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Jubilation Over Marriage Ruling, Foes Promise To Keep Fighting

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - They began arriving before dawn, many with their partners - some carrying signs supporting Gay and Lesbian marriage, others with their children. A crowd of opponents to same-sex marriage also showed up. By 10:00 am when the California Supreme Court was to deliver its landmark ruling the area was jammed.

As news of the ruling striking down the state ban on same-sex marriage reached the throng outside a massive yell of joy went out.

Shelly Bailes and Helen Pontac, her partner of 34 years embraced. They were one of the 8,000 couples who married at San Francisco city hall in 2004, only to see those marriages invalidated by an earlier high court ruling. "The best day of my life was when I met Helen," Bailes told the Los Angeles Times. "This was as good as that."

San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom called it an historic day for all of America.

The Rev Troy Perry, the founder of the Metropolitan Community Churches and his spouse, Phillip Ray De Blicke were part of the lawsuit that resulted in the ruling. "We thank God that our prayers have been answered! This is a battle that our church, the Metropolitan Community Churches, has fought since I performed the first public same-sex wedding ceremony in the United States - in Huntington Park, California, in 1969," said Perry in a statement.

Assemblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) who crafted two bills that would have allowed same-sex marriage only see both vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said he is reviewing the legal implications "of today's ruling and, if it is determined to be necessary, draft any implementing legislation that may be needed or appropriate." "Today's ruling is a supreme affirmation of the sanctity of the

love that two people share with one another without regard to their gender, and a victory for all Californians who believe that people should have the opportunity to pursue their dreams on equal footing," Leno said.

Schwarzenegger released a statement saying he would abide by the ruling and reiterated an earlier commitment to fight a proposed constitutional amendment banning Gay marriage which is likely to appear on November's ballot. I respect the court's decision and as governor, I will uphold its ruling. Also, as I have said in the past, I will not support an amendment to the constitution that would overturn this state Supreme Court ruling," Schwarzenegger said in his statement.

"This is a historic day for the state of California, and a long-awaited day for the plaintiffs in this case and their families," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "The California Supreme Court has made clear that same-sex couples in committed relationships and their families deserve the same level of respect afforded to opposite-sex couples. The court did its job by ensuring that the state constitution provides the same rights and protections for everyone. This is a decision that strengthens California families."

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) also applauded the ruling. "California has embraced our children and affirmed our families," said Molleen Matsumura, co-chair of PFLAG's Oakland, California chapter.

"We all know that love knows no boundary," said Lorri L. Jean, who heads the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. "Today, in the great state of California, neither does fairness and opportunity."

In New Jersey, Garden State Equality said the ruling will help put pressure on the legislature to enact a

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AIDS Candlelight Memorial Held In Tucson



Before the Memorial, people had a chance to view the display from the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), marking the 27 years of AIDS, from "Patient Zero" to the term "Gay Cancer", to the discovery of the virus to the global expansion of the disease. SAAF's time included local, national and global statistics of the disease. Also present were panels from the AIDS Quilt, remembering those Tucsonans who had died from AIDS. More photos on page eight.

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (Observer Update) - More than 150 Tucsonans, straight, LGBT, young and old, HIV- and HIV+ gathered at Himmel Park Sunday, May 18 for the annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

This annual event is held to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, show support for those living with or affected by and to remember those who lost their battle to this dreaded disease.

Tucson was just one of more than 100 Memorials held in cities across the United States and the world. This year marked the 10th event in Tucson, in 1983, New York and San Francisco where the first cities to hold candlelight memorials.

A "Call to Gather" by Native Images Woman Drum brought people together at the amphitheater, Seh Welch, director of HIV/AIDS services and co-founder of ACT-UP, emceed reminding the crowd to "never give up" in the ongoing fight against AIDS and to "never forget" those living with or who lost their lives to the disease, echoing the theme of this year's Memorial.

Religious blessings, prayers and chants were delivered by several Tucson and Native American religious leaders; African-American dance and stories by the Barbea Williams troupe; musical songs by Reveille Men's Chorus and Desert Voices were performed to a grateful crowd and sharing the journey, people telling their stories about HIV/AIDS and how it affects them or affected loved ones, were part of the program.

Trasoff (representing Ward 6 that Himmel Park is in) and Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias (District 5) read proclamations marking May 18.

Trasoff told the crowd, "I wish we were here to only remember," and not because AIDS will claim more lives. "There is a lot to look forward to here in this community; we all get it and care passionately."

Elias said the stigma that persists in many communities prevents people from sharing their situation with others. But when brave people step forward, their actions help everyone, he said, adding that the stories people tell at the vigil are about the "people who live in our hearts. The strength of these stories will lead us to fight back against the stigma that exists today."

Wendell Hicks, the new Executive Director of SAAF, delivered the keynote address, talking about the people, loved ones and friends he knew with AIDS and those who had passed away, stating that he got involved because he had to because "it's my place." Hicks urged the crowd to get more aware and knowledgeable about AIDS which in turn will translate into action.

After the lighting of the candles, the most emotional part of the Memorial was the "calling of the names" portion of the ceremony in which audience members said the name of someone they know who lives with HIV/AIDS or died of the disease. Looking out, those present saw the array of light emanating from the candles and hearing the names of the many from Tucson and the world who had passed.

Tucson Vice Mayor Nina



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'Beyond Therapy' Opens Alternative Theatre Company Season

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Another week has passed in the Tucson LGBT community with more news that affects our lives and information that needs to be read and learned for empowerment.

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Gay West, June 21

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Yee-haw! Slap on your spurs and saddle up for Gay West '08 on June 21 from 6 to 11:00 p.m. at Old Tucson Studios. Hold on to your hat because this year's event features an exclusive Old Tucson Studios performance by Grammy legend Thelma Houston performing her #1 Dance/Pop hit Don't Leave Me This Way and songs from her newest CD A Woman's Touch.

Known as a humanitarian for her ongoing support for a variety of charitable causes and most specifically for her tireless efforts in the battle against AIDS, the dynamic disco diva will be presented with the 2008 Gay West Humanitarian Award. Throughout her career, Ms. Houston has campaigned

tirelessly on behalf of people with HIV/AIDS donating her talents to organizations such as AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Minority AIDS Project.

Gay West is a western-themed festive fundraising event that benefits Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center. General Admission Tickets: \$16 online before June 18. Special VIP Tickets \$100 - includes an all-access pass to the event activities, transportation to and from Woody's Bar, entry to a special meet-and-greet party with Thelma Houston and VIP seating at the concert! For tickets or more information, go online to oldtucson.com/events/summer/Gay_West_2008/gay_west_2008.htm.

