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## Another Year, Another \$300 Billion



By Linda Bilmes

BOSTON, Massachusetts - The sixth year of the Iraq war begins this week (on Wednesday, March 19). The war is now the second-longest in US history - longer than any except Vietnam. So far, 1.6 million US troops have served, more than a third of them for two or more tours of duty. Almost 4,000 US service personnel have been killed, and 60,000 wounded, injured or contracted a serious disease. Many survive with severe multiple injuries ("polytraumas") that in previous wars would have almost certainly ended in death.

One-third of the 780,000 troops discharged so far have been treated at veterans' hospitals and clinics, including 120,000 treated for mental health conditions and 68,000 diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. This year alone the Department of Veterans Affairs expects to treat 333,000 returning veterans. The majority of these veterans will be eligible to receive lifetime disability compensation - 228,000 have already filed applications.

These statistics lay the foundation for the enormous financial cost of the war. Iraq is already the second-most expensive conflict, after World War II - a war that mobilized 16 million Americans and a massive nationwide war effort.

So far the federal government has spent \$600 billion on wars in Iraq and Afghanistan (government accounts make it hard to separate the two). However this figure is just the "burn rate" spent on combat operations, such as transportation, equipment, supplementary combat stipends, and paying the 100,000 contractors employed to support the war effort.

That \$600 billion figure ignores four major costs. First, there are additional war-related costs buried in places such as the non-Iraq defense budget. That budget has grown by \$500 billion cumulatively since the beginning of the war. An estimated one-quarter of that growth is indirectly related to Iraq,

including the increased costs of dealing with manpower shortages - recruiting and retaining soldiers and Marines.

The Department of Labor reimburses contractors for insurance, and even pays out benefits if they are injured in a war zone. Every week more "hidden" costs come to light: for example, the Globe reported recently that the largest private contractor in Iraq, KBR, has dodged paying hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes by employing its workers through a shell company in the Cayman Islands.

Second, the \$600 billion excludes the cost of providing medical care and disability compensation for veterans. Advances in battlefield medication mean the survival rate in Iraq is much higher than in previous wars: a ratio of seven troops wounded in combat for every death compared to 2.5 in Vietnam and Korea.

We will be paying out disability benefits for decades to come - the peak year for paying WWII benefits was 1993. We pay out \$4.3 billion a year in disability to veterans of the first Gulf War, even though that conflict only lasted one month. Given the intensity of combat and the high injury rates, close to half the current service members in Iraq and Afghanistan are expected to qualify for long-term disability compensation.

Third, the \$600 billion does not take into account the cost to "reset" the military - to replace equipment and restore personnel to prewar levels of readiness. In a recent survey, over 60 percent of senior military officers said US forces are weaker than five years ago. Partly this is due to deteriorating equipment; vehicles and weaponry are being used up at six to 10 times the peacetime rate, but not being replaced nearly as fast. Tactical aircraft are now 24 years old on average - the oldest since World War II. Congress is outraged that the Air Force awarded a \$35 billion contract for refueling tankers to Northrop Grumman instead of Boeing -

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## National LGBT Rights Activist In Tucson March 27 And 28

TUCSON (Observer Update) - National LGBT Rights Activist and Family Law and Marriage Scholar Nancy Polikoff, professor of law at American University Washington College of Law and former visiting faculty member for The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, will deliver two readings in Tucson from her new book, *Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families Under the Law*.

For more than 30 years, Polikoff has been writing and litigating cases involving non-traditional families. With the question of same-sex marriage again surfacing in the Arizona legislature, Polikoff's book is timely and important. In her view, "Marriage as a family form is not more important or valuable than other forms of family, so the law should not give it more value."

Polikoff will read Thursday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the Corleone Student Center on the corner of Mabel and Freemont, just east of Park Ave. The Law School will provide light refreshments. Polikoff's reading at the James E. Rogers College is co-sponsored by the UA Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Pride Law Alliance, the College of Law, and Institute for LGBT Studies.

On Friday March 28, Polikoff will read at Antigone Books (411 N 4th Ave, Tucson) at 7:00 p.m. Polikoff's Friday evening is co-sponsored by Antigone Books, the UA Office of LGBTQ Affairs, and Wingspan, Southern Arizona's LGBT Community Center.

Polikoff's new book deftly argues that the law's narrow definitions of

## Observer Launches Blog

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (Observer Update) - And so it goes, the Observer's new web log, blog, at [tucsonobserver.blogspot.com](http://tucsonobserver.blogspot.com) for the many who currently operate such a site.

This blog will be the interactive offshoot for the Observer, Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) weekly newspaper.

For the past thirty-two years, the Observer has informed Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT community of the happenings, goings-on, news and issues. For the past dozen years, the Observer has been online at [tucsonobserver.com](http://tucsonobserver.com).

With the advent of the Internet, the information age has changed and so The Observer will as well, but continuing with its practice of letting people know what is happening on issues of concern and how it affects them.

Although with this outlet, readers of the publication will have another avenue to travel with this blog, comment on postings and most impor-



Nancy Polikoff

family and marriage no longer work today. With many households following nontraditional family models, the book suggests we need to look at ways the law can change to value all families beyond those created by marriage. She believes that couples, both Gay and straight, should have the choice to marry, but that no one should have to marry in order to reap specific legal results. She argues that, while same-sex marriage is a civil rights victory for LGBT people, it's not the fix to what's wrong with the law of families. The fix is implementing laws that break down the bright line between married couples and every-one else.

For more information, contact Cathy Busha, (520) 626-1996, E-mail, [cbusha@email.arizona.edu](mailto:cbusha@email.arizona.edu).

tantly, take action when needed.

Where will this blog take the editors, writers, staff and most importantly, the readers, who knows?

The hope will be of this as a place for the Tucson and Southern Arizona LGBT, straight supportive and HIV/AIDS communities to come together to learn, be aware, communicate and most importantly, to leave the site informed because with knowledge comes power and for any community to succeed, one must be empowered.

So it begins, the Tucson Observer blog.

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# UPDATE

## Wingspan Altar For Young Hate Crime Victims On Display

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan is displaying an altar in memory of Lawrence King, Simmie Williams, Jr., and Sanesha Stewart, all victims of hate crimes in February.

Come light a candle, share your thoughts and gather with others to remember these young gender-non-conforming people of color who were brutally killed for being members of the LGBT community. Anti-Violence Project Advocates will be available with support around these crimes and any hate or bias incidents you may have experienced. Sanesha Stewart, a twenty-five-year-old Transgender woman was tragically killed on February 9th in the Bronx, NY. Fifteen year-old Lawrence King, an out Gay student, was killed on February 12 at the E.O. Green Junior High in Oxnard, CA. The prosecution has designated it as a hate crime. Simmie Williams, Jr., an openly Gay seventeen-year-old, was shot in Fort Lauderdale, FL in the early hours of February 22.

Join with community members for a time of remembrance. The altar will remain on display for the next few weeks.

## Reserve Now for 'Evening Of Music And Friends' April 18

TUCSON - One of Tucson's premiere social events, the LGBT-Straight Alliance Fund's "Evening of Music and Friends," is April 18.

Join MC Ernesto Portillo of the Arizona Daily Star for a gala evening of music, food, wine, and companionship at the stunning home of Randy Soderstrom and Steve Quinlan. Two of Tucson's best music-makers, Marianne Dissard and Naim Amor, will entertain. Dissard is an LA Weekly "Pick of the Week" for "...the stark beauty of her phrasing."

The evening celebrates another successful year of philanthropy by the Alliance Fund, a unique coalition of LGBT and straight allies and friends. Information about the evening and reservations are available from Randy Soderstrom, (520) 471-0966, or Doug Noffsinger, douglas.noffsinger@comcast.net Space is limited and reservations are suggested.

