



Military Using More Convicted Felons To Replace Drummed-Out Gays

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Newly released data show that the Army and the Marine Corp, under pressure to increase their numbers, have sharply raised the number of recruits who have felony convictions, 365Gay.com reported. The information, released by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, shows that the number of soldiers admitted to the Army with felony records jumped from 249 in 2006 to 511 in 2007. And the number of Marines with felonies rose from 208 to 350.

The bulk of the crimes involved were burglaries, other thefts, and drug offenses, but nine involved sex crimes and six involved manslaughter or vehicular homicide convictions. Several dozen Army and Marine recruits had aggravated assault or robbery convictions, including incidents involving weapons. The use of felons to the fill the ranks comes as 2 people every day are dropped from the military for being Gay under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) the ban on Gays serving openly in the armed services.

In the 10 years that DADT has been in force more than 10,000 personnel have been discharged as a result of the policy, including 800 with skills deemed 'mission critical,' such as pilots, combat engineers, and linguists. The number of Gay men and Lesbians turned way by military recruiters is unknown.

A study conducted last year for

SLDN 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. Legislation to repeal DADT is before Congress. The Military Readiness Enhancement Act has bipartisan support but is unlikely to get out of committee during this election year, but hearings could be held. Lawrence J. Korb, former Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Ronald Reagan, told a joint hearing of the House Armed Services Air and Land Forces Subcommittee and the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee Korb to "get rid of outmoded social restrictions," such as DADT.

"First, repeal the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy," Korb told the joint hearing. "The Army and Marine Corps cannot afford to place unnecessary obstacles in the way of qualified men and women who want to serve." Last year former Secretary of Defense William Cohen and retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff John Shalikashvili also called for the ban to be repealed. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, who released the data on felons in the military, said: "Concerns have been raised that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq war and may be undermining military readiness."

Justice Inquiry Centers On Dismissal, Lesbian Rumors

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Justice Department's inspector general confirmed that he is looking into whether a department lawyer was dismissed over a rumor that she is a Lesbian, npr.org reported.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Leslie A. Hagen was informed in 2006 that her contract working on Indian affairs in the Justice Department's Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys would not be renewed for a second year - despite receiving the highest possible performance reviews. When NPR first reported Hagen's case earlier this month, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) asked the Inspector General's Office and the Office of Professional Responsibility to confirm that they were looking into Hagen's case.

Leahy and Specter - the top Democrat and Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee - received their response Monday night (April 14). In a letter dated April 14, Glenn Fine of the Inspector General's Office and H. Marshall Jarrett of the Office of Professional Responsibility said they are looking into whether Hagen was

"discriminated against in employment decisions on the basis of alleged sexual orientation or other improper factors."

The inquiry into Hagen's dismissal is part of the larger investigation into personnel decisions by former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. That investigation involves the firings of several U.S. attorneys and allegations that career attorneys at the Justice Department were illegally hired and fired based on partisan political considerations. Hagen is now working on another temporary contract in the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs. She has declined to comment on the investigation.

Marriage Amendment Resurrection Continues In Arizona Legislature



Speaker Jim Weiers (R) Phoenix

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Despite a burgeoning budget crisis, rising homeowner foreclosures and an ever worsening economy in the state, the Republican leadership in the Arizona Legislature continues its focus on such "issues" as same-sex marriage.

As previously reported, SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 1042 became the legislative vehicle for the Republicans, Cathi Herrod and the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), for their attempt to place a proposed state constitutional amendment defining marriage as "between one man and one woman."

During the April 10 meeting of the House Judiciary Committee, its chair, state Representative Eddie Farnsworth, R-Mesa, offered a strike-everything amendment to SCR 1042, gutting language honoring Vietnam Veterans and inserting the measure defining marriage.

Arizona statutes (A.R.S. 25-101 and A.R.S. 25-112), on the books since 1996, drafted by the then president of CAP, Len Munsil, already banned recognition of same-sex marriage, performed in state or otherwise. This law was challenged in 2003 in the lawsuit, Standhardt V. Superior Court, for which the Arizona Court of Appeals and state Supreme Court upheld the statutes in 2004.

Some observers surmised that this action was taken in lieu of the decision, this year, by Governor Napolitano's office to offer domestic partners (and families) of state employees, same or opposite sex, health and dental benefits.

By a party-line vote, six Republicans in favor, four Democrats against, Farnsworth's amendment and the resolution were approved but due to a language problem in the Senate bill, the



Rep. Eddie Farnsworth (R-Mesa)

amendment had to be offered again. According to sources, the drafters of the original measure, Republican state Senators Ron Gould and Jack Harper, got their required language for the resolution out of order to pass legal muster.

After two cancellations, on Monday, April 21, a special meeting of the House Judiciary Committee was convened and Farnsworth again offered the amendment to SCR 1042, which was approved on a party-line vote.

"It's important to say marriage between one man and one woman is what the state supports," Farnsworth said in an interview.

Showing their absolute intent to get this measure on the November general election ballot, Republican House Speaker Jim Weiers of Phoenix, scheduled three actions on Tuesday, April 22, to take place on SCR 1042.

Speaker Weiers had the House Rules Committee take up the bill, followed by consideration by the Democratic and Republican caucuses in the chamber and then the House Committee of the Whole to take up the resolution. (As of press time the bill passed through the Rules Committee, caucused and the House Committee of the Whole approved it by "Due Pass" vote.)

If SCR 1042 is approved by the Arizona House, the measure would then go back to the state Senate for a concur/refuse vote and if the Senate agrees to it, the measure would go on the November general election ballot.

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 resolution.



UPDATE

JELL-O Is 21 Fun In The Sun

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Great things are happening over the next two weeks and you don't want to miss out!

The community is coming together for the 21st Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza and Benefit Auction by putting on their own fundraisers!

On Saturday, April 26, join the Jell-O crew at Woody's for Jell-O Shots! From open to close, all Jell-O Shot sales will go towards Woody's fundraising efforts for Jell-O Wrestling.