An End-Of-Season Note From Desert Voices

TUCSON (Observer Update) - What fun presenting our "Hats" this season! Desert Voices chorus (desertvoices.org) worked in November with "Minding Our Business", played with "A Frisky Affair" in February, and worshiped (or not) with "This I Believe" in April. Through music and personal stories, Desert Voices tried to present a picture of life among members of our community.

Now as Desert Voices prepares to enter our 20th season - yes, entertaining the Tucson community the past two decades! - under the leadership of our fabulous artistic director, Chris Tackett, research has begun through the archives for the songs, skits, stories, laughs and tears that have formed the foundation of this chorus for so many years. Chorus membership has been as varied as our life stories, and we have grown in size and become smaller to then grow again over the years.

So, keep on the lookout for upcoming information on our season. As the very trite and overused expression goes: we plan to hit the ground running. If you have a chance, come and see us in Bisbee for the Pride Festival mid June (Father's Day weekend). And if you missed the last show, you can catch it on Access television channels 73/98 through the month of June, 8 pm on Monday evenings and noon on Wednesdays. Have a wonderful summer - see you in the Fall!

PFLAG Tucson Meeting June 4

TUCSON - PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through: Support, to cope with an adverse society; Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG Tucson provides opportunity to dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identify, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. The next support meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4, at 7:00 pm in the main conference room at the Ward VI City Council offices at 3202 E. 1st Street.

If you need help, please call our hotline at (520) 360-3795 or e-mail at pflagtuc@pflagtucson.org. PFLAG-Tucson will connect you with a PFLAG member who has been where you are and who understands.

Ex-Wildcat Hypnotist Makes U.S. Debut Saturday, May 24

TUCSON - Dominick DeCarlo, a UofA Wildcat, class of '92 will be performing his stage hypnosis show for the first time in the United States.

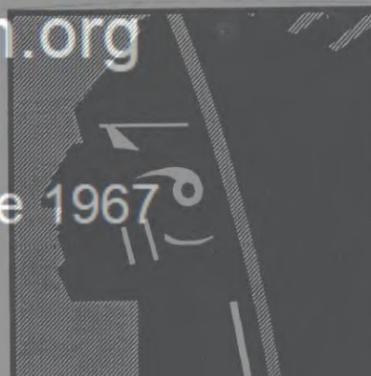
He was the #1 show in Latin America in only four months. He performed there for a total of nine months. He has dazzled audiences in a variety of Mexican venues: Moon Palace, the largest Latin American resort located in Cancun; Adventura Spa; Excellence Hotel; Cozumel Palace, Catalonia Hotels, H-10 Hotels and Riu Hotels.

The HypnoVideo show titled "A Journey into the Depths of your Soul" is free and will be performed at the Desert Diamond Casino Club Monsoon, on Saturday, May 24 at 8:00 p.m.. (Memorial Day Weekend). The doors open at 7:00 p.m. Each show is between 60 and 90 minutes in length.

Laugh as you learn with Dominick, who introduces audiences to the world of hypnosis in a funny, educational and non-threatening way. In his shows, he playfully manipulates volunteers and audiences love it. Since this is his debut in the United States, Dominick says, "I can't do it alone and I need your support to pack the house. If you or any of your relatives, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc., want to experience a night of uncontrollable laughter, please invite them, too! No excuses because the show is free and funny".

Desert Diamond Casino is located 7350 South Nogales Highway (294-7777). For more information visit <http://www.desertdiamondcasino.com/ddc/ecs/events/index.html> or his website at www.hypnovideo.info

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California Supreme Court Strikes Down G/L Marriage Ban

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - The California Supreme Court ruled Thursday (May 15), that Prop 22, the voter approved initiative used to block same-sex marriage is unconstitutional and that California's domestic partnership law is not a good enough substitute for marriage, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.



required 694,354 signatures to qualify. The signatures are being verified.

Last month, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said that if an initiative to ban gay marriage qualifies for the November ballot, he's prepared to fight it. He made the commitment at a convention of Log Cabin Republicans. Schwarzenegger has previously vetoed bills that would have legalized gay marriage. Both times Schwarzenegger said that the courts or the people through a plebiscite should decide the issue.

The 4-3 ruling, written by Chief Justice Ron George paves the way for Gay and Lesbian couples to marry once the ruling is officially published by the court - in about 30 days. Once that is done same-sex couples in California will be able to obtain civil marriage licenses.

court. "Also, as I have said in the past, I will not support an amendment to the constitution that would overturn this state Supreme Court ruling," a statement from the governor said.

mately were wrapped together into a single case. In March 2005 a Superior Court judge in San Francisco ruled that the law denying same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. "It appears that no rational purpose exists for limiting marriage in this state to opposite-sex partners," County Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer said in a written ruling. In striking down the state ban on same-sex marriage Kramer wrote that the state's historical definition of marriage, by itself, cannot justify the denial of equal protection for Gays and Lesbians. Kramer stayed his ruling while the state appealed.

"In contrast to earlier times, our state now recognizes that an individual's capacity to establish a loving and long-term committed relationship with another person and responsibly to care for and raise children does not depend upon the individual's sexual orientation, and, more generally, that an individual's sexual orientation - like a person's race or gender - does not constitute a legitimate basis upon which to deny or withhold legal rights," George wrote for the majority on the mostly Republican appointed court.

"Today the California Supreme Court took a giant leap to ensure that everybody - not just in the state of California, but throughout the country - will have equal treatment under the law," said City Attorney Dennis Herrera, who argued the case for San Francisco.

"As of today, the right to marry is now guaranteed to anyone," said Kate Kendell, executive director of National Center for Lesbian Rights.

In October, 2006, the California Court of Appeal in a split decision overturned Kramer's ruling and the case was appealed to the Supreme Court. The dissenting opinion was penned by Justice Marvin Baxter. While he agreed with many arguments of the majority he said that any changes to the state marriage law should be decided by voters.

The ruling said that churches and other religious institutions will not have to recognize or perform ceremonies for these civil marriages.

The ruling does not extend to federal rights and benefits extended to married couples.

A wild cheer went up as the ruling was announced, drowning out gasps from opponents of same-sex marriage who also gathered in front of the court.

The case dates back to 2004 when San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Some 8,000 couples exchanged vows before the state Supreme Court ruled Newsom had acted illegally. The court nullified the marriages but said its ruling dealt only with Newsom's actions. The justices said at the time the question of whether barring same-sex couples from marrying violated the state's equal protection clause of its constitution was a separate matter.

