



Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats To Host National Meeting May 8 - 11

UCSON (Observer Update) The Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats announced that they will be hosting the National Stonewall Democrats on May 8 through 11, for a conference and Board meeting here in Tucson.

The conference will be held at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn Airport at 4550 S Palo Verde (520) 746-3493, and feature training programs designed for Democrats locally, state-wide and nationally, including topics involving media, fundraising, organizing campaigns, and youth programs.

Friday night's (May 9) reception will be hosted by the City of Tucson's City Council, all members of Stonewall Democrats. During our banquet, we'll hear from keynote speaker Governor Barbara Roberts of Oregon. Special recognition awards will be presented.

Saturday night (May 10) begins with dinner at several local LGBT owned/friendly restaurants (Pastiche, Rio and Raz). Bus transportation provided. A Black & White Ball follows including

costumes from tuxedos and gowns, leather and lace, or jeans and t-shirts. It is requested the wearing of black and/or white. Sunday will feature a Mother's Day brunch at Colors Restaurant.

A private reception will be held on Thursday evening with Oregon's Governor Roberts for major donors and the Board members of the National Stonewall Democrats and the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats. If you are interested in becoming a major donor, please contact Les Krambeal, Co-Chair of the Stonewall Democrats and Region 7 Director, National Stonewall Democrats at leskrambeal@yahoo.com. Party officials from across the country will attend the conference. Join with the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats and make this a very special event.

For more information about the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats contact our Co-Chair Brenda Nowlan at sasdtucson@yahoo.com and for more information about the National Stonewall Democrats visit stonewalldemocrats.org.

G/L Marriage Amendment Resurrected In Arizona Legislature

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - A proposed amendment to Arizona's constitution to define marriage as between "one man and one woman," was resurrected in the Arizona Legislature.

During the weekly meeting of the House Judiciary Committee, Thursday, April 10, a strike everything amendment was offered to SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 1042, removing the original language from the measure, creating a "Vietnam Veteran Memorial Day" to be marked March 29, inserting the proposed state constitutional amendment to define "marriage" in Arizona.

State Representative Eddie Farnsworth, R-Mesa, chair of the House Judiciary Committee offered the strike-everything amendment with the approval of the House Speaker, Jim Weiers, R-Phoenix.

By a party-line vote of 6-4, SCR 1042 was approved with the new language.

SCR 1042 will now go to the House Rules Committee, which solely reviews the language of each measure and doesn't vote on whether to approve or disapprove bills because of the subject matter.

After the House Rules Committee, the bill would then go to the House Committee of the Whole (COW), consisting of all 60 members of the Arizona House of Representatives.

It is expected that state Representative Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, will offer an amendment to the new bill, as she did when the same measure, then known as HCR (House Concurrent Resolution) 2065, was before House COW.

Representative Sinema's amendment, added the following language to HCR 2065, "Two adults who are not otherwise in a valid or recognized marriage in this state and who are in an emotionally committed relationship that involves shared domestic and economic responsibilities, as to each other, have the right to health care facility visitation, medical decision-making, funeral and burial arrangements, and inheritance. A person in such a relationship may affirmatively deny these rights or give any or all of these rights to a different person through a will or a living will as provided by law."

By a vote of 28-27, her amendment and the subsequent bill was approved to the dismay of the Republican legislative leadership and the amendment's proponents, the Center for Arizona Policy, who then pulled HCR 2065 from further consideration. SCR 1038, the Senate companion measure failed to make the legislative deadlines when it was not heard by the Senate Rules Committee in time.

If the new measure receives approval by the House COW, then it faces two more votes in the Arizona House and then the Senate would get the bill back, to hold a concur/refuse vote on the amended bill.

Voters could see this on the ballot in November if the Senate votes to okay the amended SCR 1042.

People can take action online by going to eqfed.org/campaign/scr1042_house and sending a message to their state Representatives and Senator, urging them to vote down this new measure.

Wingspan Names New Executive Director



Jason Cianciotto named new Executive Director of Wingspan

the community, regionally and across the country," says Carol Lohmann, Wingspan board president.

Prior to joining Wingspan, Jason was employed by the Washington, D.C.-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (the Task Force), where he was research director of the Task Force's Policy Institute in New York City. Jason is a nationally recognized expert on public policy issues affecting LGBT populations. He has written and published a variety of reports and studies, including several on LGBT youth, Hispanic and Latino/a same-sex couple families, and marriage equality. Jason served as a primary spokesperson for the Task Force at press conferences, before legislative bodies, and in LGBT and mainstream media.

Jason brings a personal connection to Wingspan, as a former member of the youth group and one of Wingspan's first employees and grant writers. He is also an alum of the University of Arizona, where he earned a master's degree in public administration.

"Tucson is the community that mentored and inspired me to make the pursuit of equality for LGBT people my life's work," says Jason. "I understand the role Wingspan plays in changing the lives of LGBT people not only in Southern Arizona, but also throughout the country. The personal impact Wingspan had on my life, combined with my professional experience, is part of the foundation that forms my passion, vision and commitment to Wingspan. What an honor and privilege it is to come home to Wingspan and give back to a community that has

given so much to me."

Wingspan celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2008, making it one of the most established LGBT centers in the country. It has more than doubled in size over the past seven years, to a staff of 20 employees, 300 volunteers, a budget of \$1.2 million, and more than 20,000 individuals served each year. Wingspan offers a range of programs - anti-violence, health and wellness, youth and family-focused - that are responsive to a diverse community.

"Since May 2007, the organization has been in transition," says Carol. "We used this period - a pivotal time in our development - to assess the organization. This led us to develop new strategic initiatives that not only strengthen and enhance existing programs, but also provide a vision for future growth."

"I am inspired by the work the staff, volunteers and board have done during this interim period," says Jason. "Their collective knowledge, effort and commitment to Wingspan is part of the reason I chose to return home to this organization and community."

"This is an exciting time for the LGBT and allied community," says Carol. "There has been much progress toward achieving Wingspan's mission of freedom, equality, safety and well-being for LGBT people - and there are still challenges to achieving that mission. Wingspan is well-poised to be a catalyst for change over the next 20 years. Jason brings the energy, experience, and passion to advance our mission and lead us through this new chapter in our history."

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Wingspan Board of Directors announced the selected Jason Cianciotto as Wingspan's new executive director. His selection was the result of an extensive search conducted by a board-appointed search committee, comprised of community, staff and board members. Their national outreach resulted in 21 candidates and three finalists. Jason's tenure begins on April 16; a public reception to welcome him will be held May 15, 5-7:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

"Jason brings to Wingspan tremendous national LGBT policy and advocacy experience. We are confident that his vision and leadership will result in a deepening of our impact on

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SASD Will Meet Monday April 21

TUCSON - Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats (SASD) WILL MEET Monday, April 21, at 7:00 .m. at Howl At The Moon, 915 W. Prince Road.

There will be an update on the coming National Stonewall Conference in Tucson, May 9-11. Also plans for the GLBT Caucus in the State Democratic Party Conference in Phoenix, April 26.

All are welcome to join the group. They need your help in making this a great conference. For more information www.sasdtucson@aol.com or Maurice 323-2293.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Comes To Bisbee

BISBEE - Ten panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, "Names Project," will be on display for the first time in Bisbee and Cochise County, June 8-22.

Usually found in larger cities and larger settings the quilt will be displayed in eight buildings in Old Town Bisbee, creating an educational walk with speakers from Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Arizona Department of Health Services/HIV Prevention, Pima County Health Department and the University of Arizona to mention a few.

Funded in part by a grant from the "Alliance Fund of Southern Arizona" our intent is to educate and re-educate all of Southern Arizona in a "Celebration of Life" educational walk through the streets of Bisbee. The walk is open to anyone who would like to attend. Schools are encouraged to plan field trips, Businesses are encouraged to plan retreats, for many of us this is a once in a life time experience. For further information please call Adam Lamb (520) 236-3699, (520) 432-2216.

Jell-O Wrestlers Wanted

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Have you ever had that fantasy of being Wonder Woman or maybe a cowboy? Has that fantasy ever ended with you wrestling your best friend (or worst enemy) in a pit of 350 gallons of Jell-O? Well - it is time to make your fantasy come true!

SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS

Foundation) are looking for teams of 2 to dress up, strip down, and wrestle to raise money!

Visit jello-wrestling.org for your wrestler application or call Jess at (520) 628-7223 to get your spot on the line-up! These positions go fast - so don't wait a minute longer!

SAGA 10th Anniversary Block Party, April 26

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan's popular "Take Your Last Drag" event will take place at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Saturday, April 26, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., bringing all of the 4th Avenue area together for a Block Party to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance!

Come one, come all to this family-friendly event featuring Too Much Information and lots of fun.

