patio Bar Opens at 2pm
Beer Bust 2-7pm
BBQ 5-9pm
Karaoke with Michael D 9pm

Upcoming Events
September 14th Simon Crown
September 15th Construction Party

Come check out how the remodel is shaping up.....

3710 N. Oracle Road 292.6702
WWW.myspace.com/4mywoodys
WWW.mywoodysaz.com




Tucson's only Gay Bar with Internet Jukebox & 2 Cooled Smoking Patios!

Tuesdays: 9am Dart Tourney

Wednesdays: Texas Hold-em @ 6:30pm & Dart Tourney @ 8pm

Saturday: DJ Bob S. @ 8pm

Sundays: Texas Hold-Em @ Noon & 2:00pm

Cowboy Jeffs Beer Bust with Burgers & Brauts @ 2pm

2449 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ. 85705*
520-624-3858
Home Bar of: "Tucson Knight Owls", & "Tucson United in Leather"

Police Chief Charged With Sexually Assaulting Male Workers

ALTON, Texas - The police chief in this South Texas town has been charged with two counts of sexual assault for allegedly violating male employees who were passed out at his home during parties, 365Gay.com reported. Jose Luis Vela was being held in the Hidalgo County Jail on \$200,000 bond after his Thursday (August 30) arraignment on the two felony charges. The city has placed him on paid leave pending the outcome of the case.

Trevino would not identify the alleged victims, nor their positions within the 18-employee department.

"This is the first time I've ever heard of a chief of a police arrested for sexually assaulting his employees," said Sheriff Lupe Trevino, whose office started an investigation last week based on a tip from a friend of one of the alleged victims. As he was led out of the courtroom, Vela denied the charges and said he did not know who his accusers were.

City Manager Jorge Arcaute said the city's employees must work through the shock of Vela's arrest. The town of about 4,400 residents is located 10 miles north of the Mexican border in the Rio Grande Valley. "This will reflect poorly on us," Arcaute said. "The challenge for us is to keep doing a good job and work harder. We're up to the challenge." Lt. Eric Hernandez has been named the Alton department's acting chief.

Investigators have accused Vela of performing oral sex on a male employee after the man passed out drunk at a party about a year ago at Vela's home in Mission, according to court documents. Vela is also accused of violating a different male employee with an object while that man was passed out at a party in July, Trevino said.



Iowa G/L Marriages Abruptly Halted



Sean Fritz, left, and Tom McQuillan

DES MOINES, Iowa - Two men sealed the state's first legal same-sex marriage with a kiss Friday morning, less than 24 hours after a judge threw out Iowa's ban on Gay marriage and about two hours before he put the ruling on hold, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. It was a narrow window of opportunity.

Thursday afternoon (August 30), Polk County Judge Robert Hanson temporarily cleared the way for same-sex couples across the state to apply for marriage licenses in Polk County when he ruled that Iowa's 1998 Defense of Marriage Act, which allowed marriage only between a man and a woman, violated the constitutional rights of due process and equal protection of six Gay couples who had sued. County attorney John Sarcone promised a quick appeal, and he asked Hanson to stay his ruling until the appeal was resolved.

A dozen Gay and Lesbian couples were waiting at the county recorder's office when it opened Friday morning (August 31). By 11:00 a.m., 20 had applied for marriage licenses when Recorder Julie Haggerty announced that she had been instructed to stop accepting the applications. Hanson told The Associated Press about an hour and half later that he had formally stayed his ruling. The judge's stay means the recorder's office is not permitted to accept any more marriage applications from Gay couples until the Iowa Supreme Court rules on the county's appeal.

Sean Fritz and Tim McQuillan were among the lucky few to get their application through. The marriage license approval process normally takes three business days, but Fritz and McQuillan took advantage of a loophole that allows couples to skip the waiting period if they pay a \$5 fee and get a judge to sign a waiver. Friday morning, the Rev. Mark Stringer declared the two Iowa State University students legally married in a wedding on Unitarian minister's front lawn in Des Moines. "This is it. We're married. I love you," Fritz told McQuillan after the ceremony. Fritz explained their hurry: "We're both in our undergrad programs and we thought maybe we'd put it off until applying at graduate school, but when this opportunity came up, we thought maybe we wouldn't get the opportunity again."

Republican House Minority Leader Christopher Rants, said the ruling illustrates the need for a state constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage. "I can't believe this is

happening in Iowa," Rants said. "I guarantee you there will be a vote on this issue come January," when the Legislature convenes. Gov. Chet Culver left open the possibility of state action. "While some Iowans may disagree on this issue, I personally believe marriage is between a man and a woman," the governor said.

Gay marriage is legal in Massachusetts, and nine other states have approved spousal rights in some form for same-sex couples. Nearly all states have defined marriage as being solely between a man and a woman, and 27 states have such wording in their constitutions, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Dennis Johnson, a lawyer for the six Gay couples who sued after being denied marriage licenses in 2005, said Iowa has a long history of aggressively protecting civil rights in cases of race and gender. The Defense of Marriage Act contradicts previous rulings regarding civil rights and is simply "mean spirited," he said. Roger J. Kuhle, an assistant Polk County attorney, argued that the issue was not for a judge to decide. Hanson ruled that the state law banning same-sex marriage must be nullified, severed and stricken from the books, and the marriage laws "must be read and applied in a gender neutral manner so as to permit same-sex couples to enter into a civil marriage ..."

"This is kind of the American Dream," said plaintiff Jen BarbouRoske, of Iowa City. "I'm still feeling kind of shaky. It's pure elation. I just cannot believe it." Kate Varnum of Cedar Rapids, another plaintiff, said she was elated but expected more legal battles: "I don't expect this to be the last one."

Even though the county Web site explaining how to apply for a marriage license still began with the words, "Marriages in Iowa are between a male and a female ...," several couples were waiting when the county recorder's office opened at 7:30 a.m. Friday. Katy Farlow and Larissa Boeck, both Iowa State University students, were waiting in lawn chairs outside. "This might be our only chance," Farlow said. "We already knew we were spending the rest of our lives together."

COLORS

FOOD & SPIRITS

ARIZONA'S BEST GAY DINING EXPERIENCE,
PIANO BAR,
CABARET SHOWS,
& SUNDAY BRUNCH



TUES-SAT 4:00PM-CLOSE
SUN 11:00AM-CLOSE

5305 E. SPEEDWAY 520.323.1840
WWW.COLORSTUCSON.COM

Personal Injury?



Sarah J. Showard
Attorney at Law



(520) 622-3344 • toll free (866) 307-2147 • fax (520) 327-1667

Auto Injury
Medical Malpractice
Premises Liability
Products Liability

Bank of America Building
33 North Stone, Suite 1430
Tucson, Arizona 85701

VENTURE-N

TUCSON'S ONLY MEN'S BAR

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING

SUNDAY

Patio Beer Bust -- 3 pm - 7 pm

Bossburgers, "PLUS" -- 5 pm - 7 pm

MONDAY

Martini Special -- 4 pm - 8 pm

WEDNESDAY

Margarita Special -- 4 pm - 8 pm

SATURDAY

Patio Beer Bust -- 3 pm - 7 pm

Open Mon - Sat 9 am; Sun 10 am

1239 N. 6th Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705 (520) 882-8224

Why The Iowa Ruling Is Great Even If Temporary

AMES, Iowa - The marriage window opened in Polk County, Iowa, for a few hours Friday, until around 11:30, when District Court Judge Robert Hanson stayed his order legalizing same-sex marriage pending an appeal to the Iowa Supreme Court, Gay.com reported.

But the win is sweet nonetheless. Hanson's opinion laid out one of the strongest arguments in support of marriage equality ever articulated by an American court.

Hanson's 63-page opinion Thursday held that the denial of marriage violates the due process and equal protection rights of same-sex couples under the state constitution. Hanson initially struck the state ban on Gay nuptials, and ordered the county clerks to issue marriage licenses at once. Some 20 couples reportedly applied Friday morning before Hanson put on the brakes.