Thursday's (May 15) ruling sets the stage for a battle over a proposed constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage that is likely to appear on the November ballot.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) said that he accepts the ruling of the

Legal challenges on the constitutional question were begun almost immediately. Three separate suits ulti-

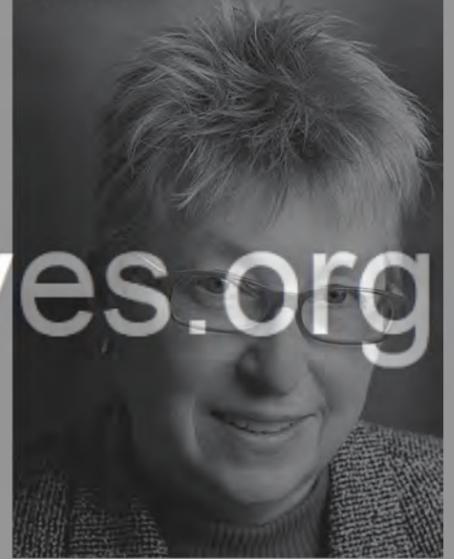
A coalition of conservative groups, under the banner 'Protect Marriage' have submitted more than

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Mehdi Kazemi, the 20-year-old Gay Iranian, who has been trying to get asylum in the UK for two years, has been granted permission to stay in the United Kingdom. Kazemi told UK Gay News today that he had received a letter from the Border and Immigration Agency of the Home Office to say his asylum request had now been granted. "I am so happy," he said, adding that he was grateful to all the help he had been given.

New York Rep. Vito Fossella has said he will not seek re-election after a series of damaging revelations about a child from an extramarital affair. The 43-year-old Republican congressman has acknowledged fathering a daughter with a Virginia woman. The two met while she was an Air Force officer working with Congress. The congressman's secret relationship with the woman was revealed after he was arrested for drunken driving on May 1. In Congress Fossella voted in favor of a constitutional amendment that would bar same-sex marriage and against the Matthew Shepard Act which would add Gays under hate crime law. He also opposed ENDA, which would bar discrimination against Gays in employment, and he supports maintaining "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" the ban on Gays serving openly in the military.

The author of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, former United States Representative Bob Barr of Georgia, announced May 12 that he will seek the Libertarian Party nomination for president, primarily because of his concern about "the continued deterioration of civil liberties and of conservative government by the Bush administration." In a May 9 interview in the Village Voice, Barr, who was a Republican while in Congress, said the Libertarian position in favor of same-sex marriage is acceptable to him because DOMA's "fundamental operative provisions ... say that each state makes up its own mind." In 2004, Barr surprised many

people by testifying against a federal constitutional amendment to ban Gay marriage.

Jubilation

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Gay marriage bill. The New Jersey supreme court ruled it unconstitutional to prevent same-sex marriage but left it up to the legislature to decide whether to allow marriage or civil unions. Lawmakers chose civil unions but a public inquiry found they did not offer the protections of marriage. "Today the California Supreme Court produced an earthquake for equality," said Garden State Equality chair Steven Goldstein. "From the Redwood Forest to the Gulfstream Waters to our own Jersey Shore, millions of Americans now rise in jubilation over today's historic advancement for freedom."

But while Gays celebrated, conservatives vowed to keep the fight alive, pinning their hopes on a proposed constitutional amendment that would void the court ruling. A coalition of religious and social conservative groups is attempting to put a measure on the November ballot that would enshrine California's current laws banning Gay marriage in the state constitution.

The Secretary of State is expected to rule by the end of June whether the sponsors gathered enough signature to qualify the marriage amendment, similar to ones enacted in 26 other states.

"This decision should be a wake-up call to all Americans that our values and the foundation of our society, marriage, is being destroyed by judicial supremacy," said Jessica Echard, Executive Director of the conservative Eagle Forum. "The American people will not continue to stand by silently in the face of these activist court rulings."

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LGBT Ally Kennedy Diagnosed With Brain Tumor

BOSTON, Massachusetts - A cancerous brain tumor caused the seizure Sen. Edward M. Kennedy suffered over the weekend (May 17-18), doctors said Tuesday (May 20) in a grim diagnosis for one of American politics' most enduring figures, reported the Associated Press and 365Gay.com.

Doctors for the Massachusetts Democrat say tests conducted after Kennedy suffered a seizure this weekend show a tumor in his left parietal lobe. Preliminary results from a biopsy of the brain identified the cause of the seizure as a malignant glioma. His treatment will be decided after more tests but the usual course includes combinations of radiation and chemotherapy.

"I'm really sad," former Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., said when told in a Senate hallway about Kennedy's condition. "He's the one politician who brings tears to my eyes when he speaks."

Kennedy has been a longtime ally of the LGBT community.

Last month he filed a Senate version of ENDA - the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. Like the bill passed in the House it does not contain protections for trans-workers, angering many LGBT rights groups.

Kennedy last month said Senate approval of the bill could pave the way for extending protections to transgender workers next year, when he hopes Democrats will increase their numbers in Congress and a Democratic president supporting gay rights will be in the White House.

"The fact is that the House of Representatives has taken action," Kennedy said in an interview at the time with The Associated Press. "The best opportunity for progress is ... to follow along on the action of the House of Representatives, and then look down the road to a new day after we have a good Democratic Congress and a Democratic president."

Kennedy also is a sponsor of the Matthew Shepard Hate Crime Act.

The legislation passed the House last May and the White House threatened to veto it.

In an effort to get around a veto Kennedy attached the bill to the 2008 defense authorization bill. It passed in September and then went to conference where it was stripped out.

Last month he said he wanted to reintroduce the measure before the end of the session.

The senator also has expressed his interest in being a Senate sponsor of a bill to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" the ban on gays serving openly in the military.

The Military Readiness Enhancement Act which would repeal the decade old DADT has bipartisan support and House hearings are expected to be held this year. A Senate version has not been filed.

The 76-year-old senator has been hospitalized in Boston since



Senator Edward M. Kennedy

Saturday (May 17), when he was airlifted from Cape Cod after a seizure at his home.

"He has had no further seizures, remains in good overall condition, and is up and walking around the hospital," said a joint statement issued by Dr. Lee Schwamm, vice chairman of the Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Dr. Larry Ronan, Kennedy's primary care physician.

The doctors said Kennedy will remain in the hospital "for the next couple of days according to routine protocol."

"He remains in good spirits and full of energy," they said.

Kennedy's wife and children have been with him each day but have

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He'll be dead soon, I am sure, from one of a dozen things that get you if you use needles, have sex so rarely that anything will do and exercise only the mouth. So I guess he loses. The world still turns, the banks are still solvent and there is plenty of work to be done.

The danger that lurks for the intellectually courageous is that the end becomes too clear, too certain. With mankind all of the same nasty cut, what hope for the future?

The guy in the first paragraph fell for this bit of big thinking...and lost his whole life to it. Where he thought he was the smart guy, the guy that could see it coming and not get taken in, he lost it all to despair. And soon he will not even be alive, so there can be no hope for him. He was, all in all, a suicide from the very first moment he started to try to figure things out.