For more information, go online to sagatucson.org.

'Homoneurotic 2', April 18-19 25-27

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Homoneurotic 2, "Bigger, Stronger and Funnier," will run at the Cabaret Theater, Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave.

Homoneurotic is Tucson's own, beloved Gay themed sketch comedy troupe! Come share an evening of fast paced and funny vignettes that chronicle the neurotic (and humorous) "issues" that give life its neurotic flavor.

For tickets and more information, go online to homoneurotic.org.

'Day Of Silence' On UofA Campus

TUCSON (Observer Update) - SPRITE (Students Promoting Respect for Individuality Through Example), a University of Arizona (UA) social/support club group for LGBT and straight ally students, is hosting a series of Day of Silence activities at the UA.

This year's Day of Silence will be held in memory of Lawrence King, a

California 8th-grader who was shot and killed at school on February 12 by a classmate because of Lawrence's sexual orientation and gender identity. Sadly, Lawrence's tragic murder barely made the national news (rememberlarry.com/). To remember Lawrence King, SPRITE has organized a candlelight vigil to be held on Thursday, April 24 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on The University of Arizona Mall. Nationally renowned scholar, researcher, and educator Dr. Stephen Russell will be the featured speaker at the vigil.

On April 25, the Day of Silence will be held to bring attention to anti-LGBT bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools. Students and teachers nationwide will observe the day in silence to echo the silence that LGBT and ally students face everyday. Day of Silence is one of the largest student-led actions in the country. (dayofsilence.org). Participants will not participate in any verbal communication instead handing out "speaking cards" and wearing t-shirts to raise awareness and show solidarity with one another.

'Dim Sum And Then Some', April 25-27

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Whisk away with Reveille on a tour to exotic destinations around the world as they share their stage with various ethnic groups representing 16 countries.

"Dim Sum and Then Some," will run April 25-27, at the Berger Performing Arts Center on the ASDB Campus, 1200 W. Speedway Blvd. Friday and Saturday's curtain will rise at 8:00 p.m., Sunday's performance is a matinee, with the curtain rising at 3:00 p.m.

This is Reveille's spring show and it is the largest and grandest production presented in Tucson. It will involve performances of various ethnic groups from the community that will dance on stage as Reveille sings. Sixteen countries will be represented musically in conjunction with a media production projected on 2 screens on both sides of the Berger stage to enhance the audience's experience as Reveille takes them on an audio and visual world tour.

The show promotes diversity, respect and love of others' cultures, which is a major focus of Reveille's mission. In a period of stress and intolerance in the world, Reveille strives for peace and understanding and to change lives through music. There will be many interesting moments in the program that concludes with the "World Anthem," a composition created by a software program that combines 193 anthems of the world, to be sung by the entire cast.

Reveille Men's Chorus, Tucson's internationally recognized men's chorus, is in its 13th year of changing lives through music. What began in 1995 as a community chorus with an array of singers has grown, morphed and transitioned in to a community institution of seasoned performers with an added public health focus on HIV/AIDS awareness, education and prevention. Under the leadership of artistic director, Linus Lerner, Reveille continues to change lives through music via its volunteer work and outreach performances.

For tickets or more information, call (520) 304-1758 or go online to: reveillechorus.org.

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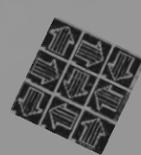


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Desert Voices 'This I Believe' April 19-20

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices finalizes its season of "Hats" with This I Believe on Saturday, April 19, at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, April 20, at 2:00 pm at the Proscenium Theatre, Pima Campus West, 2202 West Anklam Road.

Artistic director Chris Tackett said, "With our usual sense of humor and irreverence we look at what we believe and how we came to believe it. Beautiful songs of faith and hope from many different traditions will be interwoven with our personal stories to create an evening that will make you laugh, cry and think."

Desert Voices will present some of the world's finest choral music, including pieces like Soon-ah Will Be Done by William Dawson, The Road Home by Stephen Paulus, and Why We Sing by Greg Gilpin. Satirical songs are also well represented by pieces like The Vatican Rag by Tom Lehrer and The Fundamental by Eric Lane Barnes.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19 and 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 20. Tickets are available through the Desert Voices Box office at 791-9662, from Antigones on 4th Avenue and from any chorus member. Prices are \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door. Seniors and students are \$12. We are offering a special discount rate of \$10 per ticket for groups of 6 or more, and they accept Visa and Master card. Go online to desertvoices.org for more information.

Around The Old Pueblo

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Get your tickets for the 11th annual "Treasures for TIHAN," Saturday, May 3, at the

Doubletree Reid Park. A sparkling evening of great music, fantastic food, and wonderful auction items to raise funds to support TIHAN's programs and services. With your help, "Treasures for TIHAN" will raise more than 1/3 of TIHAN's annual budget. Tickets for the event are \$65 (or \$75 at the door), of \$32 of which is tax-deductible, and can be purchased by calling (520) 299-6647 or go online to tihan.org. ...

Tickets for the 21st Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza and Benefit Auction are \$20 and are on SALE NOW at Woody's and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Don't wait a minute longer to get yours! The celebration takes place at Woody's, 3710 N Oracle Rd, Sunday, May 4, starting at 2:00 p.m. and you are invited! For more information on wrestling, raffle, or entrance to the party visit jello-wrestling.org or contact Jess at (520) 628-7223 or events@saaaf.org. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). ...

A gathering in celebration of Jim Valiton's life will take place, Saturday, May 10, 2:00 p.m., at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4625 East River Road (corner of Swan and River Roads). Jim's partner Dave Fredericks has requested that gifts in memory of Jim be made to TIHAN, 1011 North Craycroft #301, Tucson, Arizona 85711 (tihan.org) so that the important work of AIDS awareness and support services can live on in memory of Jim. For more information, call TIHAN at (520) 299-6647 or go online to tihan.org.

UPDATE



McCain's Hypocrisy Reaches A New Height

John McCain, the son and grandson of Navy admirals, is a child of privilege who is oblivious to the needs of everyday Americans.

McCain was a screw-up in high school, but there were never any consequences.

Daddy got him into the Naval Academy, where he graduated at the bottom of his class. Some classmates say he wouldn't have graduated at all without Daddy's pull.

Daddy then got him into flight school.

McCain married rich. He is now the seventh richest member of the Senate. He owns eight houses, so it's not surprising he does not favor government intervention in the housing crisis.

Likewise, while he has had government health care since the day he was born, he rails against it and promotes only free market, for-profit solutions to our health-care crisis.

McCain has sent his children to private schools and has the worst rating of any senator on children's issues.

His hypocrisy reached new heights when he recently waxed

eloquent about how we must take care of our veterans, though he has voted against veterans' benefits four times in the last four years.

McCain has not signed on as a sponsor to the new GI bill; he says he doesn't know enough about the bill to support it. The man who bases his campaign on his military record can't take time to study this critical bill.

It makes you wonder how he could ever deal with complexities of being president. Probably badly, like the current occupant.

(Joan Safier is a retired teacher. This letter is reprinted from the April 11 edition of the Tucson Citizen.)

Gay Marriage A Lucrative Business

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - As Gay marriage, civil unions and domestic partnership laws expand, so do inclusive businesses, queerty.com reported.

Throughout the Northeast, competition has spiked among wedding sites, hotels, resorts and inns as the travel industry has realized that same-sex ceremonies can draw scores of guests, who turn these destinations weddings into weekend stays. ... Same-sex couples may be an even more attractive market than their straight counterparts. The Travel Industry Association found that Gay men tend to spend more on travel than heterosexuals do, and most unions in the Northeast involve out-of-state couples - in Vermont, over 80 percent. And a study by the School of Law of the University of California, Los Angeles, found New Jersey alone will make over \$102 million annually from same-sex unions.

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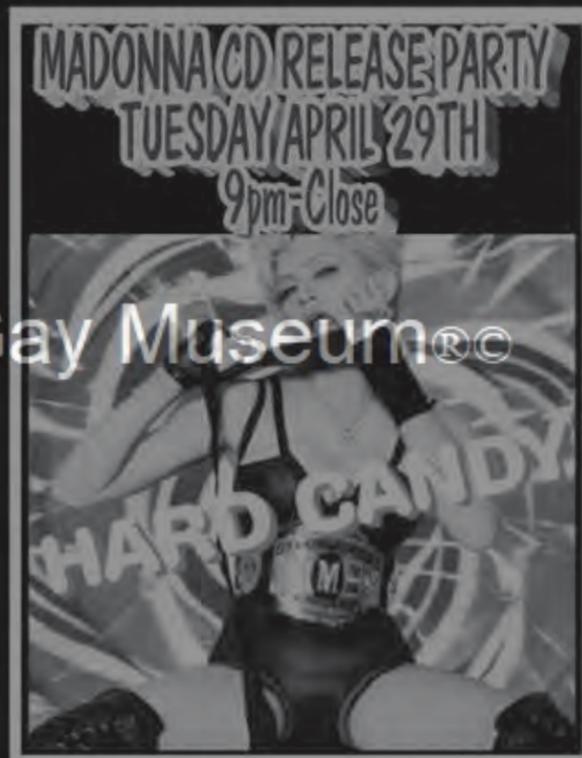
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Center Examines LGBT Military Deaths

SANTA BARBARA, California (Observer Update) - A University of California think-tank estimates that since the war in Iraq began 64 of the servicemembers who died were Gay, reported 365Gay.com.