## Deadline Approaching For PFLAG/MSN Scholarships

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The deadline for 2008 PFLAG/MSN scholarship applications is coming up quickly - March 31, 2008.

PFLAG Tucson will award seven \$1000 scholarships in the name of Gene Moore, a dear past president of PFLAG. Men's Social Network will also award an additional two \$1000 Jerry Curl Scholarships to gay male students through the PFLAG application process. LGBT graduating seniors headed to college, undergraduates, and graduate students may apply.

For application forms and details go to [pflagtucson.org/scholarships](http://pflagtucson.org/scholarships). You may also call PFLAG at (520) 360-3795, email them at [pflagtuc@pflagtucson.org](mailto:pflagtuc@pflagtucson.org), or write to them at P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740 for information.

## Wingspan Anti-Violence Project Volunteer Training March 28-30

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project (AVP) will hold a free, engaging, and informative training on March 28, 29, and 30 for potential crisis line volunteer advocates, service providers, students, and interested community members. Participants must plan on attending the entire training.

Wingspan is the only organization in Arizona that provides 24-hour crisis intervention specifically to LGBT victims/survivors of past/present violence. Our program relies on community volunteers just like you.

Topics that will be covered include: Domestic Violence, LGBT 101, Hate Crimes, Suicide Intervention, Active Listening Skills, Crisis Intervention, Community Resources, and much, much more. We welcome folks who have no prior experience, as well as crisis line veterans.

For more information, please contact Heather Hill at [hhill@wingspan.org](mailto:hhill@wingspan.org) or by calling (520) 624-1779, x120.

## IN MEMORIAM



**William "Bill" Schober**

William (Bill) Schober was born in the Philippines on January 3, 1932 and died in Tucson, March 12, 2008. He moved to Tucson in 1946 after the war, and lived with an aunt in the Menlo Park section. He graduated from Tucson High School in 1951, and after a stint in the army, he attended the University of Arizona and graduated with a degree in horticulture.

Bill is survived by his brother Ellsworth (Kathy) and numerous nephews and nieces. He also leaves behind an old friend of over 40 years Gilbert Villa, who has been his dedicated caretaker for more than 3 years, and many other close friends.

He was the manager of Jim's Bar on University and Stone in the 60's, which was the place at that time to be, and be seen. This bar eventually became the Graduate. Many of his old friends will remember him during that time.

Bill befriended and selflessly helped many people over the years, both in friendship and financially

He was cremated and has requested no services. Rest in peace, Bill

## Easter Week Services At Cornerstone Fellowship

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Cornerstone Fellowship is pleased to announce a series of special Easter week services.

Beginning on Friday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a somber reflection upon the events of Good Friday. The beauty of a fresh new day and the hope brought to us by the resurrected Christ will be welcomed Sunday morning, March 23, at 6:30 a.m. in the church memorial garden.

The celebration will continue at our regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. All are invited to join us for this time of renewal and joy. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. Contact Pastor Paul Chambliss at 622-4626 or [pastorpaul@qwest.net](mailto:pastorpaul@qwest.net).

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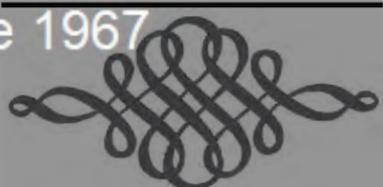
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# Sex Diseases In Many Gay Men Go Unfound, Experts Say

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Many cases of sexually transmitted diseases are escaping detection because Gay men are not being tested each year as advised, federal health officials said, the New York Times reported. And if the men do show up, the officials added, many doctors and clinics are not following screening recommendations.

who directs the Division of S.T.D. Prevention at the disease control centers. Dr. Douglas added that some doctors did not recognize the problem while others seemed to think "that maybe the guidelines do not apply to my patient population."

Supporting evidence came from C.D.C. researchers, who reported three studies at the meeting showing that the screening rates were too low.

Dr. Kristen Mahle's study found that among Gay men who showed no symptoms of gonorrhea, more than a third of rectal infections with the disease, and more than a quarter of throat infections, were missed because many were not tested at all anatomical sites of recent exposure.

Dr. Eric Tai's study surveyed non-H.I.V.-positive Gay men in 15 cities from 2003 to 2005 and found that only 39 percent reported having been tested for syphilis, and only 36 percent for gonorrhea.

Dr. Karen Hoover found that while doctors tested 82 percent of H.I.V.-positive Gay men in eight cities for syphilis in 2005, they tested 22 percent or fewer for gonorrhea and chlamydia.

One problem is that public health departments that run sexual disease clinics do not have adequate staffs and budgets to do comprehensive testing.

"Let's be honest, resources are a challenge at a federal, state and local level," said Dr. Douglas, of the disease control centers. "We are trying to be as

innovative as we can with public health resources," but "we need help from others."

Another problem is that newer tests are not being used as much as they should be, Dr. Douglas said.

The DNA test that Dr. Douglas and others described as promising is called NAAT, for nucleic acid amplification test. It is generally more accurate and easier to use, and it can detect at least twice as many gonorrhea and chlamydia infections in the throat and rectum, according to studies by Dr. Julius Schachter of the University of California, San Francisco, and others. Moreover, it is faster than the traditional bacterial culture tests.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved three NAATs to screen for gonorrhea and chlamydia in the genitalia, but not the throat or rectum.

Dr. Schachter's team, which included the San Francisco Department of Public Health, sought to determine whether the marketed NAATs were also effective in throat and rectal screening.

The C.D.C. is working with the food and drug agency and with test manufacturers to gather, analyze and coordinate the submission of data for federal approval of NAATs for use in the throat and rectum.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health has conducted a study that met F.D.A. requirements for such use. Now the health department uses NAATs to test for chlamydia and gonorrhea at all three anatomic sites.

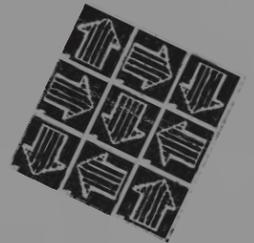
# Michael Stipe Has Finally Admitted He Is Gay



NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - R.E.M. frontman Michael Stipe has finally admitted he is Gay. The rock legend has been notoriously vague over the years about his sexuality - but said he finally realized he could help other homosexuals by coming out.

"I recognize that to have public figures be very open about their sexuality helps some kid somewhere out there," he tells a U.S. rock magazine.

Stipe - who has long denied rumors of a relationship with Morrissey - admits that his confusion over his sexuality has made it into his songs.



But more cases could be detected if the government approved new ways to use a type of DNA test that is already on the market, the officials and researchers said in a news conference at a scientific meeting in Chicago. They said the test, used in new ways, could detect twice as many cases of gonorrhea and chlamydia as standard tests.

Those diseases, along with syphilis, whose incidence continues to increase, are "a major threat to Gay and Bisexual men's health," said Dr. Kevin Fenton, a top official of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Fenton noted that such diseases increased the risk of contracting and spreading H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS.

Screening for sexually transmitted infections is a critical part of medical care for sexually active men. The C.D.C. recommends annual blood tests for H.I.V. and syphilis, and other tests for gonorrhea and chlamydia. Gonorrhea tests should include specimens from all potential sites of exposure - throat, genitals and rectum - because identifying and treating all such infections is essential for preventing spread of the disease.

"There are circumstances where the recommendations are not being followed," said Dr. John M. Douglas Jr.,

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but no one seems to blink at the huge sum itself.

On the personnel side, it may take decades for the military to recover from the influx of low-quality recruits. In order to meet basic recruiting targets, the military has been forced to lower standards for physical fitness and education, and to turn a blind eye to criminal records.