The thing people like him miss is that there was never any way for this world to last forever. The "meltdown" would come even in a perfect, Utopian world; we die.

That's it. We fall down dead one day, whether there is war or peace, feast or famine, whether Bush is driving us into the brink or Nero Fiddles as Rome burns...it is all just a diversion, a trick. The real deal is our own, little, precious, personal life.

That's it. Nobody need worry about the end of the world, or about the politics of the planet; the end has always come as personal death and the politics are the same as they were when Caesar led Roman troops to battle; them that can, gets.

For my former buddy, that little world he inhabits is all there is. He can pontificate and rant against the insanity of the social and economic order, but all his world really is can be seen from his Mom's back door.

Being really big-brained, people tend to get caught up in the enormity of the socio-political-military machine and forget to live their own lives. Silly people mourn celebrity deaths and celebrate celebrity lives while letting their own slip away into dust just like my buddy. It doesn't matter is you don't live in a trailer in the corral behind Mom's house; if you aren't doing much more than working for a living, you might as well be.

All of this is not to indict, but excite.

Since our own reality was never forever, it can not matter very much where humans are taking the world. Not to any one of us personally.

What does matter is what we do with the time we have.

It is an election year. The social-system would have us all spending lots of our precious time paying attention to the inanity of lying politicians and all that. I suggest it is a ruse.

Instead of spending our brain-power trying to figure out who is lying the least, I suggest we spend it doing something.

Anything.

Take your Mom out to lunch; somewhere away from the corral.

Wash your car, clean your house, do your job....get a second one that you like.

Volunteer a teeny, tiny bit of your time doing something for anybody...hell, do something for yourself, even...take a class, read a book, learn something, build something, screw something, seduce your neighbor or the whole neighborhood.

Just do it.

Who knows? Maybe you'll find out you can do quite a bit and end up making a change, a difference, a life for yourself you can be happy to have lived.

Do it even if you do it badly at first. There is a learning curve to everything.

Do it before the end of the world becomes moot for you, as it has for my buddy. I know for certain that he spent more time watching television than he ever did doing anything. He's been dead a long time and his mom never even noticed.

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Barney Frank On St. John of McCain



Barney Frank

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) Queerty.com reported that Barney Frank put funny business aside recently to blast Republican John McCain's Gay record.

And, to make sure McCain gets the message, Frank put in some necessary fear mongering: In every other area, McCain has a consistent voting record against our efforts. In 1996, the only time the Senate voted on the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, McCain was one of those who voted no. He has also consistently voted against extending hate crimes protection to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender individuals.

Given the alignment of Supreme Court Justices, and their ages, it is virtually certain that if John McCain is president, he will appoint justices who will overturn the Lawrence decision and the leading Supreme Court opponent of fair treatment for Gay and Lesbian people, Antonin Scalia, will gain allies from McCain's appointments.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Cap Is Crap!

Soon to be featured most likely in Tucson's afternoon daily newspaper, also known as the Arizona Republic's ugly stepchild, the Tucson Citizen is a fictional ditty from Cathi Herrod and Peter Gentala from the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), entitled "We Must Prevent Gay Marriage in Arizona," which ran in the Tuesday, May 20 edition of the Republic.

First is the opening in which the "unelected" California Supreme Court is derided, to the surprise of no one, over their recent decision in regards to marriage, criticized for their ruling which is interesting since the California Supreme Court justices are initially appointed but then face a retention vote by the "will of the people."

Cathi and Peter ignored the fact and the record that the California Assembly and Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger approved and signed into law a measure creating "domestic partnerships" giving all but a few rights that opposite sex couples have to same-sex couples in loving, committed relationships - thus creating the legal challenge that the California courts ruled on, stating separate is not equal because of the state's equal protection clause in their constitution. Plessy V. Ferguson and Brown V. Board of Education, remember?

Another interesting point ever so conveniently missed by the ruling is that the court gave the California Assembly an out by giving them the opportunity to revisit and revise the law to create an equal recognition of relationships. Civil unions for all perhaps?

Further in this fictional ditty, they state it can happen in Arizona since "... we face the exact same threat as California of having unelected judges trample on the will of the people." In Arizona, there is voter retention of judges as well.

The people of California, through their representatives in the State legislature, twice approved a bill to provide for the inclusion of same-sex couples in their "marriage" laws, but both times, the bill was vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger, who said when he vetoed it that he believed "it is up to the state Supreme Court" to decide the issue.

"That's exactly why Arizona voters should have the opportunity to vote on the definition of marriage in November," is the next sentence following in Cathi and Peter's piece, but they don't want the people, a minimum of 230,047 registered Arizona voters, to sign petitions, as other organizations with proposed state constitutional amendments are doing, they want the Arizona Legislature to give them a free handout, to the tune of roughly \$500,000, and place their proposal on the November general election ballot.

Sound familiar? Flash back a dozen years to 1996, when the then President of CAP, Len Munsil - the former 2006 Republican gubernatorial nominee, drafted the law (Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 25-101 and ARS 25-112), defining marriage as between "one man and one woman," and not having the people vote on it but getting it approved by the Arizona Legislature and signed into law by then Governor Fife Symington.

"Opponents of allowing the people to decide on marriage claim that an amendment is unnecessary in Arizona because of a court ruling from 2003.

That is absurd. What happened in California can happen here," they wrote.

Covering up the truth for convenience can be the nicest term to use in this part of Cathi and Peter's piece since it was the court case *Standhardt V. Superior Court* they are referring to. In this, the plaintiffs challenged the Arizona statutes on 34 instances and the courts, including the Arizona Court of Appeals and the Arizona Supreme Court ruled that the laws were constitutional and thus, court precedent some that is followed in the judicial branch of government, something you think Peter would know being a lawyer.

Cathi and Peter end their written diatribe with "... The definition of marriage is not a judge's decision. It's not a politician's decision. Let Arizonans decide the future of marriage in our state." Interesting to say the least since CAP went through politicians to define their view of marriage and were happy in 2004 with the Arizona court decision and the voters told Cathi, Peter and CAP, that they were crap with their ballot proposition in 2006 on the same subject!

Kennedy Diagnosed

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made no public statements.

Malignant gliomas are a type of brain cancer diagnosed in about 9,000 Americans a year - and the most common type among adults. It's a starting diagnosis: How well patients fare depends on what specific tumor type is determined by further testing.

Average survival can range from less than a year for very advanced and aggressive types - such as glioblastomas - or to about five years for different types that are slower growing.

Kennedy, the second-longest serving member of the Senate and a dominant figure in national Democratic Party politics, was elected in 1962, filling out the term won by his brother, John F. Kennedy.