The total number of U.S. troops who have died since the war began in 2003 has surpassed 4000. According to the Pentagon, 98 of these were women.

The Palm Center, formerly the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military, at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said it based the estimate on previous research into the number of Gays and Lesbians believed to be serving in the military.

The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found that approximately 1.4 percent of active duty men and 9.3 percent of active duty women are Gay.

If the deaths among Gays and Lesbians are proportional to the deaths from the Iraq War of the rest of the military population, that would mean that fifty-five men and nine women who died in uniform were Gay.

Because of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving openly in the military, it is impossible to accurately determine the number of LGBT casualties.

"The sexual orientation of service members is a private matter. But the nation must recognize that Gays and Lesbians are among those giving their lives for their country, a fact that can be obscured by the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which bars service members from being truthful about who they are," the Williams Institute said in a statement.

Since the ban on Gays serving openly was implemented a decade ago more than 11,000 men and women have been dismissed under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" according to the Government Accountability Office.

The number of Gays and Lesbians who have attempted to enlist and rejected because they said they were Gay is not known.

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

The Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which would repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and allow Gays to

serve openly has been reintroduced in Congress and has bipartisan support.

The bill is unlikely to get out of committee during this election year, but hearings could be held.

The numbers of American war dead do not take into account what is believed to be hundreds of Iraqi Gays and Lesbians rounded up and executed by death squads imposing strict Islamic law.

Last year the leader of an exiled Iraqi LGBT rights group told a London conference on homophobia that that militias blamed for the murders of hundreds of Gay men and women are sanctioned by the government and the US-led coalition is doing little to stop the killings.

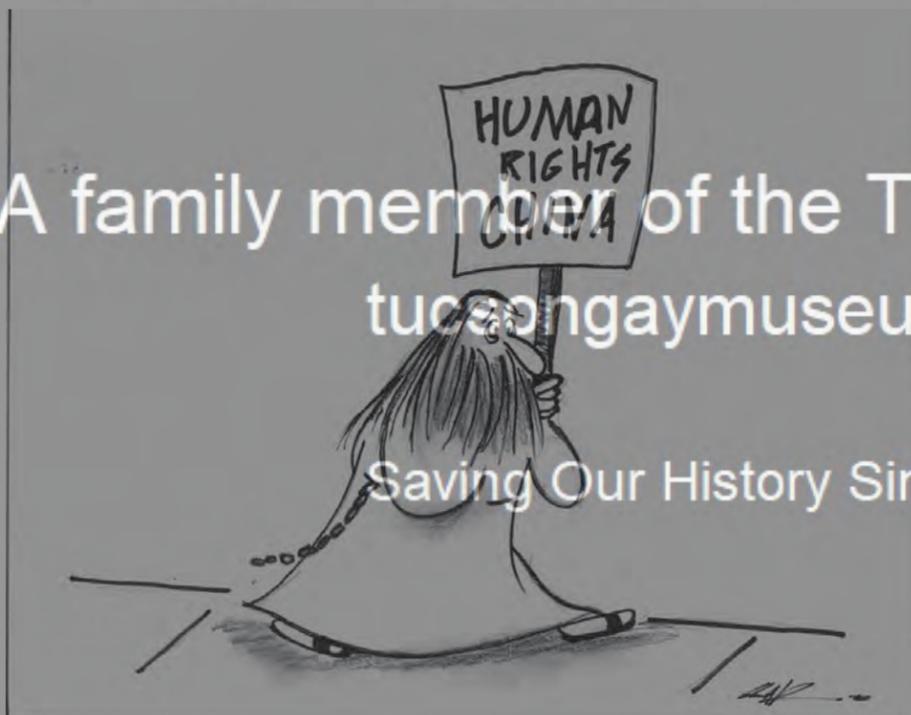
Ali Hili said that the Badr and Sadr militias - the armed wings of the two main Shia parties that control the government of Iraq - are routinely rounding up men and women, primarily in Baghdad, suspected of being Gay. The men and women are never heard from again.

Five members of Hili's own group were taken away in November of 2006. About a dozen members of Rainbow For Life, another Iraqi LGBT group also have been seized and are presumed dead.

Another 70 have been threatened with kidnapping Rainbow For Life has said.

In 2006 the Iraq government strongly criticized a U.N. report on human rights that put its civilian death toll in 2006 at 34,452, saying it is "superficial" because it included people such as homosexuals.

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK



Much Ado About Nothing

by Jack Melichar

I have skipped my regular column this week so I might bring you reviews of two plays - the Clean House and the Twilight of the Golds.

First, the Clean House. Arizona Theatre Company (ATC) has done it again. They have put on an outstanding production of the play penned by Sarah Ruhl. A brief summary - A successful doctor hires a quirky Brazilian maid who hates to clean but loves to make people laugh. When the maid befriends the doctor's oddball sister—who does love to clean—a strange match is made.

It's a fresh, funny offbeat comedy about clean houses, messy lives and the true power of the perfect joke. As I have come to expect from ATC, it is magnificently staged and well acted - a treat in every sense of the word. Variety called the play a "...wondrously mad and moving work..." and Charles Isherwood of The New York Times dubbed it a deeply romantic comedy, "...visionary, tinged with fantasy, extravagant in feeling, maybe a little nuts." Entertainment Weekly magazine named the New York production one of the top ten theatrical attractions of the year.

The play can best be summed up in the very last line, "Everyone needs laughter." I have only one complaint and this has nothing to do with ATC. The woman in front of me smelled like she had taken a bath in either perfume or formaldehyde, and I couldn't be sure which. I have never understood why some women - and some men for that matter - believe they smell like sweaty goats and need to douse themselves so heavily they succeed only in making me cough, sneeze and giving me a headache! There are times when I think I would rather inhale the scent of honest sweat. Then I yank myself back to reality and remember what its like in the summer on Sun Tran but I digress.

This was the last play of the season for ATC, and a fabulous season it was. I am looking forward with baited breath (yes, I do use Listerine, but my breath is still baited) to next year's season. The Clean House will be playing at the Temple of Music and Art through April 26. For ticket information, call (520) 622-2823 or go online to arizonatheatre.org.

The Twilight of the Golds - So let me give you a frightening hypothetical question that just might actually become a reality down the road because of the

way technology keeps advancing. If there was a medical test that could determine that your child was born with defects, hearing or sight problems, or that it is a girl-but you wanted a boy, or that it will have black hair instead of blonde hair, or that he or she would become Gay, what would you do? Would you have the child? Or have an abortion? Give it up for adoption and try again? What would you do? What would our parents have done if that testing was available during their time? That is the alarming question presented in Jonathan Tolins' play.

Before dinner on Rob Stein (Nathan Tucker) & Suzanne Gold-Stein's (Shawnie Desmond) three year anniversary we - and her parents Phyllis (Renata Rouschen) and Walter Gold (William F. Hubbard) - discover she is pregnant. This brings Rob to reveal that his company has created a medical test that can help determine if the child has medical problems. This causes major debates within the family, but then the test reveals that the unborn boy will be "like David (Jason Cabera)," meaning Gay. This is the match that lights the explosion of emotional bloodshed within the family.

I have some issues with the playwright, however. Too much medical jargon and endless opera references weigh the piece down. I wanted more of the gut-wrenching pain within the family to come forth from the scenes of the play. There is some of that, and when Tolins focuses on those emotions, the play is riveting, powerful, and cathartic. Such as the Act Two scene between David and his parents. That fight struck hard. That's what Tolins needed more of in his play. I also have some issues with the direction as well. Rob needs to slow down - he speaks very rapidly - and project more. Suzanne also needs to project more and realize that putting her hand or finger in front of her mouth while speaking doesn't help. Finally, I truly hope that the accent of Phyllis is hers and not an attempt at a Jewish accent. If it the latter, it a failure. I'm from New York, and Yikes, I should know!