On top of all this, the cost of the war will be multiplied because we are borrowing all the money needed to pay for it. Instead of belt-tightening and sacrifice, this war has been accompanied by tax cuts for the rich and rising deficits. So we must add to the war cost all the interest we will be paying (much of it to foreign governments) to finance the borrowing binge.

Taken together, the budgetary costs to the federal government are likely to mount to nearly \$3 trillion in today's money, (assuming the United States remains in Iraq in reduced capacity through 2017). Of course this still doesn't count costs the government doesn't pay - like the value of a spouse or parent who gives up her job to become a full-time caregiver to a wounded veteran, the money veterans pay to seek private medical care or the loss to our economy from the death and disability of so many young people.

Beyond that, the war has weak-

ened our economy, increased oil prices, and made it more difficult for us to fund road projects, schools, medical research, and other vital needs. Apart from the oil companies and a handful of defense contractors, the war has not stimulated the economy. This is because so much of what we spend in Iraq every month ends up in the pockets of Filipino and Nepali subcontractors in Iraq, and on fuel, laundry, and local housing costs - which have almost no benefit to the US economy.

Perhaps most painful to consider is the opportunity cost: the money spent on the war could have fixed Social Security for the next 75 years or provided health insurance to all American children. As we enter the sixth year of combat, the public is entitled to know what the war is costing. The cash cost of each month we continue in Iraq is \$12 billion - but the full cost is easily double that at around \$25 billion. For \$300 billion a year the question is whether the best use of that money is to keep our troops stationed in Iraq for years to come.

(Linda Bilmes, a former assistant secretary of commerce, teaches public finance at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is coauthor of "The Three Trillion Dollar War: The True Cost of the Iraq Conflict." This article is reprinted from the Sunday, March 16 edition of the Boston Globe.)

## Irish LGBT Sidelined At St. Patty's Day Parade

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - There were no pink shamrocks again this year at New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Members of an Irish Gay organization remained barred from taking part in the annual parade down Fifth Avenue, reported 365Gay.com.

As in past years Gays were relegated to a barricaded area along the route where they were allowed to protest against the Ancient Order of Hibernians which organizes the parade. The Hibernians claim the parade is a private, religious procession in order to justify keeping LGBT groups out. In the early 1990s, the parade committee used the argument to defeat a discrimination claim brought by the NYC Human Rights Commission. A federal judge ruled that the organization could bar the Gay group on the grounds of religious freedom.

But the Archdiocese of New York, in an unrelated statement pertaining to Holy Week, recently issued a statement that it views the NYC St. Patrick's parade as a purely civic event. "Irish queers into the Irish parade!" the protestors chanted. And

they attacked members of the New York City Police, Fire and EMT for marching in their uniforms. "If Gays can't march, cops can't either," the protestors yelled.

The Gay Irish group had called on the Police and Fire Commissioners to prevent contingents of uniformed officers from marching in the parade. "We're sick of hearing city officials say they can't intercede in the homophobia because it's a religious march. If it's a religious anti-Gay parade, and uniformed cops and firefighters have to be pulled out," said Tierney Gleason of Irish Queers. "It can't be both privately religious and publicly Irish. It's time for the city to pull the plug on this bait-and-switch game." Fifth Avenue was packed as 150,000 marchers paraded by.

But many politicians were noticeably absent. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn - the highest ranking Lesbian politician in the city - missed the parade to attend David Paterson's swearing in as the new governor. Last year Quinn also missed the parade, flying to Ireland to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin which does welcome Gay marchers.

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# Former McGreevey Aide Says He Had Three-Way With Gov. & Wife



Former New Jersey Governor James E. McGreevey (l), Former Aide Theodore Pedersen (c) and McGreevey's wife Dina Matos

TRENTON, New Jersey (Observer Update) - A former aide to James E. McGreevey said today that he had three-way sexual trysts with the former governor and his wife before he took office, challenging Dina Matos McGreevey's assertion that she was naive about her husband's sexual exploits.

The aide, Theodore Pedersen, said he and the couple even had a nickname for the weekly romps, from 1999 to 2001, that typically began with dinner at T.G.I. Friday's and ended with a threesome at McGreevey's condo in Woodbridge. They called them "Friday Night Specials," according to Pedersen. Pedersen described the encounters during an interview with The Star-Ledger. He said he wanted to refute the innocent image that Matos McGreevey has projected - both during the couple's ongoing divorce battle and in interviews she gave after New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer resigned last week in a sex scandal. He said he was also incensed by her portrayal of herself as an unsuspecting wife in her book: *Silent Partner: A Memoir of My Marriage*.

"I wanted to get this out now because it was so offensive to me that she goes on television playing the

victim," Pedersen said. "She's trying to make this a payday for herself. She should have told the truth about the three of us." Pedersen did not say if he was Gay or Bisexual and only described having contact with Matos McGreevey during the trysts. He also said he never knew for sure if McGreevey was Gay.

Dina denied Pedersen's assertions. "Theodore Pedersen's claims, as reported in the Newark Star Ledger on March 16, are completely false and were prompted by Jim McGreevey. This all has to do with the publicity I have received since Governor Spitzer resigned. Jim has enlisted one of his cronies in trying to distinguish that situation from his own, and to discredit me in the media. He cannot stand it when I am receiving attention in the media rather than him."

Jim McGreevey, the former governor of New Jersey, has confirmed reports that he and his wife had sexual encounters with a male aide while he was serving as a local official and running for governor. "This happened, this happened in the past, and now we need to move on with our lives," McGreevey said.

## Syphilis Cases Rise Among G/B, MSM Men

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Two-thirds of the new cases of syphilis are among men who have sex with men (MSM) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Wednesday (March 12)

African American men also had a high infection rate - rising 99-percent since 2003.

Overall the national rate rose by 16 percent in 2007 over the previous year, standing at 3.7 cases per 100,000 people.

It is the seventh consecutive year that the number of syphilis cases has increased.

"The resurgence of syphilis among men who have sex with men represents a formidable challenge to our STD prevention efforts, but one that is surmountable," said the CDC's Dr. Kevin Fenton.

The statistics are particularly worrisome, the CDC said because it indicates a rise in unsafe sex. A rise in the number of cases of syphilis often indicates there will be an increase in cases of HIV/AIDS.

Syphilis symptoms usually show up months or even years before there are symptoms of HIV.

Untreated syphilis can have devastating health consequences, including impairment of the ability to walk, permanent vision loss, permanent hearing loss, and brain damage.

The disease is treatable with antibiotics.

The CDC also reported that data from several STD clinics suggest that more than one-third of rectal gonorrhea infections and more than a quarter of pharyngeal (throat) gonorrhea infections among asymptomatic men who have sex with men are missed and not treated.

The clinics were in Chicago, Denver, Houston, New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.

The CDC said that it is imperative that MSM be tested for gonorrhea at all exposed anatomic sites - pharyngeal, urethral, and rectal - on an annual basis, and more frequently if they engage in high-risk behaviors.

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# COMMENTARY . . .

By John Corvino

## Sally Kern's Free Speech

When Oklahoma State Representative Sally Kern gave her now-infamous homophobic rant before a group of fellow Republicans, she remarked that "The very fact that I'm talking to you like this here today puts me in jeopardy." It may have been the truest thing she said that day.



Rep. Sally Kern

attacks like Kern's? Should anyone be surprised that in Kern's world, Gay people—and especially, Gay youth—find that their lives are more difficult than others'?