On Monday, April 28, join the Jell-O crew at Colors Food & Spirits for a drag show. Doors open at 4pm with a \$5 cover charge, show starts at 7pm. Door charge and all tips that the performers receive will go towards Colors Food & Spirits fundraising efforts for Jell-O Wrestling.

The bar who raises the most money for Jell-O Wrestling will be presented with the "Jell-O Champion Belt" that they can proudly display until next year! So go out there and support your favorite bar or all the bars in their efforts to become the next Jell-O Champion!

If you are holding a fundraiser that has not been mentioned or you would like to join Jell-O in the fundraising efforts, contact Jess at (520) 628-7223 or events@saaf.org. Visit jello-wrestling.org! Proceeds benefit the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

Reveille Concert 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 pm. 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.

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

TUCSON (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. 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.

Around The Old Pueblo

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.

The public is invited to attend a free Write A Will Workshop at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), 375 S. Euclid, Thursday, May 1, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. The workshop will address the importance of writing a will, the legal aspects of a will, and the charitable giving opportunities available through wills. The workshop will be led by attorney Doug Newman, P.C. of Douglas J. Newman, P.C. Attorneys at Law. Pre-registration is required, call Michele Bart (520) 628-7223. ...

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@saaf.org. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). ...

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! ...

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



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



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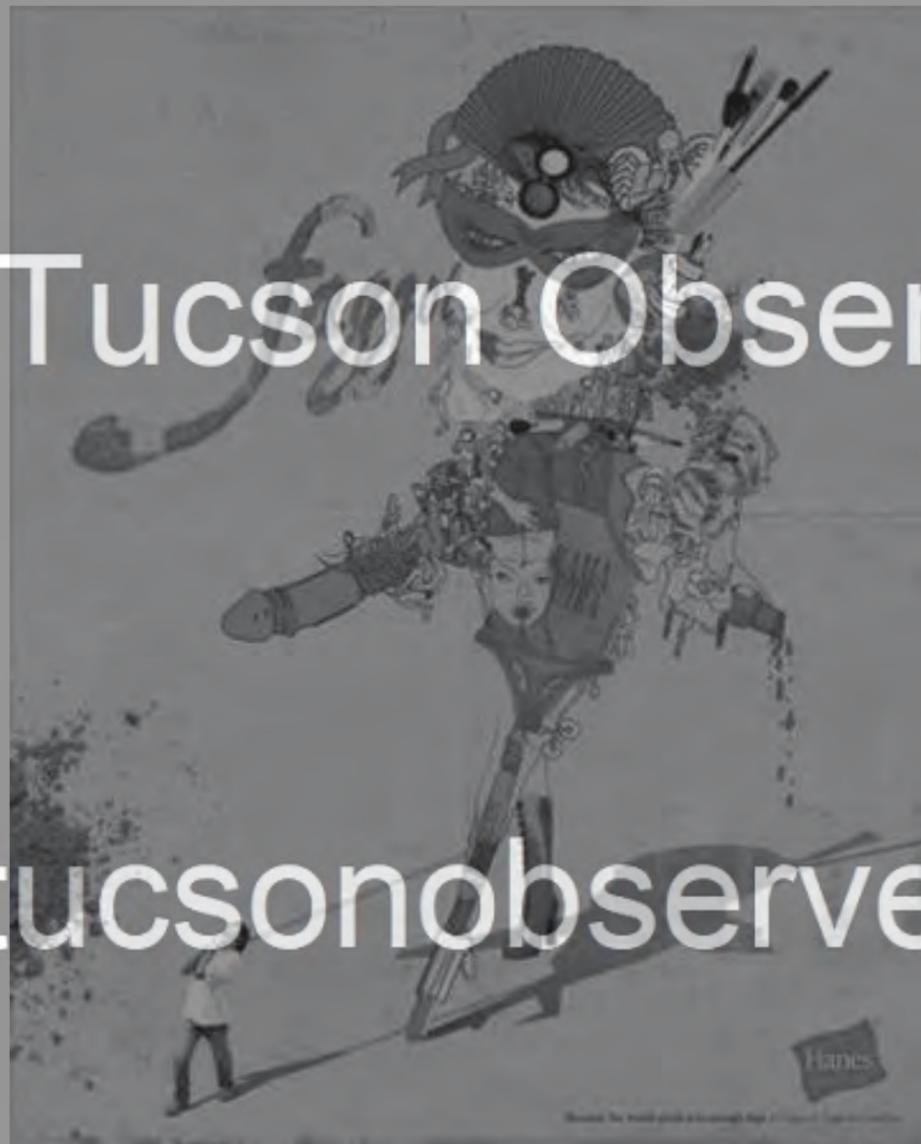
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Hanes Apologizes For 'Lipstick' Campaign

According to a press release from Hanes dated April 15, "[T]hese ads were not developed at the request of Hanesbrands," and that "the ads were developed by advertising agency McCann Erickson for their own purposes and did not receive authorized approval from Hanesbrands." Hanes went on to say, "We regret this episode and are taking steps to assure that such an event never occurs again. We apologize to all those offended by the ads. We, too, were offended."



Online Philanthropists: Are You A Second-Class Citizen In Your Own State?

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Online philanthropic forum eQualityGiving invites you to see how your state is measuring up in the fight for equality for LGBT Americans, reported pageoneq.com.

the veto of marriage equality legislation by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Only three states (California, New Jersey, and Vermont) achieve 5 of the 6 Equality Goals.

The organization has posted its States of Equality Scorecard, which rates and compares the fifty U.S. states and Washington D.C. on their respect for the rights of LGBT people in such areas as marriage, parenting, hate crimes protections, anti-discrimination measures in areas such as jobs and housing, and gender expression.

Massachusetts scores only 4.0 despite that it offers marriage equality. This is because it falls short in transgender protections in hate crimes, non discrimination, anti-bullying, and providing new birth certificates.

Arizona only scored a 1.5 out of a possible six points.

eQualityGiving was founded in July of 2005 by Drs. Juan and Ken Ahonen-Jover, who also fully fund the site. Its goal is to bring together community leaders, political figures and philanthropists in a strategic forum to best put large scale funds and influence to use to quickly and effectively benefit the cause of LGBT equality. According to the report:

Passing federal legislation on an Equality Goal would increase every state score by 1.