Jason Cabera and William F. Hubbard gave believable and convincing performances and having said all that, I still recommend seeing it. A play doesn't have to be perfect in every respect to deserve a viewing, and remember my job as a critic is to be critical. I went to the theater with a friend who enjoyed the production. It will be at the Catalina Players Theater Academy Hall, 6653 E. Carondelet (behind St. Joseph's Medical Center). For ticket information go online to catalinaplayers.org.

Now for a bit of theatrical humor. When George Burns, at the age of 80, played in his first movie, he was asked if learning acting had been difficult. "Acting is easy," he replied. "To act, all you need to know is how to laugh and cry. When I want to laugh, I think of my sex life. If I want to cry, I think of my sex life. Once, I got out of the shower, saw myself in the mirror and laughed and cried at the same time!"

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by Jimmy Petrol

A Little Short

On the most pleasant little street in Tucson, at the Rainbow Planet Coffee Shop, things are a little slow. Of course, they are slow everywhere, now that the business cycle is on the downturn and the jingle of money in our pockets is copper, not gold. So it goes, we say...the "best" places will survive the "downturn" and those that have less to offer, are less shiny and new, will fold. So true. And so wrong.

We tend to have short memories and lives too short to even know about life "before." Life before Gays could be "out" without getting beat up or harassed without recourse. We tend to either not know about places like Bakersfield or be too young to remember when Tucson was "closeted."

Bakersfield, for those who are too cultured to get off the freeway there, is the first town north of the L.A. area....at the start of the long, narrow inland sea of vegetables, cattle and oil. It is now a place more than a million strong, almost all suburban. It is a place where otherwise intelligent seeming people quote Rush Limbaugh and blame the cows for pollution.

It probably shouldn't be a surprise that the area is not supportive of "out" establishments. I might not shock you to find that there are no Gay establishments of any sort. What might surprise you is how that happened.

When the economy is all milk and honey, the People of the Tiny Brain relax and adopt a laissez-faire attitude towards our "vice." This is entirely due to the fact that when the Tiny Brained People have lots of money, they can afford a little "vice" all their own, so they are less jealous of the rest of us. But now things are bad. Money has run away from all the good little conservatives and liberals alike....and life is dull and gray for the People of the Tiny Brain. They fret. They fidget and begin to rant about sex in all its ugly, natural forms....they cannot get it for money and don't want it for love, so they are without it and they are mad.

In the last part of the last century, Bakersfield had a bunch of Gay bars. Lots of folks "out" lots of nights...there was a place to "be." Enter the Tiny Brained Police Force. Imagine sitting in your

favorite, safe little Gay bar. All is well; the mood is quiet and festive, the clink of glasses and the gentle buzz of the cognoscenti all a calming balm for jangled nerves. The door opens, and in comes a Blue Suit. Then another. Then a lady cop, all tough and business, and more....a silent, serious, malevolent troop files silently into the bar...soon all the aisles are filled with them...they are thirty strong and impressive. They say nothing, only stopping at each of us to stare into our eyes, to send the message.

They are there because it is a Gay bar and they are going to close it. Not all at once. No. We sit there, glad we are not wanted, and wait. A few are chosen, escorted out...how they are chosen is a mystery...but they either go to jail or go home when the cops are done with them. That is the message; we will get you if we can.

The Bakersfield Police Department always had a "call" about "loud" or suspicious behavior. They always sent the dozen cars and thirty officers because they were being cautious. Of course. But the upshot is that they closed 'em. All of them....they are all gone. The thing that is not so easy to close is the "legit" business, the little Gay coffee shop, the little Gay bistro.

For places like The Planet, to exist is to stand on the front line against the People of the Tiny Brain when they are not rich enough to amuse themselves otherwise. When the Blue Suits get sent to close the Gay bars, they might be able to do it; they did it in Bakersfield. But when they go to close The Planet, it will have to be with a different strategy. It is the "non-vice" establishments like these that really dignify the Gay community; they are unassailable in their innocence.

A community that forgets how easily and efficiently Gays can be driven underground needs to be reminded, go on over to Bakersfield. But I can't come. I'm going to sit over at the planet, on the sidewalk out front, while I can, while it stands.

(Jimmy Petrol can be reached at jpetrouliss@yahoo.com.)

Your Credit Score will Affect Your Auto Insurance

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Shouldn't your driving history, as well as risk factors for living in areas known for traffic accidents be the main determiners of your auto insurance rate? Not entirely, reported gfn.com. You have to add a bad credit history to the list of determiners, because your credit data is probably being analyzed to determine your insurance rates as well.

According to a study by Conning & Co., an insurance research and asset management firm, 92 of the 100 largest personal auto insurance companies in the U.S. use credit data in underwriting new business. And black marks on your credit report bump up your auto insurance rates. From where you sit, there may not seem to be any rational basis for this bias, but the Insurance Information Institute says there's a connection between your credit record and the likelihood of you filing an auto insurance claim.

Drivers at the bottom of the credit heap file 40% more claims than drivers at the top. When all is said and done, a consumer with bad credit could pay 20%-50% more in auto insurance premiums than a person who has good credit. The good news is that these increased rates typically apply to underwriting new cus-

tomers. For contract renewals, only 14% of the nation's largest insurers use credit data to determine rates.

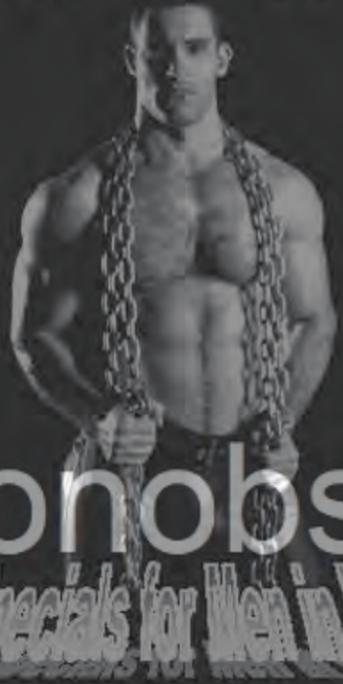
In the topsy turvey world of insurance, someone with a poor driving record and clean credit history could actually end up paying less for auto insurance than someone with a spotless driving record and a spotty credit record. Auto insurance companies receive an insurance score from the credit bureaus based on the information in your credit record.

Fair, Isaac and Co., the folks who created the FICO scoring system, provides the credit bureaus with the formulas to crunch insurance scores. Credit experts say they look to see how someone has been managing credit, which, they claim, is a harbinger of stability. If you're having credit problems, debt counselors suggest sticking with your current auto insurer until your credit record improves. If you must shop for a new auto policy, ask the insurer if they use credit data in their decision-making process. Not all insurance companies do, and not all states allow this information to be used in determining insurance rates.

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G/L Catholics Urge Pope To Enter Dialogue

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - In advance of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the U.S., three prominent Gay Catholics have urged the pontiff to enter into a dialogue with Lesbian and Gay Catholics.

They addressed the pontiff through open statements about their lives, loves, and hopes for the church at a press conference. The event entitled 'A Few Minutes with the Pope: Lesbian/Gay Catholics Speak About Their Church' was sponsored by New Ways Ministry, a 31-year-old national Catholic ministry of justice and reconciliation for Lesbian and Gay Catholics.

It featured panellists, all of whom are Lesbian or Gay Catholics, and included outstanding names from the worlds of literature, government, and health care including Gregory Maguire, author of more than a dozen children's novels and several for adults,

most notably Wicked, which has been adapted into the Tony-award winning Broadway musical show. Speakers also included Deborah Mizeur, an instructor of health politics and health financing at Georgetown University, and a former congressional advisor on healthy policy to the Committee on Ways and Means and Heather Mizeur, a recognized leader in the debate about legalizing same-sex marriage.

New Ways Ministry's Executive Director, Francis DeBernardo, explained why they felt it was important for the pope to hear the messages of Lesbian and Gay people. He noted Benedict's former role in shaping Church teaching. "As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under John Paul II, this churchman was the prime architect of policies and new teachings which were responsible for turning

Widely-Used Government Textbook Under Fire After Student Raises Concerns

KEARNY, New Jersey - Talk about a civics lesson: A high-school senior has raised questions about political bias in a popular textbook on U.S. government, and legal scholars and top scientists say the teen's criticism is well-founded, 365Gay.com reported.

They say "American Government" by conservatives James Wilson and John Dilulio presents a skewed view of topics from global warming to separation of church and state to Gay rights. The publisher now says it will review the book, as will the College Board, which oversees college-level Advanced Placement courses used in high schools.

Student Matthew LaClair of Kearny, N.J., recently brought his concerns to the attention of the Center for Inquiry, an Amherst, N.Y., think tank that promotes science and which has issued a scathing report about the textbook.

"I just realized from my own knowledge that some of this stuff in the book is just plain wrong," said LaClair, who is using the book as part of an AP government class at Kearny High School.

