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Military Ban Targeting Lesbians More Than Gay Men

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Statistics collected by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network suggest that the military may be targeting Lesbians more than Gay men under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," (DADT) reported 365Gay.com.

Women make up 14 percent of the Army and 20 percent of the Air Force, but the figures collected by SLDN under the Freedom of Information Act show that 46 percent of those discharged under the ban on Gays serving openly in the military were from the the Army and 49 percent were women.

"Women make up fifteen percent of the armed forces, so to find they represent nearly fifty percent of Army and Air Force discharges under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is shocking," said SLDN executive director Aubrey Sarvis. "'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is often used as a weapon of vengeance against service members. Women in particular have been caught in the crosshairs of this counterproductive law."

The total number of men and women discharged from the military under the policy rose last year to 627 - up from 612 the year before but still about 50 percent lower than before the war in Iraq began. Nevertheless, SLDN says, many of those being discharged have special skills the military says are necessary in the war against terror.

Under DADT two people every day are dropped from the military for being Gay. 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.

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Department Of Justice Okays Benefits For Kids Of Same-Sex Couples

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Social Security Administration must recognize the children of same-sex couples, the Department of Justice determined Tuesday, (June 17), 365Gay.com reported.

The federal Defense of Marriage Act prevents Washington from recognizing or providing benefits to same-sex couples, but it does not explicitly address the benefits of children of such couples.

"Although DOMA limits the definition of 'marriage' and 'spouse' for purposes of federal law, the Social Security Act does not condition eligibility for [benefits] on the existence of a marriage or on the federal rights of a spouse in the circumstances of this case; rather, eligibility turns upon the State's recognition of a parent-child relationship, and specifically, the right to inherit as a child under state law," stated the legal opinion prepared by Steven Engel, deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel.

The opinion was delivered after a child of a Lesbian couple who had a civil union in Vermont attempted to receive Social Security benefits.

The child's nonbiological parent began collecting her Social Security benefits in 2005, the year the child was born, and under Social Security law the minor children of adults who receive disability benefits can also claim benefits.

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HRC Calls For Investigation Of Police Brutality

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (Observer Update) - The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has called for a criminal investigation into the case of police brutality against a Transgender woman. A newly released video shows a police officer brutalizing Duanna Johnson while she was being held in the Shelby County Criminal Justice Center. Johnson is a transgender woman and had been arrested on a charge of prostitution.

"This type of profound violence is the exact thing that police officers are supposed to protect people from," said HRC president Joe Solmonese in a press release. "HRC is calling for a full criminal investigation and prosecution to the fullest extent of the law." Surveillance video of the incident shows an unidentified officer hitting Johnson several times with handcuffs wrapped around his knuckles, as another officer holds Johnson's shoulders as she tries to protect herself.

After being struck repeatedly, Johnson rose to protect herself and was maced in response. Johnson claims the officers reportedly called her a "faggot" and "he-she," according to an interview she gave to Memphis's WMC TV.

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Gay Pride Started With The Stonewall Riots

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - June marks the beginnings of the Gay movement. The exact date is etched in our history. June 27, 1969. It was the day Gays realized they had power and no longer had to take harassment. It was the day of the Stonewall riots in New York's Greenwich Village, 365Gay.com reported. But, Stonewall was not an isolated moment.

Outside the Stonewall Bar in Greenwich Village, New York City, June 27, 1969

It was the sixties, when all minorities were exerting their claims to liberation. The black movement. The women's movement. The anti-war movement. It is impossible to look at any of them as single events.

Frank Kameny coined the slogan "Gay is Good" in 1968 in clear imitation of "Black is Beautiful." Whatever else "Black is Beautiful" meant, it meant that equality should not depend on becoming identical to the dominant majority.

One of the first organized demonsrations for Gay and Lesbian Rights in New York 1971

On Friday, June 27, 1969, eight officers from the public morals section of the first division New York City Police Department pulled up in front of the Stonewall Inn, one of the city's largest and most popular Gay bars. Inside, dozens of Gays were mourning the death of Judy Garland who was buried the day before.

Outside The Stonewall

At the time, the vice squad routinely raided Gay bars. Patrons always complied with the police, frightened by the prospect of being identified in the newspaper. But this particular Friday night at the Stonewall Inn was different. It sparked a revolution, and a hidden subculture was transformed into a vibrant political movement. What began with a drag queen clobbering her arresting officer soon escalated into a full-fledged riot, and modern Gay activism was born.

Here is an account reprinted from the New York Daily News, July 6, 1969.

HOMO NEST RAIDED, QUEEN BEES ARE STINGING MAD

She sat there with her legs crossed, the lashes of her mascara-coated eyes beating like the wings of a hummingbird. She was angry. She was so upset she hadn't bothered to shave. A day old stubble was beginning to push through the pancake makeup. She was a he. A queen of Christopher Street.

Last weekend the queens had turned commandos and stood bra strap to bra strap against an invasion of the helmeted Tactical Patrol Force. The elite police squad had shut down one of their private Gay clubs, the Stonewall Inn at 57 Christopher St., in the heart of a three-block homosexual community in Greenwich Village. Queen Power reared its bleached blonde head in revolt. New York City experienced its first homosexual riot. "We may have lost the battle, sweets, but the war is far from over," lisped an unofficial lady-in-waiting from the court of the Queens.

"We've had all we can take from the Gestapo," the spokesman, or spokeswoman, continued. "We're putting our foot down once and for all." The foot wore a spiked heel. According to reports, the Stonewall Inn, a two-story structure with a sand painted brick and opaque glass facade, was a mecca for the homosexual element in the village who wanted nothing but a private little place where they could congregate, drink, dance and do whatever little girls do when they get together.

The thick glass shut out the outside world of the street. Inside, the Stonewall bathed in wild, bright psychedelic lights, while the patrons writhed to the sounds of a juke box on a square dance floor surrounded by booths and tables. The bar did a good business and the waiters, or waitresses, were always kept busy, as they

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Four Arrested In Attack After Flagstaff Pride

FLAGSTAFF (Observer Update) - Four men have been arrested in connection with an apparent anti-Gay attack early Sunday (June 22) in Flagstaff, sending two victims to the hospital, the Arizona Republic reported on advocate.com.

The victims were in a crowd waiting for cabs on a street corner after the weekend's Pride in the Pines celebrations when a group of men shouting anti-Gay slurs attacked about 2:45 a.m. The most severely injured man, Michael Brown, was knocked unconscious when a punch from an attacker sent him to the pavement, said Sam Holdren, public affairs director of Equality Arizona and Brown's good friend. Holdren said he did not witness the attack, but was close by. Brown, who sustained a deep facial cut, was hospitalized overnight for observation and released Monday morning (June 23), Holdren told Gay.com.

Other Equality Arizona staff and volunteers saw the attack and helped police identify suspects, who had emerged from a nearby restaurant, Holdren said. Several other Pride-goers were punched and shoved, he said. Police found and arrested four men in the area on charges including assault, aggravated assault and disorderly conduct. They also could be charged with hate crimes, police told the Republic. The suspects are Travis Reiner, 24, of Flagstaff; Christopher Rose, 26, of Englewood, Colo.; Michael Van Roteyn, 24, of Flagstaff; and Mark Greinke, 25, of Sun City, the Republic reported.

Barbara McCullough-Jones, Equality Arizona's executive director, issued the following statement Monday (June 23): "The news of this attack is deeply disturbing. On a day when all of Flagstaff should have been celebrating and embracing diversity, this brutal attack has reminded us all that there is still much work to be done to prevent anti-Gay bias from escalating into violence."

Out The Vote Launched

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - In Phoenix, a new registration and voting effort has been launched by the LGBT Community in Phoenix and the Valley called "Out the Vote."

Organizers of the group hope to boost voter turnout among the community during a critical election year when all 90 seats in the state Legislature, several Congressional seats and the White House will be up for grabs.

The nonpartisan group by the same name - conceived last month during a brainstorming session of about 40 gay community leaders - has been targeting bars, churches and other gathering places to register members of the LGBT Community.

Reveille CD Release Party, June 29

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Reveille Men's Chorus will be hosting a CD Release Party this Sunday, June 29th from 6 - 9:00 p.m. at Color's Food and Spirits, 5305 E. Speedway Blvd.

Reveille will be celebrating the release of their fourth CD, "A Foreign Affair" which features much of the music that was a part of their critically acclaimed spring concert, "Dim Sum and then Some: A Foreign Affair." "This is by far our best CD to date," said an enthusiastic Linus Lerner, Artistic Director for Reveille. "The CD has music reflecting cultures from around the world and the best part is all these cultures can be found right here in Tucson as our spring concert made very clear."

In addition to the launch of the new CD, Reveille will also be celebrating their upcoming trip to Miami Beach in July to take part in the GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses) Conference. Over 150 GLBT choruses from around the world will be in attendance, with well over 5,700 singers. Reveille is very proud to represent Tucson at this event as they have for the past 12 years.

The public is welcome to join Reveille at this fundraising event. The owners of Colors, John Lochert and Ricardo Lujan have generously offered to contribute 25% of all drink and food sales from the event to Reveille for their GALA Scholarship Fund. "It was very important to us to make sure that all Reveille members who wanted to go to Miami could go regardless of their ability to pay," said Jeffrey Bracker, Chorus President."