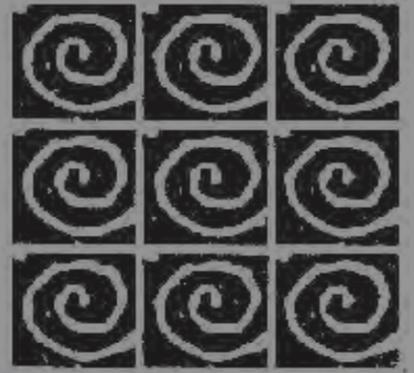
Kennedy eldest brother, Joseph, was killed in a World War II airplane crash. President John Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 and his brother Robert was assassinated in 1968.

Kennedy is active for his age, maintaining an aggressive schedule on Capitol Hill and across Massachusetts.

He has made several campaign appearances for the Illinois senator in February, and most recently another in April.

Kennedy, the senior senator from Massachusetts and the Senate's second-longest serving member, was re-elected in 2006 and is not up for election again until 2012.

Were he to resign or die in office, state law requires a special election for the seat no sooner than 145 days and no later than 160 days after the vacancy occurs.



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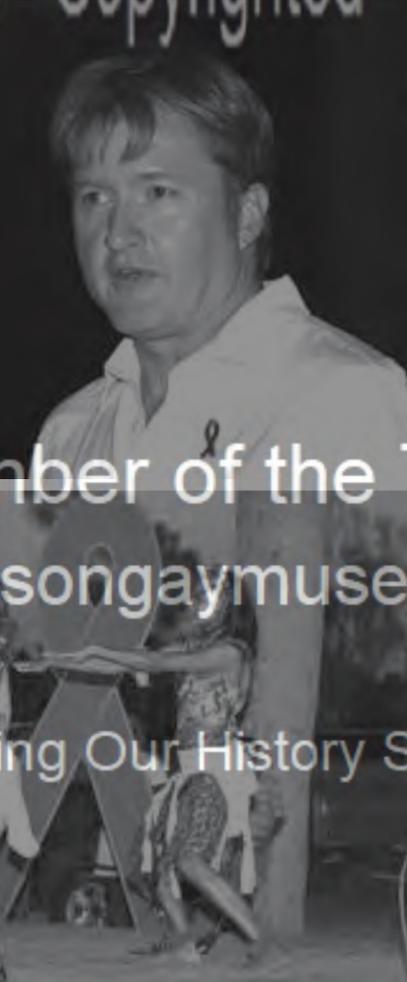


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Body Positive Changes Name; Expands Outreach

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - In order to reflect its expanding reach and awareness, Body Positive christened its new name on Saturday, May 17, at "Night for Life," the organization's annual gala fundraiser. The agency's new name, Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS, marks a new era of the organization's expanded outreach and continued commitment to building awareness locally and regionally.

The vanguard HIV/AIDS organization in the desert Southwest region, Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS, continues to pave the way for research, prevention, education and wellness for people affected by HIV/AIDS. In an effort to combat this devastating disease, the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS has created broad awareness, and its leading-edge clinical trial program has worked to bring 26 of 28 Food and Drug Administration-approved drugs to the market to treat this devastating disease. It is the only HIV/AIDS nonprofit organization that delivers all three services in what it coins as an "individual health, individual help" model.

"The Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS provides the public with knowledge to prevent this disease while providing critical resources to help individuals live long and well with HIV," said Carol Poore, president and CEO of the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS. "Since its inception, the organization has grown in scope to address the shift in reported cases of HIV/AIDS that have erupted among minority women, adult men as well as youth."

According to the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), there are 12,000 people infected with HIV/AIDS in Arizona, and another 12,000 who may be infected but unaware of their status. Among these people, Black and Hispanic women show the largest trend of new infections, with Black women being seven times more likely than women in any other ethnic group to become infected.

"Many people view HIV/AIDS as only a Gay man's disease, however the face of HIV/AIDS is changing," said Mark Howard, board chair for Southwest Center

for HIV/AIDS. "This is not a disease that discriminates, it can affect anyone and we understand the changing needs of the communities we serve. Our particular concern is the careless attitude toward the disease among youth. Many believe that a simple pill can be taken to combat this disease and are unaware of the devastating side effects the medication causes. Prevention is critical as we battle to educate our most important audience, our youth."

According to ADHS, 490 people will be infected in the next hour. Worldwide, 14,400 people are newly infected each and every day and fighting this disease becomes a devastating reality.

"It is the goal of the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS to bring this destructive epidemic back to the forefront through education and awareness," added Poore. "We want to be on the front lines of preventing this disease from spreading."

The Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS proven individual health, individual help approach takes into consideration the client's behavioral state, personal finances, wellness and health, since all these factors greatly affect which medicines each person receives. It also provides a variety of nutritional and naturopathic interventions designed to improve quality of life and overall health. The Phoenix-based Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS is the only HIV/AIDS service organization in the United States that combines research, prevention/education and wellness services under one roof. The agency is a leading HIV/AIDS research and resource center, and serves more than 1,200 clients infected by HIV/AIDS while providing outreach to more than 25,000 at-risk men, women and youth annually. The Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS' history of partnership with pharmaceutical companies for clinical trial research has helped bring 26 of 28 FDA approved drugs to the market to treat this destructive disease. Visit the Web site swhiv.org/ for more information or call (602) 307-5330.

Survey: 1 In 4 Gays And Lesbians Lack Health Insurance

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Nearly one in four Gay and Lesbian adults lack health insurance and are nearly twice as likely as their heterosexual counterparts to have no health insurance coverage according to a new national survey, reported 365Gay.com.

The online survey, conducted by Harris Interactive, found that 22 percent of Gay and Lesbian survey respondents reported having no health insurance, compared to only 12 percent of heterosexual adults in the survey. The survey was taken between April 7 and 15 in conjunction with Witeck-Combs Communications.

Health insurance has emerged as a major issue in this year's presidential campaign. Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have similar plans although Clinton's would make having insurance mandatory. Republican John McCain has proposed tax credits to allow people to buy insurance.

The United States is the only industrialized country without universal health insurance.

When asked about factors that influence their likelihood to consider specific health insurers, 85 percent of Gay and Lesbian adults said that it was important to them that the health insurance company provide domestic partner health coverage for companies to whom they supply health insurance.

Also, 79 percent of Gay and Lesbian adults reported that seeing a print advertisement for a health insurance company that provides information about insurance products and speaks to Gay persons with images of Gay and Lesbian people would be an important factor on their likelihood of considering the company's health insurance products.

Assuming factors such as price, quality, and convenience were not considerations, nearly 8 out of 10 Gay and Lesbian respondents said they would be likely to consider an insurance provider or plan that was marketing to the LGBT community and

67 percent said they would be likely to consider a health insurer if they knew that the agent selling the health insurance plan also was openly Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender.