The textbook is designed for a college audience, but also is widely used in AP American government courses, said Richard Blake, a spokesman for the publisher, Houghton Mifflin Co. Blake said the company "will be working with the authors to evaluate in detail the criticisms of the Center for Inquiry." Blake said some disputed passages already have been excised from the newest edition of the book. Both authors are considered conservative. Dilulio, a University of Pennsylvania professor, formerly worked for the Bush administration as director of faith-based initiatives. Wilson is the Ronald Reagan Professor of Public Policy at Pepperdine University. Neither responded immediately to calls seeking comment.

New Assisted Living Center Meets Needs Of G/L Seniors

FAIR OAKS, California (Observer Update) - The state is now home to one of the first Gay senior centers in the country. The owners here say it's the first center in the state catering to Lesbian and Gay seniors. But it is open to any older person needing help with daily chores- even straight clients like Wells Bain who is blind in one eye, but sees himself as a very tolerant person.

"I was like a kid at 65. I learned more about the human nature since I was 65 than I did before," said Bain, the first client at Camellia Assisted Living

The inspiration behind Camellia Assisted Living is Ruth Caway. She opened her own care home years ago, but wanted to support her daughter who opened this place just six months ago. A place where Ruth and her partner

could one day end up. "A lot of Lesbians when I was raising kids didn't have kids. And now they do. So the ones that are older that didn't have children back then will be looking for some place loving to be," Ruth Caway said.

The Camellia Assisted Living Facility feels more like a bed and breakfast than it does a senior center, but the owners here have a business model, designed to tap into the growing number of older Gays and Lesbians needing assistance. Owner Joseph Gsell said, "There's about three million elderly Gays right now over the age of 65." A six bedroom facility that's open to all seniors, regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

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Friday Night: Banquet event hosted by Tucson's City Councilmembers, whom are also members of Stonewall Democrats. Keynote speaker Governor Barbara Roberts of Oregon. Special recognition awards will be presented. Tickets for Friday night's Banquet are \$50.

Saturday Afternoon: Luncheon. Tickets will be \$25.

Saturday Evening: Dinner at several local LGBT owned/friendly restaurants. Bus transportation provided. A Silent Auction and Black & White Ball follows including costumes from tuxedos and gowns, leather and lace, or jeans and t-shirts. We request the wearing of black and/or white. Tickets for Saturday's **Black & White Ball with desert buffet** are \$20.

Party officials from across the country will attend the conference. Join with the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats and make this a very special event.

A private reception will be held on Thursday evening with Oregon's Governor Roberts for major donors and the Board members of the National Stonewall Democrats and the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats. If you are interested in becoming a major donor, please contact Les Krambeal, Co-Chair of the Stonewall Democrats and Region 7 Director, National Stonewall Democrats at leskrambeal@yahoo.com.

For more information about the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats contact our Co-chair Brenda Nowlan at sasdtucson@yahoo.com and for more information about the National Stonewall Democrats visit our web site at www.stonewalldemocrats.org

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COMMENTARY....

by Wayne Besen

Standing Up To Stand-Up Comics

It was business as usual when Tonight Show host Jay Leno asked his guest, Ryan Phillippe, to give his "Gayest look" because he once played a Gay character on the soap opera "One Life to Live." The mortified reaction of Phillippe, however, combined with the outrage of Gay rights groups, hopefully represents the end of a shameful era where it was acceptable to portray homosexuals as punch lines instead of people. While Leno apologized, the industry has a sorry record of thoughtlessly exploiting Gays for cheap laughs.

Gay advocates have traditionally given comedians and sitcom writers wide latitude because for decades their material offered rare visibility. At one time, it was a relief when comedians made cracks about the "love that dare not speak its name," even if it came with the cruel cost of homosexuals being made the constant butt of tasteless jokes. While their words stung, they were certainly preferable to railing preachers who declared Gays sinful or the conservative politicians who attacked basic legal rights.

With little information about homosexuality - comedy offered a way to raise the topic among peers. Gay people could use the occasion of a joke to see how friends reacted and get a better idea who might be accepting - or who also might be Gay.

Additionally, comedy served as a useful icebreaker in educating people about this controversial topic. For example, when I attended The University of Florida in the early 1990's, I would often speak to social science classes about my sexual orientation. Most of the students, at that time, had no openly Gay friends. To break the palpable tension, I regularly told a joke about how I came out to my girlfriend.

I recounted to the students that since I was unable to utter the word "Gay", I took three tangerines off of a tree. One represented me, the other my girlfriend and the third a guy I was interested in at school. I then guardedly told my girlfriend, "if I were to go on a date, who would I go out with. After that, with hesitation, I slid the citrus that represented me, next to the produce that represented my male crush. The self-deprecating punch line was, "that was certainly one way to tell my girlfriend that I was a fruit."

The joke was always a hit and many of the students opened their minds after they laughed. Humor was a way to find common ground so we could discuss the real issues of crass stereotypes and rampant discrimination.

Nonetheless, I would never dream of telling that antiquated joke today as the world has dramatically changed. In contemporary America, the majority of people know someone who is Gay or Lesbian. Visibility is no longer a major issue and there are positive role models for today's Gay youth. There are also a plethora of state and federal laws that now protect homosexuals from discrimination, while the next generation is favorably disposed to full marriage rights.

Indeed, in 2008 there is nothing shocking or bizarre about the existence of Gay people in everyday life. We are bankers, sanitary workers, doctors, parents, flight attendants and talk show hosts. Unfortunately, many comedians still act as if it were 1978 and immaturely treat homosexuality like an exotic novelty.

If one watches network sitcoms, gags involving Gays are disturbingly ubiquitous. The wise-cracks are astounding in their sheer number and outright brazenness. After all, could you imagine if Leno had learned that an actor's first role was a Jew and he urged him to "look Jewish"?

Unfortunately, there is a double standard when it comes to homosexuals in America. All too often, it is acceptable to disguise humiliation as humor, with the audience laughing at us, not with us. One wonders if many of today's writers could complete a sitcom script without lacing it with homophobic laugh lines.

Deciding when a joke is funny or anti-Gay fodder is a delicate task. It does not help the Gay and Lesbian movement to be seen as killjoys, but, at the same time, much damage is done when we are comically killed for the joy of others. Society should be concerned whether the cumulative effect of demeaning jokes has a negative impact on Gay teenagers, who are more likely to commit suicide.

So, where is the appropriate place to draw the line?

If Gay individuals or groups do something that is actually amusing or absurd, it is perfectly acceptable that they be laughed at and lampooned. However, simply being Gay - or insinuating that someone is homosexual - should not be considered inherently funny. The punch line should never be: "Ha, ha, ha, you're Gay." If the comedy writers can't come up with more creative jokes, they should seriously consider new jobs.

Jay Leno's interview with Ryan Phillippe was quite perfunctory and the comedian had no apparent malice. He had simply trotted out a tired industry formula that had been repeated thousands of times. But, the old routine did not elicit a routine response, signifying that Gay people are finally standing up to the stand-up comics.

(Wayne Besen is an author, activist, columnist and public speaker. He is the founder and executive director for Truth Wins Out, an organization that counters the ex-Gay movement and right wing disinformation campaigns. Besen is the author of a book nominated this year for two Lambda Literary Awards, "Anything But Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth". This article is reprinted from 365Gay.com).

Schwarzenegger Vows To Fight Calif. G/L Marriage Ban Initiative

SAN DIEGO, California (Observer Update) - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told a group of Gay Republicans that an attempt to ban same-sex marriage by changing the state Constitution is a "total waste of time" and promised to oppose such an initiative if it qualifies for the state ballot.

Backers of the measure criticized the governor as a liberal despite his Republican Party affiliation, while supporters of same-sex marriage applauded Schwarzenegger. Schwarzenegger's staff said the governor, who has vetoed legislation to legalize same-sex marriage in recent

years, has not changed his stance on the issue but simply wants the state Supreme Court to decide the legality of current state law.

Schwarzenegger said he is opposed to amending the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriage.

Photographer To Appeal Human Rights Fine For Refusing To Take Lesbian Couple Pictures

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (Observer Update) - Attorneys for a photographer say they appeal "as for as it will go" a finding that she violated the New Mexico human rights law by refusing to take pictures of the commitment ceremony of a Lesbian couple, pageoneq.com reported.

Vanessa Willock filed a complaint with the New Mexico Human Rights Commission alleging that when she and her partner approached photographer Elaine Huguenin to photograph the ceremony they were told by Huguenin she would only photograph traditional marriages. Following an investigation and hearing the commission issued a one-page ruling, finding that Huguenin had violated the state Human Rights Act and ordered her to pay \$6,637 for Willock's attorney's fees and costs.