"We have been busy with many fundraisers over the past few months to try and raise the money needed. We are grateful to the owners of Color's for their generosity by letting us have our party at their restaurant. Everyone is welcome and we hope all our supporters will turn out on Sunday to join for a drink and a bite to eat and support our efforts."

Tucson Marks Pride

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Celebrations and commemorations continue as the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) communities in Arizona mark the 39th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the birth of the modern LGBT rights movement.

Desert Girls will be performing on Thursday, June 26, at the Rainbow Planet, call (520) 620-1770 for more information or go online to the planetcoffeehouse.com.

Also on Thursday, IBT's, located at 616 N. Fourth Avenue, will be hosting a "Fireman's Party," from 10:00 p.m. till closing, with drink specials, a sexiest Fireman Contest and other wonderful surprises. Go online to idkex.com for details.

Boy's R Us will be performing at Club Congress, 311 East Congress, 6:00 p.m, Friday, June 27, so come celebrate Pride Week at Club Congress with Mistress of Affairs Janee' Starr. Pre-show featuring Human Project, performances by EON youth group and all your favorite Gender Benders. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., showtime at 6:30 p.m. $5 for 18 and under, $7 general admission, $10 limited seating at the door. Parental advisory warning for content and subject matter, ages 14 and up. For more information on upcoming shows please call (520) 304-2155 or visit myspace.com/tucsondragkings.

SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation), online at saaf.org, will be offering free and confidential HIV testing at their offices, 375 S. Euclid and other locations around Tucson for National HIV Testing Day, Friday, June 27. For additional locations or information, call Dave at (520) 628-7223. Know your status, get tested.

Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street will be hosting, Friday, June 27, their Front Porch Music Series, with details online at wingspan.org,

On Saturday June 28, MSHAPE Sunset BBQ & Volleyball will take place at De Anza Park (Located at the southeast corner of Speedway and Stone), 4 to 8:00 p.m. MSHAPE invites you to come play volleyball, eat some barbequed hamburgers & hot dogs and hang out.

Lastly but not least, Out Loud and Queer Open Mic. will take place at Rainbow Planet. Join Tucson Pride and show off your vocal abilities for Out Loud and Queer Open Mic. at Rainbow Planet. For more information, contact Rainbow Planet at (520) 620-1770 or online at theplanetcoffeehouse.com.

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Around The Old Pueblo

OUTSpoken Families, Family Equality Council's storytelling training program for LGBTQ parents and allies, is coming to Tucson, Sunday, June 29, 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Tucson Jewish Community Center, Jewish Heritage Center, 3800 East River Road. OUTSpoken Families provides participants with the skills and know-how to effectively tell their family stories. Our goals for each OUTSpoken participant are to help them build confidence to share their stories and speak out on behalf of their families, to improve their public speaking skills and to encourage their further involvement in the movement for family equality. This 5-hour training includes lunch and childcare for children 2 to 13 years old. This fun and educational event is being offered at no charge. Advance registration is required. Please contact T. Loving at (520) 624-1779.

Support Wingspan By Eating Out Now Through June 30. June is Philanthropy with Phlavor month at Pastiche Modern Eatery, 3025 N. Campbell #121 in Tucson. The program is simple: each time you dine at Pastiche , order Take-Out food, make a purchase at the Pastiche Wine Shop, or buy Pastiche gift certificates during the months of June and October, you get to choose one of 40 nonprofit organizations to receive 5% of your check amount (before tax, gratuity, or discounts). After organizing and researching the thousands of responses from their guests, Pastiche sends out the checks to our community's hardworking and extremely valuable nonprofits, including (and especially) Wingspan! You don't need to do anything more than enjoy a great meal or delicious wine and let Pastiche know you support Wingspan. Thank you so much for keeping Wingspan in the Top 40 and helping us continue to help our community. For more information, contact Michael Mandel, (520) 624-1779.

National Public Radio humorist and best-selling author David Sedaris will read from and sign his new book, When You Are Engulfed in Flames, Tuesday, July 1, 5 to 6:00 p.m., at the University of Arizona Bookstore, 1209 E. University. For more information, contact Chris Schafer, (520) 621-8475.

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Calls For AIDS Quilt Panel Requests Ends July 1

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Each year at the annual AIDSWALK Tucson, the opening of quilt panels at sunrise evokes many emotions and touches the hearts of those in attendance. The quilt panels come from The AIDS Memorial Quilt, which began in 1987 as a response to the AIDS crisis, and continues to today, as there still is no cure for HIV.

Twelve quilt blocks (made up of 8 individual 3' x 6' panels) are requested, displayed and lovingly packed and returned, by AIDSWALK committee members, Deb Van Sant and Greg Rogan. Their requests to the Names Project are directed by families, friends and loved ones who wish to see a panel for a particular person displayed. This year on Sunday, October 19,at The University of Arizona® campus, panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will again be on display and over 6,000 people attending AIDSWALK will turn out to see them, as well as to walk and raise funds to support the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

SAAF invites the public to submit their request for a panel to be shown at AIDSWALK. Requests must be made by July 1, by calling the SAAF office at (520) 628-7223 and asking for Mae, or via email to mkrueger@saaf.org with 'Quilt Panel' in the subject. Provide as much information as you can about the panel you are requesting, including the name of the person, and if you know it, the particular block number. In addition, community members are invited to submit a panel in honor of those lost to HIV/AIDS, at AIDSWALK. There are detailed instructions on the www.aidsquilt.org website for how to create a panel, or call the SAAF offices if you need assistance, at (520) 628-7223. For more information on AIDSWALK 2008, or submitting or requesting a quilt panel from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, please visit AIDS Walk Tucson's website or call the AIDSWALK hotline at (520)791-WALK(9255).

Position Open At Desert Voices

TUCSON (Observer Update) - P/T General Manager position open in Desert Voices Chorus who has been lifting Tucson spirits for 20 years and in need a GM for fund development and marketing projects.

The salary range is $10K to $12K per year, but the opportunity for growth is contingent upon your skill and abilities! Desert Voices require some experience, and a lot of heart.

Come join the Desert Voices family, and make music happen! Some experience required. Resumes are being accepted at DesertVoices.org or P.O. Box 270, Tucson, AZ 85702-0270, and are due by July 15. AA/EOE

Have Insurance Questions?

TUCSON (Observer Update) - In a recent edition of this publication, a story ran about the State Farm Insurance Company was reaching out to the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) communities through outreach and its LGBT employee resource group which surprisingly most of its members are not LGBT. One of which is Dan Kalm, who is the one of the new agents for the Tucson area.

On July 1, Dan and his staff will open their office at 2632 North Campbell to all, so until then if you have questions E-mail Dan at dan@dankalm.com or call (520) 795-0231.

Dan and his staff will be answering various questions about insurance in future editions of the Observer, as well as advertising in Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT weekly newspaper so E-mail Dan and his staff and read the responses in The Observer.

Community Conversation; Spirit Matters, June 28

TUCSON - Look Both Ways: Looking Back, Looking Forward, Wingspan's Community Conversation series will hold the second conversation, Spirit Matters: Faith and Religion in LGBT Life, Saturday, June 28, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Spirit Matters will explore intergenerational perspectives on the ways in which religious teachings and church institutions have affected the personal spiritual development of LGBT people and how we as LGBT people in turn can influence the spiritual development of church institutions. Come hear radical and traditional stories of spirituality.