"We know the problem of the uninsured has reached crisis proportions in this country and, unfortunately, this survey shows that the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community is today at greater risk," said Peter Francel of insurance company Aetna, which has maintained a 100% score on the Human Rights Campaign Corporate Equality Index since 2002.

"What LGBT households and all Americans deserve and need is affordable access to quality health care that results in positive outcomes and facilitates prevention, wellness and chronic care coordination," Francel added.

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The Sun enters Gemini and gives us a rush of positive thoughts. Will you keep them to yourself or spray them around town? Light up the night with some sparkling ideas.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Proud Rams think that they have all the answers. And it may be the case that you are simply smarter than usual. Sun in Gemini begins to draw intelligent and strategic conclusions to some longstanding and vexing problems. For all we know, your outlandish and wilde ideas have a basis in reality and a real possibility of coming true. Of course the opposite is also true. Ahem.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

There is something especially charming and disarming about queer Bulls this week. As the Sun enters Gemini, you seem to know just what to do to build up your bank account and spread the wealth around. This can make you very popular in certain circles. Heck, with your current state of largess and generosity, it will make you popular in just about any circle! So be choosy.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Sun in your own sign makes you popular, charismatic and too good to be true. So don't hang around the house and wait for someone to knock on your front door. This is an excellent time to spread your wings and soar to the top of the social list. Become an A+ instead of Brand X. But then again there is nothing as good as Brand XXX in some groups....

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

You can find yourself contemplating your navel. Or maybe even someone else's navel. Whatever you decide to focus on, try to make the world a better place by doing so. Sun in Gemini gives you a flight of fancy, a spark of intuition and a chance to reach out to the multitudes. This is not the time to engage in selfish pursuits. Give big and eventually get more.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Proud Lions enjoy being in the epicenter of the social swirl. Meet and greet with abandon. Not only are you friendlier than usual, you have an extra large dose of animal magnetism that attracts all charged particles equally. And you are a pretty charged up particle yourself. What happens when the two collide? Lots of swirling dust, if you are lucky.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Even a mediocre idea or tired effort is greatly rewarded in your career this week. Queer Virgins may prefer to sit back and let others do the work while they grab all the credit. That would be a mistake that Sun in Gemini would correct. At least give the impression that you doing something. Those that deserve will get. Will you get what you deserve? Oh dear.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Travel brings with it unanticipated rewards as Sun enters Gemini. Proud Libras should try and escape from the usual and travel far afield. The world delivers happy adventure, interesting and exotic folks and memories to burnish. If time and money are tight, loosen your strings closer to home with a new batch of pals who frantically seek neighborhood-based antics.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Sun in Gemini makes queer Scorps especially flirty and seductive. You ache for love and a meaningful connection and find it all over town. And you know just what to say to get what and who you want. What a nice change of pace! So do not hang on the rack waiting for a buyer. Jump off the shelf and take a chance. Seek and ye shall find before you are marked down.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Relationships can become stronger when Sun enters Gemini. Gay Archers are able to express themselves in a diplomatic and charming manner. And they are also more apt to listen carefully to partners' concerns and react appropriately. Single Sadjes can send out a line and hook a likely catch. How big a catch are you angling for? Pack the right bait. No not worms.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Pink Caps can make great inroads into any new health, exercise or diet regime this week. Don't be lazy. It is never too late get into ship shape in time for cruise season. For those with a long "to do" list, begin to tackle your busy work and your time consuming projects so you will not be too busy to play the field all through the summer. When in doubt, delegate.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Sun in Gemini brings the rowdy party to you. As much as you try to lead a quiet life, you are drawn into the action. Not only can Aqueerians find innovative ways of having fun, they can also tap into their artistic well and create a masterpiece. Write, dance, paint or even act. You have a wellspring of creativity that needs to be released before it slowly leaks out and evaporates.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies can truly enjoy their home and their personal surroundings this week. Maybe it's because you can easily make little changes around the house that have a great impact and makes it more comfortable and inviting. Enjoy your space with a special group of friends and certain family members. And if you can get them to cook for you, all the better!

HIV+ Man Sentenced To 35 Years For Spitting At Cop

DALLAS, Texas (Observer Update) - An HIV-positive man convicted of spitting into the eye and mouth of a Dallas police officer has been sentenced to 35 years in prison, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Because a jury found that Willie Campbell used his saliva as a deadly weapon, the 42-year-old will have to serve half his sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Campbell was being arrested in May 2006 for public intoxication when he began resisting and kicking inside the patrol car, Dallas police officer Dan Waller testified. Campbell was convicted of harassment of a public servant.

Lambda Legal's Day Of Awareness For Workplace Equality Draws Thousands

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Lambda Legal announced that over 5,000 people signed a pledge to take specific actions to help increase workplace fairness for LGBT people and those with HIV as part of its annual Clock In for Equality - a campaign to raise awareness about workplace discrimination against LGBT people and people with HIV.

"Inequality remains a reality for far too many LGBT and HIV positive employees," said Kevin Cathcart Executive Director of Lambda Legal. "Workplace discrimination continues to be the most common complaint brought to our Legal Help Desk. Clock in for Equality is an important way for people and communities to come together and work for fairness."

Five thousand one hundred and fifty people signed a pledge (at lambdalegal.org) to take specific actions to help increase workplace fairness for LGBT people and those with HIV.

In 2007, individuals seeking workplace fairness generated nearly 1,000 Help Desk calls to Lambda Legal, the highest volume in any category. Lambda Legal takes some of these cases as part of its high impact legal work, and provides information to all callers. No federal law exists that expressly forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Of the 20 states that have anti-discrimination laws including sexual orientation, only 14 of those also prohibit discrimination based on gender identity (including Hawaii's protections for housing and public accommodations but not employment).

"The Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that public employers must discontinue providing health care ben-

efits to unmarried couples who have relied on these benefits for years. Now more than ever the community needs to stand up and speak out against workplace discrimination,"

Clock In For Equality grabbed headlines in Oklahoma when Rep. Sally Kern said in a media interview, "Over and over again the homosexuals say we don't have an agenda. This just shows there is an agenda." In an Associated Press article, Hector Vargas, Lambda Legal's Deputy Director of Education and Public Affairs responded, "Most Americans think that people should be judged on the quality of their work, not on anything else. I don't think that's a radical position."



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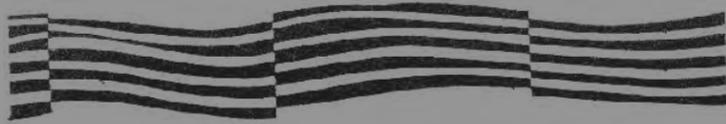
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From 'Gay Plague' To Global Tragedy: An AIDS Anniversary

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - The campaign against AIDS marks an important anniversary (on Tuesday, May 20), bringing to mind victories of science and the human spirit but also defeats, stigma and ignorance in a combat that has claimed more lives than World War I, reported Agence France Presse (AFP).