The organizations goals deal with hate crimes protection, employment discrimination, don't ask, don't tell, marriage equality (civil unions, domestic partnerships, going on record to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act), gender (identity) equality, protecting youth and parenting rights.

Half of the states satisfy none or just one of the 6 Equality Goals that are required to ensure that LGBTQ people have the same legal protections as everyone else.

To view the survey, go online to their website at equalitygiving.org/States-of-Equality-and-Gay-Rights-Scorecard#analysis.

No state offers full legal equality. California would have been the first state offering full equality if it were not for

NEW YORK CITY - After a complaint from GLAAD, Hanes has apologized for the "Lipstick" campaign, which came to national attention on a website dedicated to overseas advertising.

The ad was created by a Bombay-based division of McCann Erickson, joemygod.com reported. Via GLAAD:

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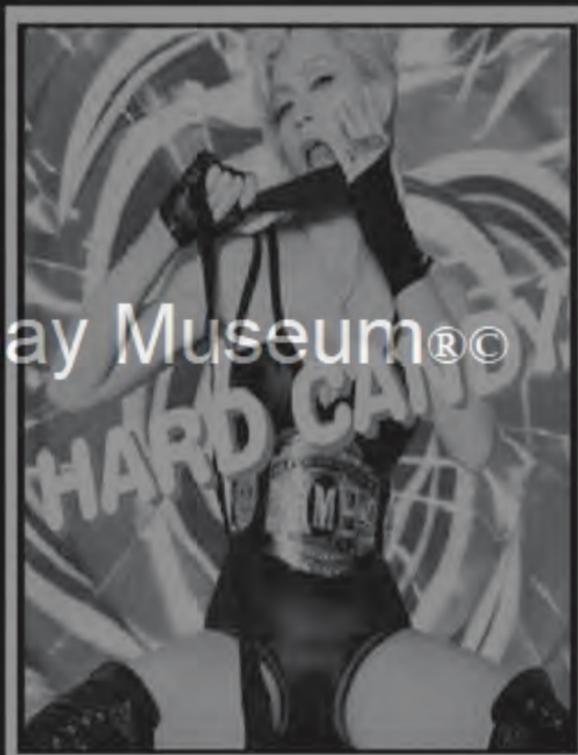
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GLSEN Addresses Homophobic Slurs At N.Y. Hockey Games

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - After meeting with Gay rights groups, representatives from the New York Rangers and Madison Square Garden pledged to address the antiGay slurs that are frequently screamed at the hockey team's games, according to a story in The New York Times. New York City council speaker Christine Quinn sat in on the meeting, reported advocate.com.

"The Rangers and MSG/Cablevision agreed to implement a specific action plan based on the recommendations we made at the meeting," Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, told the Times. "We are very excited about their willingness to engage in dialogue, take actions, and become an active participant in creating a less hostile atmosphere at Madison

Square Garden."

The meeting came one month after a New York Times article described Gay fans' frustration with what they saw as a homophobic atmosphere - and the team's unwillingness to acknowledge the problem. A regular at Rangers games, Jennings said the atmosphere was so uncomfortable that he had to stop attending. Other fans reported being booed when the name of their group, the New York City Gay Hockey Association, appeared on the monitors above the ice. Jennings and Jeff Kagan, director of the Gay hockey association, told the Times they were pleased with the team's response. At the meeting, Jennings said, they discussed making a public service announcement and requiring more sensitivity training for Rangers employees.

Community Health And Insurance Fair May 1

TUCSON - Join Wingspan during "Cover The Uninsured Week" for our Community Health and Insurance Fair on Thursday, May 1, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at 425 E 7th St.

Agencies will be on hand to provide information on low/no cost health services, offer free screenings and provide preventive care information. Information will be provided by Aetna, ACCHS, PCAP, COPE, Well Woman, SOL, Health Promotions, El Rio, St. Elizabeth's Health Center, Pima Council on Aging, Pima Health Systems, and more! Find out about the new Pima County Prescription card that is free to all residents of Pima County.

There will be free depression screening and information by La Fontera, free diabetes testing by Operation Diabetes, free HIV / AIDS testing and counseling by Native Images, free syphilis / STD testing and information by Pima County Health Department, sign-up for free smoking cessation classes and breast health info by Wingspan's Health

and Wellness and more! In today's society it is becoming increasingly harder for people to acquire and maintain insurance coverage. Many factors are to blame i.e., rising costs, aging, being diagnosed with certain illnesses. Several services are not even covered by insurances. There are many reasons that leave people uninsured and unprotected.

During "Cover The Uninsured Week" the primary focus is insuring those who currently do not have health, dental, and/ or vision insurance. While we know that insurance is a necessity as the rate of medicals services climb, we also know that amid the rising costs of insurance programs, it often times seems as though there is no way to make it. Keeping that in mind, we will provide information that is inclusive of our ever-growing, diverse population. Learn about low cost/ no cost health options to take care of your total body for all ages! For more information please contact T at (520) 624-1779 x 123.

Cornerstone Fellowship Celebrates 22 Years In Ministry

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Cornerstone Fellowship will be celebrating twenty-two years of God's blessings this Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Pastor Fred Pattison will be bringing the message. Pastor Fred has been a disciple of Yeshua (Jesus) since 1949 and has been preaching since 1948. He received his formal Bible education at Northwestern Schools, Baptist Bible Seminary and Northeastern Bible College. He has founded churches and began pastoring his first congregation in 1954 while still attending Bible College. Pastor Fred retired from active pastoring in 1996 and now lives in Strawberry, Arizona with his life-partner Joseph Sombrio. Pastor Fred has an active literature ministry known as Straw-

berry Views and he also founded Olive Tree Ministries. This non-denominational ministry is geared to preaching, teaching and equipping Christians.