In this respect, Kern behaves like a bully who punches a kid on the playground and then justifies his attack by saying that he's troubled by his victim's bleeding. Yes, Rep. Kern, Gay youth are at a higher risk for suicide. But their problem is not homosexuality. Their problem is people like you.

Normally, I would dismiss this particular remark as a pathetic religious-right sympathy ploy. It's hard to take seriously the persecution complex of a group that wields so much power, especially in places like Kern's home state. In jeopardy for making homophobic comments in front of Oklahoma Republicans? Please.

Thanks to the marvel of YouTube, however, Kern's rant received a much wider audience than she anticipated. Listeners all over the country heard Kern claim that "the homosexual agenda is destroying this nation," that Gays are indoctrinating our children, and that homosexuality poses a bigger threat to America "than terrorism or Islam, which I think is a big threat."

Kern later claimed, rather implausibly, that her comments were taken out of context, and that she was talking about Gays around the country who were contributing money to pro-Gay candidates in Oklahoma and elsewhere.

I look forward to joining that group of Gays. More precisely, I look forward to sending a big fat check to whatever decent candidate aims to unseat Kern in the next election cycle. I'm sure I'm not alone in that plan. So Kern's remark about her speech putting her in jeopardy may have been surprisingly prescient. One can hope.

Unfortunately, Kern's speech offered little else in the way of insight, unless we're talking about insight into the fears, lies and stereotypes that dominate the religious right's thinking about Gays. Kern claimed that "studies show no society that has totally embraced homosexuality has lasted, you know, more than a few decades."

I don't know what "studies" Kern is referring to, but the claim is nonsense on its face. Can you name a now-extinct society that "totally embraced" homosexuality? Me neither.

Kern added that "This stuff is deadly and it's spreading and it will destroy our young people; it will destroy this nation."

I share Kern's concern for our young people, which is one reason I'm eager to unseat her. I remember what it was like to hear such stereotypes as a teenager and to think, "No, no, no—that can't be me." I remember how ugly myths about homosexuality exacerbated my coming-out struggle. I don't want other youths to suffer that.

Kern also claimed that homosexuality "has deadly consequences for those people involved in it; they have more suicides, they're more discouraged, there's more illness [and] their lifespans are shorter."

Again we have unsubstantiated myths and outright falsehoods, this time mixed with a grain of truth. Who wouldn't be "discouraged" in the face of

I realize that such accusations of "bloody hands" don't do much to promote dialogue. I have no doubt that Sally Kern is sincere in her beliefs. What's more, some of those beliefs may even stem from virtuous motives—respect for tradition, concern for future generations, love of country and so on. But virtuous motives don't make such beliefs any less false, ugly, or dangerous.

I'm particularly irritated—though by no means surprised—by Kern's attempt to cloak her homophobia in religion. At one point in her original screed she opines that "Not everybody's lifestyle is equal—just like not all religions are equal." She's right about that, too. I'd say that any religion that permits spreading lies or demonizing people because of whom they love is scarcely worthy of respect.

In the wake of this fiasco, Kern has complained that her critics want to deny her free speech. "Obviously, you have the right as an American to choose that lifestyle," she said, "but I also have the right to express my views."

Yes, Rep. Kern, you do. But free speech doesn't give anyone a free pass to say stupid things without repercussions.

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# Uphold 2nd Amendment, Gay Gun Club Tells Supreme Court



WASHINGTON D.C. (Observer Update) - The U.S Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday (March 18) in a legal challenge to the District of Columbia's ban on handguns in a major case over the meaning of the Second Amendment's "right to keep and bear arms," the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com.

A Washington resident who wants to keep handguns at home for protection is challenging the 32-year-old ban as a violation of his constitutional rights. A federal appeals court in Washington agreed that the city cannot ban handguns.

The court has not conclusively interpreted the Second Amendment in the 216 years since its ratification. The basic issue for the justices is whether the amendment protects an individual's right to own guns or whether that right is somehow tied to service in a state militia.

Even if the court determines there is an individual right, the justices still will have to decide whether the District's ban can stand and how to evaluate other gun control laws.

"Does that make it unreasonable for a city with a very high crime rate...to say no handguns here?" Justice Stephen Breyer asked the attorneys.

On the other side, Chief Justice John Roberts asked at one point: "What is reasonable about a ban on possession" of handguns?

The case drew 68 briefs from outside groups, most opposed to the ban.

Among them were Pink Pistols - a national LGBT gun club - and Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty.

Pink Pistols, which according to its Web site, has 43 chapters nationwide, said that guns should be allowed in homes for self-defense purposes.

"More anti-Gay hate crimes occur in the home than in any other location," the Pink Pistols said in their brief.

The group's Web site says that members at its various chapters "get together at least once a month at local firing ranges to practice shooting, and to acquaint people new to firearms with them. We will help you select a firearm, acquire a permit, and receive proper training in its safe and legal use for self-defense. The more people know that members of our community may be armed, the less likely they will be to single us out for attack."

The Supreme Court justices did not say when they expect to rule in the case. The D.C. government argued that its law should be allowed to remain in force whether or not the amendment applies to individuals, although it reads the amendment as intended to allow states to have armed forces.

The City said the ban was justified because "handguns have no legitimate use in the purely urban environment of the District of Columbia."

Dick Anthony Heller, 65, an armed security guard, sued the District after it rejected his application to keep a handgun at his home for protection. His lawyers argued the amendment plainly protects an individual's right.



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# Bill To Repeal HIV Immigration Ban Wins Key Committee Approval

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Senate Foreign Relations committee on Thursday (March 13) approved legislation (S.2731) that would repeal a travel and immigration ban on people with HIV. The measure now moves to a full vote on the Senate floor.

confident the legislation will pass the full Senate when it comes to a vote.

"The United States has enforced this antiquated policy for too long with no public health rationale for discriminating against HIV-positive people in such a severe manner," said Victoria Neilson, Immigration Equality's Legal Director.

The ban was originally enacted in 1987, and explicitly restated in 1993, despite efforts in the public health community to remove the ban when Congress reformed U.S. immigration law in the early 1990s.

"We are confident that this vote by the full Senate will be successful and will move the United States one step closer to lifting the HIV immigration ban."

The travel and immigration ban prohibits HIV positive foreign nationals, students, and tourists from entering the U.S. unless they obtain a special waiver that only allows for short term travel. Current policy also prevents the vast majority of individuals with HIV from obtaining legal permanent residency.

The administration has acknowledged there are problems with the current system but White House proposals to amend the law still present roadblocks. There are 12 proposed requirements of visitors and immigrants to this country who have HIV. They would require disclosure of HIV status to consular officials in the individual's home country; certification that the individual has in their possession all medication necessary for the duration of their stay in the U.S.; certification that no symptoms are being exhibited; and a commitment to avoid all high risk behavior while in the U.S.

While immigration law currently excludes immigrants with any "communicable disease of public health significance" from entering the U.S., only HIV is explicitly named in the statute. For all other illnesses, the Secretary of Health and Human Services retains the ability, with the medical expertise of his department, to determine which illnesses truly pose a risk to public health.

to make these decisions. No guidelines are given on how to make these determinations and there is no appeal process. If an HIV positive individual is given asylum in the United States, that person is not allowed to obtain a green card or become a U.S. citizen - even if their asylum was given because of their HIV status.