Of those 20, at least one couple paid to expedite their marriage, and actually found a minister to perform a ceremony and sign their documents. It's not clear whether Sean Fritz and his putative husband, Tim McQuillan, will be able to finish tying the knot: The men dashed back to the county clerk's office to file their paperwork, but the stay was issued soon after.

The Iowa case, *Varnum v. Brien*, is the most recent of the four active freedom-to-marry lawsuits in play around the country. Two of those, in Maryland and in Connecticut, have been fully argued before the high courts of their respective states,

where final decisions are pending. The fourth, and arguably the most critical, is in the last stages of written briefing before the California Supreme Court.

A lower court victory by no means guarantees success before the high court. Marriage advocates won two lower court cases in Washington, before the state justices ruled against them last July. In New York, a Manhattan lower court judge ruled for same-sex couples, as did a San Francisco-based judge in the California case.

Both those opinions were reversed by state appellate courts, and New York's highest court went on to close the door on marriage litigation last summer. In Maryland, where a final decision is expected any day, the lower court also ruled in favor of marriage equality.

Hanson wrote that marriage was a fundamental right under the state constitution's due process clause, and as such, its denial triggered the highest level of court scrutiny. He also ruled that Iowa's statutory ban on same-sex marriage violated the state's equal protection clause by discriminating on the basis of sex, a determination that also required heightened scrutiny.

Finally, Hanson ruled that the state's asserted justifications for maintaining a marriage ban did not even pass the lowest standards of court review. Assuming that a state interest in promoting "responsible procreation" was a legitimate purpose, Hanson wrote, the remedy of blocking all Gay couples from matrimony bore no rational relationship to the state's alleged goals. The fact that hetero-

sexual felons, older couples, and couples with no interest in having children were free to marry also undercut the state's argument.

Iowa may be a red state, but as Hanson pointed out, it has a history of far-sighted jurisprudence. The state was the second, after California, to toss out laws against interracial marriage, years before the U.S. Supreme Court took action in *Loving v. Virginia*.

This year, the Iowa state

Prof Sees 'Silver Lining' In Sen. Craig Case



ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Observer Update) - Sen. Larry Craig's arrest for alleged Gay overtures in a Minneapolis restroom may spell the end of his political career, but some in the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community are hoping the scandal has a silver lining.

"Regardless of Larry Craig's true sexual orientation, the real story here is the extremes that some people must go through to hide their real self

legislature passed a Gay rights bill into law, banning sexual orientation and gender identity bias in employment, housing and public accommodations. The law was signed by youthful Gov. Chet Culver, a Democrat.

On Friday (August 31), Culver called on the legislature to stay out of the marriage wars until the case has been heard by the state supreme court. Iowa is one of 23 states that has not amended its constitution to ban same-sex marriage, although a Defense of Marriage Act was passed in 1998.

from a hostile society," says James Reid, a clinical psychologist who studies sexual identity and prejudice at Washington University in St. Louis.

"These sorts of encounters take place in the shadows because the social forces of hate are so strong and because people have allowed themselves to be manipulated by the politics of fear and exclusion," Reid says. "My biggest concern is the effect that the demonization of sexual orientation has on people in this culture."

Reid, a senior lecturer and clinical supervisor in psychology in Arts & Sciences, provides private counseling services for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual clients who are struggling with personal challenges related to adjusting to a stigmatized identity. For the last decade, he has taught a course at Washington University on "Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Identity Development."

The Craig scandal, says Reid, should force us all to re-evaluate how sexual minorities are treated in a society dominated by heterosexual values.

"The issue that should be getting more attention in the coverage of Larry Craig is the secrecy and deceptiveness that our society forces on the homosexual community," he contends.

"In my practice, I talk to all sorts of people who are struggling to be free with who they are, people who are afraid to 'come out of the closet' in a hostile work or social environment."

Reid sees a clear double standard in how society reacts to public figures involved in homosexual vs. heterosexual sex scandals, noting that Republican Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana has faced few repercussions from his alleged use of the "DC Madam's" escort service. There's also a wide variance, he notes, in how police enforce societal norms of what constitutes appropriate sexual behavior.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

No matter how hard we fight the urge, we are once again compelled to perform these acts ...

LESBIAN SHORTS IV

The Bloody Unicorn Theater presents an evening of one-act plays with a Sapphic slant

Cabaret Theater, Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Tickets \$14

FEATURING:

INCOMING, by Kathy Anderson

ISSUES & BAGGAGE, by Ruby Berlin

THE LIST, by Linda Suzuki

THEIR FIRST OUTING SINCE THEIR LAST, by Mary Woods

Plus a special guest performer each night, including the Midriff Crisis Bellydance troupe, Revo Lution hula hooping, and more!

Check our website at:

www.BloodyUnicorn.com

for more information

In Tucson: FRI., SEPT. 21 and 28, at 7:30 PM

SAT., SEPT. 22 and 29, at 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM

SUN., SEPT. 23 and 30, at 2:30 PM & 7:30 PM

(Plus two special showings

in Scottsdale, Sept. 15 & 16;

check website for details.)

For reservations: kyraroc@yahoo.com or (520) 990-3628

or reserve tickets online at www.BloodyUnicorn.com



MASQUERADE BALL 2007
SEPTEMBER 22ND

NO COVER

WWW.MASQUERADEBALL.COM

myspace.com/thebiztucson

Join us every MON-FRI
for 1/2 price Happy Hour
3-8pm

Gay Idol Qualifying
Tuesday 9/4 @ 10:30pm

Rose's Travesti Show
Sunday 9/9 @ 10:30pm

THE BIZ
520-318-4838

Lucious

SEPTEMBER 9th

- \$2 Fuzzy Navels
- \$3 Margaritas
- \$4 Long Island's

Bring the ladies for a great afternoon treat...it's gonna be...

Lucious

Tucson's only T-Dance for the ladies

LGBT Studies Programs Thriving On U.S. College Campuses

SAN FRANCISCO - Before he transferred to San Francisco State University from its sister school in rural central California, Emo Loredo knew only a few other openly Gay students, reported the Associated Press. So it came as a pleasant surprise when he discovered his new college offered not only classes such as Homophobia and Coming Out, Gay Love in Literature and Queer Art History, but a full-fledged undergraduate minor in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender studies.

"One of the things I've learned is that homosexuality was around way back in ancient times," said Loredo, 24, who enrolled in a sociology class called Queer Cultures and Society. "Before, I thought homosexuality was started in the early 1970s." San Francisco State was one of the first U.S. universities to plumb the scholarly potential of Gay lives, starting with a single English course in 1972. But with issues such as same-sex marriage, Gays in the military and the peccadilloes of politicians continuing to divide public opinion, other schools also are choosing to put them in an academic context.

After years of offering a smattering of Gay-related classes, at least 30 public and private colleges now offer multidiscipline minors in LGBT studies, the majority of them established within the last three years. They range from DePaul University in Chicago, one of the nation's largest Roman Catholic universities, to five of the 10 campuses in the University of California system. Another 16, including Ivy Leaguers Yale and Cornell, allow undergraduates to earn certificates or to pursue concentrated studies in Lesbian and Gay subject matter.

The field has become so ubiquitous on campuses that John G. Younger, a University of Kansas classics professor who maintains a Web site devoted to Gay studies, said he stopped counting the number of schools that offer occasional sections in Lesbian literature or Gay history. "I began thinking maybe it's useless to keep this list because every university probably has something," said Younger, who travels the country advising colleagues on how to gain administrative approval for their proposed Gay studies programs.

The expansion has given a discipline once limited to history, English or women's studies departments a place across the curriculum, encompassing subjects such as religion and the law. Younger said one of the most interesting combinations he's come across was an anthropology course at Duke University on "queerness in advertising." Last year, a Carnegie Mellon professor decided to use polls and studies of Gay people as the basis for his freshman statistics seminar. One lesson involved asking students to guess how many people in the class were Gay as a way to test their "Gaydar."