On May 20 1983, in a paper published in the journal Science, a team from France's Pasteur Institute, led by Luc Montagnier, described a suspect virus found in a patient who had died of AIDS. Montagnier's groundbreaking work led to the determination by researcher Robert Gallo that the virus was indeed the cause of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

At last, a key had been found to understanding the mysterious immune-ravaging disease - the "Gay plague" as British tabloids smugly called it - which had surfaced among American homosexuals two years earlier. It took another three years to resolve a spat over the pair's rival claims to be first to discover the AIDS virus, enabling the duo to share equally in the glory. The mood was upbeat. Never had a new, killer pathogen been identified so quickly.

Stoked by the success of antibiotics and the polio vaccine, optimism was brimming that this threat would now be stopped in its tracks. "Today's discovery represents the triumph of science over a dreaded disease," the then U.S. health secretary Margaret Heckler declared, when Gallo staked his claim on the virus discovery in April 1984. "We hope to have a vaccine ready for testing in about two years." Few promises have been so tragically premature.

When Heckler uttered those words, the tally of known cases of AIDS was less than 3,000. Today, the number stands at 25 million dead, heterosexual and homosexual alike, and another 33 million infected. The scale of human misery, though, is incalculable. A ragged army of more than 11 million children have lost one or both parents to the disease. So what happened?

"In the field of AIDS, a huge number of mistakes have been made over the past 25 years," sighs a leading French researcher, Olivier Schwartz. On the plus side, the men and women in lab coats made good headway against HIV. They provided an arsenal of drugs that, with the advent of the triple "cocktail" of antiretrovirals in the mid-1990s, have helped turn HIV from a death sentence to a manageable disease.

But there is still no vaccine, for the virus has turned out to be an unimaginably slippery, mutating foe - quite possibly the most elusive pathogen to have emerged in human history. Attempts to make an HIV-thwarting vaginal gel, or microbicide, have been similarly frustrating. Thus, in the 21st century, the main shield against HIV is the rubber condom, invented in the 19th century - or sexual abstinence, which is timeless.

Then there was catastrophic delay, among politicians, policymakers, religious leaders and the public too, about rooting out the taboo, stigma, myth and complacency in which AIDS proliferates. This work still remains dangerously incomplete.

In China, India and the countries of the former Soviet Union, the peril remains of the virus leaping from niches of infection among drug users, homo-

sexuals and prostitutes to a mainstream epidemic. Even more culpable was the horrific wait, of nearly a decade, before antiretrovirals started to fall sharply in price and become available to sub-Saharan Africa, where two-thirds of people with HIV or AIDS live.

Price is no longer the big problem. Political denial and lack of infrastructure to distribute the precious drugs are. "In Africa, not even 10 percent of the people who need treatment are getting it," says Schwartz, noting that for every person in low- or mid-income countries who began receiving antiretrovirals in 2006, six new people became infected.

The UN Millennium Goals and G8 pledges testify that political commitment on AIDS is strong and that the world is now aware that novel infectious diseases are everyone's problem. No country, however strong or secure its borders, is secure. Billions of dollars are being marshalled by the Global Fund, and the United States, under President George W. Bush, has boosted its spending on AIDS emphatically.

But to meet the goal of universal access to AIDS treatment and care by 2010 would require a quadrupling of funds to an estimated 42 billion dollars annually, if overhauling healthcare systems is included, according to some estimates. Today, the terror of AIDS that prevailed 25 years ago has disappeared - but so has the burning optimism.

"I would have preferred to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the epidemic than of the publication" of the isolation of the virus, Montagnier told AFP. Lars Kallings, a Swedish microbiologist who is the founding president of the International AIDS Society, gives a bleak assessment: "HIV/AIDS may never disappear from mankind."

Around The Nation

D.C. Council Expands D.P. Law To 'Close To Marriage'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Washington Blade reported that the D.C. Council approved the addition of 39 new provisions to the city's domestic partners law, bringing the law to a point where same-sex couples who register as domestic partners will receive most, but not quite all, of the rights and benefits of marriage under District law.

Similar to its approval of earlier domestic partner law updates over the past several years, Council passed the latest measure, the Omnibus Domestic Partnership Equality Amendment Act of 2008, by unanimous voice vote, without discussion or debate.

"I'm not a percentage type person," said Councilmember Phil Mendelson (D-At-Large), the author and lead sponsor of the legislation. "But I'd say we're getting very close," he said, to domestic partners receiving full parity with married couples under local law.

NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 21st

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

Thursday, May 22th

#1Men'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, May 23

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

Saturday, May 24th

#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinocle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Contact Marvin at 745-0304.

#2 Men's Social Network. 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 Wwww.tucsonprimetimers.org

Sunday, May 25th

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. This Week its Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 623-2941, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com Please contact Thom by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under \$10. Check the Yahoo MSN online 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 Weekly Sunday Brunch. This week at 11AM, Rio Café, 2526 E. Grant Rd. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Monday, May 26

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, May 28th

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

Thursday, May 29th

#1Men'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.

Saturday, May 30

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

California Assembly Passes Harvey Milk Day Bill

SACRAMENTO, California (Observer Update) - The California Assembly has passed legislation honoring slain LGBT civil rights pioneer Harvey Milk. The bill, designating May 22 each year as Harvey Milk Day, now moves to the state Senate where it is expected to encounter little difficulty.

May 22 is Milk's birth date. He would have been 78 this year. Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977 and shot to death a year later, along with Mayor George Moscone, by fellow supervisor Dan White. White was convicted of manslaughter, and served a little more than three years in prison before committing suicide.

In the years since his death, Milk has become the most recognizable martyr of the gay rights movement. The bill requires the Governor to proclaim May 22 as Harvey Milk Day, and designates it as a "day of special significance" in California, encouraging schools to conduct suitable commemorative exercises on his life and contributions to the state.

The legislation would have no financial impact on the state, and state workers and school employees would not get the day off from work.

N.Y. Lesbian Ejected From Restroom Settles Her Lawsuit

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - A woman ejected from the female restroom after a New York City restaurant mistook her for a man has settled her discrimination lawsuit for \$35,000, she said.

Khadijah Farmer, a 28-year-old lesbian, ate at the Caliente Cab Restaurant Co. last July with her girlfriend and a friend after marching in the Gay pride parade in Greenwich Village. When Farmer went to use the restroom, the restaurant's bouncer told her men were not allowed in the women's room, according to the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, which filed the lawsuit.