All are invited to join us as we reflect upon the work God has done in this ministry and look with eager anticipation to the plans He has for the future. Cornerstone Fellowship is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all persons, regardless of race, culture, social standing, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo in Tucson, Arizona, online at cornerstonefellowshiptucson.com. For further information, call (520) 622-4626 or email pastorpaul@qwest.net.

Jim Valiton Memorial May 10

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.

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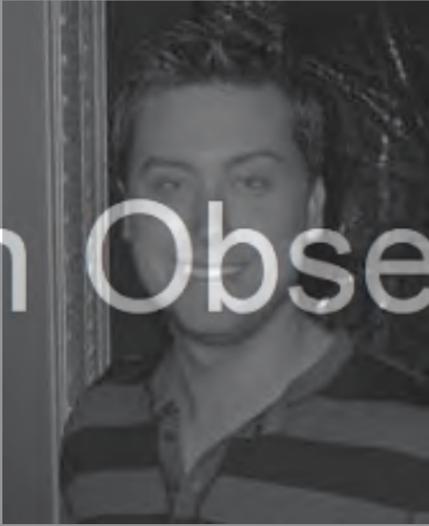
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Gay Former N'Sync'er Records PSA Against Bullying

LOS ANGELES (Observer Update) - Lance Bass doesn't want others to stay silent as he did. So he's made a public service announcement for the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN).



Lance Bass

The spot, which is being distributed virally Friday (April 18), debuts in advance of the 11th annual National Day of Silence on April 25, when students take a vow of silence to protest bullying, harassment and discrimination in schools. "I think it's time for me to stand up ... and help educate, because I'm lucky enough to have been given a voice to be able to talk and grab the attention of people," said the 28-year-old singer, who's Gay.

Bass, who recently completed a stint in the Broadway musical "Hairspray" and released a memoir, said the PSA is meant to honor Lawrence King - a 15-

year-old student was shot and killed in February in Oxnard, California, by a younger boy because he arrived at school in feminine attire.

Host Of Popular U.S. Christian Youth Show Comes Out



Azariah Southworth

NASHVILLE, Tennessee - Local Nashvillian and host of The Remix, a popular Christian youth show, Azariah Southworth, announced that he has come out.

"This has been a long time coming. I'm in a place where I'm at peace with my faith, friends, family and more importantly myself. I know this will end my career in Christian television, but I must now live my life openly and honestly with everyone. This is my reason for doing this," Southworth says.

Southworth has been hosting and producing the popular Christian TV show, The Remix for a year and a half. It is in syndication and can be seen in more than 128 million homes worldwide. "I know I will be cut off from many within the Christian community, and if so, then they didn't get the point of the life of Christ. I believe by me living my life honestly and authentically now, I am able to be a better person and a

Polish Official Who Called Teletubbies Gay, Leaves Office

WARSAW, Poland (Observer Update) - A Polish official who called for an investigation into what she called the promotion of homosexuality in the children's TV program Teletubbies has resigned, 365Gay.com reported. Last

year Ewa Sowinska made international headlines with her assertion.

Sowinska had told a popular Polish magazine said she was concerned the character Tinky Winky was Gay. "I noticed that he has a purse, but I didn't realize he's a boy, Sowinska told the weekly "Wprost". The interview had been vetted and approved by her office before it was published. "At first I thought that must be a bother for him. Later I learned that there could be some hidden homosexual undertones," she told the publication

Her remarks were immediately likened to those several years ago of the late US evangelist Jerry Falwell who accused Tinky Winky of being Gay because he carried a purse. Sowinska was a member of the then ruling Law and Order coalition government which had introduced legislation in Parliament to make it a crime to "promote homosexual propaganda" in schools. The bill died on the order paper when the government called elections.

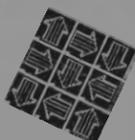
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Nogales Over-Run By Starving Rioters

Food riots are all the vogue with the starving of Egypt. Also Senegal, Bangladesh and Ethiopia. Haiti and many others cannot be far behind.

In point of fact, they are coming to America.

In January 2007, StrategyPage.com published the following short commentary: "Mexican authorities are concerned that a rise in the price of tortillas will lead to civil unrest. The price of tortillas rose 10 to 14 percent in 2006. The cause: international demand for corn."

Whatever the reason for the food shortage, Mexico is on the brink of 'civil unrest'....read that like it plays in Egypt, Senegal and the rest: food riots.

The coming world-wide food crises has arrived. The confident sneers of those who shrug at such problems and say "science will find a way" will not produce any increase in food production. This time, Hunger is going to be knocking on America's door with the battering ram of millions of starving Mexicans.

The difference in the basic attitude and behavior between a person looking for work and a person that is starving and has been starving long enough to riot is substantial. One is deferential, the other rather not.

American attitudes toward the desperate struggle for survival in Mexico have always been rather of the "so what" variety, perhaps justified by the fact that Mexicans in Mexico were, in fact, "making it." Perhaps not in the "American" fashion, but getting by, none-the-less.

Just as the attitude of a job applicant and a starving rioter differ, the attitude of a nation repelling refugees must change from one simply pretend-

ing to protect its economic interests.

There are refugee camps across the globe, filled with people who simply could not find food, shelter or safety in their own countries. These camps are filled with millions of people who are being fed by the hosting country.

The idea that refugees cannot find refuge in a neighbor's land is one that the international community frowns upon. Imagine if Pakistan had closed her borders to the poor of Afghanistan; millions would have died in the desert there at the border.

What will America do when the millions of their starving neighbors begin to press against the magic fence along the border?

Will Americans open their pantries to the refugees of a failing world-wide economic plan, or will they demonstrate a thorough lack of humanity and be proved less caring than even the lowly nation of Pakistan?

Americans have enjoyed a physical isolation from the rigors of survival much of the world deals with face-to-face. The proximity of the food crisis in Mexico, when it reaches the proportions it has in much of the world's similarly-poor nations, will come as a shock to the American system.

It will be interesting to watch as a country that prides itself on its foreign aid closes its borders and begins to repel rioters with lethal force instead of bags of corn.

Will there be a mound of dead at the border, dutifully recognizing American sovereignty? Or is it more likely that the Mexican government will aid and abet these hungry invaders?