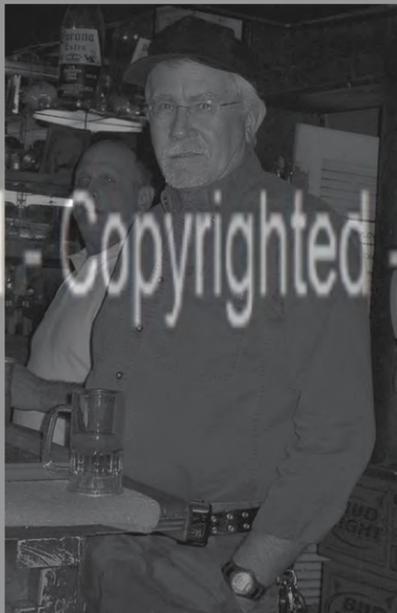
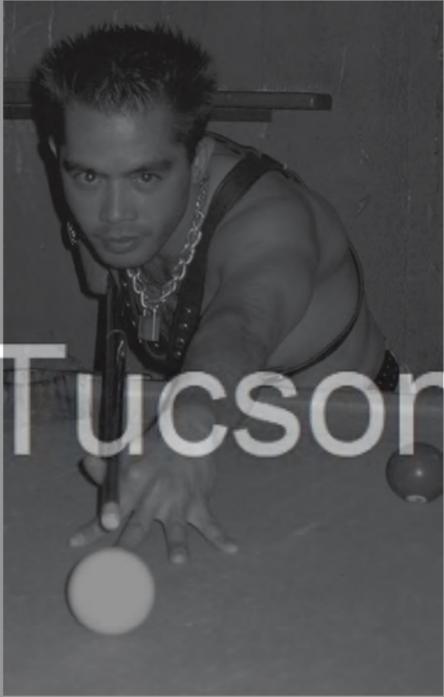
The HIV Non-Discrimination in Travel and Immigration Act was attached to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR by its Senate sponsors, Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Gordon Smith (R-Oregon).

The United States is one of only 13 countries that have an HIV travel ban.

A House version is sponsored by Rep. Barbara Lee (D).

PEPFAR, the bill the measure is attached to provides for spending of \$50 billion over the next five years to combat the health crises posed by AIDS and other diseases in Africa and elsewhere in the world.

Immigration Equality said it is



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by Mark R. Kerr

## Legislative Update

On Thursday, March 13, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved S. 2731, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

If approved and signed into law, PEPFAR (S. 2731) would authorize appropriations, totaling \$50 million dollars, for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

PEPFAR was drafted by Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), and is cosponsored by five other Senators.

An amendment, introduced by Senators John Kerry (D-MA) and Gordon Smith (R-OR), was also approved by the Foreign Relations Committee.

This approved amendment, which in December of 2007, Senators Kerry and Smith introduced legislation, the HIV Non Discrimination in Travel and Immigration Act (S. 2486), would repeal a travel and immigration ban on people with HIV - a total of 13 countries, including the United States, currently has such laws on the books.

PEPFAR now goes to the Senate floor for a vote. To express your support for PEPFAR and the travel ban repeal amendment, go online to senate.gov and let your Senator know of your opinion on S.2731 and that they should support the legislation. . . .

Meanwhile at 1700 West Washington, Arizona's Republican-led Legislature has not reached an agreement with Governor Janet Napolitano in the pending budget crisis, legislators continue their "work," passing inane proposals to please their right-wing minions.

Thanks to phone calls, E-mails and personal messages, SB 1499 has been pulled for further consideration.

As previously reported SB 1499, entitled, "state employee health benefits;

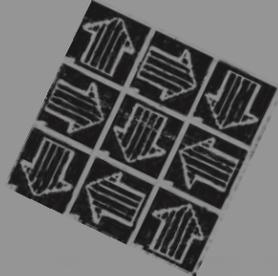
dependents," would create a state law that prevents state agencies from extending partner benefits to their employees. Thirteen state Representatives and Senators, all Republicans had cosponsored SB 1499.

This proposal won't be "dead" until the legislature ends its session which means it can come back in another form, as an amendment or a striker-bill (gutting the language of another measure further along the legislative process and inserting SB 1499).

HCR (House Concurrent Resolution) 2065 and SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 1038, which would place on the November ballot, a proposed state constitutional amendment barring government and legal recognition of same-sex marriage, have had no further movement along the legislative process.

HCR 2065, as previously reported, received approval by the Arizona House Judiciary Committee and the House Rules Committee respectively and had been caucused in the Arizona House but an objection was filed. SCR 1038 had been okayed by the Arizona Senate PSHS Committee and still awaits a hearing before the Senate Rules Committee.

If you have not taken action yet, go online to eqfed.org/ahr/home.html, reach your state Senator or state Representatives online at azleg.gov and E-mail or call at (800) 352-8404.



## Gay Paris Mayor Election Poses Threat To Sarkozy

PARIS, France (Observer Update) - Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë romped to an easy re-election on Sunday (March 16), fueling new speculation his Socialist Party will tap him to run against President Nicolas Sarkozy in 2012.

If he were to win the presidency it would make Delanoë the first openly Gay man in modern times to lead a major power. The recent civic elections

dealt a stinging warning to Sarkozy by throwing his party out of office in a string of towns and cities, including the conservative Strasbourg.

It was a sobering reminder of how the 53-year-old Sarkozy has shrunk in the estimation of some voters since he was elected last May on a program of in-depth economic and social change for France.

## Gay Iranian Demands U.K. Guarantee His Asylum

LONDON (Observer Update) - A Gay teenager spared an immediate return to Iran, where he claims he faces the death penalty, said that he will only feel safe if the Home Secretary personally guarantees his right to remain in Britain.

Mehdi Kazemi, 19, who lost his asylum claim in Britain even though it was alleged that his former boyfriend was executed for sodomy, spoke openly of his distrust of the Government. His case has already provoked a public outcry, forcing the Home Secre-

tary, Jacqui Smith, to agree to reconsider his claim for refugee status.

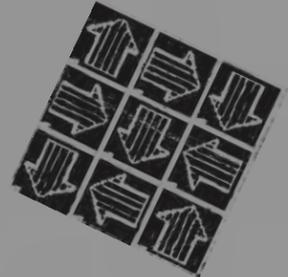
But speaking from a detention center in Rotterdam, where he is being held after fleeing to the Netherlands, Mr Kazemi said he fears for his future. "I know what Jacqui Smith has said about my case and that of course is a good thing," he said. "But I know what this government can do to me. They tried to take me at Christmas time two years ago when everyone was away, even my lawyer."

## University Of Hawaii Backs Down On Gay Pair's Housing

HONOLULU, Hawaii (Observer Update) - The University of Hawaii has announced it will allow a Gay couple who threatened to sue after being denied the right to live on campus in family housing. Officials announced that the school is working on a policy to admit same-sex couples into family housing, the Associated Press reported on advocate.com.