Helping fuel the rise of these specialized degree programs are endowments from Gay alumni, the research of openly Gay and Lesbian professors and demands from students who are coming out of the closet—and rejecting conventional notions of sexuality—at younger ages, academic experts say.

Steven Seidman, a sociologist based at the State University of New York at Albany, said he has observed a shift in the makeup of students who

take classes such as Sociology and Sexuality or Introduction to Lesbian and Gay Studies. In the past, the offerings drew primarily straight women and a handful of students who identified as Gay or Lesbian, almost all of them white. Now, the coed class rolls include young scholars of varying races who often refuse to be pigeonholed by the traditional labels of sexual orientation and gender, according to Seidman. There is no giggling, and there is no debate about whether homosexuality is normal or whether Lesbians and Gays should have rights, he said. "For the most part, people in these classes are open, they are self-accepting and they are not afraid to major in this area, and that's generating a huge demand," Seidman said.

At San Francisco State, sociology professor Jennifer Reck said she had 55 upper division students vying to get into her Queer Cultures and Society course, a survey of how Gays and Lesbians "respond to and influence broader society," both historically and in current affairs. She had to turn at least 10 away. Reck said the wide acceptance such subjects have found in academia is not universal, using her own experience as a doctoral candidate at the famously liberal University of California, Santa Cruz two years ago as an example. "I had advisers actually tell me I shouldn't study this area because it would not make me marketable for the future," she said. "Luckily, I had others that were very sympathetic, who said, 'If we never study these areas, how are things going to change?'"

On the first day of her sociology class this fall, she broke the students into pairs and asked them to share why they enrolled and what they wanted to

get from the course, even if it was only to fulfill a social science requirement or the time fit their schedules. Three acknowledged falling into that category. The responses varied among the rest. Tony Foster, 41, said he was looking for material for his master's thesis on graphic design and civil disobedience. Patricia Chiquet, 23, an international student from Switzerland, said she was fascinated by the subject of sex change surgery. Carla Haggard, 24, who moved from the Bible Belt five years ago and became the nanny for a child with two mothers, said she wanted to help fight discrimination against families headed by same-sex couples and educate her own relatives.

Gilbert Herdt, a veteran scholar of Gay subjects and human sexuality who directs San Francisco State's program, envisions a time when Gay studies as a distinct academic discipline may fall by the wayside, or at least be taught under a different guise. To some extent, that's already happening, he said. Many schools, rather than offering a degree in LGBT studies, have chosen to add Gay-related courses under the umbrella of new programs that look at human sexuality more broadly. In some cases, heterosexuality is being put under the microscope, questioned and debated as a construct that is as much social, as biological. "It is not that there isn't the demand, but the demand is much more diversified," Herdt said of the future of Gay scholarship. "They are thinking about how is race connected to sexuality, how is gender connected to sexuality. It is no longer just about being 'LGBT,' per se."

PROSPETTO

SHOP THE LARGEST SELECTION OF CONTEMPORARY IN THE STATE

LIGHTING - FANS
FURNISHINGS - ACCESSORIES

Sun Lighting
Since 1953

TUCSON: 4545 E. Broadway (one block west of Swan)
(520) 322-4303

TEMPE: 326 S. Siesta Lane, Suite 7
(480) 921-0331

The designer's choice for exceptional home lighting.

www.sunlighting.net Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm | Sat 9am - 5pm | Sun 11am - 4pm

INSTALLATION AVAILABLE

Summer Sale!

Save \$3.06 per square yard on all carpet!

Shaw Laminate Flooring only \$4.99 per square foot installed!

LIFETIME WARRANTY!

WE WILL BEAT ANY PRICE GUARANTEED ON: CARPET, LAMINATES, CERAMIC TILE, WOOD FLOORING, VINYL & MORE

The Carpet Store
Your Floor Covering Center

2502 East Grant Road • Call **326-1111**
FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1978

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

Stephen Ambrose

by Lee Thorn

I have two reasons for devoting a column to historian Stephen Ambrose. One is that intellectual life in this country has fallen off to the point where a clown like Ambrose is taken seriously. The other is that I can't resist poking some holes in his 2002 memoir titled TO AMERICA.

On page 166 of that work he quotes one of his students as saying, "You are the first professor...to teach me the meaning and value of patriotism." There's a reason for that: most professors realize the conflict between history and patriotism. As a historian your job is to tell the truth. As a patriot your job is to make your side look good. Ambrose actually doesn't see the conflict and this astonishing blindness pretty consistently leads his astray. That said, I hasten to add that it's not his only astonishing blindness.

Imperialism, to be blunt about it, is just theft on an international scale. Ambrose forgives Teddy Roosevelt's imperialism by saying that it served to prepare us for World War One. By analogy, theft is okay if you put the proceeds to good use. Go ahead and rob your neighbor as long as you use they money to pay your rent on time. That's the kind of rubbish you descend to when you practice patriotic history.

Of Eisenhower and his subordinates our cheerleading historian incredibly writes, "They told the truth, always, even when it hurt." As a matter of historical fact, Eisenhower famously boasted about his ability to mislead and confuse reporters with nonsense sentences. Some of those reporters, unable to unscramble the president's utterances, simply printed them verbatim. The result was that many Americans believed their president was a blithering idiot. He wasn't an idiot any more than he was a paragon of truthfulness.

Of Nixon our cheerleader writes, "When Nixon resigned, we lost more than we gained." This is the president whose White House was described in a formal judicial finding as an ongoing criminal conspiracy, or perhaps the phrase was "ongoing criminal enterprise." This was the president who was such an out-and-out crook that he felt he had to come on TV and specifically deny being a crook.

Writing about Marines fighting in World War Two's Pacific theatre, Ambrose says, "...as for sex, they had their hands and nothing more." Unlike our cheerleading historian, I'm a combat veteran and I can attest that young healthy men working and living in close quarters under much stress are much more imaginative than he gives them credit for being. I remember one of my troops in Vietnam asking me if he could get in trouble for having sex with his buddies when perfectly serviceable house girls were available. I doubt that the Marines in the Pacific, who didn't even have house girls, never got beyond their hands.

And that brings me to another of Ambrose's amazing blindnesses. He simply won't acknowledge the existence of homosexuality in this great country. The words "homosexual" and "Gay" do not even appear in his book's index. He devotes several pages of his work to the women's movement, but he refuses to even mention one of the most vital social movements of the last quarter century — Gay liberation.

One page 235 Ambrose blithely declares that our military occupation of Japan ended in 1951. Tell it to the Okinawans. I'm not sure what Ambrose

even means when he says that an American military occupation ended. I seriously suspect that he means that some American politician and/or American general has stood up and declared that an occupation has ended; never mind that our troops are still there. In fact our occupation of Germany, Japan and Korea never ended, and plenty of military and corporate and political types don't want our occupation of Iraq ever to end.

Ambrose uses strange phrases like "our rightful position in world affairs." What does a phrase like that mean to a historian? Do countries really have "rightful positions" in world affairs to a scholar whose job is simply to tell the truth? I already know what our rightful position would be to a cheerleader. To a cheerleader our rightful position is top dog, in control, the boss of the world. Rah, rah!

Ambrose leaves history and transcends even cheerleading when he gets mystical and talks about the American Spirit that we're supposed to have while nobody else does. I understand the concept of team spirit, but even cheerleaders aren't obliged to assert that none of the other teams have it. This is Ambrose as patriotic mystic, a guy who claims to have gone to college, a guy who claims to have read books as well as having written them.

Perhaps there is a case to be made for the American Spirit. There must be something about us that scares the hell out of the rest of the world. But I would argue that any such spirit would logically have to change over the course of time, change with our varying circumstances and varying demographics. It's a little hard to believe that the spirit of Valley Forge could be the same as the spirit of Enron. If I had to describe the American Spirit as it exists in 2007, I'd point to the bumper sticker that says, "I've got mine."

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

10%

of my gross income generated by members & friends of the Gay & Lesbian Community will be donated to local AIDS service organizations.