For more information, call Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

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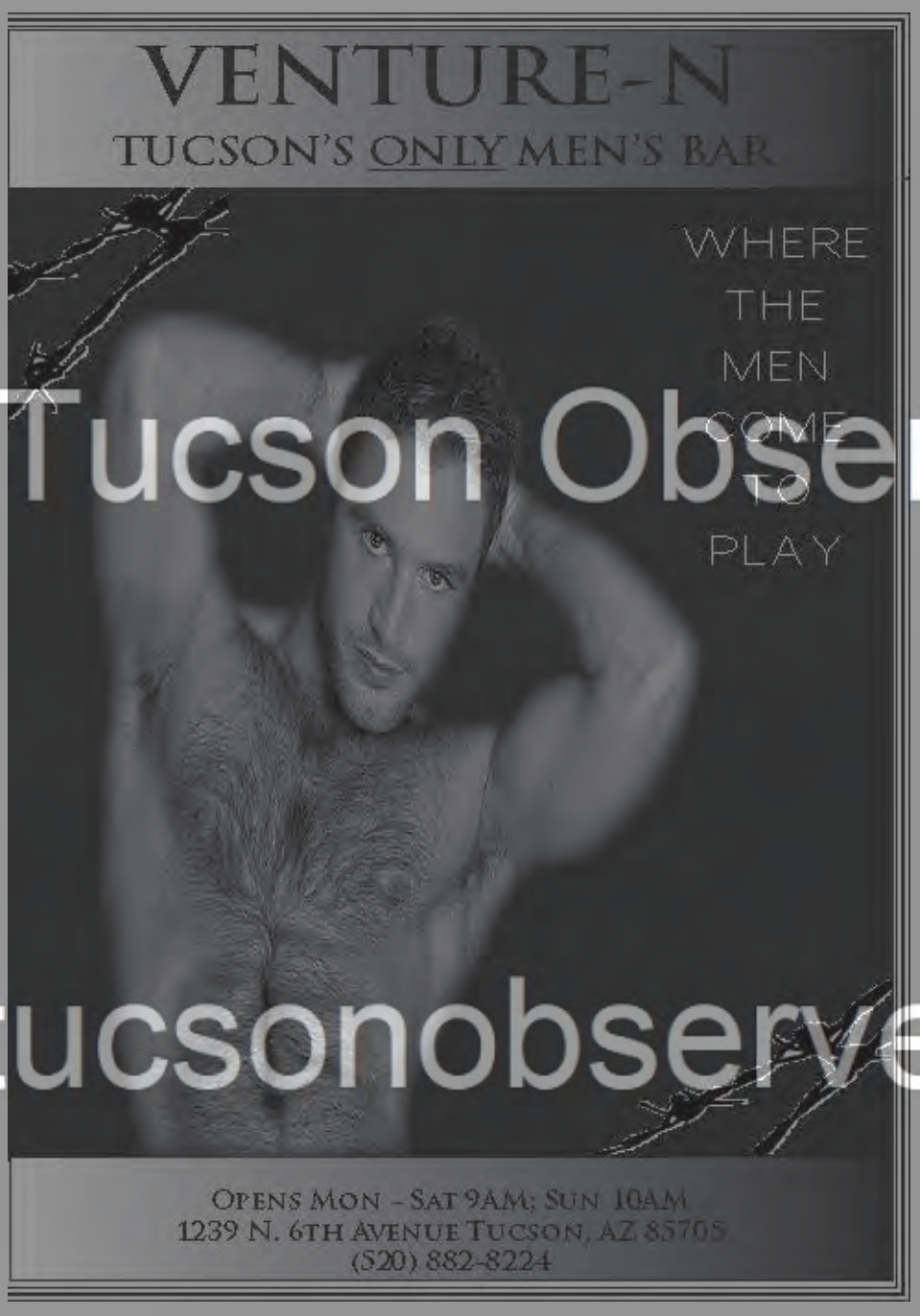

THE STONEWALL RIOTS

The Stonewall Inn, Greenwich Village, New York City

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snaked their way around the dancing customers to the booths and tables. For nearly two years, peace and tranquility reigned supreme for the Alice in Wonderland clientele.

Last Friday the privacy of the Stonewall was invaded by police from the First Division. It was a raid. They had a warrant. After two years, police said they had been informed that liquor was being served on the premises. Since the Stonewall was without a license, the place was being closed. It was the law.
All hell broke loose when the police entered the Stonewall. The girls instinctively reached for each other. Others stood frozen, locked in an embrace of fear.

Only a handful of police were on hand for the initial landing in the homosexual beachhead. They ushered the patrons out onto Christopher Street, just off Sheridan Square. A crowd had formed in front of the Stonewall and the customers were greeted with cheers of encouragement from the gallery.

The whole proceeding took on the aura of a homosexual Academy Awards Night. The Queens pranced out to the street blowing kisses and waving to the crowd. A beauty of a specimen named Stella wailed uncontrollably while being led to the sidewalk in front of the Stonewall by a cop. She later confessed that she didn't protest the manhandling by the officer, it was just that her hair was in curlers and she was afraid her new beau might be in the crowd and spot her. She didn't want him to see her this way, she wept.
Queen Power

The crowd began to get out of hand, eye witnesses said. Then, without warning, Queen Power exploded with all the fury of a Gay atomic bomb. Queens, princesses and ladies-in-waiting began hurling anything they could get their polished, manicured fingernails on. Bobby pins, compacts, curlers, lipstick tubes and other femme fatale missiles were flying in the direction of the cops. The war was on. The lilies of the valley had become carnivorous jungle plants.

Urged on by cries of "C'mon girls, lets go get'em," the defenders of Stonewall launched an attack. The cops called for assistance. To the rescue came the Tactical Patrol Force.

Flushed with the excitement of battle, a fellow called Gloria pranced around like Wonder Woman, while several Florence Nightingales administered first aid to the fallen warriors. There were some assorted scratches and bruises, but nothing serious was suffered by the honeys turned Madwoman of Chaillot.

Official reports listed four injured policemen with 13 arrests. The War of the Roses lasted about 2 hours from about midnight to 2 a.m. There was a return bout Wednesday night.

Two veterans recently recalled the battle and issued a warning to the cops. "If they close up all the Gay joints in this area, there is going to be all out war."

Both said they were refugees from Indiana and had come to New York where they could live together happily ever after. They were in their early 20's. They preferred to be called by their married names, Bruce and Nan. "I don't like your paper," Nan lisped matter-of-factly. "It's anti-fag and pro-cop."

"I'll bet you didn't see what they did to the Stonewall. Did the pigs tell you that they smashed everything in sight? Did you ask them why they stole money out of the cash register and then smashed it with a sledge hammer? Did you ask them why it took them two years to discover that the Stonewall didn't have a liquor license."

Bruce nodded in agreement and reached over for Nan's trembling hands. "Calm down, doll," he said. "Your face is getting all flushed." Nan wiped her face with a tissue. "This would have to happen right before the wedding. The reception was going to be held at the Stonewall, too," Nan said, tossing her ashen-tinted hair over her shoulder. "What wedding?," the bystander asked. Nan frowned with a how-could-anybody-be-so-stupid look. "Eric and Jack's wedding, of course. They're finally tieing the knot. I thought they'd never get together."

"We'll have to find another place, that's all there is to it," Bruce sighed. "But every time we start a place, the cops break it up sooner or later."

"They let us operate just as long as the payoff is regular," Nan said bitterly. "I believe they closed up the Stonewall because there was some trouble with the payoff to the cops. I think that's the real reason. It's a shame. It was such a lovely place. We never bothered anybody. Why couldn't they leave us alone?"

Shirley Evans, a neighbor with two children, agrees that the Stonewall was not a rowdy place and the persons who frequented the club were never troublesome. She lives at 45 Christopher St. "Up until the night of the police raid there was never any trouble there," she said. "The homosexuals minded their

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Network Spending About 'Two Minutes' On Iraq War Coverage Per Week

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - The New York Times had an article on the dwindling amount of time US news networks are spending on Iraq and Afghanistan:

According to data compiled by Andrew Tyndall, a television consultant who monitors the three network evening newscasts, coverage of Iraq has been "massively scaled back this year." Almost halfway into 2008, the three newscasts have shown 181 weekday minutes of Iraq coverage, compared with 1,157 minutes for all of 2007. The "CBS Evening News" has devoted the fewest minutes to Iraq, 51, versus 55 minutes on ABC's "World News" and 74 minutes on "NBC Nightly News." (The average evening newscast is 22 minutes long.)

A post on the blog, Obsidian Wings, points out that Tyndall's numbers mean Americans are getting about "two minutes of Iraq coverage, per network, per week."

Obsidian wrote, "And we ought to care. We are responsible for the present state of Iraq, and we ought to care what happens there. Besides, we have men and women risking their lives in Iraq. We owe both Iraqis and our troops more than 181 weekday minutes, for all three networks. That's about two minutes of Iraq coverage, per network, per week. And that's far too little.

COMMENTARY. . . .

The World Is An Unkind Place For Gay And Lesbian Refugees

by Hossein Alizadeh

NEW YORK CITY - Just two years ago, Arash and Javad (not their real names), two young Iranian men were building their future together. Arash was pursuing a successful career in Iran's financial sector and Javad was a university student in Tehran. Now the men live in abject poverty in a remote area of Turkey. They have no income and are frequently forced to scavenge for food in their neighbors' trashcans. Javad, a diabetic, needs regular monitoring and medication, which he cannot afford. His health has deteriorated to the point where he regularly suffers diabetic comas.

How did two young, upwardly mobile Iranians end up in such dire circumstances? The answer to this question is simple. Arash and Javad are Gay men forced to flee their country as refugees. According to the Iranian penal code, homosexual conduct is a crime that is punishable by death.

Arash and Javad met in 2005 and conducted their relationship in secrecy for over a year. But late in 2006, Javad's father caught them in an intimate act. Incensed at being dishonored, the ultra-religious man locked his son and his partner in the bedroom and rushed to the kitchen to get a knife, intending to kill them on the spot. Arash and Javad managed to escape through a window but knew that if they stayed in Iran either the mob or the morality police would soon catch up with them. Left with no choice, they fled to neighboring Turkey and applied for refugee status.

According to UN statistics, there are currently over 21,000 refugees in Turkey, 2,500 of whom are from Iran. Turkey is the preferred destination for many Iranian refugees because they do not have to get entry visas. However, once Gay refugees arrive in Turkey, the situation is bleak. Due to the volume of applications, it normally takes up to two years for them to be reassigned to a country willing to accept them. During the transitional period, Gay refugees are only allowed to live in small towns, without the right to work or pursue education. While the UN Refugee Agency may provide some financial aid, the amount is nominal and before they are eligible they must be recognized as "genuine" refugees. This is a process with results that are not guaranteed.

Arash and Javad have been interviewed twice by the UN Refugee Agency since their arrival in Turkey in December 2006. So far they have not been recognized as refugees, and therefore they are not eligible for any financial or medical aid.