The question becomes even more interesting in the event that the American military be called upon to repel the starving millions, as the Governor of Arizona has already done quite recently.

It cannot be hard to imagine the Mexican army being called upon to protect her citizens from US fire, even as they climb the magic border fence and press it to the ground. Does our governor have the intellectual ability to foresee this, or is her belief in America's 'way of life' extend to shooting food-rioters?

Will such a vision come to pass?

It will, if there are enough people starving in Mexico. It is happening, or about to happen, many other places this morning.

To watch the drama unfold, check out the boys and girls at worldwatch.org/. They have the numbers on water, arable soil and the like. Read it and weep; they have already done the math for you.

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

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Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to clear up a simple but concerning issue that was brought to my attention.....

As we all know, the 21st Anniversary Reno Gannon Jello Wrestling fundraiser for SAAF will be happening on Sun. May 4, 2008 at Woody's Bar. Tickets went on sale recently at \$20 each, which sold out very quickly.

Knowing they sell out fast, I purchased 30 tickets for my friends who always wait until the last minute to get them. After selling the tickets to my personal friends, I still had a 8 tickets left. I decided since Jello Wrestling was a fundraiser, I would go ahead and sell the remaining 8 tickets at \$30 each. With the extra \$10 per ticket to benefit SAAF, by designating it to a wrestling team based out of COLORS.

I announced this at COLORS

last Friday night at my Guys & Dolls show. Well, as rumors get started, so did the gossip and untruths. Within 3 days it got back to both Woody's & SAAF that I was scalping the tickets and keeping the extra \$10. Are you kidding me??????

If you know me, you know that this is the most ridiculous thing you have ever heard. I have been around way too long and I try to be as honest & fair as possible. To be honest, this hurt my feelings. To think anyone would question my integrity.

I figured that a letter to the community was the best and most direct approach to take care of this matter. Think about what you do and say before you hurt someone. Gossip and bitchiness will get you nowhere. Think before you open your mouths.

As always;
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COMMENTARY. . . .

Elizabeth Edwards On Health Care: "This Is Not A Cheap Shot; It Is Potentially Life And Death"

(The following is from Elizabeth Edwards, a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and wife of former Presidential candidate John Edwards. This is reprinted from thinkprogress.com.)

John McCain accused me of taking a "cheap shot" on "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" yesterday (April 20) for noting that people with preexisting conditions, such as he and I have, would not be able to get health care under his plan - and that he perhaps was not as sensitive to this problem as he should be since he has been in government health care his whole life.

Sen. McCain noted that he was not receiving government health care for the six years he was in captivity. That is true. But it has nothing to do with my point - which is that the problem with Sen. McCain's health care plan is not how it affects us - but how it affects the tens of millions of Americans with preexisting conditions who, unlike Sen. McCain and myself, do not have the resources to pay for quality health care.

That is not a cheap shot, it is a potentially life and death question for tens of million of Americans. And it is a question Sen. McCain must address.

McCain's health care plan is centered around the idea that we'd be better off if more Americans bought health coverage on their own, rather than receiving it through a job or government program. But maybe since he has never purchased insurance in the individual market, he does not know the challenge it presents for Americans with preexisting conditions.

A recent study showed that nearly nine out of every ten people seeking individual coverage on the private insurance market never got it. Insurers will disqualify you for just taking certain medicines because of the possibility of future costs, including common drugs as Lipitor, Zocor, Nexium, and Advair. People who have had cancer are denied coverage and those who get cancer run the risk of simply

being dropped by their insurer for any excuse that can be found. And insurers make it a practice to deny coverage to individuals in high risk occupations, such as firefighting, lumber work, telecom installation, and pretty much anything more risky than working in an office.

McCain opposes universal health care because he claims it represents a "big government takeover and mandates." But yesterday, he said he would help cover people with preexisting conditions by creating a "special Medicaid trust fund."

A "special Medicaid trust fund"? Talk about a big government takeover. Tens of millions of Americans have preexisting conditions. If he is going to expand Medicaid to cover Americans with preexisting conditions, he is talking about a massive, massive increase in the Medicaid program. He says he opposes more government involvement in health care, but his idea really would be government-run health care.

My questions is: why is he doing this? If he is so concerned about expanding government's role in health care, why doesn't he just tell the insurance industry that they have to cover people with preexisting conditions? Why is he more concerned about protecting the insurance industry - an industry which, by the way, his corporate tax cut plan gives a \$1.9 billion tax cut to - than the tens of millions Americans with preexisting conditions?

McCain's advisors still can't say how this special Medicare trust fund will work. I gather we will find that out when Senator McCain gives a speech on health care later this month. Rest assured, I will be paying attention.

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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...

Waving Away Gay People

By Lisa Neff

The pope came to America last week . . . And waved at some Gay people. Sound like the first line of a joke?

But it's true, and the Gay people he waved toward were pleased, though not totally pacified.

The members of Dignity Washington, a chapter of the Gay Catholic group Dignity USA, stood along Rock Creek Parkway in D.C., awaiting the papal motorcade on April 16. The group's banner proclaimed, "Dignity Washington - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics, Our Families and Friends - A Community of Faith in Action."

That Washington Blade reported that the pope passed by, looked at the demonstrators and waved.

That's a lot better than giving the contingent the finger, but I'm unimpressed. You could say that I've got a chip on my shoulder about as tall as the pontiff's pointed hat and a lot heavier.

The chip has been growing since I was 12 years old and kicked out of CCD class - which was like Sunday school but not on Sunday. The last time I really poked around a church I was celebrating my 35th birthday on a Chicago Gangsterland tour and looking for Capone-era bullet holes in the walls of Holy Name Cathedral.

I am a member of the "raised Catholic population," a member of the flock who can't reconcile the "peace-be-with-you" attitude of parishioners and the offensive doctrine of the church, which calls homosexuality an intrinsic moral evil.

I was a confused kid with too many questions and not enough good answers about my religion and church rules when I got the boot from CCD.