Dean Groth, CRS, GRI
Vice President

520-918-5159 • 800-279-2211
dgroth@longrealty.com

LONG REALTY COMPANY

HUNTER'S
Mobile Hair Care

Don't leave the house. We come to you!

Hunter Johnson (520) 240-1153

E-Mail: hairbyhunter@comcast.net

Licensed and Insured Large line of Products

everybodys talking about....

Human Growth Hormone
AGE MANAGEMENT HORMONE
THERAPY is AVAILABLE for MEN
IN TUCSON. Is it for you?



Free Seminars

- Enhance sex drive and desire
- Boost energy and reduce wrinkles
- Lose weight easier and faster
- Improve mood & reduce stress
- Increase testosterone & strength
- Look and feel younger

CALL 307-3487
FOREVER YOUNG CLINIC
(Ken Young, D.O.)
www.foreveryoungclinicarizona.com

Favorite Books Of The New Queerlenium

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.

Through It Came Bright Colors by Trebor Healey (Harrington Park Press, 2003). Neil is a twenty-something college student from the suburbs of San Francisco. He's just dropped out of school for a semester and is living at home to help his family cope with his brother Peter's newly diagnosed cancer. He is also in the closet about his sexuality.

Through Peter he meets Vince, another cancer patient. Besides having testicular cancer, Vince is also an incest survivor. Thankfully he is neither self-pitying nor stuck in the role of victim. He's smart and amazingly well read, though not easy to warm up to. In fact, he's difficult to like, though worthy of respect. I liked that Through It... doesn't blindsides the reader with the horrors of incest. Mr. Healey has created characters that are motivated in interesting ways, without being presented in a heavy-handed manner.

After a few dates, Neil becomes enamored of Vince. Vince is his first acquaintance with a Gay man of similar age and is unlike anyone Neil has ever met before: loud, opinionated and out. In a funny episode Neil and Vince, on one of their frequent wanderings about San Francisco, go to a Tibetan Buddhist Center where Vince introduces Neil as his "homosexual lover." This is about as close as Vince can come to acknowledging his feelings for Neil. This is a well-written first novel; the characters ring true and their stories, while intertwined, are neither confusing nor outlandish. Though someone does come "out," it is not a coming out tale, and I wouldn't call it a love story either, though love and loving are essential to it. I felt it was a story of acceptance; of one's self, of others and situations that one cannot control. With Through It Came Bright Colors, Trebor Healey has made a solid debut as a novelist. I hope to read more from him in the future. (Richard DiRusso)

Tongue Tied by Richard Stevenson (St. Martin's Minotaur, 2003). Donald Strachey is a Gay private investigator from Albany, New York, who rather reluctantly agrees to work for Jay Plankton, a right-wing Gay-bashing

radio "shock-jock" in New York City. One reason he agrees is because he owes the NYPD detective in charge of the case a big favor. Another reason is because he once had contact with the Forces of Free Faggotry (FFF) that is claiming responsibility for perpetrating a series of nasty pranks against Plankton. It isn't long before Thad Diefendorfer, a Gay Amish farmer and former FFFer, joins the investigation.

The pranks quickly escalate from a tear gas grenade thrown into Plankton's studio to the kidnapping of one of the most abrasive members of the on-air staff. Stevenson writes with great humor (e.g. "woolly cheese made from llama milk") and frequent cultural references, ranging from pop to literary - Howard Stern, George W. Bush, Marcel Proust, Fritz Lang, Elton John, and Ricky Martin, just to name a few. The action moves, in well-described scenes, from New York City to Massachusetts and Long Island. The characters are well developed. Plankton and his crew fling crude adolescent insults far and wide, even among themselves. Detective Lyle Barner is in the closet, but his lover is a younger officer who is out, and suffers unfortunate consequences daily in the NYPD locker room. Diefendorfer lives on a farm in New Jersey with his partner, a Lesbian couple and their child. Strachey is monogamous and happily settled. Although this is Stevenson's eighth Donald Strachey mystery, it easily stands on its own. (Laura Thomas Sullivan)

Valencia by Michelle Tea (Seal Press, 2000). The Lesbian bildungsroman has had some drastic changes since Rubyfruit Jungle.

Michelle Tea was a co-founder of Sister Spit, San Francisco's annual poetry/prose girl road show and this almost plot-less second novel is full of edgy metaphors. Valencia, a 2001 Lambda award winner, is a fast-paced, semi-autobiographical tour of a year in the grunge Mission District. Twenty-something antihero "Michelle" moves from job to job and woman to woman with stops at poetry slams, dyke marches, and seedy bars along the way. Tea has described her writing as "first person fiction" and claims Bukowski as an influence. (Beth Petrucci)

The World of Normal Boys by K.M. Soehnlein (Kensington 2001, 2000). Winner of the latest Lambda Literary Award for best Gay fiction, this debut novel by former Tucsonan Karl Soehnlein portrays the teen angst suffered by many Gay youth. We squirm right along main with character Robin McKenzie as he copes with the arguments of his dysfunctional family, who seem rather familiar as the supportive mom, the homophobic dad, the scary tough guy cousin, and the poor younger brother, whose injury in a fall propels the family toward crisis. In love with macho Todd, who fixes cars next door wearing almost nothing, high school freshman Robin experiments with drugs, sex, and cutting school. Those who also had their sexual awakening in the late 1970s will relish the detailed cultural references that can transport you back to the time of Saturday Night Fever and feathered hair. (Terry Nordbrock)

For more information, visit your local Pima County library or go online to tppl.org/community/glb/index.cfm.

Public Policy and Advocacy

Senior Pride

Eon Youth Program

Health and Wellness Project



Puertas Abiertas

CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Anti-Violence Project

JOIN US FOR WINGSPAN'S
10TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Southern Arizona Gender Alliance

Information & Referrals

TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER

RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION
BEGINS AT 5:30 PM

DINNER BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

APPEARANCES BY
LESLIE FEINBERG AND MARGA GOMEZ

CONNECTING
OUR
COMMUNITIES

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$100

RESERVED TABLE \$1,000
(Seats ten with recognition as a table host)

FOR RESERVATIONS
CONTACT WINGSPAN AT
520.624.1779

THE WINGSPAN BENEFIT DINNER SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

COMMENTARY...

By William Saletan

Hypocritical? Don't Ask

Poor Larry Craig. He's being held to the same standard of sexual conduct he imposed on the U.S. armed forces.

Fourteen years ago, in his first term as a Republican senator from Idaho, Craig helped enact the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The Air Force, for instance, now says that any airman will be discharged if he "has engaged in, attempted to engage in, or solicited another to engage in a homosexual act."

According to the report filed by the police officer who arrested Craig at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in June, Craig stood outside the officer's bathroom stall for two minutes, repeatedly looked at the officer "through the crack in the door," sat in the stall next to the officer, tapped his foot and gradually "moved his right foot so that it touched the side of my left foot . . . within my stall area." Craig proceeded to "swipe his hand under the stall divider for a few seconds" three times, palm up, using the hand farthest from that side of Craig's stall. Most of these gestures, the officer said, are known pickup signals.

I feel sorry for Craig, who pleaded guilty three months ago to a charge of disorderly conduct. I hate the idea of cops going into bathrooms and busting people for coded gestures of interest. I'd rather live, let live and tell the guy waving his hand under the stall to buzz off. But that's not the standard Craig has applied to others. Any Gay soldier, sailor, airman or Marine who admitted to doing what Craig has admitted would, at a minimum, lose his job for violating "don't ask, don't tell." In fact, many have been kicked out for less.

Most people think "don't ask, don't tell" means that if you don't announce that you're Gay, you can keep your job. It should mean that. But in practice, if you don't tell, the military can—and often does—investigate and interrogate you until you're forced to tell.