This can lead to destitution for Gay refugees, like Arash and Javad, who are forced to leave their country to escape persecution and death. Unlike other refugees, who travel in groups and enjoy various degrees of support from their family, church, or party members, Gay and Lesbian refugees are often disowned by their family members, have no support network, and in most cases do not have enough resources to survive the resettlement process.

The situation of Gay refugees is complicated because the Turkish public and law enforcement agents are very hostile to sexual minorities, despite the fact that homosexuality is not a crime in Turkey. In recent years, many Gay and Lesbian refugees have been subject to verbal and physical attacks. As a consequence, they are often forced to remain indoors during the day for their own safety, and venture outside only at night, under cover of dark, when they are less likely to be recognized as foreign and can more readily hide their sexual orientation.

Tragically, there is no organization that attends to the needs of Gay and Lesbian refugees worldwide. The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, along with a few human rights and resettlement agencies, tries to respond to the refugee crisis but the overwhelming volume of cases makes it impossible to do without large-scale intervention. The US government currently spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to resettle religious and ethnic minorities who are persecuted in their home countries. Isn't it time for our government to show some interest in protecting this vulnerable population, too?

(Hossein Alizadeh, a Gay Iranian who won asylum in the United States, is Communications Coordinator at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.)

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Study: Treating Herpes Does Not Prevent HIV

LONDON (Observer Update) - Doctors have long suspected that people with herpes are more likely to catch HIV. So they thought that by treating herpes, they could also cut a person's HIV risk. But a new study that tested this strategy found the assumption may have been wrong.

"It's a significant, disappointing finding," Francis Ndowa, coordinator of the sexually transmitted infections control team at the World Health Organization, said in an interview. Ndowa was not connected to the research, published in the medical journal The Lancet.

The finding may spark a rethinking of HIV prevention strategies in Africa, where controlling sexually transmitted diseases such as herpes is usually part of general AIDS prevention plans. Researchers tracked more than 3,000 men and women infected with herpes in Africa, Peru and the United States. Roughly half were treated with aciclovir, an antiviral that stops herpes ulcers.

After a year and a half, the scientists found that 75 people out of the 1,581 who had been receiving aciclovir were later infected with HIV. Of the 1,591 people who received placebo pills, 64 contracted HIV. In the trial, researchers chose participants who had herpes and who faced similar risks of getting AIDS. The study also questioned the participants during monthly visits about risky sexual behavior with their recent partners.

The study was paid for by the United States' National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, other U.S. government institutes, and by GlaxoSmithKline PLC, which sells aciclovir as Zovirax. A small study in Tanzania last year also suggested that treating herpes didn't help reducing HIV susceptibility. But that doesn't necessarily mean that the theory of treating herpes to avoid HIV is incorrect, experts said.

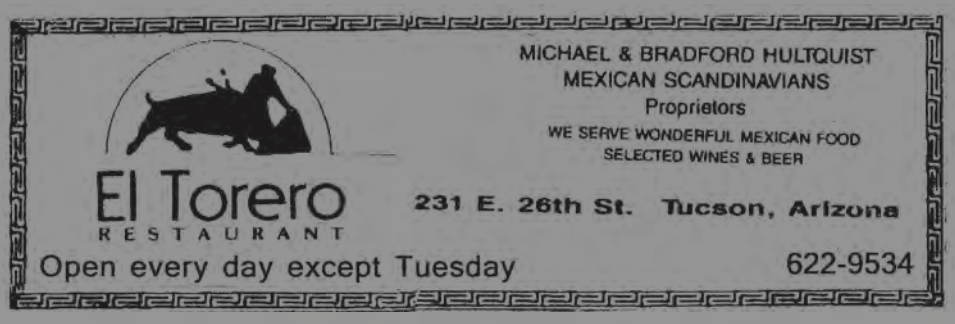
"It's probably likely that we need considerably more potent interventions than we have," Connie Celum, a professor of global health and medicine at the University of Washington who led the Lancet study, told The Associated Press.

Experts said there was a complex relationship between the two viruses that is still not entirely understood. When herpes ulcers erupt, that draws white blood cells to the skin to fight the virus. Unfortunately, those white blood cells also have receptors for HIV.

Ndowa said it was possible that even without the telltale ulcers, herpes might have lingered while patients were taking the aciclovir, allowing HIV to gain a foothold.

In an accompanying commentary in the Lancet, Ronald H. Gray and Maria J. Wawer of Johns Hopkins University said it was questionable whether controlling sexually transmitted infectious could work to prevent HIV. "It is time to reassess the hypothesis and to adjust prevention policy accordingly," they wrote.

But Ndowa and Celum said the strategy of fighting herpes to prevent AIDS might work, if a different dosage or more powerful drug was tried. "We don't exactly know why this didn't work, but this approach still has potential," Ndowa said. "Maybe it was just too much to expect from a tablet taken twice a day that it could be effective against HIV."



Fueled By Petrol

by Jimmy Petrol

VooDoo Nation

The Guys That Make Money the Way Things Are are already screaming "Scary Black Man" and warning against "unwise" energy policies. So, the Guys Who Are Scared Of Any Hardship will vote for More of the Same McCain. What are we to do, Toto?

Toto tells me often that the problem with a "democracy" is that not-too- bright people will never vote to make life anything but easier, even if it means that things are going to get worse someday in the future because they refuse to bite the bullet now. Toto actually said, "bite the mailman", but I know he was kidding, as it is a crime to advocate harming a government official.

That is why it is important for all you Munchkins (yum!) to follow instructions very carefully.

Toto and I believe in the "Power of Prayer".

Shock and Dismay!

There is just a little bit of a difference from what you may have learned about in your travels through America's churches; we think prayer should have a bite. (Toto has had quite an influence on my religious attitudes).

Voodoo has a nice ring to it, yes? Voodoo. Oh My!

The thing is, it isn't working to "work within the system"; that is a trap. There are systems in place to thwart any change, the most effective of them the fear resident in the average voter. With a little creativity, it is quite simple to pass laws and elect officials that will uphold them; laws that are counter to the survival of intelligent life.

Ergo, it falls to the intelligent to join in the "democratic process" in as an effective way as the fear mongers that control the vote; i.e., scare the voters. Keeping in mind the intellectual level of the Conservative campaign, we can infer the intellectual level of the voter we seek to influence. This is where we get to the fun part.

Toto and I have a little doll. Actually, we have a lot of little dolls. They are effigies of our nation's favorite radio talk-show host (that's the big, fat one) our least honest leaders (that's the one that looks like Alfred E Newman) and the average Joe and Jane Conservative voters (those are the ones doing it "missionary style" on the little toy bed. Whoops! They are already done! Boy, is Joe Quick! Oh oh, it looks like Jane has a little Voodoo doll of her own!)

Now I just like to have these little effigies around for parties. If you watch them closely, they tend to suddenly burst into flames! Really! Especially the fat talk show host! But Toto likes to chew on them. I try to tell him that it is illegal to harm anyone in America, unless they are brown, black, Gay, or female, but he just keeps chewing.

I used to think it was all just fun, but I have a couple of friends that are Conservative Joes and Janes; they are scandalized by my little Voodoo fun. In fact, clairvoyant as I sometimes am, it is plain to me that they are downright scared of it all.

So here is the plan. Get a little Voodoo nation going of your own. Let your little dog, or your last lover (whichever is more viscous, or bites more) chew on them. If you are going on a cruise, keelhaul some of them; be sure to let your shipmates see the labels on the little Joe and Jane dolls that identify them as Conservative Voters. I know, you don't think this will work.

It may not; not all by itself. But just think....if we spend this election doing scary things to the silly, not- too- bright and not- too -brave voters that elected Baby Bush and Lord Cheney, we may get the hang of American Electioneering and actually be able to field a candidate that has a chance someday.

I wonder what kind of a candidate would be pro-earth and scary? Hmmmmm....I know of one, but you have to email me if you want to know. Meanwhile, just hum "Over the Rainbow" and hold onto your ass. Electing More of the Same McCain doesn't just mean we get to stay on in Iraq; it means more of the same.

Ready to get those Voodoo dolls going yet? Really, I swear; they little brained people are scared of them. Oh! The fat one just burst into flames again! And little Joe and Jane are so confused!

THE STONEWALL RIOTS

Continued from Page Four

own business and never bothered a soul. There were never any fights or hollering, or anything like that. They just wanted to be left alone. I don't know what they did inside, but that's their business. I was never in there myself. It was just awful when the police came. It was like a swarm of hornets attacking a bunch of butterflies."

A reporter visited the now closed Stonewall and it indeed looked like a cyclone had struck the premisses. Police said there were over 200 people in the Stonewall when they entered with a warrant. The crowd outside was estimated at 500 to 1,000. According to police, the Stonewall had been under observation for some time. Being a private club, plain clothesmen were refused entrance to the inside when they periodically tried to check the place. "They had the tightest security in the Village," a First Division officer said, "We could never get near the place without a warrant."

The men of the First Division were unable to find any humor in the situation, despite the comical overtones of the raid.