Of course, another factor in my ouster from St. Anastasia CCD was the fact that my parents had chosen to enroll my siblings in the rival Immaculate Conception. The money was going somewhere else; so should I.

The action of the priest and my

teacher at St. Annie's saved me from studying for my confirmation and it saved the priest and the sisters from my further questioning.

I retell that story for people who ask me about my religion. And I like to bravely and boldly end with the kicker, "The church told me to go to hell."

But honestly, there's much I liked and miss about going to church and having a religion. Belonging to the larger group gave me instant friends and gave me immediate allegiances. I remember loving the magnificence of the church. I didn't understand the prayers, but I found comfort in the repetitions, and the traditions of the mass. I remember feeling warm when shaking hands and sharing the "peace be with you" with those all around. I loved how groovy the tunes were at guitar mass in the early 1970s. Did disco kill guitar mass? Did conservatism kill guitar mass?

But my chip eventually got so heavy I stopped regularly attending mass in high school. By college I was a non-practicing Catholic who thought maybe there was some room for me in the church's left wing, where the nuns hung out with activists attired in hemp.

But by my mid-20s I could not take a seat in a church pew. I could neither ignore nor reconcile the church's views on homosexuality, abortion, birth control and gender. Aside from weddings, I haven't been to a Catholic mass since Mother's Day 1991, when I walked out of church to find children selling red roses to pay to print their parents' anti-abortion pamphlets.

I no longer tell people I'm a non-practicing Catholic. I tell people I was raised Catholic. Why not say "ex-Catholic"? I can't - being Catholic is part of my upbringing and integral to my family.

That's why the chip feels so burdensome, because the church's flawed notions about love and marriage and sex and gender have cost me - and so many others - so much more than a seat in a pew or a desk in CCD. The church teachings have tarnished vital memories of my childhood, strained some family relations, colored my optimism and wrecked my religion.

I can't wave goodbye, but I'm far from impressed with today's church leadership - and a wave from Pope Benedict XVI.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Just Sine Frickin Die Already!

As of press time, Arizona's Legislature has been in session for 105-days of a 100-day session and the Republican leadership of both chambers, Speaker Jim Weiers of Phoenix and Senator (and Congressional District 8 candidate) Tim Bee of Tucson have some much to be proud of for this second regular session of the 48th Legislature. During this, the following measures have progressed, dealing with such subjects (listing just a few of the many) as:

Allowing students to carry concealed weapons on school-grounds and campuses;

Teaching "Americanism" and capitalism as the only way for the world to succeed;

Making sure breast implants are not garnished with a state sales tax;

Increase penalties for horse tripping;

Just saying "yes" to abstinence programs by funding them, despite the studies, surveys and results, the state having one of the highest teenage pregnancy rates;

Ensuring that the future of the state, the children aren't knowledgeable about sexually transmitted diseases;

Keeping identical twins together in classrooms, in the state school system;

Regulating cosmetic procedures such as injections;

Conduct codes, but no additional funding, for students and school district employees;

More license plate variations despite the fact people can't afford cars or gas;

Legislation regulations for prearranged funeral agreements;

Increased the fighting ability in

caged, mixed-martial arts matches;

Setting up a review committee to look at Arizona's national rankings in every possible survey or report;

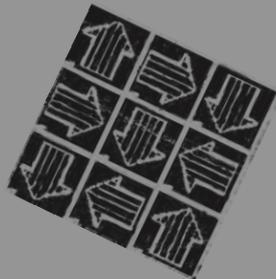
Even more sanctions and the resulting paperwork for the Republican's primary supporters, business;

Limiting or restricting recess, physical education, music and art classes and,

Despite the state constitution that protect the religious freedom of Arizona's K-12 students, approving legislation to "ensure religious freedom" but with the measure, opening the possibility for a school's anti-harassment, anti-bullying or non-discrimination policies to be invalidated.

Even though no state budget for the next fiscal year has been agreed to by the Republican leadership in the Arizona Legislature and the economic storm clouds are gathering en mass, quickly, they will always have same-sex marriage, state law agreed to by the same body and court precedent notwithstanding!

Values indeed but hopefully for Arizona voters when they go to the polls to cast their ballots for the Legislature as well as the potential amendments (including same-sex marriage), referendums and initiatives, they were tell the legislators, as well as the innocuous measures, "no sale."



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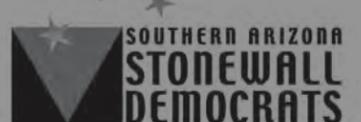
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The Sun moves into sexy Taurus as Venus enters randy Aries. The floodgates open and unleash a rush of love. Be bold, be beautiful, be ready but don't behave.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
Proud Rams are seeking quality in any form and turn their attention to the bottom line when Sun enters Taurus. Spending your pennies on luxury has it's rewards, I suppose, but don't spend it recklessly. Get your money's worth with every indulgence. Admirers beat a path to your door. Don't forget to keep a light on and dust off the welcome mat.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
All eyes turn to you this week. Queer Bulls may look like deers caught in the headlights but will manage to charm even the crustiest of observers. Step into the spotlight of center stage, show them your stuff and bask in the accolades. Go with the glow by launching new projects and meeting new important folks. Your personal stock is at an all time high. Sell!!!

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
Is it true that Gay Twins have psychic capabilities? As Sun enters Taurus, spiritual and mystic thoughts manifest and flow. Set your cosmic course full steam ahead and dump all that stinky garbage out of your closet and into the cosmic trash heap. Suddenly you have the extra energy to get ahead of the curve and get on top of things. Ain't liberation grand?

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
Life heats up with Sun in Taurus. Gay Crabs catapult themselves into the social swirl with a vengeance and make the most of any platonic relationship. The fates, however, have other plans beyond the playground. Your professional possibilities hit new highs. Those in power like what they see in you. Ha! Have you got them fooled! Make your move quickly!