Farmer said she volunteered to produce identification proving she was female but was rebuffed. A representative of the restaurant was not immediately available for comment.

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Portia DeRossi & Ellen DeGeneres

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - No sooner did the California supreme court give the go-ahead to same-sex marriage than Ellen DeGeneres, arguably pop culture's most popular Lesbian, announced that she would be getting hitched with her longtime partner, actress Portia de Rossi.

In a statement on Advocate.com, DeGeneres joked that she was registered at Crate & Barrel - she's not, we checked - but in a clip from the episode of The Ellen DeGeneres Show that was scheduled to broadcast Friday, the talk-show host announced the news to her studio audience - which included a beaming De Rossi.

Following the announcement of the upcoming nuptials of Ellen

Degeneres and Portia DeRossi, another well known Gay celebrity has announced his intention to marry. Star Trek icon George Takei has written on his blog that he intends to take the plunge, as well.

"The California Supreme Court has ruled that all Californians have a fundamental right to marry the person he or she loves. Brad and I have shared our lives together for over 21 years. We've worked in partnership; he manages the business side of my career and I do the performing. We've traveled the world together from Europe to Asia to Australia. We've shared the good times as well as struggled through the bad. He helped me care for my ailing mother who lived with us for the last years of her life. He is my love and I can't imagine life without him. Now, we can have the dignity, as well as all the responsibilities, of marriage. We embrace it all heartily."

COMMENTARY

Fifty-Six Years To Get Married

By Malcolm Lazin

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania - Del Martin and Phyllis Lyons met in 1952 and have been together ever since. On February 12, 2004, Del and Phyllis were the first couple to be married in San Francisco. Mayor Gavin Newsom officiated. Shortly thereafter, an appellate court invalidated their marriage because under California law only a man and a woman can marry.

Del and Phyllis were among the plaintiffs that challenged that definition. On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court held that the prohibition against same-sex marriage is unconstitutional.

The groundwork for Del and Phyllis to marry began sixty years ago when 40 states had criminal laws that prohibited whites and blacks from marrying. These miscegenation laws were routinely upheld by state and federal courts. In 1948, the first of these laws was struck down by the California Supreme Court. It was the first appellate opinion to affirm marriage equality.

In 1958, Richard Loving, a white Virginian, and Mildred Jeter Loving, a black Virginian, got married in Washington, D.C. Virginia was one of 24 states that then had miscegenation laws. When they returned home, the sheriff broke into their bedroom and arrested them under Virginia's Racial Integrity Act. The origins of that law had been on the books since 1662.

Richard and Mildred Loving were ordered to leave Virginia and never to return together or at the same time for the next 25 years. The ACLU

took their case. By 1967, when the U.S. Supreme Court decided the case, there were 16 states that had miscegenation laws. The Court unanimously overturned Virginia's Racial Integrity Act. It was the U.S. Supreme Court's first marriage equality case.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "When any society says that I cannot marry a certain person, that society has cut off a segment of my freedom."

The California Supreme Court same-sex marriage decision provides that freedom to Gay and Lesbian Californians. California joins Massachusetts in sanctioning same-sex marriage with Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire statutorily providing same-sex civil unions. Maine, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii and the District of Columbia offer same-sex registered partnerships. Twenty-seven states have amended their constitutions to prohibit same-sex marriage.

Mildred Loving, who died on May 2, rarely gave interviews. In 2007, on the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Loving v. Virginia, Mrs. Loving issued a statement urging that Gay men and Lesbians be allowed to marry.

There are few more fundamental freedoms than the right of each citizen to choose the life partner of his/her choice and to have society treat that relationship and their children with equality. Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon will be the first couple to be married with equal rights and responsibilities pursuant to the California Supreme Court's decision. It took 56 years.

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We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 pm., Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at the Yard Dog. We will be finalizing details on our Owl fling which is set for June 27th, 28th, and 29th at Rose Canyon Lake. Watch for more details after our next meeting.

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.saafo.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 (GPGGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpggcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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; 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 COMPASSIONATE 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

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. Beer Bust Sunday - \$1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; \$2 domestic long necks. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 3 & 6. No cash involved - Play for Points & Prizes. SIN Nite - drink discounts for Service Industry employees

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 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o" Beer - \$10.00 Domestic, \$12.00 Imports (5 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Guinness excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

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. 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. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & Alaskan Amber). Ladies Only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:00 p.m.

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 All Day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 pm Play for points & Prizes. No cash involved.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Divalicious" 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). Ful 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. Beer Bust 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. Bicardi Thursdays - \$2.50 Bicardi Rum - all flavors.

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. Beer Bust 3-7pm..

FRIDAY

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

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.25 All Mexican Beers. Free Dance Lessons at 7:30 p.m. Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ 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. Plus check out the bartenders choice of shot specials. \$5.00 cheeseburger & fries. \$3.00 Cuervo and \$4.75 Jager Bombs. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke & Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Bunny FuFu or Janee Star. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside & 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, MAY 21

WOODY'S - 90S Party. \$5.00Cover - All Well Drinks 90 cents from 8:00 p..m. until closing. DJ Clint plays 90s hits from 9:00 until 2:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 23

HOWL AT T HE MOON - Line Dance Lessons with Libby. 7:30 p.m.

WOODY'S Live Motown, Blues and oldies with Simon Crown on the patio 6-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

THE BIZ - Join the crowd here for their "Night Of The Stars"

HOWL AT THE MOON - DJ Libby plays a mix of oldies, disco, country, pop, rock/dance and your requests.

WOODY'S - Red, White and Blue Party 8 p.m. til close. DJ Clint plays requests.

MONDAY, MAY 26

IBT'S - A Memorial event is in the works. Monday Morning Madness (MMM) is back!!! Watch for more details. The bar will open at 10:00 a.m. with a breakfast Buffet and Showtime at 11:00 a.m.

WOODY'S - Memorial Day Community Bar-B-Que 3-6 p.m. Karaoke with Michael D. Beer Bust 2-6 p.m.

YARD DOG - Memorial Day BBQ with Burgers and Dogs starting at 3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

HOWL AT THE MOON - Couples Dance Lessons from Amanda 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 31 -

HOWL AT THE MOON - Adrienne Alexander's Farewell to Tucson Show. Show her the love. Special guests for a really big show. 9:00 p.m.

BUZZ BRIEFS

LOGO Greenlights Rupaul Reality Show On Drag Queens



NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - MTV Networks' Logo has greenlighted a reality competition series starring noted drag queen RuPaul.

"RuPaul's Drag Race" will feature contestants competing to become "America's next superstar drag queen," with RuPaul serving as host, mentor and judge. Online voters will help pick one of the contestants at RuPaulsDragRace.com.

The hourlong, six-episode series is expected to debut on Logo's digital cable channel early next year.

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