"They were throwing more than lace hankies," one inspector said. "I was almost decapitated by a slab of thick glass. It was thrown like a discus and just missed my throat by inches. The beer can didn't miss, though, "it hit me right above the temple."

Police also believe the club was operated by Mafia connected owners. The police did confiscate the Stonewall's cash register as proceeds from an illegal operation. The receipts were counted and are on file at the division headquarters. The warrant was served and the establishment closed on the grounds it was an illegal membership club with no license, and no license to serve liquor.

The police are sure of one thing. They haven't heard the last from the Girls of Christopher Street.

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Friday, June 20

Tucson Pride hosts Reel Pride - The Loft Cinema
3233 East Speedway Boulevard • A Four Letter Word- Get ready to experience a little romantic profanity with *A FOUR LETTER WORD* (from Casper Andreas, acclaimed writer/director of Slutty Summer).
www.loftcinema.com

Saturday, June 21

Gay West - Old Tucson Studios
201 South Kinney Road • 6:00pm • This year's event features an exclusive Old Tucson Studios performance by Grammy legend Thelma Houston.
www.wingspan.org • www.oldtucson.com/events

Saturday, June 21

Pride in the Pines - Flagstaff
Wheeler Park - 212 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ • 11:00am-8:00pm
Mark your calendars for an entire weekend of Pride celebrations and activities for the entire Northern Arizona community!
www.flagstaffpride.org

Sunday, June 22

Daryl Shawn - Rainbow Planet
606 North 4th Avenue • 4:00pm • Join TPI and enjoy the musical stylings of musician Daryl Shawn. For more information: (520) 620-1770
www.theplanetcoffeehouse.com

Monday, June 23

Craft Night - Rainbow Planet
606 North 4th Avenue • 7:00pm-10:00pm • Join TPI at Rainbow Planet for Craft Night. For more information: (520) 620-1770
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Tuesday, June 24

Eon Youth Lounge - Dinner and a Movie
Call (520) 620-6245 for directions • Dinner and a movie for youth ages 13-23. • Must be between 13-23 to attend. • www.eonyouth.org

Wednesday, June 25

Bear Night - Rainbow Planet
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Wednesday, June 25

Pima Community Access Program (PCAP) Day - Wingspan
425 East Seventh Street • 11:30am-5:00pm • Join us to find out more about PCAP and for an ice cream social. • www.pcap.cc

Thursday, June 26

Fireman's Party - IBT's
616 North 4th Avenue10:00 pm- Close • Join Tucson Pride and Title Sponsor Bud Light at IBT's for the Fireman's Party. Drink specials, go-go boys, and a Sexiest Fireman Contest will definitely make this a Pride Week event to remember! • www.myspace.com/ibtstucson

Thursday, June 26

Desert Girls - Rainbow Planet
606 North 4th Avenue • ALL Night • For more information: (520) 620-1770 • www.theplanetcoffeehouse.com

Friday, June 27

Front Porch Music Series - Wingspan
425 East Seventh Street • Artist(s) and times: To be announced
www.wingspan.org

Friday, June 27

National HIV Testing Day - Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation
375 South Euclid Avenue • 8:00am-8:00pm • Free & confidential HIV testing. For additional locations or information, call Dave at (520) 628-7223.
www.SAAF.org

Saturday, June 28

MSHAPE Sunset BBQ & Volleyball - De Anza Park
Southeast corner of Speedway and Stone • 4:00pm to 8:00pm
MSHAPE invites you to come play volleyball, eat some barbequed hamburgers & hot dogs and hang out with us!
www.SAAF.org

Saturday, June 28

Out Loud and Queer Open Mic - Rainbow Planet
606 North 4th Avenue • 7:00pm • Join TPI and show off your vocal abilities for Out Loud and Queer Open Mic at Rainbow Planet.
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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Obama Pride

In a letter to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) voters, the presumptive Democratic nominee for President, Illinois Senator Barack Obama has stated that if elected, he would put his administration behind two measures dealing with hate crimes and employment discrimination.

Senator Obama wrote that he would work for the enactment of the Matthew Shepard Act to expand current federal hate crimes statutes to include sex and sexual orientation and an Employment Non Discrimination Act which would prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, perceived or otherwise.

In his letter, Obama wrote that he hopes he and his supporters can work inclusively to secure equal rights and would never compromise on a commitment to equal rights for all LGBT Americans but would work to continue an open dialogue with those opposing such measures, calling them challenging and necessary.

When it comes to the "Defense of Marriage Act" adopted by Congress and signed by then President Bill Clinton in 1996, Obama affirmed his initial statements calling for the complete repeal of the federal law, prohibiting the federal government from recognizing committed, same-sex relationships.

Obama called for the extension of the 1,138 rights and benefits to committed, same-sex couples and their families for which opposite-sex couples and their families currently receive, although the same-sex relationships would be recognized on the federal level as a "civil union."

"I personally believe that civil unions represent the best way to secure that equal treatment but I also believe that the federal government should not stand in the way of states that want to decide on their own how best to pursue equality for Gay and Lesbian couples, whether that means a domestic partnership, a civil union or a civil marriage."

Gays and Lesbians would be able to serve openly and proudly in the armed services in an Obama administration.

Obama expressed his opposition to state laws that hinder or prohibit Gays and Lesbians, either single or same-sex couples from adopting children writing "As your president, I will use the bully pulpit to urge states to treat same-sex couples with full equality in their family and adoption laws."

Funding for HIV/AIDS research and programs would be increased in an Obama administration. While in the Senate, Obama sponsored the Early Treatment for HIV Act that offer states the option to provide Medicaid coverage to low-income, HIV-positive Americans as "categorically needy."

Words are one thing but the campaign has and will continue to maintain a visible presence at LGBT Pride events across the country, registering and informing voters of Obama's stances and positions on the issues of concern.

For more information or to volunteer, go online to pride.barackobama.com.

Much Ado About Nothing

by Jack Melichar

When I am having one of my more cynical moments, I am want to think of Tucson as a one pony town striving mightily to become powered by one horse. Then something comes along which derails all of my negative thinking. Just such an event occurred last Friday when I attended a performance of Bach's B Minor Mass performed by the St Andrew's Bach Society Chamber Choir and Orchestra.

I have seen this opus in New York and Chicago – both presented by mighty orchestras and choirs. I was therefore curious how so few people would be able to pull it off. The total number of participants was 26 and I am accustomed to seeing at least thirty in the choral section alone – forget the orchestra.

Ah Ha! I knew – I was absolutely certain – that I was about to witness Tucson' pony slipping in the mud while trying to carry a load that required a team of Clydesdales! Alas, woe is me! I was wrong (I know just how you feel. I didn't think I could possibly be wrong either)! The performance was outstanding!

Bach's sacred magnum opus glorifies both voice and instrument, and they wing the listener to heaven with brilliant harmonies and depth of sound. From the solemn Kyrie to the ebullient Gloria through the last chord of the Dona nobis pacem, I was riveted by this tour de force setting of the Latin Mass.

My special thanks to St Andrew's Bach Society Chamber Choir and Orchestra and the extremely talented musicians and vocalists for a memorable evening of superb entertainment.

Tucson, you old broad, there's hope for you yet.

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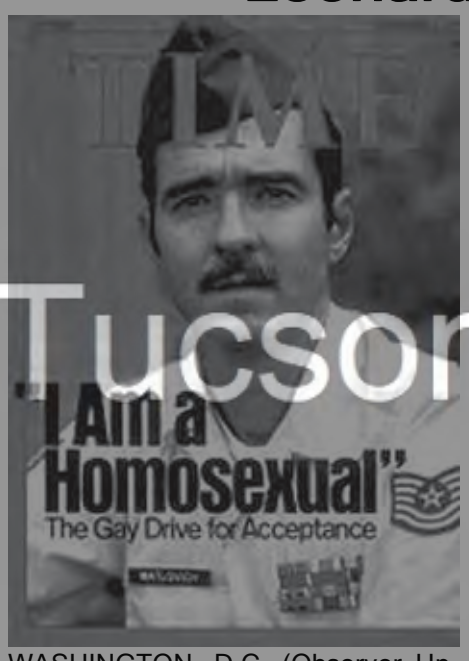
Remembering. . . . . Leonard Matlovitch



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) marks the 20th anniversary of the death of retired Air Force Technical Sergeant Leonard Matlovich by renewing its call for the elimination of the ban on military service by Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans. Matlovich was the first service member to take the U.S. military to court over the ban, and one of the most famous Gay people of his era.

SLDN Executive Director Aubrey Sarvis said, "Leonard Matlovich's extraordinary courage in a time when Gays and Lesbians faced extreme prejudice is an example for us all. He was a brave pioneer and set off a struggle that we can finally envision winning. The debt that Gay veterans–and the entire Gay community–owe to Sergeant Matlovich cannot be overstated."

Matlovich (1943-1988) was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star during three tours of duty in Vietnam. Angered by the ban, he purposely declared his homosexuality in a 1975 letter to Air Force Secretary John McLucas and fought to remain in the military. Sergeant Matlovich's case won widespread media attention. On September 8, 1975, Matlovich appeared on the cover of Time magazine

After losing his bid to remain in the Air Force through their administrative proceedings, a U.S. District Court judge ordered Matlovich reinstated with back pay. After more litigation, Matlovich eventually accepted a financial settlement and an upgrade to honorable discharge. He continued his tireless efforts for Gay equality in the civilian sector. Matlovich announced he had AIDS during an interview with Charlie Gibson on "Good Morning America" in 1987. He died on June 22, 1988, just two weeks before his 45th birthday.