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
Proud Lions can seize the professional day. Strike while the corporate environment is hot; there is no time like the present to stake your claim. You might be tempted to go off course with an offer of international adventure and travel. Perhaps you can combine both your corporate lust and itchy feet with a business trip. Take your...ahem... personal assistant.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)
May you live in interesting times queer Virgin. Things become very interesting this week. You are better able to see the global picture... and you like what you see. Take your personal message to the masses comrade and spread the news! I suspect that your views will reach and appeal to a particularly appealing constituency of one. And isn't that is really all you need?

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)
Sun in Taurus will do the trick for all lusty proud Libras with a will and a way. Your sexual stamina is at a peak so don't go and hide. Use this feisty energy to either cement current relationships or to seek new sensual liaisons. It's time to mount your personal fulfillment campaign. I suspect that there'll be a full surrender if you stand firm.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)
Put energy into partnerships this week. Queer Scorps can sometimes take relationships for granted but now any affection happily given is affection happily received. Do not delay. As the week progresses you may be diverted

by compliments on the job. But who will keep you warm on those frosty nights? Certainly not the computer in your cubicle, pal!

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)
Gay Archers begin to feel their oats this week. You turn your attention to health and diet issues with magnificent results. Turn over a new leaf in time for the cruise season; the line is forming and you want to be in ship shape for any new launches. Thankfully, you easily turn up the volume on fun. How loud and queer do you like it skipper?

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)
Even serious pink Caps are encouraged to let loose and have fun with Sun in Taurus. Jump on the party train and start the festivities. Not only are you more creative than usual, you expand your range of interests into new artistic territories. Romance is also in the air. Feel and encourage the love by tying up any loose familial strings. Set the record queer!

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)
What mischief will Aqueerians get into this week? Possibly something having to do with a home based project. If you are thinking of a change of scenery, do your research and plan on moving the earth to get there. And you won't have to do it alone. There are a few able bodied assistants who are there for the asking. Ask and you receive within reason, greedy thing!

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)
If you feel that you haven't been heard correctly, stop the presses this week. Guppies are suddenly making front page news to get global coverage for any tiny idea. There could be a bit of a financial upside to all of this as well as the fates warm your coffers. Perhaps a well endowed benefactor comes your way. Perhaps just well endowed.

Vermont Same-Sex Marriage Commission Releases Report

MONTPELIER, Vermont (Observer Update) - The Vermont Commission on Family Recognition and Protection, a special panel set up last summer to hold hearings and study the potential impact of offering full marriage equality as opposed to civil unions in the state, released a report that suggests the state should take steps in that direction, but declines to specifically recommend that.

The 11-member panel says it decided not to make a final recommendation, because to do so would undercut the purpose of its report. Instead it says it wanted mainly to provide research to help lawmakers make the decision. But in its findings it says a Gay marriage law would be a clearer and more direct statement of full equality by the state."

In March, the results of an annual state poll were released showing an eight-percent jump in support for same-sex marriage: "A majority of nearly 7,000 Vermonters completing opinion surveys on Town Meeting Day said they favor same-sex marriage. 54-percent said they support allowing Gay couples to marry while 37-percent were opposed."



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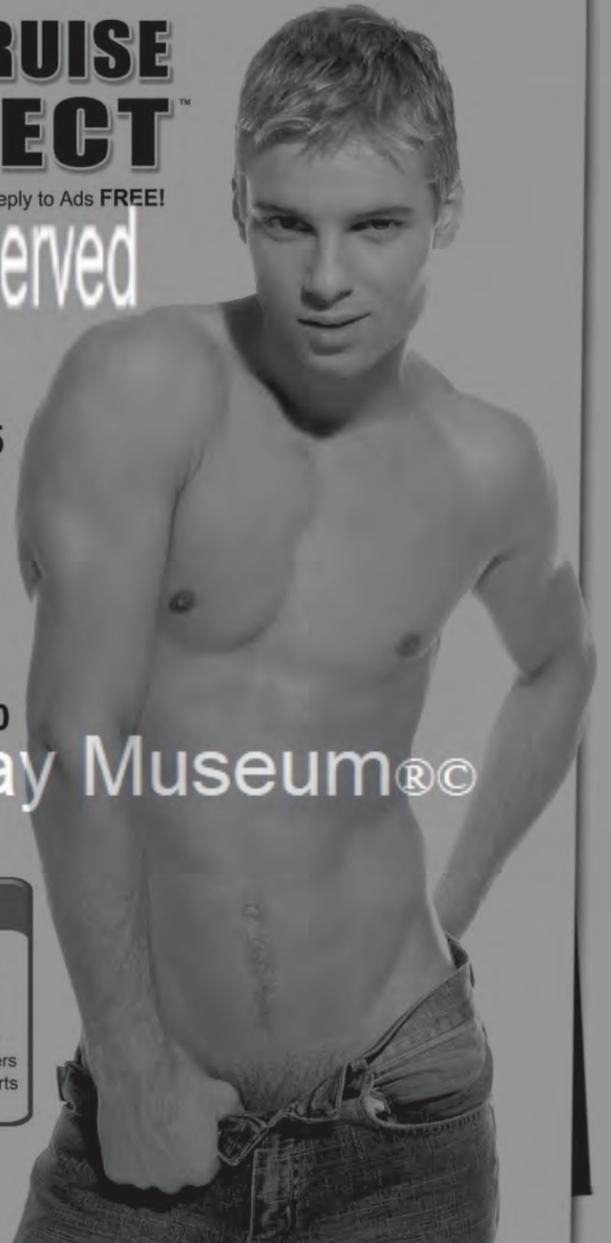
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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 23rd
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand & Foot with Lee & Merlin 207-5336.

Tuesday, April 22
Tucson Prime Timers 3 Day/2 "Spring Break in Rocky Point" Space Limited check if available.
www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, April 24th
#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 Bridge generally played on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Michael 326-3555.

Friday, April 25
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM. Colors, 5350 E Speedway www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday, April 26th
#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 PotLuck. Contact Marvin at 745-0304.