Margaret Witt, a major in the Air Force Reserve, is in the process of being discharged because she is a Lesbian. How did investigators find out? An anonymous tip. They tracked down her former partner, a civilian, and got the woman to admit that she and Witt had lived together. When they interrogated Witt, she confessed. If

she hadn't, they could have prosecuted her for "false official statements" and imprisoned her for five years. Last fall, a federal judge conceded that Witt had "served her country faithfully and with distinction" and "did not draw attention to her sexual orientation." Nevertheless, he concluded, she had no constitutional grounds for contesting her discharge. If you don't tell, they make you tell.

Six years ago, the Army kicked out Alex Nicholson, an interrogator, under "don't ask, don't tell." How did he disclose his homosexuality? He mentioned it in a letter to a friend—in Portuguese. A colleague found the letter, translated it and outed him. "Nobody asked me if I was Gay and I wasn't telling anyone," Nicholson said. "You would think that a private letter that you had written in a foreign language would be sufficiently safe." But you would be wrong.

Last year, the Army discharged Bleu Copas, a sergeant, from the 82nd Airborne. The basis? Anonymous e-mails. The first time superiors asked Copas whether he was Gay, the context was informal, and he denied it. The next time, they put him under formal interrogation—"Have you ever engaged in homosexual activity or conduct?"—and he refused to answer. Eventually, to avoid prosecution for perjury, he gave in.

Four days ago, the Record newspaper in Stockton, Calif., reported the recent expulsion of Randy Miller, a paratrooper who served in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne. His offense? Being in a Gay bar—and rejecting a proposition from a fellow soldier, who apparently retaliated by reporting him to the Army. Like Witt, Miller admitted his homosexuality, but only under interrogation. If you don't tell, they make you tell.

Compare any of these cases to Craig's. You cohabit quietly with a same-sex partner for six years. You write a letter to a friend in Portuguese. You deny being Gay but are interrogated until you give in. You're spotted in a Gay bar rejecting a sexual overture. For these offenses, you lose your career—thanks, in part, to a man who stared and extended his hands and feet repeatedly into a neighboring bathroom stall.

Were Craig's gestures ambiguous? Not by his own standards. Under the details of "don't ask, don't tell," he'd have to prove that what he did was "a departure from [his] usual and customary behavior," that it was "unlikely to recur" and that he did "not have a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts." But the Idaho Statesman reports three other incidents, from 1967 to 2004, in which Craig allegedly made similar overtures. On the newspaper's Web site, you can listen to an interview in which one of the men describes his tryst with Craig in a public bathroom. These accounts, combined with Craig's arrest report, would easily get him thrown out of the Army if he were a soldier.

Did Craig's arrest chasten him about "don't ask, don't tell"? Not a bit. "I don't believe the military should be a place for social experimentation," he wrote to a constituent two weeks ago. "It is unacceptable to risk the lives of American soldiers and sailors merely to accommodate the sexual lifestyles of certain individuals."

Now you know why Craig tried to withdraw his guilty plea. The cardinal rule of "don't ask, don't tell" isn't heterosexuality. It's hypocrisy. The one thing you can't do is tell the truth.

In that sense, Craig honored the policy in his own life. But that's the only sense. I don't think what he did should cost him his career. I'd like to cut him some slack. But first, I'd like to restore the careers of a few thousand

Gay Americans who have done a lot more for their country.

(William Saletan is national correspondent for Slate, the online magazine at slate.com. This op-ed was reprinted from September 2 edition of the Washington Post.)



Thank you all for a great show on Sunday night! TIHAN and those we serve are very grateful for your support to make this such a success. Our total at this point is \$16,902 (assuming that all the checks will clear and the credit card charges all get approved!), and I am going to personally add \$100 more, so we are now only \$219 from setting an all-time record for Turnabout. I'd love to have this year's show, which was one of the best ever, also be our most successful Turnabout fundraising ever! Thanks again, and please know that TIHAN is so proud to be part of such a generous and hardworking community that supports AIDS education and support services. Through your support of Turnabout, you help people, and you build a stronger community where everyone is cared about.... You are amazing.

Scott Blades, Executive Director, TIHAN

MICHAEL & BRADFORD HULTQUIST
MEXICAN SCANDINAVIANS
Proprietors
WE SERVE WONDERFUL MEXICAN FOOD
SELECTED WINES & BEER

El Torero
RESTAURANT

231 E. 26th St. Tucson, Arizona

Open every day except Tuesday 622-9534

WILLS TRUSTS POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Laura G. Schoenfeld PLLC

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES

520.514.8383

845 S. Craycroft Rd. • Tucson AZ 85711
lgs@tucsonlaw.us

PROBATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

WILLIAM'S PICK

BEAUTIFUL, QUIET, & AFFORDABLE

CLOSE TO EVERYTHING!

SHOPPING, DOWNTOWN, I-10, BUS STOP & THE NIGHT LIFE

WITH IN WALKING DISTANCE TO A BANK & GROCERY STORE

NEW 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATHS

EAT IN KITCHEN WITH A LOT OF CABINETS

CALL WILLIAM TO TAKE A LOOK TODAY!!!

HOMES
AMERICA

2870 N. Oracle Road,
Tucson, Arizona
792-4663



CALL WILLIAM
AT 834-5923

POLITICS 2007

by Mark R. Kerr

Q-Politics 2008: Senator John McCain



Dubya and McCain with a birthday cake for the Arizona Senator in 2005. While they celebrated, New Orleans was pummeled at the same time by Hurricane Katrina. Let them eat cake indeed!

Iowa, home of the M*A*S*H character, Radar O'Reilly, the setting for the Kevin Costner film "Field of Dreams" and where the former, supposed Massachusetts Governor (something he hates to admit) Mitt Romney's sons are serving America, on his campaign, has been in the news recently.

In the past presidential election cycles, Iowa had conducted the first election contest with their caucuses but with states, such as Florida, Michigan and Wyoming moving their dates for their presidential contests up in the calendar, Iowa, thanks to a state statute, may hold their caucuses sometime in December or even sooner. When asked about this, New Mexico Governor and Democratic presidential candidate, Bill Richardson, said "Iowa, for good reason, for constitutional reasons, for reasons related to the Lord, should be the first caucus and primary." (Another one for the Richardson Gaffe-mobile.)

On Thursday, August 30, Iowa was in the headlines when Judge Robert B. Hanson ruled that the state's Defense of Marriage Act violates the Iowa state constitution. In his decision, Hanson said, "Couples, such as Plaintiffs, who are otherwise qualified to marry one another may not be denied licenses to marry or certificates of marriage or in any other way prevented from entering into a civil marriage pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 595 by reason of the fact that both persons compromising such a couple are of the same sex."

Of course the announced Republican presidential candidates and soon-to-be's reacted with the usual aplomb, hoping their remarks would play to the conservative base of Iowa Republican voters in an effort to improve their standing for the caucuses which may be held sooner than ever, if the primary calendar schedule isn't controlled but digressing.

Three times married, a former roommate to a Gay couple and New York Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, through a spokesperson, said that Giuliani believes that "marriage is between a man and a woman." Former Senator, Nixon Watergate Mole, actor and twice married, Fred Thompson, expressed support for a federal constitutional amendment to define marriage. Fading candidate, Arizona Senator John "straight talk" McCain, said the ruling was "a loss for the traditional family,"

adding that "I have always supported the traditional definition of marriage as between one man and one woman," he said. "The ruling of the court only reinforces my belief that we must have a president who is committed to appointing strict constructionists to the bench."

Senator McCain is a two-time tripper down the aisle, marrying Carol Shepp, his first wife, in 1965. He adopted her two children from a previous marriage, and they have a daughter, born in 1966. According to an article from the Washington Monthly (June 2006), McCain was still married and living with his wife in 1979 while, according to The New York Times' Nicholas Kristof, "aggressively courting a 25-year-old woman who was as beautiful as she was rich." McCain divorced his wife, who had raised their three children while he was imprisoned in Vietnam, then launched his political career with his new wife's family money.

Straight talk indeed and his record isn't better, especially on issues of concern to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS communities.

As stated, McCain opposes governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships, when he expressed his unconditional support for Arizona's Proposition 107 in 2006.

McCain opposes the lifting of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the federal law prohibiting open Lesbians and Gays from serving in the military.