Even in death, Matlovich remains an important figure in the Gay community. His tombstone in Washington, D.C.'s Congressional Cemetery, where additional Gay veterans have since chosen to be buried, reads "When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one." Matlovich's military career and lawsuit are documented in the Out Ranks exhibit currently on display at the GLBT Historical Society in San Francisco. Installation of a memorial plaque on the site of Matlovich's former San Francisco residence in the Castro neighborhood is planned for later this year.

"In Leonard's memory, and in the honor of all Gay veterans and service members, we must redouble our efforts to overturn 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" said Sarvis.

Statistician Gary Gates of the Williams Institute at UCLA estimates that there are currently 65,000 Gays serving in the armed forces.

Mistrial In Gay Murder Case

SACRAMENTO, California (Observer Update) - A mistrial has been declared in the anti-Gay hate crime murder trial of 21-year-old Aleksandr Shevchenko, accused of killing Fijian-immigrant Satendar Singh at a lake outside Sacramento over the Independence Day holiday in 2007.

Shevchenko and another suspect, 29-year-old Andrey Vusik of West Sacramento, reportedly attacked Singh, 25, while he was picnicking with friends after taunting him over his race and sexuality. Friends claim Singh's attackers made racial and homophobic remarks to Singh before assaulting him with what some claim were a pair of brass knuckles. Singh fell to the ground bleeding and died four days later in the hospital. The Sacramento Bee reports: "After more than four days of tense deliberations, the jury of seven women and five men could not agree on whether the defendant was involved in the confrontation because he believed Singh was Gay. The panel emerged before noon and told Judge Gary S. Mullen that they were "irrevocably deadlocked" on the hate-crime allegation that Aleksandr Shevchenko, 22, faced for his role in last year's fight.

The Sacramento man was found guilty on two misdemeanor counts: disturbing the peace and simple assault for throwing a bottle. He could face a maximum sentence of about nine months in jail when he returns to court on July 11. It remained unclear Wednesday whether the District Attorney's Office would re-try Shevchenko on the controversial hate-crime charge." Seven jurors believe Shevchenko is guilty of the hate crime charge, five do not.

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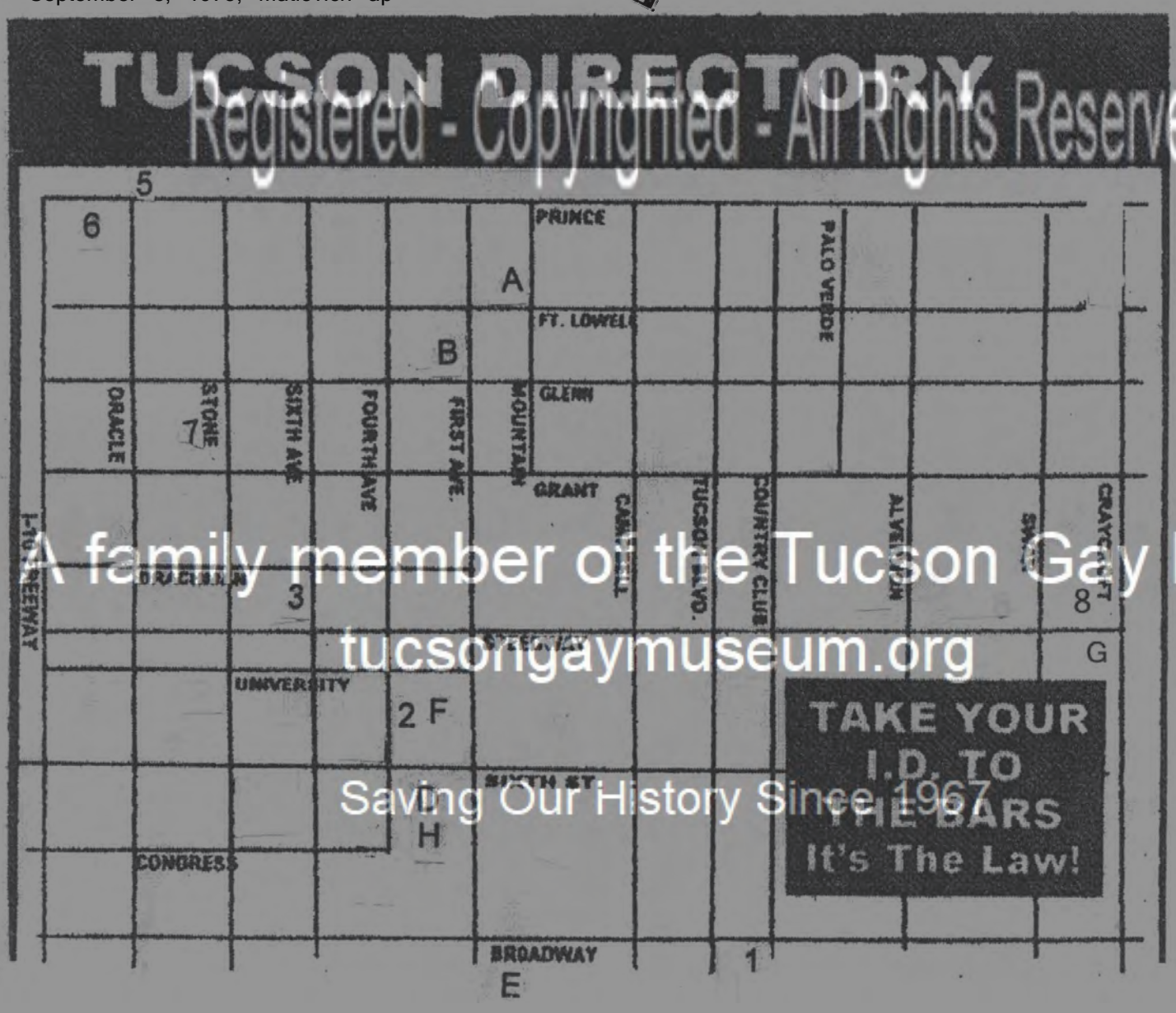

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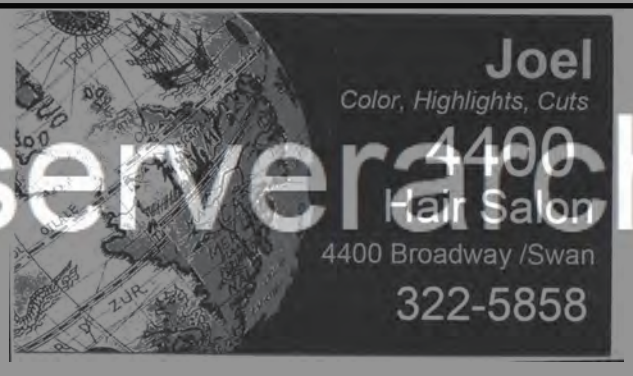

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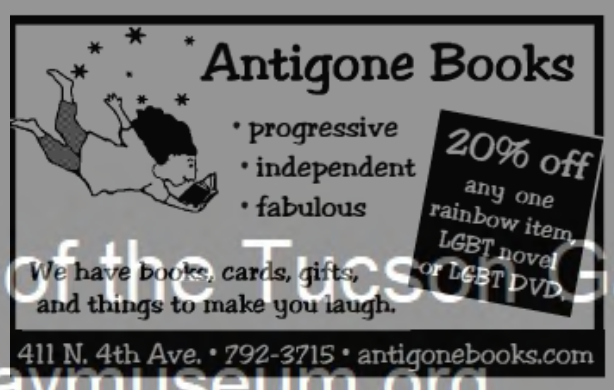

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How will your ambitions mold your actions? It remains to be seen when the Sun enters Cancer. Anything you do to get yourself well positioned will eventually lead to success. Unless that position is prone.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Gay Rams have remarkable staying power and energy reserves with Sun in Cancer. Not only can you see the lay of the land, you are able to solidify your base of operations. Make substantive additions to a major personal project and take it to the next step. Clear away long standing family disagreements that hamper your progress. Pretend to agree if you have to.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Anything you think or say can have global impact. So the secret to your success will be to carefully choose the what, when, where, how and why of your personal mission and take the first giant step this week. Queer Bulls have a tendency to lie back and wait for the world to come to them. Change your inclination and move forward before someone steps on you.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins find that the demands of lovers can get them into a financial bind. This may not be a bad thing if you can afford the extra expense. But for those with tight wallets, try to refrain from using money to control relationships. Yes, it is easier than rocking the love boat but sometimes things need to capsize in order to see what is going on underneath.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

All eyes continue to be upon you, Gay Crab. Can you remain confident and calm while you remain in the center of the circus? Capture a zen-like moment this week and don't let the dazzle, frazzle. Things come softly down and back to earth soon enough. Then you can continue forward in any personal plans and manage expectations - yours and theirs.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Secret enemies at work make themselves known so you can handle and control the situation once and for all. Good. Proud Lions work too long and too hard for some interloper to come in, wrest control and take all the credit. Not only do you have a guardian angel, you have an intuition that leads you to where you need to be. Err.... Paris...?