Huguenin was represented by the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), a conservative Christian law practice involved in fighting LGBT rights in a number of states. ADF maintains the commission failed to take into consideration Huguenin's religious protections

which also are guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution. "The fact she is a commercial business does not mean she loses her constitutional protection, ADF senior counsel, Jordan Lorence told The Associated Press. "The constitution prevents the government from forcing people to choose between their faith and their livelihood," he said.

"There's a great artistic component to photography, and a lot of messages are communicated with a wedding-type ceremony ... No one should be compelled to participate in a ceremony when they disagree with it. The government is compelling speech here in a way that violates the First Amendment." Jordan said he plans to appeal to state district court, but did not rule out appeals all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Willock's attorney, Julie Sakura, said she was pleased with the commission finding and believed it will stand up in appeal. "I feel that it is an important decision towards defining the responsibilities of business when they offer their services to the public in this state," she told The AP. Legislation to recognize domestic partnerships was approved last year in the New Mexico House but died in committee in the Senate earlier this year.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

No Free Handouts

This current session of the Arizona Legislature continues, limping toward the 100-day mark, delving into inane, stupid subjects, wasting the taxpayer's time and importantly, money, while other topics such as the state budget and the ever increasing shortfall continues to be "spun" as the clock ticks toward economic oblivion for everyone in the Grand Canyon State.

Even with this economic storm and time of crisis, Arizona's Republican legislators listened to their "handlers," Cathi Herrod and the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP) and have resurrected a proposed state constitutional amendment, defining marriage as between "one man and one woman."

If this measure, know known as Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1042, receives the approval by the Legislature, with no amendments added, voters would consider this, since it would be placed on the November general election ballot.

Arguments are being made that voters already voted on a measure in 2006, then known as Proposition 107 and turned it down by a 52% to 48% margin.

It has been brought up that there is already Arizona law on the subject (A.R.S. 25-101 and A.R.S. 25-112) for twelve years and that it has been upheld in court in the case and decisions regarding Standhardt v. Superior Court in 2003 and 2004.

So why then do Herrod and her ilk deserve to get a "free-pass" by placing this measure on the November general election ballot?

A "free-pass" is not having to pay political consultants or petition circulators funds to get the minimum 230,047 valid signatures of registered Arizona voters to place a proposed amendment to the state constitution on the ballot for consideration.

For an initiative, referendum or proposed constitutional amendment, if proponents cannot get the required signatures, they will pay in the range of \$1-\$2 per valid signature to paid petition circulators.

So if a group, wanting to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot in Arizona decides to go this route, it could cost them a minimum of \$230,000 to a possible half million dollars, and an additional cost to firms who deal in paid petition circulators.

In 2006, Cathi Herrod and CAP utilized this with their proposed constitutional amendment barring recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships, then known as Proposition 107.

Herrod and CAP hired Nathan Sproul of Sproul and Associates to run the "Yes on 107" campaign, which was defeated by voters in November of that year, making Arizona the first state of 28 to reject such a measure.

State Representative Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, isn't trying to take the easy way out with her initiative drive to place on the November ballot a measure protecting the rights of workers in Arizona from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, known as "Free to Work Arizona," (I-19-2008).

Sinema announced that there is money to fund a signature drive by paid petition circulators to get the minimum 153,365 valid signatures of registered Arizona voters needed to place her measure on the November general election ballot.

So with that, why then does Cathi Herrod and CAP deserve a "free handout" on their ballot measure?

Let your state Representatives and Senator know of your opposition to SCR 1042 and this potential "free handout" by going online to eqfed.org/campaign/scr1042_house.

Planet Out To Sell Advocate, Out, Books To Here TV

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - Gay and Lesbian media portal PlanetOut, Inc. agreed to sell its magazine and book publishing business to Here Networks for \$6 million in cash.

San Francisco-based PlanetOut signed a letter of intent with Regent Releasing, an affiliate of New York-based Here, which is a Gay and Lesbian television network. A formal agreement should be done by April 30 and the deal should close by August 31. PlanetOut publishes magazines like Out and Advocate, but wants to return its focus to its web sites Gay.com and planetout.com, which have been contributing a smaller percentage of its

revenue recently.

The company's online segment has been contributing less to its revenue for each of the last three years. In 2005 it accounted for 87 percent, in 2006 54 percent, and in 2007 51 percent. Magazine publishing's portion of total revenue rose in each of those years, from 13 percent in 2005 to 46 percent in 2006 and 49 percent in 2007.




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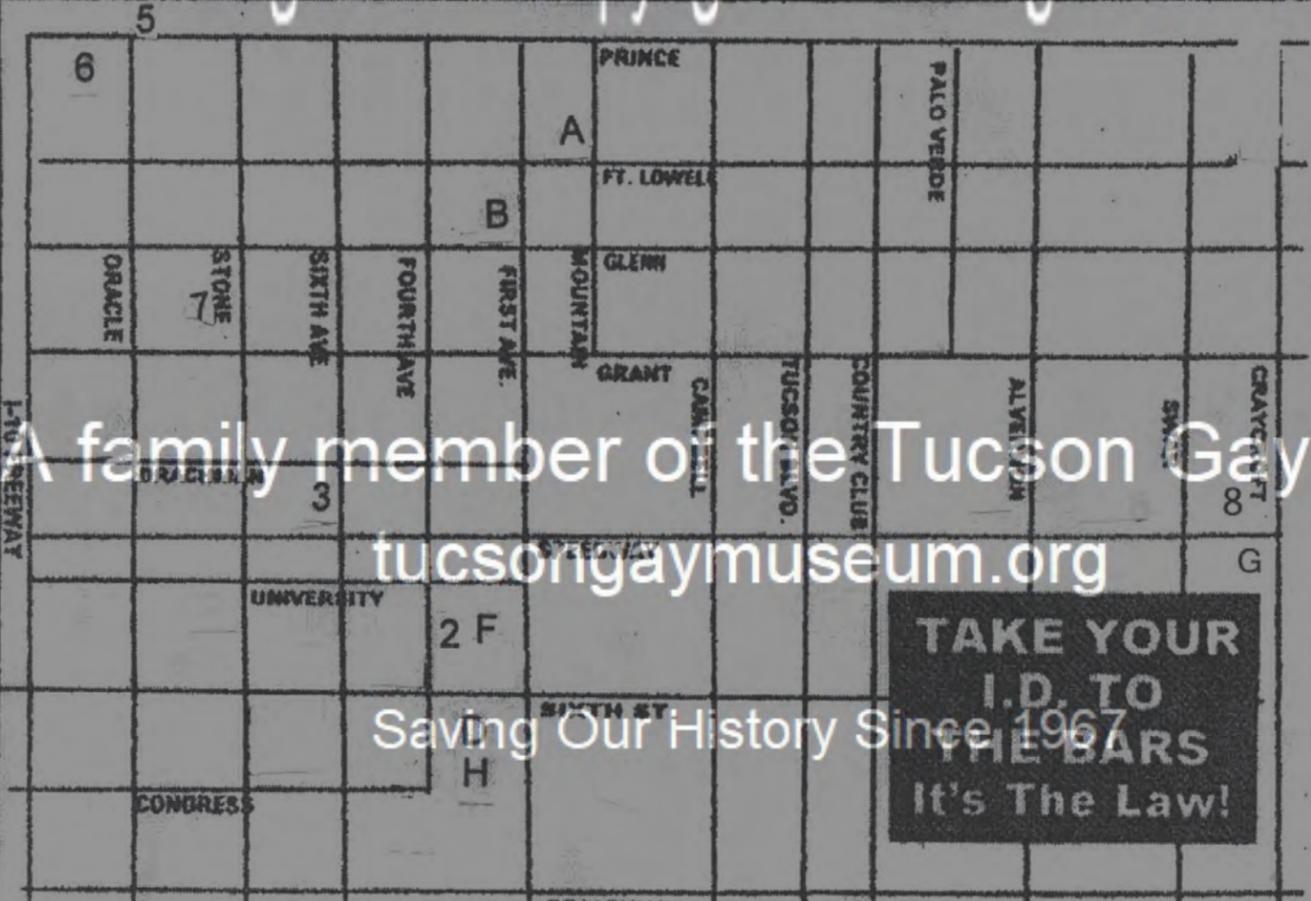
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PFLAG Releases Tape Of Disputed Meeting With Kern

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma (Observer Update) - A Gay rights group released a 40-minute audio recording of a meeting between members of the group and state Rep. Sally Kern in hopes of shedding light on the content and context of that meeting.

Kern and Loyce Newton-Edwards, president of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, originally described the meeting as cordial. But two days after meeting with representatives of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Kern said she would not meet with them again because they "have taken my statements and have spun them to make it appear that I am backing off my comments that homosexuality is a sin."