On the proposed, federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, Senator McCain opposes the measure.

When it comes to expanding current federal statutes on hate crimes to cover sexual orientation and gender identity, McCain is not in favor of this premise, through legislation entitled "the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act."

Arizona's Senator has expressed his opposition to the proposed federal legislation, the Early Treatment for HIV/AIDS Act, that if passed and signed into law, would will help eliminate barriers to early drug therapy and comprehensive care for people living with HIV by giving states the option to allow HIV positive people with low incomes to qualify for Medicaid coverage earlier in the course of their infection.



KEN ELDER
REALTOR®
www.longrealty.com/kene

LONG
REALTY
C O M P A N Y

DIRECT (520) 918-4830
FAX (520) 296-6093
TOLL FREE (800) 279-5664
EMAIL kene@longrealty.com

6410 E TANQUE VERDE • TUCSON, AZ 85715



Check us out the next
time you're in Phoenix

cool patio. hot guys.

now open at 8am • happy hour until 8pm

bunkhousesaloon.com • 602.200.9154 • 4428 n 7th ave

Serving the ENTIRE
Community of Tucson



CURVES CABARET
DRACLE SOUTH OF GRANT . 884-7210

RAIDER'S REEF
6475 EAST GOLF LINKS . 745-8125

McCain voted against the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 2004.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, McCain's voting record for the recent, 109th Congress was 14%, 25% during the 108th Congress and 14% for the 107th session of Congress.

His campaign website is at johnmccain.com, where one can get

information from a "perspective" on the Arizona Senator. For his statements, remarks and votes on other issues, go online to issues2000.org/John_McCain.htm, ontheissues.org/John_McCain.htm and vote-smart.org/bio.php?can_id=53270.

TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES

AMERICAN HOME

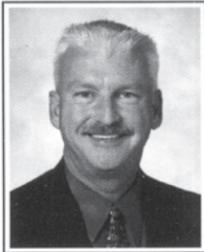
DAVID MANZANARES

Sales Consultant

Dmamericanhome@aol.com

4690 N. Oracle Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85705

(520) 690-8300



**STEVEN M. MCGARRIGLE, ABR
REALTOR®**

(520) 247-6355 CELLULAR
(520) 749-8925 BUSINESS
(800) 793-9316 TOLL FREE
(520) 749-8928 FAX
smcgarrigle@cbsuccess.com



SUCCESS SOUTHWEST
8872 E. Tanque Verde
Tucson, AZ 85749

www.cbsuccess.com

Each Office is Independently
Owned And Operated

Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Inc



Kayla R. Boyer, DVM
Small Animal Veterinarian

(520) 321-4235

3736 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716
www.speedwayvet.com

Leisure Buddies Club

Tired of doing things alone?

Tap into a whole new group of Men



E-mail- mystical@cox.net
or call Marc at 881-4582

Transitions Counseling Tucson

David Daniell, MA, MSW, LCSW

Individual Adult Psychotherapy

6367 E Tanque Verde
Suite 100
Tucson, AZ 85715

Office: (520) 780-7687
Fax: (866) 827-3910
ddaniell.lcsw@cox.net

Presidio

Hair and Nail Salon

Ed Thibeault

985 N. Alvernon
Tucson, AZ 85711

(520) 321-9626

DUI SR-22

MIKE PIERCE INSURANCE
FREE QUOTES

888-8888

**AUTO, LIFE, HOME, MEDICAL
COMMERCIAL, PROPERTIES, CONTRACTORS BONDINGS**



Steve Barreto
Loan Officer

7225 N. Oracle
Suite 112
Tucson, AZ 85704



Bringing Families Home

Cell: (520) 548-2381
Direct: (520) 382-6433
Fax: (520) 797-3800
sbarreto@barkleymortgage.com



5741 E. SPEEDWAY
TUCSON, AZ 85712
PHONE: (520) 290-6600

OPEN
MON-SAT 10AM - 6PM
SUN 12 NOON - 6PM

CLASSIC DISCO, DANCE, POP, ROCK, C&W



Eric Cuestas-Thompson, LMSW, LISAC, CADAC

6151 East Grant Road • Tucson, Arizona 85712
OFFICE: 520-722-9631 • CELL: 520-272-4650

**4400
Hair Salon**

GREG YEDDING
Hair Designer / Stylist

520-322-5858
azspyder@msn.com

4400 E. Broadway Suite 106
Tucson, Az 85711



Antigone Books

- progressive
- independent
- fabulous

20% off
any one
rainbow item,
LGBT novel
or LGBT DVD.

We have books, cards, gifts,
and things to make you laugh.

411 N. 4th Ave. • 792-3715 • antigonebooks.com



ANDREW LOCKHART

Certified Personal Trainer

- * Private Workout Studio
- * No Membership Fees or Contracts
- * Affordable
- *FREE Initial Consultation and Training Session

520-909-4649

A. Michael Hutchins, Ph.D.

Counseling - Psychotherapy - Consulting

6812 North Oracle Rd. Suite 100
Tucson, Arizona 85704 520-797-2117

PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & ADULTS

RICH MUSZYNSKI Ph.D.
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST

4440 N. Campbell At River Rd.
P.O. Box 65840
Tucson, AZ 85728

Phone: 906-7048
Fax: 299-0712

Charles Weasner
REALTOR®GRI
(520) 906-8103

Steve Redmond
REALTOR®
(520) 548-2096

Uptown,
Downtown,
ALL around
the Valley!

TucsonFoothillsLiving.com

Best Choice Realty Co.



Steve Melton

Owner / Broker

Office: (520) 670-9000

Cell: 248-6232

Residence: 722-6373

1523 E. Broadway Tucson, AZ 85719

EXECUTIVE TRANSPORT SERVICE
Your Personal Chauffeur

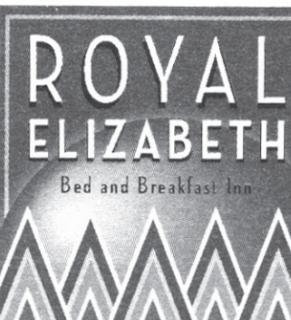
BIRTHDAYS • PARTIES • SPECIAL NIGHT OUT
VISITORS IN TOWN • OR JUST BAR HOPPING

CELL (520) 488-0354

AVAILABLE FOR OUT OF TOWN TRANSPORT

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL

(520) 578-9332 OR (520) 578-6382



The Royal Elizabeth
Bed & Breakfast Inn
204 South Scott Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85701

Toll free: 877-670-9022
Local: 520-670-9022
Fax: 928-833-9974

www.royalelizabeth.com
stay@royalelizabeth.com

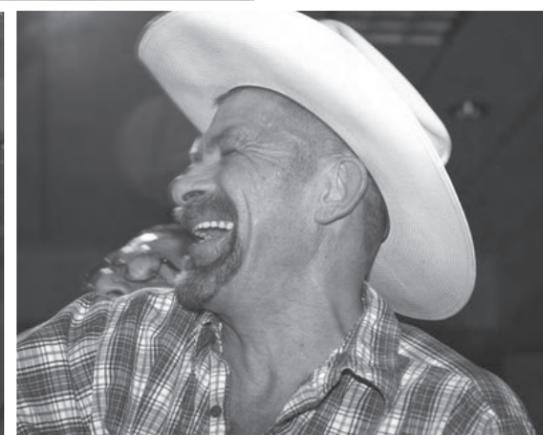
TUCSON GLBT Chamber Of Commerce

Inclusive ▼ Engaged ▼ Professional

520 615-6436 P.O. Box 13312
Tucson, AZ 85732

info@tucsonglbtchamber.org
www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

TURNABOUT 2007 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2007 - MIGHTY PRETTY ! PHOTOS: Bill Morrow



Observer Recommendations For The 2007 Tucson Primary Election: Regina Romero And Rodney Glassman



Randy Glassman

TUCSON (ON) - For the 2007 City of Tucson primary election, to be held Tuesday, September 11 for those individuals who haven't voted early but will cast their ballots at their polling places, there are two contested elections, for the Democratic nomination for the City Council seats in Ward 2 which comprises Tucson's northeast side and Ward 1 that comprises the west side of the city.