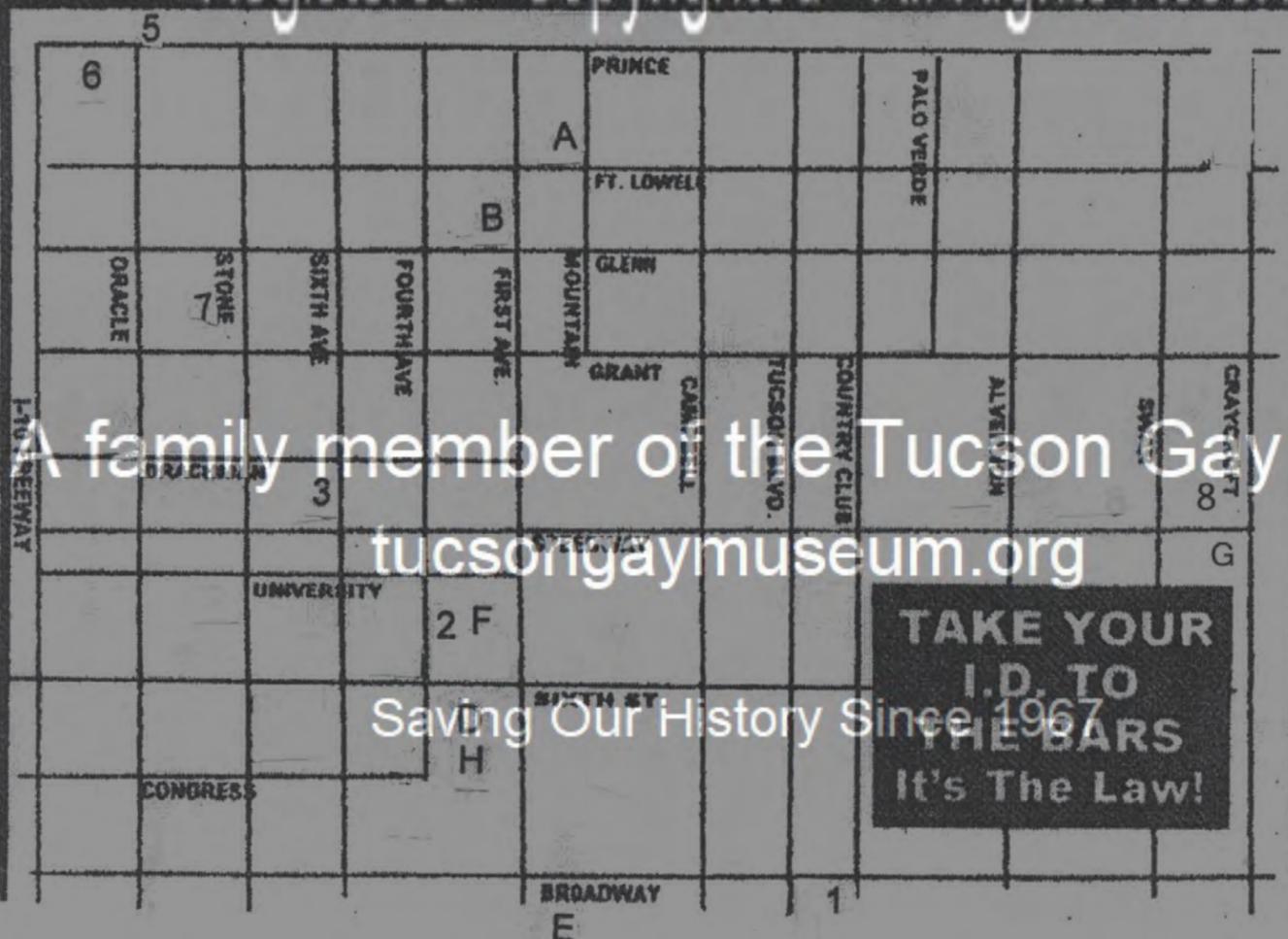
When Joseph O'Leary and Phi Ngo, who lived together during the 2006-2007 school year, applied to live together next year, they were turned down. They moved off campus for the current school year, but found the cost of rent, food and transportation difficult for them to manage. Lambda Legal took on the case, noting that the school allows benefits for professors in same-sex

relationships. "The university had no problem with Joe and Phi living in family housing last year," Brian Chase, senior attorney for Lambda Legal, said in a USA Today article. "It makes no sense for the university to suddenly decide to discriminate against them just because they are Gay." University Chancellor Francisco Hernandez called the lawsuit surprising and disappointing.



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# Complaints Against 'Some People Are Gay, Get Used To It' Campaign All Thrown Out

LONDON (Observer Update) - The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has refused to uphold any of the 54 complaints it has received about Stonewall's recent billboard campaign promoting its work tackling homophobic bullying in schools.

Complaints about the 600-billboard campaign - featuring the slogan 'Some people are Gay. Get over it!' - will not now prevent it being re-run later this year. The ASA said in its ruling: "Although some people might disagree with the advertiser's approach, the ad did not contain language or imagery that was likely to cause serious or widespread offence, or particular offence to heterosexuals or religious groups."

"The ad did not imply that heterosexual people were homophobic, and did not promote homosexuality as an attractive lifestyle choice or as taking advantage of issues arising from children's sexuality for political gain," the ruling concluded. Six hundred billboard panels, donated by Titan Outdoor Advertising, were displayed across the UK in February.



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Venus and Mercury enter Pisces this week. We know in our heart what is what and which is which. And our minds are in tune with our emotions. Ramp it up and see how it runs on the open road. Will it putt putt or va va voom?

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**  
Proud Rams are more sensitive and intuitive... for a change. Not only are you able to manifest a psychic thought or two you can also lure some unsuspecting spirits to your crystal ball. Uncover mysteries and let all the hidden oppressive things in your life a chance to escape and evaporate. Will your imagination run wilde? Oh let's hope so!

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**  
Compadres provide an unusual amount of intellectual and heartfelt stimulation. Join a new social group and spread the stimulation around. Share a few new ideas and see who jumps on board. You are able to charge up a group and have them follow your lead. A good idea sparks a roaring fire and we all know how much queer Bulls love a good blaze.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Pursue any and all ideas related to career and professional growth. Mercury and Venus conspire to give even your crackpot theories a certain genius quality. So disperse your ideas with a sense of authority and confidence. Grab the attention of someone in power and show them what you can do. The possibilities are endless. Success is at hand. Ah but which hand?

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Travel and global thinking bring unexpected benefits this week. Pursue any ideas related to international or even electronic issues. Scholastic endeavors lead to new opportunities. Plan vacations while the time is right; you can handle all related details with acuity and flair. Expansion is the keyword, Gay Crab; Think big, big, bigger! Ooo!

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**  
Proud Lions are featured on the menu. You are deliciously spicy and know how to pour on the sugar. All your thoughts and actions take on a lusty, yet romantic quality. And why not? Not only are you grrrrreat, you know how to sell your brand to others. Get out there and become the toast of the town. Hurry and get on someone's plate before you burn out and crumble.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**  
This is a good week to reprioritize projects so that relationships lead the list of things to do. Treat partners with love and respect. Spoil them with attention and goodies. Even small attempts can reap benefits far beyond your initial expectations. Queer Virgos looking for a match might even find the perfect cup to their saucer. And remember the saucier the better!

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**  
Gay Libras feel much more in control now thanks to Mercury and Venus. Tackle any highly detailed job with intense energy and clear direction. Apply this clarity of thought to any day-to-day task or any boring job project. You clear off your desk and give yourself some breathing space. Then kick up your heels and fill your time with someone breath taking.

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**  
Delightful fun is in store for all queer Scorps with a sense of adventure. The floodgates open and the party starts. What can you possibly think of to pump up the energy? The ideas pour in and your heart follows. However it might be better to use this time to become more involved in creative, artistic pursuits. Try to feel the muse and play your instrument... or is it vice versa?

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**  
Family and home life take precedence. Settle long term and seemingly intransigent family issues now when you can express yourself in a way to reach their hearts as well as their minds. It is no longer reasonable for you to live by others' dictates. Explain why in a clear manner. Any fallout makes the offending party look pretty offensive. Use your moxie, not your mace.

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**  
Pink Caps are mentally in tune with the current zeitgeist. You have your finger on the pulse of the community and can bring them to your way of thinking. Thankfully, you are not one to daydream your best thoughts away. Consider bring ing your best ideas to a dealmaker or a group with the influence to make them happen. The Cause waits in anxious anticipation.