The release of the recording of that meeting is the latest round of a verbal battle between Kern and members of the Gay community since segments of a presentation she made to a Republican Party club were made public on YouTube last month.

New York Governor Pledges Support For G/L Marriage

ALBANY, New York (Observer Update) - Gov. David Paterson sent a video message in lieu of a personal appearance at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 2008 New York Leadership Awards dinner, at which he was supposed to be honored along with filmmaker John Waters.

Paterson opted to skip out on the event in favor of attending the ongoing budget negotiations in Albany. In the video, Paterson declared in the "spirit of Dr. King," that the LGBT community deserves equal rights, adding that he was proud to have run on a ticket with (now former) Gov. Eliot Spitzer that was the first in the country to advocate for same-sex marriage "and to win on that premise."

Recalling how the Assembly passed Gay marriage last year for the first time, Paterson said that while he lobbied for that vote, he came to the realization that while marriage equality in New York "may not come just this moment...it is no longer an issue mostly for conviction, it is an issue for courage."

NGLTF Names Acting Director

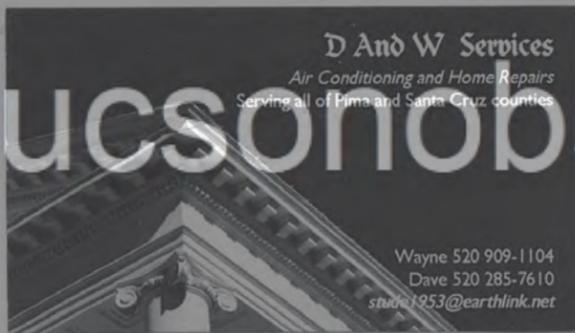
WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has named Rea Carey as its acting executive director while the organization continues the search for a full-time director, The Washington Blade reported.

Carey, who is deputy executive director, will temporarily succeed Matt Foreman, who will step down this month. Carey, who is not being considered for the permanent position, said the organization is strong and that she will keep the direction consistent with Foreman's guidance.

"We are in such a strong place because of Matt's leadership over the last five years," she said to the Blade. "So I'm enjoying being able to serve in this role, but also knowing that whoever steps into this role is going to have a great organization to lead." Foreman is moving to the Gay and Lesbian Program at the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund.

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Kintoscoped: by Chris Peters

"Help Me! Help Me!" - Guilty Pleasures on Video. The Fly Collection, Twentieth Century-Fox Home Entertainment, released 2007. Those over forty and a few nerdy thirty-somethings (and, yes, I include myself in the latter category) will get the joke in the header above. The rest of you might find something interesting in this collection of the original "Fly" films released between 1958 and 1965.

Those used to David Cronenberg's 1986 fine but gory remake of the original film might find the latter tame, but it might surprise you as well. Based on a 1957 short story by George Langelaan that first appeared in Playboy magazine, it tells the story of Andre Delambre, a Canadian research scientist and family man who discovers a way to break down matter and transport it through space for reassembly later. Plates, newspapers, guinea pigs and a doomed cat are sent whizzing through space and, cheered by the successful attempts, Andre transports himself. Unknown to him, a house fly is in the disintegrator booth with him and they are reassembled with their atoms mixed. The result: Andre has the fly's head and arm, and the fly his. When attempts to capture the fly fail, Andre is forced to destroy himself with his wife's help so that no further such disasters can happen.

The first half of the film plays as a mystery/crime drama, with the science fiction element appearing later on. It is well-written and acted and the director demanded that the cast play things seriously; obviously with such an outrageous plot things could've become more than a little campy. As it is it plays well as decent science fiction with a tragically romantic undercurrent. Vincent Price, Al (later known as David) Hedison, Herbert Marshall and Patricia Owens are featured in this fine film, one of the best of its genre from the 1950's.

When the first film became a surprise money-maker Fox immediately set about producing a sequel but, and I'm sorry to say that things haven't really changed much in the sequel department in the last fifty years, the result, "Return of the Fly," was a cheaper film and looks it. It's dumb, dumb, dumb but, and this where some of the guilty pleasure comes from, it's still entertaining in its moronic way. The film picks up about ten years after the original, with Andre's son Phillippe following in daddy's footsteps. The expected man/fly mix occurs once again, and we're off on all kinds of idiotic low-budget excitement.

The third film, "The Curse of the Fly" produced in 1965, winds up the tale of the doomed Delambre family in a very bizarre way. Populated by mutant freaks and insanity, this is one weird film that almost defies description—you just have to see it. The fourth disc contains an interesting A&E biography of Vincent Price, a brief 'making of' feature on the original film, and trailers for all three films. It's a mixed bag; I expected more. The original film also boasts an amusing commentary by Al Hedison, the only surviving principal cast member. He's not a bit afraid to say what's on his mind, so be forewarned...

Fox created new transfers for this video release and they've done a fine job. All three films were photographed in CinemaScope and are letterboxed to that widescreen aspect ratio and are enhanced for 16x9 playback. "The Fly" looks far better than its earlier DVD release; the original was taken from a print that was going yellow with age. This one has better color and "cleaner" whites and shows less digital compression. The sequels are very good black-and-white transfers with good grey scale. Their mono soundtracks sound fine. The original may cause some surprise with its original four-track stereo sound; video

geeks and those unaccustomed to hearing stereo from such a vintage source will find it a lot of fun. The extras are a bit disappointing and I do think the set, which runs \$40, is a bit overpriced but I have no doubt that the films will become available individually—and much cheaper—in the next few months, something Fox just loves to do. If you are a fan of the series you'll want to pick this boxed set up; if you want to cherry-pick the series hang on a few months and you'll be able to do so for a song.

(Chris Peters spring fully-formed in 1969, a suspiciously appropriate year. Details become sketchy here, but references on various stone tablets indicate something about wandering in the wilderness for twenty years. A local four-year institution of higher learning, demonstrating the new lows to which it had been forced to stoop, accepted him into its College of Education in 1991. He was bodily ejected with degrees in Mathematics and Mathematics Education in 1995 and promptly rolled into the nearest gutter but now spends his days dozing in this classroom, where he professes to "teach" high school math and astronomy. Chris volunteers for SAAF when not bounced from meetings and is a member of the illustrious Tucson Knight Owls.)

Detroit Bans Transgender Discrimination

Detroit, Michigan (Observer Update) - Detroit has become the latest city to ban discrimination on the basis of gender identity. City council voted 8-1 to amend the city's nondiscrimination ordinance which already bars discrimination against Lesbians and Gays.

"The passage of this human rights ordinance is a great positive step forward for the City and we are pleased to have been involved on the ground level to ensure the inclusion of gender identity," said Kate Runyon, Interim Executive Director of the Triangle Foundation. The Detroit-based Triangle Foundation worked for 17 years to get an all inclusive ordinance. The addition of "gender identity or expression" to anti-discrimination laws protects all people who don't conform to rigid gender norms. "The City Council has shown tremendous leadership and courage today and we congratulate them on this declaration of the City's openness and commitment to inclusion," said Runyon.

City Council President Kenneth Cockrel, Jr. said the new law will mean "every Detroit citizen to be protected from all forms of discrimination, injustice, and harm." "The practices and policies of the City of Detroit should promote a public confidence in the fairness and equal treatment of any and all human beings," said Cockrel.

Retrial For Mitchell Grobeson

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) Former police officer Mitchell Grobeson will get another day in court, dailybreeze.com reported.

A Los Angeles judge ruled that Grobeson's anti-Gay discrimination case against the LAPD must be retried after a juror admitted to pre-judging in favor of the city.

The case dates back to 1988, when LAPD officials attempted to suppress his public Gay expressions, claims Grobeson, who is seeking \$4.4 million in damages, reported queerty.com.

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Wednesday, April 16th
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand & Foot with Jack 887-3736.

#2 Last day to make reservation for Sunday (April 20th) brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

Thursday, April 17th
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times

#2 Please call Lloyd at 792-8537 before Noon today to reserve for tomorrow night's MSN Pizza Night!

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Friday, April 18th
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Tucson Prime Timers Invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM Colors, 5350 East Speedway www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday, April 19th
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Contact Steve at 664-2076.

#2 Saturday April 19th
 Coffee at the Crave Coffee Shop 4530 E Broadway at 1pm.

Tucson Prime Timers-6PM Meet us for Drinks & Grub at Woody's Bar, 3710 N Oracle www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Sunday, April 20th
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:00p.m. Dinner Out at one of Tucson's Ultra-Fabulous Buffets. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail

thomsepals@hotmail.com, or Ken at 294-6606. Please contact Thom or Ken by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under \$10. Check the Yahoo MSN on-line calendar for the scheduled place. The venue is rotated to include all parts of town, and may occasionally be held at a full-service menu restaurant.