Two candidates are running in each of the Ward Democratic primary elections.

For the Ward 1 contest, are Ken Green and Regina Romero.

In Ward 2, Robert Reus and Rodney Glassman are vying for the nomination.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS Tucsonans have a clear choice for this important election.

Regina Romero has an outstanding record of community activism. She is a southern Arizona native raised in a farmworker family in Somerton, Romero learned early the importance of engaging in the democratic process from her father, who was active in the United Farm Worker's movement.

The youngest of six siblings, Romero was the first in her family to attend college, graduating from the University of Arizona with a B.S. in Communication in 2000. Romero's experience includes working as the Pima County Youth Internship Coordinator, serving 450 youths each year from 1996 to 2000. She worked with the Board of Supervisors, school districts, Pima Community College and private agencies.

From 2000 to 2005 Romero served as Pima County Program Coordinator for Neighborhood Reinvestment, working with over 20 neighborhoods and city and county staff to develop and implement projects totaling more than \$3.5 million. Her efforts resulted in sidewalks, pedestrian walkways and safer streets to make Tucson a more livable community. Most recently, Romero worked on community devel-

opment issues as an aide to Tucson City Council Member Karin Uhlich.

Romero was an opponent of Proposition 107 and has reached out to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities to be an integral part of her bid.

When Rodney Glassman announced his candidacy, he said he plans to have everyone from all aspects of the community at his political table, equally, regardless of position, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status. Everyone is equal and welcome, something the Observer considers a refreshing change.

Glassman is living up to this promise by only taking donations of \$20 each from individuals, no money from businesses and political action committees. He is running under the City's matching fund program for political campaigns.

Rodney graduated from the University of Arizona in 1997 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. Rodney continued his studies, at the University of Arizona's prestigious Eller College of Business and Management where he received an MBA as well as a Master of Public Administration degree. His love of learning also motivated him to pursue studies in Arid Land Resource Sciences, receiving a doctoral degree in 2005 from the University of Arizona.

Rodney's experience in the private sector include his position as General Manager of his family's ice rink business the Gateway Ice Center, and as a Principal for RBG Community Develop-



Regina Romero

ment Services. In January 2003, Rodney joined U.S. Representative Raúl M. Grijalva's staff as Legislative Aide for Business and Agriculture, working on legislation pertaining to the business and agricultural community in the District. He served as a liaison for Congressman Grijalva to the agriculture and business communities by organizing monthly roundtables and analyzing legislation.

Glassman was opposed to Proposition 107, giving funding and more importantly time, by walking to spread the word about the proposal. As a Board member of the Boy Scouts, Glassman led the fight to

Continued on Page Fifteen

PROTECT YOUR DOG FROM SNAKEBITES

Sign Up Now For Low-Cost, Life-Saving SNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING!

To help protect your dog, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona offers Snake Avoidance Training from March through September at the Companions for Life Center. These valuable classes teach dogs to recognize snakes by sight, scent and sound. All dogs, ages 10 months through ten years, are eligible for training.



- ◆ *Classes are conducted in a safe and controlled environment*
- ◆ *Proven effective and humane*
- ◆ *Only \$65 – includes one followup session, if needed*
- ◆ *Taught by two of Tucson's most recognized and experienced trainers*
- ◆ *Visit www.hssaz.org for a class description*

Classes fill up quickly! Call 795-6181 or 795-6225 to make your reservations today.

**Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Companions for Life Center
3465 E. Kleindale Rd.
www.hssaz.org (520) 795-6225**



BUZZ FLASHES

Simon Cowell fired Sharon Osbourne after the first series of British talent show 'The X Factor', because she said repeatedly that he was Gay, her brother claims, ireland.com reported. In an angry expose, David Arden alleges Cowell grew tired of Osbourne's jibes and forced her out of the show, only to rehire her because it was a flop without her. Arden says: "She tells everyone he's Gay. She claims he's in the closet and doesn't know yet he's homosexual, which is ridiculous. "And even though Simon has a beautiful girlfriend (model/TV presenter Terri Seymour), Sharon would openly harangue and taunt him about it. Sharon told me that at the end of series one Simon actually got her fired for her jibes and nastiness to him and the contestants. The producers persuaded Simon to give her a second chance as they loved the chemistry between the judges." ...

An explosive tell-all book about Anna Nicole Smith's sad demise alleges the two men who battled for custody of her baby girl and control of her fortune were Gay lovers, nydailynews.com reported. The bombshell allegations about the steamy relationship between the former Playboy Playmate's longtime companion Howard K. Stern and her baby's biological father, Larry Birkhead, come to light in "Blonde Ambition: The Untold Story Behind Anna Nicole Smith's Death." Sordid passages in the soon-to-be released book by former MSNBC journalist Rita Cosby describe how Anna Nicole and her friend allegedly caught Stern and Birkhead with their shirts off and their pants around their ankles in a Los Angeles home. Birkhead and a lawyer for Stern both vehemently denied the accusations in Cosby's book yesterday – and vowed to drag her into court, setting the stage for an ugly legal battle. ...

Brad Pitt was momentarily lost for words this week at the Venice Film Festival when one critic asked if his new film, "The Assassination of Jesse James," is really a Gay drama, ireland.com reported. The film is a Western depicting the last year in the life of the famous outlaw. Ben Affleck's younger brother, Casey, plays fellow gang member Robert Ford. "If that's what works for you, it's absolutely fine. You can interpret it as you will," Pitt replied, "but it's actually much more complex. I do love a Gay story though." ...

Ellen DeGeneres, who's about to begin the fifth season of her hit talk show Ellen, had a chance to vent about the seemingly easy job on the CBS' Late Show With David Letterman on Wednesday (August 29), ichtatGay.com reported. "What I'm having a hard time with is it's the same questions over and over and over again, and it's the same guests. Some of them, you know, the inside voice is 'wow, you're still working?'" DeGeneres also said she's not sure what to ask this season's first guest. "Hillary Clinton is our first guest ... but I'm not into politics. It's either going to be interesting, confusing or really boring. I have no idea what to ask her at all because I really don't know politics," she said. ...

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) President Neil G. Giuliano criticized Jerry Lewis' on-air use of the word "fag" during the telecast of The Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) 42nd Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, calling on him to apologize and make amends for the use of the slur. In the 18th hour of his annual MDA Telethon, a visibly weary Lewis wandered about the stage trying to dodge the cameraman while making comments on various people. At one point, he stopped and referenced the cameraman and his family: "Your family has come to see you...you remember Bart, your oldest son...Jesse, the illiterate f**." The

audience expressed audible surprise at Lewis' remark. "Jerry Lewis' on-air use of this kind of anti-slur is simply unacceptable," said Giuliano. On Tuesday, September 4, Lewis issued a statement to CNN, following the public outcry over his use of a slur on this weekend's MDA Telethon: "During the 21-1/2-hour live broadcast of my Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association this weekend, I made a joking comment to a member of my production team. I apologize to anyone who was offended. I obviously made a bad choice of words. Everyone who knows me understands that I hold no prejudices in this regard. In the family atmosphere of the Telethon, I forget that not everyone knows me that well. That something like this would distract from the true purpose of the Telethon pains me deeply. The success of the show and all the good that will come from it shouldn't be lost because of one unfortunate word. I accept responsibility for what I said. There are no excuses. I am sorry."

Haggard Slapped By Church Overseers Over Cash Plea

DENVER, Colorado (Observer Update) - Ted Haggard has been warned he has violated an agreement over his departure from the church he led after admitting he had an affair and purchased drugs from a male prostitute, 365Gay.com reported.

Haggard had sent an email to KRDO-TV in Colorado Springs saying he would become a counselor at a faith-based halfway house in Phoenix and would need money while he and his wife pursue degrees. "It looks as though it will take two years for us to have adequate earning power again, so we are looking for people who will help us monthly for two years," the e-mail said. "During that time we will continue as full-time students, and then, when I graduate, we won't need outside support any longer."