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# Around The Nation

A national LGBT vigil isn't something students in the Holmen School District in La Crosse, Wis., should be participating in during school hours. "I don't feel it has its place in the school and would like to have the school district reconsider this if it has already been decided to let students participate," Steve Johnston said. District Administrator Fred Frick said the meeting was the first he had heard about the April 25 Day of Silence that is sponsored by the Gay/Lesbian/Straight Education Network to protest name-calling, bullying and harassment toward the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. No one has requested the school do anything, and the district does not plan to participate on an organized level, Frick said. However, he said, "If a student wishes to come in and be silent for a day, there's nothing much we can do about that." . . .

Dozens of students urged the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school board to pass a new policy to protect them from bullies. Christian conservatives urged the board not to, voicing concerns that the policy will promote homosexuality. But after more than two hours of impassioned arguments from more than 40 speakers, the board approved the policy on a 6-3

vote. Students in the audience greeted passage of the policy with cheers and a standing ovation. The new policy bans bullying for virtually any reason. But the policy's specific protection of sexual orientation and "gender identity/expression" drew opposition from critics like Ante Pavkovic, who quoted the Bible and questioned what teachers will tell children about gender identity. . . .

Unable to overcome a key roadblock, Gay activists are pessimistic about winning marriage rights from Maryland lawmakers this year. Carrie Evans, policy director at Equality Maryland, said same-sex marriage supporters will still push a bill to grant Gay and Lesbian couples the right to marry, but she doesn't envision it passing this session. "We're going to get marriage," she said during a March 7 interview. "Are we going to get it this year? No." Evans blamed state Sen. Anthony Muse (D-Prince George's County) for stalling the Religious Freedom & Civil Marriage Protection Act.

Friday, March 21

Tucson Prime Timers Invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM Colors, 5350 East Speedway See our website for club info: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org)

Monday, March 24

Tucson Prime Timers welcomes you to our weekly Monday drop-in Luncheon at 12:30PM The Wildcat House, 1800 North Stone. See our website for club info: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org)

Friday, March 28

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM Colors, 5350 E Speedway. See

our website for club info: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org)

Sunday, March 30

Tucson Prime Timers invites You to our weekly Sunday Brunch at 11:00AM Colors, 5350 E Speedway. See our website for club info: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org)

Monday, March 31

Tucson Prime Timers welcomes Visitors to our weekly drop-in Luncheon at 12:30PM The Wildcat House, 1800 North Stone. See our website for club info: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.org)



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# UPS Adds Gay-Owned Suppliers To Diversity Program



MEMPHIS, Tennessee - United Parcel Service Inc., the world's largest shipping carrier, said its has expanded its supplier diversity program to include businesses owned by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) merchants.

The expansion is through a partnership with the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, which represents about 1.4 million businesses owned by LGBT individuals.

Launched in 1992, UPS said its supplier diversity process provides opportunities for small businesses and those owned by minorities.

## Honda: Not 'Gay-Friendly' Yet

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Automotive News reported that American Honda is now offering insurance benefits for their same-sex partners, reported Gaywheels.com.

Gaywheels.com applauds this decision but will not be changing Honda's classification as non-Gay-friendly, yet. The article points out that while Honda will be rolling out these benefits to some of their U.S.-based employees, not all employees of the company will have access to the same benefits. Gaywheels.com's classification for "Gay-friendly" applies when all employees of a company in the U.S.

are offered same-sex domestic-partner benefits. This situation is similar to that of Nissan North America and BMW when they first began offering domestic-partner benefits. Both companies rolled out the benefit package for their sales and marketing employees first and offered them to their manufacturing employees at a later date.

Gaywheels.com looks forward to adding both Honda and Acura to their Gay-friendly list when all employees of those brands have same-sex domestic partner benefits available to them in the U.S.

## San Diego LGBT Community Moves Beyond Hillcrest Area

SAN DIEGO, California (Observer Update) - When TV news crews need a man-on-the-street interview for a story about Gays, they often make a beeline for Hillcrest.

But they could just as easily head for North Park or University Heights these days. Take a Saturday night walk, talk to community leaders, check U.S. Census data - the trend is clear: The percentage of Gay and Lesbian residents in these neighbor-

hoods is beginning to rival Hillcrest - long the city's center for Gay businesses, culture and politics.

A weekend evening stroll on University Avenue, 30th Street east of the North Park sign or Park Boulevard near the University Heights sign finds a procession of openly Gay and Lesbian people coming and going from Gay bars and other Gay-owned and Gay-friendly businesses.

## Conn. Same-Sex Couples Say Civil Unions Aren't Enough

HARTFORD, Connecticut (Observer Update) - The Connecticut Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on a case that presents a new constitutional challenge to civil unions, the political compromise that several states have made in recent years to grant rights to Gay and Lesbian couples while preserving the traditional definition of marriage as between a man and woman.

At the same time, the state legislature's joint Judiciary Committee held a public hearing in Hartford to consider amending the civil union law in

light of complaints from same-sex couples that the measure had not delivered the equal rights it had promised.

The committee passed a bill that would have legalized same-sex marriage, 27-15, last year, but it was never put to a full vote of the legislature. Massachusetts is the only state that allows same-sex couples to marry, and Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey have civil unions, while California and Oregon have domestic partnerships that provide similar benefits to civil unions.

## Gay Republican, 23, Is Youngest To Run Texas Town

PLANO, Texas - Justin Nichols is charting new territory in more ways than one, the Dallas Voice reported.

Nichols, 23, is already the youngest candidate ever to run for Plano City Council. If Nichols wins his race for the Place 1 seat on May 10, he'll also become the first openly Gay member of the body. "I don't know that one is harder than the other," Nichols told Dallas Voice this week. "I think that each is solved by letting people get to know you."

Nichols also faces a third

challenge when it comes to gaining the support of Plano's small but growing LGBT community: He's a Republican.



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# NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

WRITE NOW is an LGBT writers' group that meets at Wingspan, twice monthly, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons, 2:30 to 4:00. For more info please call 323-2465 or email evynrubin@yahoo.com.

Tucson Knight Owls (T.K.O) We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month. Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at Rose canyon lake at 12:00 pm. We will meet at the yard dog at 10:30 am to car pool up to Rose canyon. T.K.O. will also be having a bake sale at Woodys on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm to 6:00 pm.

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

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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.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

Start getting more out of life with TUCSON PRIME TIMERS. We're the local chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, the preeminent social organization for mature gay and bi men as well as younger (21+) men who enjoy their company. Each month we sponsor a wide range of dining events, cultural enrichment activities, parties, meetings, bowling, day trips, picnics, tours and much more. Visitors are always welcome. For info call our message phone 520 731-3485. Visit our website: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://www.tucsonprimetimers.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 (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpgcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpgcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

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

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

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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 19 seasons. Check out our website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://www.desertvoices.org), or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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

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

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

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

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. [www.tucsonglbtchamber.org](http://www.tucsonglbtchamber.org)

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFEST. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at [www.tucsonpride.com](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS: a

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

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

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

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

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

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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 @yahoogroups.com. See you on the trails.

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

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



# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am; L Word Sundays. L Word shows at 7pm on two 51" flatscreens. Beer Bust 5pm-10pm. DJ HILL following til 2am.

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well. Appetizers 1/2 price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 11am! Wear an NFL team t-shirt or jersey and get 50¢ off your drink. Smirnoff Vodkas \$2.50. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 3 and 6 pm. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. \$1 hot dogs, \$2 chili dogs during game. SIN Nite Drink Discounts for Service Industry employees with ID or payroll receipt. Latin Dance Music 8:30 to close.

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-2am. Peter's Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar 11am-2pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excluding special events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm-2am. Beer Bust 2pm-7pm. Karaoke with Michael D 9pm-Close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Mimosas & Bloody Mary Bar (Build your own)

## MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Poker Pub...FREE. No Happy Hour on this day. Games at 6:30 and again at 9:00pm. 21 and up.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers 1/2 price 4-6pm. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour all day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Texas Hold-Em Poker 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 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events) Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm Back Pocket Patio Bar 8pm-close. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close.