#2 Sunday brunch at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch at 12:30. Please contact Lloyd at 792-8537. The cost is \$17.50 for a great buffet brunch.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our Weekly Sunday Brunch. This week: 11AM, Colors, 5350 East Speedway www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Monday, April 21st
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday. Contact Stephen at 241-7854 to add yourself to their e-mail list.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Newsletter Night & Movie! Help us bend, fold, spindle, mutilate, and mail the MSN Newsletter, and enjoy snacks and this month's movie. Info at 323-7414.

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Thursday, April 24th
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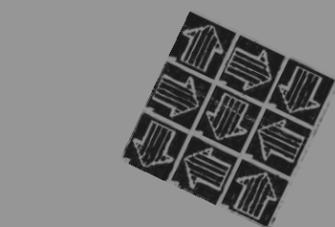
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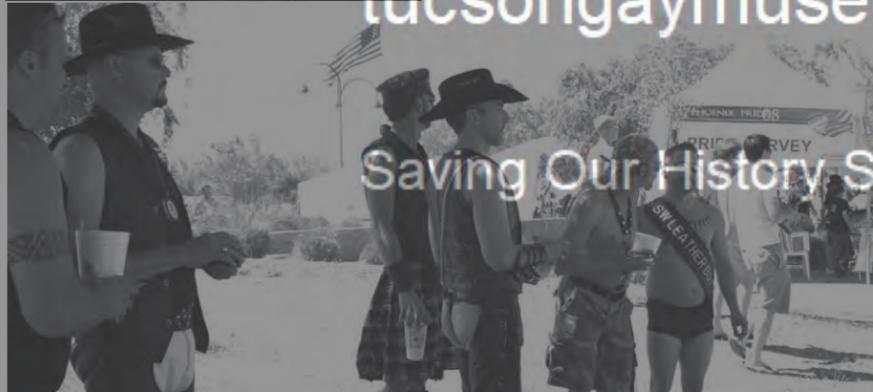
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ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

If spring cleaning is on your personal agenda, Mars trine Uranus is the time to sweep out the psychological debris along with a few stubborn dust bunnies. Proud Rams find great power and resource in the process. So release all those gremlins out into the fresh air. They will then lose their control over you. Liberation is in the stars, comrade. It is also in the sunlight.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Your communication packs a punch while Mars trines Uranus. Queer Bulls with a thing or two on their mind can lighten their verbal load and see the hefty impact. But don't toss your pearls before any old swine. Sometimes you have to pick and choose your target. The choosier you are, the more control and impact you ultimately have. At least you will think so.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

While you would like to earn more money, Mars trine Uranus can bring it to your wallet though other means than through the corporate bureaucracy. Something creative clicks into place and your efforts are recognized and rewarded by outside opportunities. Of course that implies that you would have to put in the sweat before you get the equity. Oh well.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

There is something about Gay Crabs that sets the scenery on fire. Not only do you have the get up and go, you can take it to the Outer limits. This is no time to sit at home and contemplate your navel. (Or anyone else's for that matter) It is the time to set your sights on the far horizon and make a global impact. Increase your carbon footprint through sheer carbonation.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

There is something or someone working behind the scenes on your behalf. Of course proud Lions are too impatient to sit back and quietly read the tea leaves. They would rather forge ahead and roar their needs and wants. Sit back and be quiet if you can. Sometimes things move without you having to push, push, push, you pushy thing.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Friends get into your act when Mars trines Uranus. Allow them to help, cajole and maneuver around you. If you are single, they fix you up. If you are currently involved, they may find unique and delightful ways to light up your match. Queer Virgins sometimes think that they know all the answers but there are some questions about that ability at this time.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Will you make your big corporate move when Mars trines Uranus? You certainly can try. Proud Libras find that any meager effort has extra oomph. You can impress the senior staff and take big advantage of any small opportunity. Keep your ear to the ground, nose to the grindstone and finger on the pulse. Yes I know it is a silly pose but you can do it.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Travel will not only bring a new appreciation for your current living situation, it is also a great source of fun

and romance. Queer Scorps should plan a quick getaway and get away. There is no limit to the benefits. Not only can you feel refreshed spiritually, it will give you more energy to tackle new outlets and pastimes. Pack a camera and see what develops.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Gay Archers have that je ne sais quois when Mars trines Uranus. So be sure to ramp up your temporary quota of quois and spread the joy around with current and future lovers. Suddenly you can create the perfect home environment that sparkles with excitement. And considering your domestic skills, that is about all that sparkles. Maybe you should hire a housekeeper...?

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

If certain people have been getting on your nerves, this may be the perfect week to diplomatically tell it like it is. Pink Caps hate to rock the boat but now you can gently lilt it and soothe the turgid waters. Think about what is at the core of the problem and find ways to overcome any issue. Procrastination gets you nowhere. If not now, then when? If not you, then who?

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

If you have delusions of grandeur, this is the week to become totally delusional. Aqueerians are not only super efficient, they are also hardworking and can make their efforts noticed and rewarded at work. So make the most of this profitable energy by asking for the order. Then expect a quick boost in your money supply to offset your current increased demand.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies are especially charming and charismatic while Mars trines Uranus. Not only can you make a big splash among folks who do not know you well, it may even result in a fabulous first impression. Move into more important social circles. Then meet and greet and show them how creative and fun filled you are. Your cup runneth over. Do you have a saucer for all that sauce?

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info,

Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or 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

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 19 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 207-5336 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 (TIHAN) 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, contract **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.

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 OUToberFEST. 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.

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.

THIS WAY OUT, 1/2 hour national GLBT show. 4:30 p.m. on Sundays only 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; Dezerz Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz 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 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.

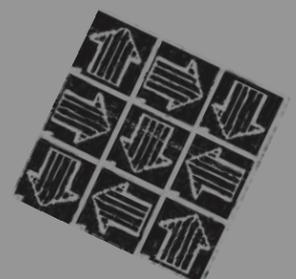
LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at 3 Jewels, 314 E. 6th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for 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 BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.



DAILY BAR CALENDAR

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

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 4-6m. 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 (2nd 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.

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 Faltn 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 7:30p.m. 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 2nd 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
WOODY'S - Sarong Party. You provide the body - Woody's provides the sarong! Drink specials for those who participate.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
THE BIZ - 'Dragstar Cabaret' Breast Cancer benefit starts at 9:00 p.m. \$6 at the door and #10 VIP Seating. Check out their all new Raised Stage.

HOWL AT THE MOON - 7:00-8:30 p.m. A benefit for SAAF' MSHAPE Program. Special guests Deora LeBlanc, Veronica Chase, Josies P. Katt and Misti Malone. Then, Too Much Information performs beginning at 9:00 p.m. A full evening of great fun. Don't miss it!

VENTURE-N - Monthly Leather Night. Join the crowd!

WOODY'S - First Pool Party of the Year. . Dress for the occasion. Special Poolside drinks!

YARD DOG - Amanda Nicole and special guests at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20
WOODY'S - A benefit for SAAF's MSHAPE Program - Drag Bingo 8:00 p.m. Janee Starr and Echoe Contraire. All proceeds to benefit the prevention programs at SAAF.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
WOODY'S - "Green Party" to celebrate Earth Day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23
WOODY'S - 'Martini Partry' - \$1.00 off all Martini's.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
YARD DOG - TOGA VI coming- Watch for details.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
IBT'S - Madonna CD "Hard Candy" Release Party. Fun time from 9:00 p.m. until closing.

SATURDAY, MAY 3
THE BIZ - Cinco de Mayo weekend celebration. Latino Carnival!!!! More details to come.

Arts and Entertainment

NOW PLAYING THROUGH APRIL 26
Arizona Theatre Company presents "The Clean House by Sarah Rul. A mischievously comic look at the secrets we sweep under the rug. Temple of Music and Art downtown Tucson.. ATC's Night Out!! An evening of fabulousness for the LGBT Community. Thursday April 10th, pre-show party begins at 6:30 p.m. Mention their ad in this issue of Observer and get \$5.00 off the single ticket price. 622-2823

NOW PLAYING THROUGH APRIL 26
The Catalina Players present "The Twilight Of Golds". If your parents knew everything about you before you were born, would you be here? That is the question posed in this provocative drama. All is well when Suzanne Gold and her close New York family discover that she is pregnant, until a prenatal test reveals that the baby will be born with a "specific" gene. The news forces the entire Gold family to confront issues of bigotry, evolution and the limits of love.

Twilight of the Golds will premiere at the Catalina Players Theater Academy Hall, 6653 E. Carondelet. Benind St. Joseph's Hospital. For more info call 409-8407

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