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Not only does your social calendar fill up, you manage to find several ways to dissipate your energies in a range of pastimes and games. Queer Virgins can also expect a wilde romance that gnaws at the sensibilities of certain friends. Whew - what a range of shenanigans! Enjoy every moment. There will be plenty of time to relax and recharge in a couple of weeks.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Proud Libras can reach the pinnacle of their careers over the span of the next few weeks. But will it come at the expense of your home and family life? How much time do you need to pour into professional pursuits? It would be a shame to finally reach the corner office while you also turn a corner with a certain someone. Or maybe money will buy love.....??

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

If you are given a chance to travel, don't turn it down. Proud Scorps may feel tired and lazy but that should be overcome. Not only does it expose you to interesting and impactful people, it also offers opportunities to expand your base of power and influence. If you simply cannot get away at this time, explore other global avenues. Fish the internet and see what you catch.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Influential, monied folks begin to notice your worth. Well it's about time! Gay Archers have been trying to get the attention of the few and powerful but to no avail. Now not only can you impress, you also profit. Refrain from your tendency to be brutally honest. For now lie, subvert and cajole. Better still, say nothing and let things take their course.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Partners want more attention. In fact they seem to want all the attention. And they want to have their way when and where they want it, which seems to be all the time. Sigh. Pink Caps have to discover incentives to keep relationships on course. For those on the prowl, find a amply stocked watering hole where you can take a dip without being washed.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

It will be no surprise to you to discover that things are not as they first appeared. Aqueerians have a well developed sixth sense and saw that there was a lot going on below the surface. Work with what you now know to be true. Turn the situation around. Not only will you finally benefit from your efforts, you will be in a prime position to decide what happens next.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Independent Guppies may get their fins entangled in someone's net now. Romantic possibilities can divert your attentions from any tasks at hand and offer a pleasant interlude and temporary diversion. The best place to meet and greet are among groups of friends of friends or with new organizations. Here is the chance to get involved ... very involved.

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Haggard Back In Colorado Springs

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Observer Update) - The evangelist forced out of his job after being caught up in a sex scandal involving a male prostitute, Mike Jones, has left a "spiritual restoration program" and no longer has any ties to the megachurch he founded, the congregation's new pastor says.

Under a severance deal that Ted Haggard reached with the church in 2006, he agreed to leave Colorado Springs and not talk about the scandal publicly. The deal expired at the end of 2007. New pastor Brady Boyd said Haggard was now free to live where he wanted and has returned to Colorado Springs. "They have moved back and they live in the original house that they lived in for many years," Boyd said Sunday of Haggard and his wife, Gayle.

Haggard answered the telephone at his Colorado Springs telephone number on Sunday (June 22) and confirmed he was in the city but said he couldn't talk to reporters. Boyd said Haggard was in private business but didn't have any further details. He said there were no plans for him to work again at New Life.

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Comedian George Carlin Dies At Age 71

SANTA MONICA, California - Comedian George Carlin, a counter-culture hero famed for his routines about drugs, dirty words and the demise of humanity, died of heart failure at a Los Angeles-area hospital Sunday (June 22). He was 71, Reuters reported on pageoneq.com. Carlin, who had a history of heart and drug-dependency problems, died at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica about 6 p.m. PDT (9 p.m. EDT) after being admitted earlier in the afternoon for chest pains, spokesman Jeff Abraham told Reuters.

Known for his edgy, provocative material developed over 50 years, the bald, bearded Carlin achieved status as an anti-Establishment icon in the 1970s with stand-up bits full of drug references and a routine called "Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television." A regulatory battle over a radio broadcast of the routine ultimately reached the U.S. Supreme Court. In the 1978 case, Federal Communications Commission vs. Pacifica Foundation, the top U.S. court ruled that the words cited in Carlin's routine were indecent, and that the government's broadcast regulator could ban them from being aired at times when children might be listening.

The Grammy-winning Carlin remained an active presence on the comedy circuit. Carlin was scheduled to receive the John F. Kennedy Center's prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in November and his publicist said Carlin performed in Las Vegas this month. His comedic sensibility revolved around a central theme: humanity is a cursed, doomed species.

"I don't have any beliefs or allegiances. I don't believe in this country, I don't believe in religion, or a god, and I don't believe in all these man-made institutional ideas," he told Reuters in a 2001 interview. Carlin told Playboy in 2005 that he looked forward to an afterlife where he could watch the decline of civilization on a "heavenly CNN." "The world is a big theater-in-the round as far as I'm concerned, and I'd love to watch it spin itself into oblivion," he said. "Tune in and watch the human adventure."

Carlin wrote three best-selling books, won four Grammy Awards, recorded 22 comedy albums, headlined 14 HBO television specials, and hosted hundreds of variety shows. One was the first episode of "Saturday Night Live" in 1975, when he was high on cocaine. Drug addiction plagued him for much of his life, beginning with marijuana experimentation as a teen, graduating to cocaine in the 1970s, and then to prescription painkillers and wine. During the cocaine years, Carlin ignored his finances and ended up owing about $3 million in back taxes. In 2004, he entered a Los Angeles rehab clinic for his alcohol and Vicodin abuse.

George Dennis Carlin was born on May 12, 1937, in New York City, where he was raised with an older brother by their single mother. He fondly recalled that the nuns at his school tolerated his early comedic inclinations. After a brief, troubled stint in the U.S. Air Force, he started honing his comic act, developing such characters as Al Sleet, a "hippie-dippie weatherman." Carlin told Playboy that his sensibilities developed in the 1950s, "when comedy stopped being safe ... (and) became about saying no to authority." He cited such influences as Lenny Bruce, Mort Sahl, Dick Gregory and Bob Newhart. He also dabbled in movies and television, recently voicing a hippie Volkswagen bus named Fillmore in the Pixar cartoon "Cars."

Carlin is survived by his second wife Sally Wade; daughter Kelly Carlin McCall; and brother Patrick. His first wife, Brenda, died of cancer in 1997. News of his death was first reported by the television show "Entertainment Tonight."

Abstinence Only Program Moving Toward Renewal

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Despite a growing body of evidence showing it is not only ineffective but also discriminatory toward LGBT youth a renewal of the Bush administration's abstinence-only-until-marriage program for schools appears likely in Congress, reported 365Gay.com.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies has voted to continue funding the Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) program. The federal government now spends about $176 million annually on abstinence-until-marriage education.

"It's hard to imagine a good reason why, in these tight economic times, Congress would intentionally flush taxpayer dollars down the drain by spending them on disproven, ineffective abstinence-only-until-marriage programs," said Caroline Fredrickson, director of the ACLU Washington Legislative Office. "We are floored that they continue to ignore study after study, and the consensus of the pubic health community, all concluding that these programs censor vital health care information, teach gender stereotypes, discriminate against Lesbian and Gay teens, and in some cases promote religion in the classroom in violation of the Constitution."

A study mandated by Congress last year found that students who participated in sexual abstinence programs were just as likely to have sex within a few years as those who did not.

The study, by Mathematica Policy Research, also found that students who attended the abstinence classes reported having similar numbers of sexual partners as those who did not attend the classes, and they first had sex at about the same age as their

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control group counterparts - 14 years and nine months.

A report a year earlier by the Society of Adolescent Medicine found that abstinence-only education was "unlikely to meet the health needs" of Gay because abstinence-only programs focus heavily on no sex until marriage and ignore homosexuality. This could lead to increased risk of infection among these youngsters, the investigators said.

Under the CBAE program participating states then provide $3 for every $4 they get from the federal government. But a growing number states decline to take part in the grant program. The most recent was Arizona. In January Gov. Janet Napolitano (D) told the Bush administration that the state does not want $1 million from the federal government because the programs don't work.

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Can A Song Be Gay?

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Can a song be Gay?

It's a question that doesn't have an easy answer, but it's sure fun to try to puzzle out. And the True Colors tour that has been traveling across America this month would seem to be a good place to do that. The tour, founded by Cyndi Lauper last year, is highly unusual in that its main purpose, besides entertaining crowds, is to rally for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights.

The tour features a diverse cast of performers – including the B-52s, Tegan and Sara, the Indigo Girls, Rosie O'Donnell and Regina Spektor – onstage for nearly five hours.

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 25th
Armistead Maupin, author of Tales of the City, etc. 7:00 p.m. at the Loft Cinema, Free admission. Maupin will talk about and read from his books. Join the Pima County Public Library and the Library's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Committee in Welcoming Maupin. A book sale and signing will follow. For more info go on line to library.pima.gov/spotlight/maupin/ or loftcinema.com/node/299

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

Tucson Prime Timers hosts a "Brown Bag" picnic & tour of magnificent Madera Canyon. Beverages provided. R/T transportation $22/ RSVP 885-1270 pr website www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, June 26th
#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 Men's Social Network Bridge generally played on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Dick at 298-4392.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to Bowling - 1:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Friday, June 27
Celebrate Pride with Boys R Us at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress with Mistress of Affairs Janee Starr. Doors open a t 6pm $5 for 18 an under, $7 general admission. $10 limited seating at the doorl Go online at myspace.com/tucsonsdragkings

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our weekly "Bar Hopping around Tucson Cocktail Mixer" 5 p.m.. This week: La Cocina in the Catalina Courtyard, 201 Court Street at Congress. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday, June 28th
#1 Men's Social Network. Coffee at the Crave Coffee Shop 4530 E Broadway at 1pm

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

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for drinks and grub , 6:30 p.m. at Woody's Bar, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Sunday, June 29th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:00p.m. Dinner Out at Bentley's House of coffee and Tea. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com Please contact Thom by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Check the Yahoo MSN on-line calendar for the scheduled place.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for 11 a.m. Sunday Brunch at the delightful, gay- owned Rio Café, 2625 E. Grant Rd. RSVP 298-6727 or website www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Monday, June 30
Tucson Prime Timers welcomes visitors to our weekly drop-in Luncheon - 12:30 p.m. at The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave. www.tucsonprimetimers.org
Sunday, July 13
3:30-5:30 p.m. Mark your calendar. Sign up for the monthly Men's Massage Group in its 18th year. Spend 2 hours on the 2nd Sunday of each month in nude bliss with other men. Non-Sexual. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up and for information.

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Tucson Knight Owls (T.K.O)
We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 am., Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at the Yard Dog, followed by a beer bust from 2pm to 6pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THIS WAY OUT, 1/2 hour national GLBT show. 4:30 p.m. on Sundays only on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 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.

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.

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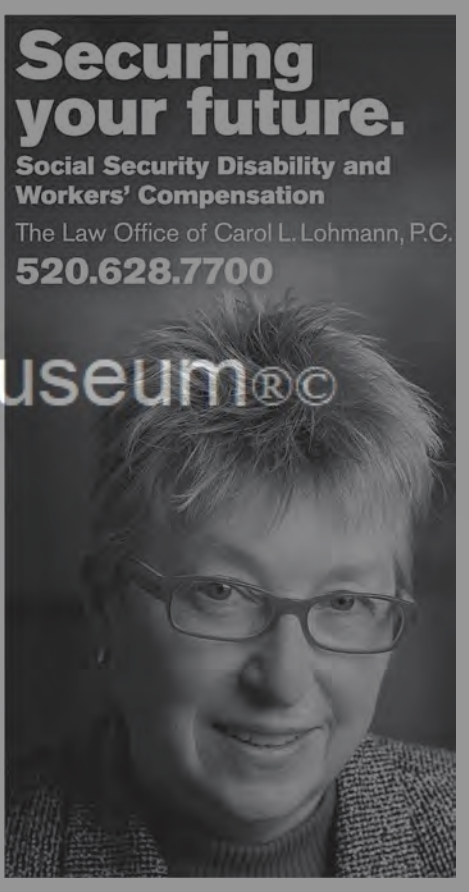
LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

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

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 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



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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am; Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Sports on all day!!! MLB; WNBA; You call it!! Music with DJ/Hill starts at 9pm.

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 Domestics and well. Appetizers ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10;m. 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. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers ½ 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. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well and ½ 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 Domestics and ½ 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, "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). 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. Karaoke starts @9:30pm. With 2 for 1 starting after the first singer! (Poker Pub will resume in the Fall).

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,$3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ 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. July 3rd Karaoke's back 8-10:30pm

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. With incredible Happy Hour pricing from 5-8pm. Noche de calor w/DJ Hill jugando la mejor en musicia latino! Todos los viernes por la noche, la musica comienza a las 9. Shot specials cada nora!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ 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 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. Patio opens @9pm. BEER PONG tournament on the patio every Saturday night!! DJ Hill 9pm. Don't forget to catch the WNBA games every Sat on our 51" flat screens!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well, ½ 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 Starr. 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 open11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

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

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
WOODY'S - Joint Fund Raiser with Roscoe's of Phoenix for the Coors/Coors Light Toros Softball Team.
Meet the team 8:30 p.m. Show starring Ajia Simone, Phaedra, Chane Jordan and Diora LeBlanc.

YARD DOG SALOON - Shawn's Pork Chop Dinner from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
WOODY'S - The Sunday Party is even bigger today. "DLP - Wet Frat Boy's" Benefit Car Wash 11am to 4pm. Also Jeff's Omelette Bar $6 11:30 a..m. - 2:00 p.m. Burger/Beer Bust 2-7/ Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm and Bud Light "Party Cruise" Giveaway Party at 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, July 2
IBT's - "Viva La Diva" show hosted by Bunny FuFu at 9:00 p.m. Following the show DJ Q spins hot dance music inside and DJ Mike Lopez plays on the patio 9:00 p.m. until closing.
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WOODY'S - "Wet and Wild" Monsoon Party - show up prepared to be wet (if you want to be). Register to win a weekend for two in San Diego 7:00 p.m. to close - only on Wednesday!

THURSDAY, JULY 3
HOWL AT THE MOON - Karaoke is back at the Moon every Thursday . The howling begins at 8:00 p.m. and goes until 10:30 p.m. Come sing your favorite songs. Your host is Johnny Knight.

FRIDAY, JULY 4
HOWL AT THE MOON - Sparkle on the dance floor with DJ Pat.

SATURDAY, JULY 5
HOWL AT THE MOON - Classic Rock by Too Much Information - LIVE! Save the date.

KXCI Stonewall Day June 27

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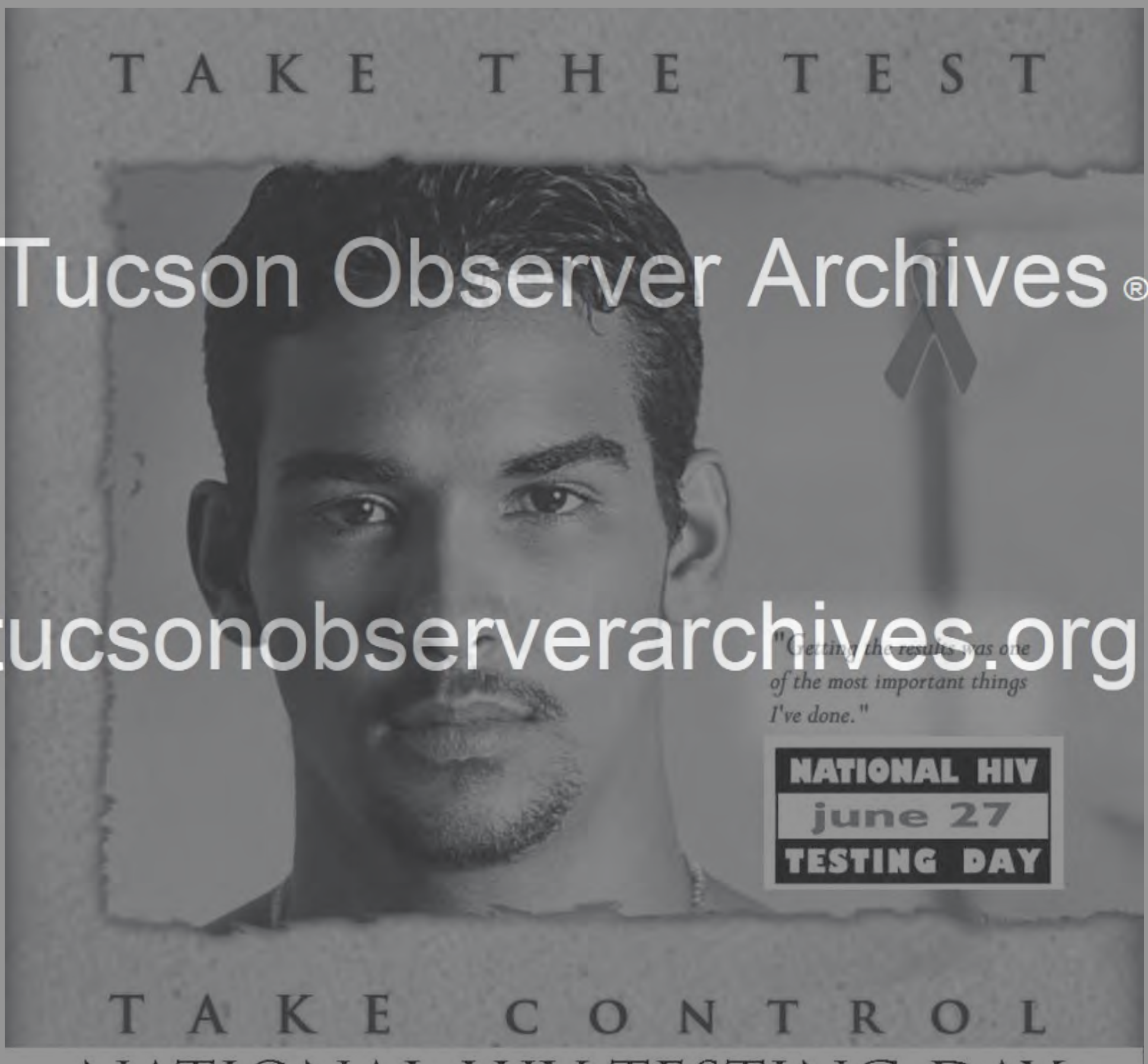

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

FRIDAY JUNE 27TH

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