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm

## TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. No Happy Hour on this day. Spin Tuesdays with Karaoke. Spin the drink wheel every hour for incredible drink prices...nothing over \$2!! Karaoke at 8pm. 21 and up.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.50 well margaritas and tequila. 75¢ off call tequilas. Ladies Only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:00 p.m. Play for points and prizes - no cash involved. \$2 U-call-it drink special 9pm to midnight (some restrictions apply).

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month \$2.00).

WOODY'S - Open 11am- 2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close, Caribbean Party Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis with Tucson's Hottest Bartenders.

YARD DOG -Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm

## WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 1/2 Price Happy Hour til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJHill Spins til 2am. This is an 18 and over event..

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open 3pm. 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. 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 11am-2am;. Happy Hour 11am-8pm excl. special events). Full Kitchen open

11am-10pm. Back Pocket Bar open 8pm-close. Service Industry Employee Special All Day Long - \$1 off all drinks except schnapps and draft. Different Themed Underwear Party 9pm-close with \$1.00 off for those who participate (excl. Schnapps and Draft). Retro 80s & 90s Dance with DJ Clint 9 til close..

YARD DOG -Open 11am-2am BeerBust 3-7pm

## THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 1/2 Price Happy Hour til 8pm. 20/20 Thursday's a night guaranteed to F\*UCK., with your vision!! \$20 at the door we take care of the rest (premium top shelf not included). DJHill spins hip hop & R&B all night. 21'n up

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials..

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. Mexican Beers \$2.50 all day, all night. Starting 1/17/08 TNT Thursday Night Temptation for 18 & over. Eat-drink-dance Music with DJ Shorty v2.0

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 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl Spec Events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close. Cheap Party Day \*\*FREE POOL\*\*, \$1.00 PBR Longnecks, \$2.00 Tecate Longnecks. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm - close..

YARD DOG-Open 11am-2am BeerBust 3-7pm

## FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. NOCHE de CALOR. 1/2 price Happy Hour til 8pm. Every Friday DJ Hill spins the best norteno, Cumbias, Salsa, Bachata Reggaeton, Rock en Espanol and anything else that makes you shake your hips!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. 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 7:30pm. DJ Pat plays 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 Raynman spinning club music inside. 9pm-2am.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live Blues/Motown/Soul sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night of the month.

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

## SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. \$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, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm, \$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/ Bunny FuFu 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 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

YARD DOG - Open 8am-2am. Patio Bar Opens 8pm.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

"Tom/Tattered/Tattooed" Dance Party. Wear it and Dance and get Special Drink Prices.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

YARD DOG - Karaoke with Troy at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

HOWL AT THE MOON - DJ Johnny D.

WOODY'S - "Spring Break Party" - Dress for the Beach with Special Beach Drink Prices 9pm - close.

YARD DOG - Amanda Nichole and special guests 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

WOODY'S - Woody's Annual Easter Party and Easter Egg Hunt/"Basket Contest". Traditional Beer Bust 2-7pm. Easter Buffet Brunch only \$12, free glass of champagne included 11:30am-3pm. Drag Bingo with Stella Virgin and Janee Starr 8pm; Karaoke 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Enjoy your Easter here with fun-food-men-prizes. Open at 10:00 a.m.

YARD DOG - Easter Brunch 11am until 2pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

WOODY'S - "Leather" Dance Party. Wear your best Leather Accessories for Special Drink Prices 9pm-close. Hottest Leather Contest \$50 prize

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

THE BIZ - Juanes After Party. 11:00 p.m. & Beer Bust 12am-2am

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

HOWL AT THE MOON - Miss NCC Entertainer of the Year!

SATURDAY, MAY 3

THE BIZ - Cinco de Mayo weekend celebration. Latino Carnival!!! More details to come.

## Arts and Entertainment

NOW PLAYING THROUGH MARCH 22

Arizona Theatre Company presents "To Kill A Mocking Bird" at the Temple of Music and Art, A great American classic and one of the most beloved coming-of-age stories ever written. 622-2823.

MARCH 22 - APRIL 13

Beowulf Alley Theatre presents Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays at 7:30 and Sundays at 1:30. A brilliantly inventiv3 play that moves back and forth between the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the present, populated by a varied and vastly entertaining cast of characters. 11 South Sixth Avenue downtown. Tickets \$14-\$19. 882-0555.

March 29 - 30

Invisible Theatre presents Judy Gold in the Emmy Award-winning "25 Questions For A Jewish Mother" Two performances only 8:00 p.m. on March 29 and 3:00 p.m. on March 30. Emmy winning actress/comedienne Judy Gold embarked on a five-year journey across the United States, interviewing over 50 Jewish women of different ages, ethnicities and occupations. The end result is a moving and humorous portrait of what makes a Jewish mother, a Jewish mother. Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 West Speedway. \$42 and group discounts available. Very limited seating. 882-9721

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# Theatre Review

## To Kill A Mocking Bird



**John Sensenhouse (Atticus) and Daria LeGrande (Scout) in the Arizona Theatre Company's production "To Kill A Mocking Bird".**

by Jack Melichar

A great American classic and one of the most beloved coming-of-age novels ever written, Harper Lee's moving tale of life in rural Alabama during the Depression is filled with heartache and joy, conflict and conciliation. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD plays in Tucson at the Temple of Music and Art from March 1 through March 22. It continues its run in Phoenix at the Herberger Theater Center from March 27 through April 13.

I truly wish I could report that the play was a disaster - it's much more fun to be sarcastic! Once again, however, I have been disappointed. The production was superb, the set magnificent, and the cast showed great skill in their craft.

Special accolades need be given to Daria LeGrand (Scout), Adam Moffitt (Jem) and Christopher Moffitt (Dill). My predictions can be a kiss of death, but I believe they have great careers ahead in the theater.

I also believe the adults provided credible performances. One needs to remember that this is a coming of age story - its focus is on the children. One needs also to recall that even though he won the Oscar for his performance in the movie, Gregory Peck was not the center of the story. The center belonged to Scout, Jem and Dill.

The book and the play were based a good deal of Lee's own life in rural Alabama. The character Dill was modeled after her young friend, Truman Capote. Scout was modeled after her own life, although it is remarkable to think of Ms. Lee as a tomboy. The family name Finch was a reference to her mother Frances Cunningham Finch Lee.

Thank you Harper Lee for a great book and a magnificent movie and the ATC for a memorable evening, and BOO to you who think otherwise!

And now a bit of theatrical humor. George Bernard Shaw once sent a note to Winston Churchill: "I am enclosing two tickets to the opening night of my new play for you and a friend, - if you have one."

To which Churchill replied: "I regret I will be unable to attend opening night, but will come to the second night - if there is one."



## 'Tales Of The City' Heads To The Stage

NEW YORK CITY - Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" is slated to head to the Great White Way, Variety reported on advocate.com. "Avenue Q" book writer Jeff Whitty, along with Scissor Sisters band members Jason Sellards and John Garden, is penning the musical, due to hit the stage during the 2009-2010 season.

The story follows Maupin's quirky characters encountered by a young Midwestern woman in 1970s San Francisco. While the budget for the proposed show has not been determined, producers Jeffery Seller, Robyn Goodman and Kevin McCullum said they expect the musical to be a large scale production. Seller estimated the capital would be no less than \$10 million.

The musical will mostly include stories from the original 1978 "Tales of the City" book, the first of seven in the series, Variety reported. "Tales of the City" has been adapted for television in three miniseries that aired on PBS and Showtime.



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