#2 Saturday April 26th Coffee at the Crave Coffee Shop 4530 E Broadway at 1pm.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us at the Madonmari Chalk Festival, 11AM outside Of TheTucson Public Library. No-host Luncheon follows. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Sunday, April 27th
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.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our 11AM Weekly Sunday Brunch. This week at The Thono Chul Tea Room. RSVP this event by 4/25 -885-1270 or on website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Monday, April 28
Tucson Prime Timers welcomes Visitors to our weekly drop-in Luncheon at 12:30PM. The Wildcat House, 1800 North Stone. See our website for club info: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Wednesday, April 30th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand & Foot with Lee & Merlin 207-5336.

Thursday May 1
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to Bowling, 1:30PM at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W Miracle Mile www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Friday, May 2
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM., Colors, 5350 E Speedway

Saturday, May 3
Tucson Prime Timers - 6PM, Meet us for Drinks & Grub at Woody's Bar, 3710 N Oracle

Sunday, May 4
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our Weekly Sunday Brunch. This week at 11:30AM, Woody's Bar, 3710 N. Oracle Road www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Monday, May 5
Tucson Prime Timers welcomes visitors to our weekly drop-in Luncheon at 12:30PM. The Wildcat House, 1800 North Stone

Thursday-Sunday, May 8 - 11
The Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats (SASD) host the National Stonewall Democrats for a conference and Board meeting at Holiday Inn Airport, 4550 S. Palo Verde. The conference features training programs designed for Democrats locally, state-wide and nationally, including topics involving media, fundraising, organizing campaigns and youth programs. For more information about SASD: sasdtucsosn@yahoo.com. For info on the National Stonewall Democrats visit their website at www.stonewalldemocrats.org

Thursday May 8
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to Bowling, 1:30PM at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W Miracle Mile www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Friday, May 9
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM Colors, 5350 East Speedway

Saturday, May 10
Monthly Prime Timers Membership Meeting at Wingspan. 11AM. We Welcome visitors! No-Host Lunch follows. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday, May 10
Tucson Prime Timers-6PM Meet us for Drinks & Grub at Woody's Bar 3710 N Oracle www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Sunday, May 11
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our Weekly Sunday Brunch. This week at 11AM, Rio Café, 2526 E. Grant Rd. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Monday, May 12
Tucson Prime Timers welcomes visitors to our weekly drop-in Luncheon at 12:30PM, The Wildcat House 1800 North Stone www.tucsonprimetimer.org

Thursday May 15
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to Bowling, 1:30PM at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W Miracle Mile www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Friday, May 16
Tucson Prime Timers Invites you to our weekly Friday no-host Cocktail Mixer at 5:30PM Colors, 5350 East Speedway www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday, May 17
Tucson Prime Timers-6PM Meet us for Drinks & Grub at Woody's Bar, 3710 N Oracle www.tucsonprimetimers.org

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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

Start getting more out of life with **TUCSON PRIME TIMERS**. We're the local chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, the preeminent social organization for mature gay and bi men as well as younger (21+) men who enjoy their company. Each month we sponsor a wide range of dining events, cultural enrichment activities, parties, meetings, bowling, day trips, picnics, tours and much more. Visitors are always welcome. For info call our message phone 520 731-3485. Visit our website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

TUCSON INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 325-2111 - 7am-7pm M-F - 9am-5pm weekend and holidays.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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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 TEAMARIZONA 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; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert 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 PASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

NA MEETING WITH GLBT FOCUS meets Mondays, 6:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. This is an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous - all are welcome. For more info call Bernie W.: 406-0740



DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour all day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30. Play for points and prizes. No cash involved.

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8pm..

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events) Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm Back Pocket Patio Bar 8pm-close. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close.

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (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.

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BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

WOODY'S - 'Martini Partry' - \$1.00 off all Martini's.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

WOODY'S - Fundraiser for Woody's Jell-o Team! Jell-o shots, 50/50 raffle, Artwork Auction, Meet the wrestlers. Starts when they open and ends when they close.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

YARD DOG - TOGA VI coming- Two Sons band will be performing beginning at 9:00 .m. Costume Contest at 11:00p.m. with Cash Prizes!!

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Board Shorts Nite. Get special drink prices for wearing your Board Shorts.

FRIDAY, MAY 2 - SUNDAY, MAY 4

THE BIZ - Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated all three days with plenty of Latin music to dance to. On Saturday a live Latino Show will begin at 8:00 p.m, with another live performance on Sunday by the Hollywood Knights at 9:00 p.m.

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 will present "The Twilight Of The 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. For tickets or more information call 409-8407 or visit www.catalinaplayers.org

JUNE 10 - JULY 20

Live Theatre Workshop presents "Prelude to a Kiss" by Craig Lucas and directed by Terry Erbe. Peter and Rita follow their whirlwind courtship with a storybook wedding. After a mysterious elderly man appears and kisses the bride at the wedding the two lovers are sent on a magical journey that they will never forget. As they struggle to come to terms with the relationships their love is put to the test by wondrous forces.

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Broadway in Tucson/ a Nederlander Presentation proudly announces the 2008/2009 Season, marking the fifth year of presenting Broadway's best shows downtown at the Tucson Convention Center venues.

The 2008/2009 Season features an eclectic mix of shows with three of Broadway's contemporary classics alongside two very distinct plays and a stunning tribute show. The season kicks off with RAIN—THE BEATLES EXPERIENCE, a multi-media musical homage to the Fab Four, followed by the family-friendly JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR starring Ted Neeley just in time for the holidays! Stage and screen actor Chazz Palminteri makes his only Arizona stop in Tucson with A BRONX TALE, the play that inspired the Academy Award-winning film. Then comes the revisited production of GREASE, including songs from the hit movie (also making it's only Arizona stop in Tucson). April brings a much anticipated return of MAMMA MIA!, the musical based on the songbook of ABBA and the season closes with TUNA DOES VEGAS, a heartwarming comedy sensation. In addition to week-long Broadway engagements, Broadway in Tucson welcomes back, by popular demand, songstress Linda Eder and her one-night-only holiday concert on December 16.

Ordering online is the fastest way to reserve season tickets—and offers additional savings of up to \$15 per season ticket! You may also order by calling 1-866-821-BWAY (2929). Season ticket packages range from \$86 to \$366 depending on the number of shows



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