When news of the email became public the overseers of the New Life Church arranged a meeting with Haggard. New Life Church overseer Mike Ware in a statement following the meeting in Denver said that Haggard was told "his plan and his communications about it were unacceptable." The statement said that the overseers warned Haggard he had violated the terms of his departure as minister of the church. Specifically the agreement said that in return for a year's salary and continued support from the church he would leave the ministry and refrain from publicly speaking about the hustler scandal.

The overseers' statement also disputed Haggard's claim he would provide counseling at the Dream Center. "It was never the intention of the Dream Center that Mr. Haggard would provide any counsel or other ministry," the statement said. Above censuring Haggard the statement from the overseers did not say if Haggard was punished further.



WATER OF LIFE Metropolitan Community Church

Reverend Gale Rawson, Pastor

Our Mission . . .

Discover God's Love In All People

Sunday Service - 10:15 AM

Fellowship Thursdays - 7:00 PM



3269 North Mountain Avenue
Tucson AZ 85719
(Just North of Ft. Lowell)
292-9151
www.wolmcc.org



ON-SITE COMPUTER REPAIR

Mighty Mouse Computer Consulting, Inc.

WE FIX PCs AND MACs!

Repair - Maintenance - Networking - Upgrades - Webhosting - Web design

Computer running slow?
Popups?
Virus?
Adware or Spyware?
New hardware?
Want to share your internet connection?

(520) 312-2630

We'll save you time, money and frustration!

We come to you!

A+ Certified
7 years experience!

GET YOUR PHOTOS TAKEN BY AMANDA

FINEST QUALITY

FAIREST PRICES

(520) 358-9810

BY APPOINTMENT



The only weekly
Gay newspaper
in the
Southwest...

Support
The Observer...

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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 (2nd 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/DJHill 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; Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8-close. 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); Steak/Fish Dinner in the Back Pocket 5-9pm. 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 7

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

HOWL AT THE MOON - NCC Pageant Show hosted by Amanda Nicole.

WOODY'S - Simon Crown 6-9 p.m. on the Back Pocket

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

THE BIZ - DJ Hill will be playing from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover and drink specials - \$2 Fuzzy Navels; \$3 margaritas; \$4 Long Islands. Bring in the ladies for a great afternoon treat ... It's gonna be Lucious. Tucson's only T-Dance for the ladies.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 10:00 a.m. for the first full day of regular NFL season play! Watch your favorite team on the NFL package. Wear an NFL team t-shirt or jersey and get 50¢ off your drink.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HOWL AT THE MOON - Benefit show with Heather Boa and guests from 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

HOWL AT THE MOON - Elias de Noche Latino Drag Troupe. Show starts at 10:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Construction Party

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

THE BIZ - Masquerade Ball begins at 9:00 p.m.. More details later!

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WOODY'S - Sindy / Autumn Party

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 - Changelle Douglas is your hostess on Tuesdays for a mid-week reality break. Show starts at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

HOWL AT THE MOON - Show featuring Jessica Devereaux.



Request Line
622-5924

KXCI.ORG

91.3 FM
TUCSON

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. 22nd 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

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 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

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, 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 All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club, 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

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, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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

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

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

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

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

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

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. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezer Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezer Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

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

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

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: 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 write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

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

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

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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

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

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at 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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9pm. Potluck dinner. Donation.

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



Kansas Governor Issues Executive Order On Employment Discrimination



Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius

TOPEKA, Kansas - Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed an executive order Friday (August 31) prohibiting most state employees from being discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The order, effective immediately, requires that agencies under the Democratic governor's direct control make sure they have programs to prevent on-the-job harassment against Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and people who have undergone sexual reassignment surgery. It covers about 25,000 of the state's 41,000 employees.

"I'm sorry it took us so long," Sebelius said after signing the order in front of two dozen activists. She also endorsed a bill in the Republican-dominated Legislature that would prohibit discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in housing and private employment. Anti-discrimination laws offering at least some protections to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender people exist in about 20 states, according to the civil rights group Human Rights Campaign. Sebelius said most of the nation's

largest private companies have policies like the one she set Friday, and the Kansas Equality Coalition said Shawnee County and the cities of Lawrence, Mission and Topeka do, as well. "We need to make sure in Kansas that all of our employees are treated with dignity and respect and that the doors to state employment are open to all," Sebelius said. "It was just clear we were behind the times."

Kansas voters rewrote the state constitution to ban Gay marriage in 2005. Among Republicans who supported that effort, reaction to Sebelius' order was mixed. Rep. Mike O'Neal, of Hutchinson, said the governor has the power to set such policies for the executive branch, but Rep. Arlen Siegfried, of Olathe, said she was stepping into legislators' territory. "I can almost guarantee you that will be a topic of legislative discussion," said Siegfried, chairman of the House committee that would consider such an issue. Sebelius' order also strengthened existing language to see that Kansans with disabilities are treated fairly in employment decisions.

Naugle Flushed From Tourism Board

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (Observer Update) - Fort Lauderdale's Gay baiting mayor was unceremoniously dumped Tuesday night (August 28) from the Broward County Tourism Council, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The Broward County Commission voted unanimously to remove controversial Ft. Lauderdale Mayor Jim Naugle from the council.

During a short debate before the vote county commissioners called

Naugle's anti-Gay comments offensive" and "appalling." Commissioners also heard from members of the council who said Naugle's constant attacks on Gays were hurting tourism, the county's biggest industry. Last year nearly one million Gay and Lesbian visitors to Broward County, spending more than one-billion dollars in the county.

Earlier this month commissioners passed a statement attacking Naugle but stopped just short of passing a motion to censure him. Commissioners called the mayor bigoted and said his remarks were despicable, but even had they officially censured him it would have no effect. Although Fort Lauderdale is within the county, as a separate city with its own council the county can exercise no control over the resort town or its politicians. Fort Lauderdale's City Commission is on summer recess. When it returns next month it is expected to vote on a censure motion. Naugle was taken to task by the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau which said the mayor is endangering the county's economy and damaging the area's reputation worldwide.

Douglas J. Newman, P.C.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Corporations • Limited Liability Companies • General Business
Wills • Trusts • Estate & Estate Tax Planning • Probate

2650 North Country Club Road • Tucson, Arizona 85716
Phone 520-325-2053 • Fax 520-325-2274 • dougnewmanlaw.com

Insurance & Financial Services Representative



- Auto
- Home
- Life
- Business
- 529 Plans
- IRAs
- Retirement Planning
- Health Insurance



Authorized Broker
BlueCross
BlueShield
of Arizona

ASSURANT
Health

FARMERS

Tim Brown

www.pimainsurance.com

Office: 520.322.3924 • Cell: 520.548.9377

You are invited to

Charlie's

Phoenix

Country & western dancing nightly!

727 W. Camelback Rd.
602.265.0224
www.charliesonline.com



COMMUNITY FRIENDLY

- Oil Changes • Tune-ups • CV Boots • Brakes • Air Conditioning • Radiator Power flush
- Transmission Rebuilding • Fuel Injection Systems • Carburetor Rebuilding
- Suspensions • Clutches Vehicle Inspections • Cooling Systems • Diagnostic Analysis
- Maintenance Service, Gas & Tires.

"We will match price or beat most written estimates."
Will accept most competitors coupons.

We Employ
Certified Mechanics



Conveniently Located UofA Student Discounts Appointments suggested to better serve you
802 N. 4th Ave. (520) 882-8095
(NE Corner of University Blvd. & 4th Ave.)

Mon-Sat 6-6

SHUTTLE & TOWING AVAILABLE

Come Home with Troy...



and I'll donate 10% of my net income generated by this ad to your favorite charity.

520.955.3634



TROY GOODWIN
A World of Experience Right Here in Tucson



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE
Owned and Operated by NRT LLC

www.ISellTucsonRealEstate.com

HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE