

LGBT Revelers Celebrate Pride, Marriage Rights



Cyndi Lauper San Francisco Pride Grand Marshal

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - A Lesbian motorcycle group dressed in bridal veils, wedding gowns, and leather lent a matrimonial touch to San Francisco's Gay pride parade Sunday (June 29) as revelers celebrated their newfound freedom to marry, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com.

The riders tossed bouquets as they led the city's 38th annual Gay pride parade down Market Street. Some of the motorcycles were adorned with signs that read "Just Married."

Huge crowds lined the route as city tourism officials predicted the largest turnout yet for the parade, which typically draws tens of thousands.

The county clerk's office was busy Friday (June 27) handing out marriage licenses and handling wedding ceremonies. Same-sex marriage has been legal in California since June 16, after a state supreme court decision.

San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom received ovations along the parade route for his role in working to overturn the state's Gay marriage ban.

Though City Hall was closed Sunday, parade organizers put up a wedding pavilion across the street where couples could get information about tying the knot or celebrate newly sanctioned unions.

Wade French, 51, and his partner, Brent Lok, 54, wed in San Francisco the day after the court's decision took effect. At the parade, Lok wore a T-shirt reading "Finally married..." while French's shirt read "after 30 years together."

"We always come to the parade, but this year is a different feeling because we're celebrating something that's personal to us," Lok said.

The couple said they were asking friends and family not to send wedding gifts and instead make donations to a nonprofit group working to fight a ballot measure that would once again ban Gay marriage in the state.

In a taped interview Sunday

morning on NBC's Meet the Press, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called the measure "a waste of time."

"I personally believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman," Schwarzenegger said. "But at the same time I think that my, you know, belief, I don't want to force on anyone else."

The initiative set to go before voters in November would provide that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Its language was taken directly from a Gay marriage ban enacted by voters in 2000, one of two the state Supreme Court found unconstitutional and struck down on May 15.

Julie Kendall, 59, walked with her partner of 23 years, Melinda Kendall, 50, holding a sign that read, "We're here, we're queer and we're registered at Macy's."

Though both women were grinning, they said they were worried voters might pass the ballot initiative.

"I'm calling and e-mailing my friends urging them to get involved in the campaign. I'm reminding them this is a civil rights issue," Julie Kendall said.

The pair first wed in 2004 when Newsom ordered the city to begin issuing licenses to same-sex couples in defiance of state law. The state supreme court later nullified those marriages. The couple said they got a new marriage license and plan to wed next month.

In New York City, residents cheered Gov. David Paterson as he joined the city's annual Gay pride march a month after he directed state agencies to provide full marriage benefits to same-sex couples who were legally married elsewhere.

Jim Saslow carried a bouquet to the march down Manhattan's Fifth Avenue and wore a wedding gown stamped with the words "Coming Here Soon?"

"Everyone here is thinking if California can do it then we should be able to do it here soon," he said.

Arizona Anti G/L Amendment Placed On November Ballot Thanks To Republican Legislators

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - For the second time in two election cycles, voters will decide again in November whether to change the state's constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Unlike in 2006, which proponents of a measure, known as Proposition 107, paid petition circulators to gather the required signatures needed to qualify, the Republican controlled Arizona Legislature placed the measure on this year's ballot by approving SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 1042, which was passed by Republican votes.

Lobbying valiantly against SCR 1042 was Equality Arizona the statewide LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender rights organization, which issued the following statement after the debacle of a debate and subsequent vote:

Equality Arizona Executive Director Barbara McCullough-Jones and Public Affairs Director Sam Holdren issued the following statement to supporters last night following the Senate's action to force Arizonans to vote yet again on another constitutional amendment to define marriage:

"We just got back from the state Capitol, where the Senate voted to force another constitutional amendment to define marriage on the ballot. What happened tonight was disgraceful, but that doesn't change the fact that we will be facing another anti-LGBT amendment this November. It's true. The Arizona Legislature caved to the coercion of a little-known group, the Center for Arizona Policy, led by an extremist fundamentalist - Cathi Herrod. The Legislature ignored the people of Arizona, who already voted down a similar amendment. The Senate approved Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1042 tonight, and they broke the rules, along with the sanctity of the Senate, to do so.

"Tonight's debate was intense for everyone on the Senate floor and those of us watching in the gallery. But what happened to our openly-Gay and Lesbian Senators by their colleagues was absolutely disgusting. Senate extremists strategically broke the rules of the Senate, which govern the processes for discussion and voting on bills. During a filibuster-like discussion on another bill during Committee of the Whole, Majority Leader Thayer Verschoor (R-22) and Majority Whip John Huppenthal (R-20), among others, devised a scheme with committee chairman Jack Harper (R-4) to outright violate the rules of the Senate and the rights of Senators Aboud and Chevront.

"In the middle of their discus-

sion, Senator Harper turned off the microphones of Senators Paula Aboud (D-28) and Ken Chevront (D-15) and called on the Majority Leader to make a motion. Then, when Senators Aboud and Chevront loudly called for a Point of Order several times, even walking to the front desk where Senator Harper sat, he deliberately ignored their calls. To add insult to injury, these people attempted to justify their actions, even after the Senate President and other Senators admonished them for deliberately breaking the rules. Tonight's actions of these and other Senators have forever tainted that body, and it's important that we all let the people of Arizona know how these individuals acted so unethically.

"In the end, it was Senators Aboud and Chevront who gave the most impassioned remarks ever heard on the floor of the Arizona Senate. Senator Aboud spoke eloquently about the irrational fear Senators were expressing by their yes vote, asking, "Do I scare you?" She talked about family values that matter, like love, caring for elder parents and hospital visitation rights, and reminded her colleagues that these are all rights currently denied to people who cannot marry.

"After listening to Sen. Sylvia Allen (R-5) describe what she considered her moral superiority to protect families citing civilization from the 18th century and how same-sex marriage will signal the end of civilization as we know it today, Sen. Chevront hit the majority hard when he defined the many ways in which the integrity of the Senate was lost today.

"Accurately listing the many ways in which the legislative process was prostituted for political gain, Sen. Chevront admonished fellow Republican Senators by exposing the tactics of the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP). This sentiment was echoed by Senate President Bee, who pointed out the extreme measures that CAP used to secure votes, while he was explaining his vote on the bill.

"Today's Senate session was the culmination of not just a battle over a bill introduced at the beginning of the session in January but in fact was the end result of CAP's tantrum over the defeat of Prop 107 in 2006. Having lost this session on several other bills, including abstinence-only, abortion, school vouchers and a number of other issues, CAP needed this win to fill their coffers. No one can deny this bill was nothing more than a referendum on the LGBT community - a political fundraiser to fuel the anti-Gay industry in Arizona.

"Both Sen. Chevront and Representative Steve Gallardo sent messages to those in both chambers, stating those who would vote for this divisive

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Desert Voices Seeks G.M.

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.

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Free Beginners Computer Classes For Seniors, July 12

TUCSON (Observer Update) - If you have always wanted to know more about using a computer and your friends are bugging you to wade into the cyberworld, this is a perfect opportunity, starting Saturday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. to noon at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

You'll learn from the proven OASIS model in the company of other LGBT seniors in Wingspan's computer lab. Classes are being taught by the talented and knowledgeable Wingspan volunteer, Rick. This is a 4-week class that includes Getting Acquainted with the Computer and Exploring the Internet. Space is limited so contact Penelope to reserve a place for you.

For more information contact Penelope Starr, (520) 624-1779 ext. 122, pstarr@wingspan.org.

PFLAG Tucson Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Tucson chapter will not be holding a meeting in July.

PFLAG will hold their next meeting, Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., at the Ward VI City Council Offices at 3202 E 1st. Street, one block

east of Country Club Road and one block south of Speedway Boulevard.

PFLAG was proud to award eight Eugene Moore Memorial scholarships to eight outstanding candidates. These \$1,000 awards were presented at the scholarship reception held at the home of Jim and Donna Rochester. The Men's Social Network presented two \$1,000 awards that evening, making a total of \$10,000 in scholarship money made available to deserving students. As in other years, the selection was made difficult due to the exceptional applicants. This year was special because all ten recipients were present as well as many family members and friends of these winners.

Puertas Abiertas

TUCSON - If you are a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender Latina or Latino...you are not alone. Wingspan invites you to join Puertas Abiertas, which meets at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., where the doors are always open.

Puerta Abierta gets together during the third Thursday at 6:00 p.m. plus two events a month.

For more information, contact Geovanna, (520) 624-1779, gdelaree@wingspan.org.

HIV Youth Peer Education - RSVP By July 11

TUCSON - SAAF has an exciting opportunity coming up in July! HIV Youth Peer Education (HYPE) Training will teach youth (ages 12-17) everything they need to know to be a resource to their peers on HIV/AIDS.

The 5-day course is fun and interactive, and will focus on important life skills, such as resistance to peer pressure, self esteem and assertiveness. HYPE Training will give youth the tools they need to keep themselves safe and to inform their friends and classmates about avoiding HIV/AIDS and risky behaviors

HYPE Training will take place over 5 days, Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. All training, with the exception of the two off-site trips, will take place at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), located at 375 S. Euclid Ave. Lunch and transportation

to and from SAAF for the off-site activities will be provided for participants. If you are interested in participating in the HYPE training, contact Danielle Walsh, SAAF's Volunteer Resources Coordinator, at dwalsh@saaf.org or (520) 628-7223.

Drawing Group Formed

TUCSON - This weekly group is for people who want practice drawing in the comfort and company of other LGBT & ally folks.

All levels of experience welcome, even beginners. There's no teacher - the structure flows from the people who show up. Those who have been drawing for a while are willing to share their knowledge. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own art supplies (any paper and pencil will do) and your enthusiasm.

The Drawing Group meets every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 425 E 7th St. For more information, contact Penelope Starr (520) 624-1779.

TIHAN Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) is seeking a diverse group of volunteers that represent a cross section of our community to join existing volunteers in meeting the program and service needs of our CarePartners, people living with HIV/AIDS. TIHAN's goal is to have our volunteers reflect the ethnic diversity of the people we serve. With your help, we will continue to grow - not to become bigger, but to become better.

TIHAN has a variety of volunteer opportunities that will allow you to give as much or as little time you can (quarterly, monthly, or weekly). TIHAN is seeking both professional and non-professional volunteers who have a sincere interest in making life better for a sometimes forgotten group of special people, our CarePartners. Please join us, Tuesday, July 8, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at TIHAN, 1011 N. Craycroft Rd. #301 and make a difference. For more information, contact Kim Talerico, (520) 299-6647, kim@tihan.org. . . .

The 9th Annual TIHAN Night at the Sidewinders to benefit the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network's (TIHAN) services for people living with HIV/AIDS! Enjoy the doubleheader against the Portland Beavers on Sunday, July 13 at Tucson Electric Park. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. with games at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Ticket includes admission to both games, indoor/outdoor press box seating, All-American meal served between games (dogs, burgers, potato salad, chips, dessert, beverages, no-host adult beverages), 50/50 raffle for \$1 per ticket, and silent auction. Children are welcome! Meet and take your picture with Sandy the Sidewinder! \$30 per person and \$13.52 is tax-deductible. Contact TIHAN (520) 299-6647, for tickets.

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



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Myron Morris

Myron Morris, MD, community activist, advocate, and philanthropist, died Monday, June 23, 2008, in Tucson where he lived since 1993. He was 83. Myron retired from his medical practice in Boston and moved to Tucson. He was a board-certified physician in pediatrics and pediatric allergy and practiced for some thirty years.

Myron was embraced by all who knew him. His deeply held beliefs in reaching out led to countless friends in every community through which he passed. His humor and warmth were his stock and trade. His passing will be mourned by his relatives and by all of his many friends and associates.

Myron was a multi-faceted individual. He was a gifted pianist, artisan

and discriminating judge of music and of the arts. In his travels throughout the world he gathered artifacts that were representative of the works of extraordinary crafts people whose work he admired. He was a generous man who lavished his friends and relations with gifts and memorabilia. His brother also recalls that in his teenage years, Myron performed in a Settlement Music School concert attended by Albert Einstein, one of his foremost scientific heroes. In more recent times he studied piano with the gifted pianist and music critic of the New York Times, Anthony Tommasini.

He was also a man of conscience, and action. In response to the killing in 1964 of three young civil rights workers who dedicated their lives to ending racial discrimination in the South, Myron joined the thousands of volunteers who traveled to Mississippi, the sight of the murders, to register black voters. They did so despite continued threats of bodily harm from officials and members of organizations such as the Klu Klux Klan and the White Citizens Council. In Boston, Myron pursued his medical career with rigor and compassion. Yet, he found greater satisfaction in building community. He volunteered on a medical van that ministered to the needs of wayward street kids, joined in revitalizing a run-down Jamaica Plain neighborhood, and involved himself in protesting war and promoting the voice of the oppressed. He gathered a remarkable multi-generational network of friends, many who regarded Myron as honorary uncle. Host to countless parties, gourmet dinners, musical offerings and political meetings, he greeted all with a broad smile, twinkling eye and inimitable "Myron" hug.

In Tucson, Myron devoted his full time and energy to an array of organizations, with his primary focus being the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), where Myron served as a caregiving volunteer for numerous people living with HIV/AIDS throughout

his twelve years of service. In addition to his caregiving, Myron was recognized as a tireless advocate for people living with the disease and as the organization's foremost ambassador. In addition to serving on TIHAN's Board of Directors, he was a passionate fundraiser, helping raise over \$1.4 million for the organization's programs and services over the past twelve years, primarily through the "Treasures for TIHAN" auction of which Myron was a founder.

Myron Morris was a passionate philanthropist and supporter of social justice, civil rights, medical education, progressive politics, inter-faith dialogue/cooperation, and local theater, music, and arts. Since coming out as a Gay man 15 years ago, Myron has continued to thrive, living life fully and openly. His life was lived surrounded by an amazing network of friends throughout the world. A memorial service was held Sunday, June 29 and a memorial fund has been set up at TIHAN. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation of time and money in memory of Myron to TIHAN or to another not-for-profit organization close to your heart.

NGLTF Names New Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Rea Carey, longtime leader and activist in the LGBT rights movement, has been appointed executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, advocate.com reported.

"We were searching for someone who is both visionary and practical, has an understanding of our movement's history, and can take advantage of new opportunities that lie ahead," said Alan Acosta, board cochair in a press release. "There are very few people who have the right combination of voice, skills, passion, fearlessness, and rela-

tionships in and outside the movement to take the Task Force to the next level. We've found that person in Rea Carey."

Carey said she was honored and energized by the opportunity to lead the Task Force at a crucial time in the struggle for LGBT equality. "I believe our movement is on the cusp of taking the gains of the last 40 years and translating them into permanent and society-changing advances," Carey said.

Carey served as deputy executive director to Foreman for four years. With both Foreman and Carey at the helm, the Task Force became an organization with more than 50 staff and a \$10 million budget. Under their leadership, the Task Force focused the work of the Policy Institute think tank to produce analysis that is even more useful to activists on the ground; served as the movement's progressive voice on Capitol Hill; helped a record number of states pass LGBT-positive legislation; and established the Academy for Leadership and Action to provide more cohesive and strategic leadership and skills development to activists nationwide.

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COMMENTARY.....

by Lisa Neff

Independence Day

This week you'll see a lot of red, white and blue. You'll see rockets' red glare. You'll see Old Glory flying high. You'll hear "The Stars and Stripes Forever." And what will you think about on the nation's birthday?

Will you think about self-evident truths and certain unalienable rights? About life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Will you think about the government instituted to secure these rights—where it was, how far it has come, or retreated? Will you think about American history and the old king, the king of Great Britain and his "repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states"? Will you think about the president, who similar to the old king, "has refused his assent to laws ... necessary for the public good," has "obstructed the administration of justice," erected a new office (called Secretary of Homeland Security) and "sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance" and has transported large armies "to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny...totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation"? Will you think about the rebellious, revolutionary fervor with which the nation was founded?

This is not a call to arms or a declaration of independence. This is a reality check, because sometimes we lose sight. We tend to transform holidays into food fests and drinking bashes, celebrating more the office worker's three-day weekend than the cause for the observance. A Census Bureau "Facts for Features" release on the July 4 holiday illustrates this point. The news release acknowledges that on July 4, 1776, "the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, setting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation."

The rest of the Census Bureau release details where our hot dogs, chicken, watermelon, baked beans, potato chips and tomatoes will come from for backyard barbecues; that the fireworks for our extravaganzas and neighborhood shows likely will come from China, as well as most U.S. flags; and that there is one town in the country called "Patriot." This July Fourth, along with the fun times, I invite you to join me in considering what it has meant to be Gay in America? What does it mean to be Gay in America today? What will it mean

tomorrow? And what, I ask, does it mean to be a patriotic Gay American?

I put that last question to 10 friends and how they struggled for an answer. Patriotic? I feel like the eagle's been plucked, said one. Flag-waving, said another, does not come easy in a country that still won't let us carry the flag into battle. He reminded me of when I hear statements about "patriotic Gay Americans." Politicians tend only to refer to "patriotic Gay Americans" when they talk about lifting the ban against Gays in the military. Even within our community, this generally is the only reference to "patriotic Gay Americans." A search for "patriot" on the Human Rights Campaign's website will return 68 references, all but a few related to the ban against Gays in the military or Gay veterans.

Certainly patriotic Gays have served in the Armed Forces, but military service need not be a prerequisite for patriotism – in fact, I believe some who have refused to serve are patriots. And are we not patriots when we go to our courts and challenge discriminatory laws? Are we not patriots when we march for legislation to protect children in American schools and adults in their jobs? Are we not patriots when we rally on the National Mall, on state capitol steps and outside city hall for equal treatment?

Slapping a magnetic yellow ribbon on our SUVs will not make us patriots, nor will draping our porches in red, white and blue bunting and crying to the national anthem, though I admittedly often do shed tears. But we may be patriots because we practice dissent, we raise hell, we question the status quo, because we are progressive, earnest and loyal to democratic ideals. So, again, I invite you to observe Independence Day with reflection, to ponder what it means to be Gay in America and to think about what it means to be a patriotic Gay American.

(Lisa Neff is a reporter with The Islander, a weekly newspaper on Anna Maria Island, Fl. She has worked for more than 20 years in journalism. She is the former managing editor of the Chicago Free Press, a GLBT newsweekly she helped found in 1999, and has also worked for the Lesbian and Gay News-Telegraph in St. Louis, as well as for The Advocate. This oped was reprinted from 365Gay.com).

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measure may not be very secure in their positions after this session and once voters realize how abusive and out of touch they really are.

Aboud, Ken Chevront, Debbie McCune-Davis, Jorge Luis Garcia and Meg Burton-Cahill.

"No doubt we will see a mix of emotions from anger to sadness, and the worst part is the backlash of violence that often accompanies these actions. As a community we must unite like never before. Our resolve must be unwavering to change the faces of those who cast votes that affect so many lives.

"In addition to elected officials many individuals and organizations stood by us throughout this process. As Sen. Chevront said in his remarks, this kind of experience divides friends and foes very quickly. We are truly humbled at the number of allies from around the state and every walk of life that emerged to assist with strategy. A heartfelt thank you goes to the many supporters that helped build messaging and programs that allowed us to do this work.

"We at Equality Arizona are incredibly proud of those who stood with us throughout this session. Our allies in the Legislature who provided leadership, encouragement and strategic advice were invaluable. We owe a debt of gratitude to Reps. Kyrsten Sinema, Linda Lopez, Robert Meza, Steve Gallardo and others. In the other chamber our heroes are Sens. Paula

"We will regain our footing, strengthen our resolve and decide collectively - as a statewide movement for equality - the ways in which we will turn this experience into one which empowers Arizona voters to create a fair and

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Much Ado About Nothing

by Jack Melichar

Ah! It's that time of year again. Time to celebrate the Declaration of Independence. But which date do we choose? It could be celebrated on the 2nd when Congress declared it, or the 4th when it was adopted, or July 8 when it was read in public for the first time, or August 8th when it was signed. Take your pick - or better yet, celebrate all four. Any excuse for a party, Eh! But I wander.

"When in the course of human events . . ." These words rang out over the city of Philadelphia on July 8, and a new concept of government was declared. Never mind that the Netherlands had been a republic from 1581-1775 before the Frogs mulled their way in. Facts are such a pain in the ass! They tend to distort all our prejudices and muck everything up (especially if you are a Republican, but then, they are easy to fool. Bush did it twice, and he's not the sharpest knife in the drawer.). "But we wanted to be first," sob, sob!

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . ."

It seems to me this section needs some explaining. You see, this did not apply to all men - you had to be white and own land. Blacks need not

apply. Somehow these ideals did not quite fit with whips and chains and such. After all, it's hard to pursue happiness when you are all trussed up and being whipped - "You'll have to sweat on, bro. Sweat on." And, of course, it did not apply to women (well, they didn't do everything wrong, joke, joke!)

This brings me finally to the concept of patriotism which is yammered about on this holiday.

Are only those who live by the axiom "my country right or wrong" the sole owners of the title "patriot?" Our conservative brethren would have us so believe. They look back at our history and see nothing but glory and good works. I look back - see some glory and good works - and also see genocide and racism and intolerance, and they do not make me proud to be an American. However, I look ahead and see the wonders we could bring about if we put our minds and backs to the tasks at hand, and I am very proud indeed. I consider myself a patriot - one who served in the military during Viet Nam - and also became a Veteran against the war. I reserve the right to call this nation wrong when I so believe. That right is what I and millions of other Americans have fought for, and if some don't like it, stuff it!

Have a great holiday - even you black Republicans.

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just society.

"Despite an amazing process, coercion and corruption won out today in Arizona's Legislature. But tomorrow is a new day."

Wingspan, Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community center reacted to the vote on SCR 1042, placing yet another proposed marriage amendment on the general election ballot. What follows is a statement from Wingspan's Executive Director, Jason Cianciotto:

"This evening, Senate President Tim Bee cast the deciding, 16th vote, placing yet another anti-marriage amendment on the ballot in November. The following is a statement from Jason Cianciotto, Wingspan's Executive Director.

"In 2006, Arizona voters became the first in the nation to defeat an anti-marriage ballot measure. Today, our State Senate, led by President Tim Bee, rejected that democratic process in an attempt to distract voters from issues that truly have an impact on families, including the rising costs of food, gas, and health care.

"Senator Bee is grossly mistaken if he thinks he can ride an anti-family agenda to victory in his campaign to unseat Gabrielle Giffords in Congressional District 8—analysis of voting data from 2006 revealed that voters there rejected the first anti-marriage amendment by a 10 point margin, with 54.6% voting against Prop 107 and only 45.4% voting for it. This was an even wider margin than statewide results (51.8% vs. 48.2%)."

"The time has come for elected representatives and the anti-Gay industry in Arizona to be held accountable for harming Arizona families. I came back home to Arizona two months ago ready for this fight. A political sea change is approaching this November, and our legislature is in store for a rude awakening. Just as we did in 2006, a broad coalition of Arizonans—young and old, men and women, Gay and straight—will come together and defeat this ballot measure, again."

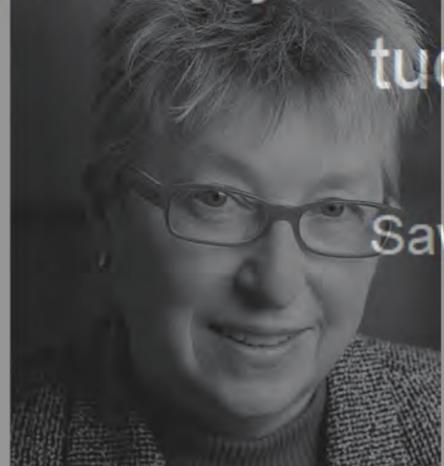
Karin Uhlich, the first open Lesbian elected to political office, the Tucson City Council in Ward 3 in 2005 issued the following statement on the Arizona Legislature placing the proposed marriage amendment on the November general election ballot. "It hurts my heart that the State Senate and House would promote a measure like this that attacks me and my family and thousands of other Arizonans. I believe in the people of this state, and hope they too will take offense at the bigotry underlying this effort."

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The Tankman Cometh

In the beginning, all was sensation. The sun came down on us like the inconceivable hot and terrible thing that it is in the deserts and we hid in caves, cool inside the earth. The wind pressed against us in the mornings and evenings, as the earth warmed and cooled, our hair mussing in interesting ways, the dust and pollens and bugs of the earth finding their way into our eyes and noses, blurring the sunlit earthscape and bringing to our brain the scents of life, death, pheromones and food.

When we lived, we sweated, our odor told the animals and people around us about our mental state (tense people smell different than calm people), our health (twinkies produce a different breath than protein-laden foods do) and our intent (the sex pheromones which the hopeful adult produces are very effective). All things were made to work in the way that worked; which is to say that there was a purpose in everything that was. Then man became aware of good and evil...how is a question we don't need to answer....the thing that matters is what people choose to call good and evil. Now, people tend to think that sweating, muscle aches, manual labor and the like are bad.

Where did that idea come from? Sleep, perhaps is the great seducer. We sleep, all warm and cozy, and doing nothing (not even directing our own thoughts); we feel so nice. It is possible that the less intelligent could be satisfied here, with the nothingness that is rest, but the phenomena of laziness, the cult of leisure has extended its tentacles into every strata of human intelligence. Even though it is a clear sign of poor cognition to aspire to leisure with the exclusion of physical work, our culture promotes this above all else. What we know is that when we raise our heart rate and tax our muscular system, our bodies get stronger from the bones outward; without exception, our little machines work better. Including our brains. Cognitive skills are enhanced by strenuous physical activity.

So why not just go to the gym?

Pushing weights around that are tethered to a steel frame does nothing to teach about balance, coordination, or the physics of the real world. Someone that has never dug a garden with a shovel has no idea what it takes to actually do much of anything; the physics of working in the world with materials and tools promote a cognitive response to the world that cannot be mimicked with a Wi. Wi tennis is not tennis; when Wi sex comes out, it won't be sex; no matter how good the orgasm, it will always be something less than real sex with another person. But there are so many humans that cannot see this distinction or get a feeling of superiority so satisfying that they argue against it, even though they have no idea about it that comes from experiencing real living.

Where are we going with this? To become satisfied with the world around us is the Holy Grail for the living. On the way to this happy place comes first the actions that indicate signs of life. After we get going, after we get in the soup, there is too little time to be anything but satisfied....because we are doing. Where are we going with this? Where do you want to go? When will the world around us be real enough to get our attention? When will the fact of our short, silly lives become so poignant that we become willing to act? Action; that last thing. To answer a call with a mind and body used to leisure and soft living is pointless; rather throw yourself in front of a bus.

Where are we going with this? Where is our country going? Can hope suffice....or will it take action? When the election is thrown, like the last one, what will we do? Will we all be so fat and happy, so bovine, that there will be nothing we can do? Yes, probably. Gotta go. Have to tote some bales, shuck some corn, do my honey and stand in the rain. And wait. Wait yet, just a little; hope will vanish in due time. In the meantime, work on that Voodoo doll; get used to action, no matter how hopeless, for action in the face of hopelessness is the only kind we have when action is the only hope.

Letters

Dear Editor:

I happened to be in Greenwich Village the night of the Stonewall riots and returned the next day to take photos of the Stonewall (one of which I still have).

First, the Stonewall riots were not the end of the oppression of Gays in New York City. I recall the persecution did not wind down until the late 1970's. My ex-wife, Ellen, clearly recalls cops just coming into a "Gay" establishment and - without a warrant or cause - just telling everyone to leave.

Greenwich Village in the 1960's was not at all Gay friendly. The Gay restaurants, like the Tenth of Always (where I met my first Transgendered person, "Barbara, the sex-change" in the summer of 1966) was run by mobsters. The earliest Gay center in NYC was the Gay Activist Alliance "firehouse" at 99 Wooster Street, just south of Greenwich Village. The firehouse was torched because the mob was losing money when the bars and restaurants emptied out when the "firehouse" opened.

Second, it was not until the mid-1980's that laws barring discrimination against homosexuals were enacted in

New York City, and laws barring discrimination against Transgendered people were only enacted in 2002!

Today's LGBT community cannot envision a world that I came out in; where the cops made me wash off my makeup and threatened to arrest me if they ever caught me again with makeup on. The beatings and brutality of that era rivaled Nazi Germany.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

SCR 1042 Update - The Second Time Around

On Friday, June 27, after approving a budget for the next fiscal year for Arizona's state government, the Republican controlled Senate took up SCR (Senate Concurrent Resolution) 1042, the proposed state constitutional amendment defining marriage as "a union between one man and one woman," which would be considered by voters on the November general election ballot if the state Senate agreed.

Since there were 16 Republican Senators present, the fix was in, being an election year and Arizona's Legislative Republicans need another wedge issue to run on in the upcoming election. Since there will be several ballot measures covering their favorite, "illegal immigration," Republicans needed to ensure success at the ballot box with their sure fire vote getter, "smearing the queers!"

Debate on the issue, with openly Gay and Lesbian Senators Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix and Paula Aboud, D-Tucson leading the charge against the bill was cut off by Senate President and candidate for Congress in CD-8, Tim Bee, R-Tucson, the vote was taken with 16 in favor and thus SCR 1042 will now appear on the November ballot, despite Arizona law (Arizona Revised Statutes 25-101 and 25-112) already banning same-sex marriage and the court decision, Standhardt V. Superior Court (2004), upholding the issue.

Cathi Herrod, Peter Gentala, the Center for Arizona Policy, and the rest of the right-wing religious fundies got their \$500,000 free handout thanks to the Republican-led Arizona Legislature placing this on the ballot, saving them the bucks that would've been spent on a petition drive to get the required signatures, as they did in 2006 with their measure, Proposition 107, that was defeated by the voters.

Gay, Lesbian and straight supportive Arizonans will fight this new measure before us and as was done in 2006, so shall be done in 2008, when Arizona becomes the first state to vote down such a measure, twice! Gays and Lesbians will not be a "wedge issue" for the likes of Herrod and her minions because as Peter Finch said in the movie "Network", "we are mad as Hell and we are not going to take it anymore!" ...

According to the Arizona Daily Star article on the SCR 1042 vote: "(Arizona Senate President Tim) Bee, who had been the original sponsor of the Gay-marriage measure in January, delayed a vote all session, a move social conservatives criticized. Although he voted for the measure in the end, he lambasted the bill's crafters, a lobbying group called the Center for Arizona Policy. He called the process 'divisive.' 'I've been extremely disappointed in those who have been lobbying on behalf of this issue,' Bee said. 'They've confronted members in hostile ways and threatened and coerced them.'" So Bee caved into the pressure, allowing a vote on a divisive issue - being the deciding vote, but still expressed his disappointment over the tactics.

"Tim Bee has demonstrated his toughness and his compassion, his ability to lead while at the same time listening to others. These are skills few people in public life have. We need Tim Bee working for us in Congress." - Jim Kolbe, the Gay and former U.S. Congressman for the district and the

campaign's "Honorary Chairman." So why should we vote for someone who sponsored the proposed state constitutional amendment to define marriage and end civil unions and domestic partnerships and was the deciding vote on the matter Jim?...

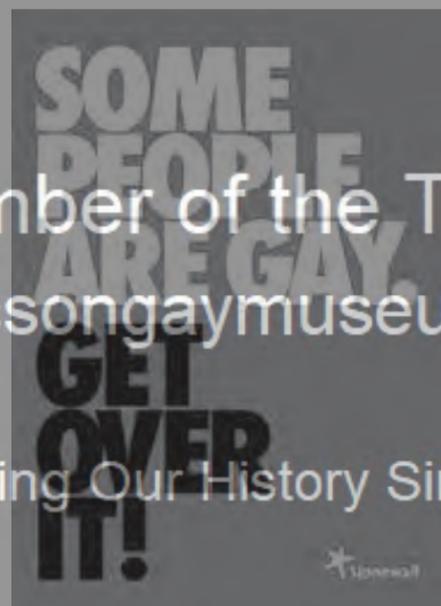
For those who may have an inkling and believed Arizona Senate President Tim Bee's remarks criticize the Center for Arizona Policy, consider the following press release from the group: "Today (June 27), the Arizona Senate joined the Arizona House of Representatives in voting to refer a state constitutional amendment on the definition of marriage to the November ballot. The Senate's action places the following proposed constitutional amendment before the voters: "Only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state."

"This is a great day for the people of Arizona," said Cathi Herrod, president of The Center for Arizona Policy. "The people of Arizona will be able to decide the future of marriage in Arizona, not judges as we have witnessed in California."

"The situation in California demonstrates that Arizona's current marriage laws are not enough. There's nothing to stop a future court or legislature from redefining marriage. This amendment eliminates the uncertainty. The future of marriage in Arizona shouldn't be left to the courts or the politicians; it should be left to the people," Herrod said.

"I thank and commend Senate President Tim Bee and House Speaker Jim Weiers for their leadership, as well as the senators and representatives who recognized the importance of marriage for all Arizonans and voted to give the people the opportunity to place the time-honored institution of marriage beyond the reach of the courts." ...

Log Cabin Republicans, the Gay and Lesbian Republican group are supporting Arizona Senator John McCain for President. Why are they since McCain is against LGBT civil rights, HIV/AIDS funding and research and governmental and legal recognition of same-sex relationships either as marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships? Do they believe that Gays and Lesbians, who may be citizens of California, Florida and now Arizona, have the right to have their loving committed relationships recognized by the government too? Well why then?!



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Where They Stand: Obama Opposes California Marriage Amendment While McCain Supports It.

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama took a strong stand this weekend against a constitutional amendment to appear on California's ballot in November that would effectively overturn the state Supreme Court's recent decision legalizing same-sex marriage.

In a letter to the Alice B. Toklas LGBT Democratic Club, read Sunday (June 29) at the annual Pride Breakfast, Obama wrote, "I am proud to join with and support the LGBT community in an effort to set our nation on a course that recognizes LGBT Americans with full equality under the law . . . that is why I oppose the divisive and discriminatory

efforts to amend the California Constitution, and similar efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution or those of other states.

"For too long, issues of LGBT rights have been exploited by those seeking to divide us. It's time to move beyond polarization and live up to our founding promise of equality by treating all our citizens with dignity and respect," the senator wrote.

Obama stated his support for "extending fully equal rights and benefits to same-sex couples under both state and federal law" and reiterated his desire to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and "don't ask, don't tell" as well as legislation to protect LGBT Americans against hate crimes and

employment discrimination.

He closed the letter by congratulating those who have chosen to celebrate their love by getting married.

On the other hand, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, John McCain announced his support for the California Protection of Marriage initiative on the state's November ballot, leaders of the ProtectMarriage.com campaign announced. In an email received by the ProtectMarriage.com campaign, Senator McCain issued the following statement:

"I support the efforts of the people of California to recognize mar-

riage as a unique institution between a man and a woman, just as we did in my home state of Arizona. I do not believe judges should be making these decisions."

Commenting on the endorsement of Senator McCain, ProtectMarriage.com Chairman Ron Prentice said, "We are honored to have the support of Senator McCain. As a leader in the United States Senate and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Senator McCain's position will be an important factor to millions of Californians. Senator McCain has articulated a key feature of the initiative campaign, which is that voters and not judges should be determining this issue."

Iraq Veteran Discharged Nearly Two Years After Admitting He's Gay

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Army has discharged a decorated medic who was deployed to Iraq despite acknowledging he was Gay, advocate.com reported. Darren Manzella said he revealed his sexual orientation to his military supervisor in August 2006 but was redeployed to Iraq anyway. He has since spoken out publicly several times about being a Gay service member.

Manzella was discharged this month for "homosexual admission." His commander's discharge recommendation included a transcript of an interview he gave to television show 60 Minutes in December 2007, in which Manzella said he is Gay. He did the same in a number of other interviews and even at a Washington, D.C., news conference. The military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy prohibits active-duty service members from openly acknowledging they are Gay or Lesbian.

The discharge was effective June 10, a spokesman for the

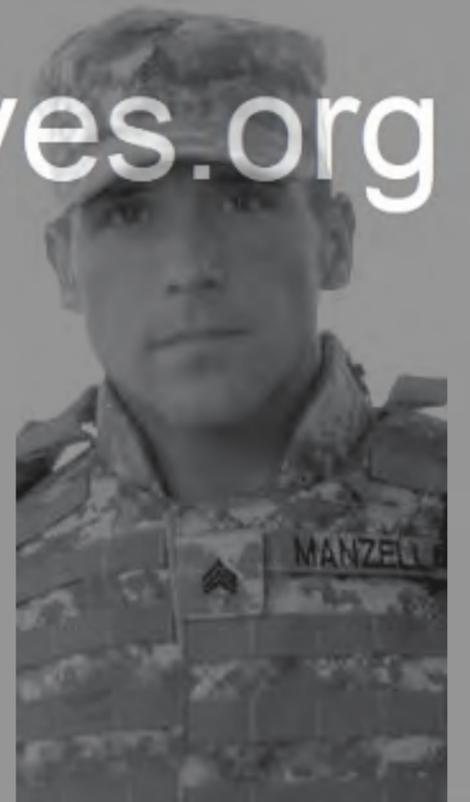
Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said in a news release. Manzella was traveling and not immediately available for comment.

Manzella first told a military supervisor about his sexual orientation in August 2006 while he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and working in division headquarters. Three weeks after Manzella made the revelation, his battalion commander told him an investigation had been closed without finding "proof of homosexuality." A month later Manzella was redeployed to Iraq. Manzella and his supporters have said his case demonstrates how the military has been arbitrarily enforcing its "don't ask, don't tell" policy during the war. Manzella enlisted in the Army in 2002. In Iraq he provided medical care to other soldiers and accompanied his unit on patrols. He was awarded the Combat Medical Badge.

While the military brass didn't approve of Manzella's man-loving, he says his peers didn't seem to mind. On the contrary - they were "proud!"

"After my appearance on 60 Minutes I received a lot of support from most of my colleagues. Some were surprised that I made such a public statement but told me that they were proud of me for standing up for people who could not speak out. To them, I was still SERGEANT Manzella though. I really didn't notice a change in how I was treated or viewed.

"Many of my peers and co-workers voiced to me that they felt it was unfair that I was being discharged. They felt, as many people in our military and society feel, that an able and competent soldier should be retained especially in this time when we are fighting two wars and need every capable man and woman who is willing to put on a uniform and serve their country," Manzella said.



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July arrives and steamrolls us when the Sun opposes retro Jupiter. Our bon temps can become bon fires. Think about what you really want and plan out your course of action carefully lest you sinjle your best assets. Ouch!

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Gay Rams are ready to tackle anything, everything, anytime, anyplace. Sun and Jupiter combine forces and goad you to upend any balancing act. If you are looking for changes, you find them. But if you are seeking a sedate interlude, avoid snap decisions and emotional responses. Patience is not only a virtue, it can now be a potent long term strategy.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

While you envision yourself as quite the speaker, diplomacy may not be your strong suit now. Sun and Jupiter splash your bold comments on the front page. Queer Bulls are not the best choice of negotiators for world peace but they are the ones to watch as the month wears on. Not only do you regain your innate grace, you manage to grab power quietly..

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins go for the gusto for the next four weeks and why not? Sun and Jupiter turn up the heat and make you sexy and intense (for a change). Make the most of it. Will you spin out of spin control and drain into the center of depravity? Only if you are very lucky! Sometimes you need a little salt in your sugar to add that special flavor to a meal.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Let the good times roll, especially with a certain special someone. Gay Crabs will need to find ways to balance their own needs and those of partners but this can be achieved relatively easily. The secret to your bliss is to let others grab the spotlight for once while you applaud. Being a appreciative audience will have its ultimate rewards... or so it will seem.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

No matter how hard you try to discern the political machinations of others, there will be something about them or the situation that you might miss in all the static. In fact you may be totally wrong. This can have a major impact in your job if you take a risk that ultimately proves to be too risky. My advice: keep your eyes open but lips tightly shut... until August.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Queer Virgins find themselves surrounded by friends and on everyone's summer guest list. This is a nice (and sadly rare) situation. So garner your invitations and make merry while you can all through the month. Your task will be to find ways of harnessing your jolly times to make them as mutually enjoyable as possible. Just because you like it doesn't mean everyone does.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

You ache to get ahead in your career but there is something that temporarily holds you back now. Proud Libras are impatient for the rewards that go with their hard work. But the pay off is not guaranteed. Avoid exploitation by continuing to do what you need to do to get the boss off your back and keep your eye out for other, more lucrative opportunities.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Spread your oil around and watch how it simmers on the stove. Proud Scorps will have to spread their goodwill over a range of different personality types. Only the most flexible and diplomatic of you will get through this phase unscathed. As for the rest, expect to step on some toes while you massage others. Let hope that you don't come into contact with any fungus.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Sun opposes Jupiter turns things upside down financially for you. Gay Archers may have to face some unanticipated stress if their spending out strips their saving. Tough decisions will have to be made. Interestingly, the best summer escape is somewhere close to home, Not only will it save you travel money, it will feel more like a haven from the fiscal storm.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

If you find yourself seeking status and acclaim, blame it on the Sun Jupiter opposition. Not all that glitters is gold, Pink Cap. In fact there may be nothing more valuable than good friendship and a loyal and loving partner. Of course that won't necessarily keep you in ermine and pearls... but you never know until you check your lover's bankbook.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

You feel the need to make your mark on the world. How big of a mark is up to you. Don't be lulled into a sense of entitlement especially on the job. Aqueerians risk alienating lower working castes with what will seem to be a presumptive and imperious manner. Think about how you can use cooking oil instead of elbow grease to get what you want. Charm works wonders....

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Expand your social circle into a globe, Guppie. Not only can you find new avenues of mischief, you can also increase your platonic powerbase and launch new initiatives and showcase your ideas and talents. There is nothing like an audience to get you going... and going... and going. Get going before the bring out the large hook!

Gay Man Sues To End San Francisco Gun Ban

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - The National Rifle Association sued the city of San Francisco on Friday to overturn its ban on handguns in public housing, a day after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a handgun ban in the nation's capital, 365Gay.com reported.

The legal action follows a similar lawsuit against the city of Chicago over its handgun ban, filed within hours of Thursday's (June 26) high court ruling overturning the 32 year old ban in Washington, D.C. In San Francisco, the NRA was joined by the Washington state-based Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and a gun owner who lives in the city's Valencia Gardens housing project.

The gun owner, who is Gay, says he keeps his weapon to defend himself from "sexual orientation hate crimes." He was not identified in the complaint because he said he fears retaliation. Mayor Gavin Newsom said the city will "vigorously fight the NRA" and defended the ban as good for public safety.

Presbyterians Vote To End Non-Celibate Gay Clergy Ban

SAN JOSE, California (Observer Update) - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), bitterly divided over sexuality and the Bible, set up another confrontation Friday (June 27) over its ban on ordaining non-celibate Gays and lesbians.

The denomination's General Assembly, meeting in San Jose, California, voted 54 percent to 46 percent to drop the requirement that would-be ministers, deacons and elders live in "fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness."

The proposed change to the church constitution requires approval from a majority the 173 U.S. presbyteries, or regional church bodies - a yearlong process that has proven to be a barrier to similar efforts in the past. Of equal importance to advocates on both side of the debate, the assembly also voted to allow Gay and lesbian candidates for ordination to conscientiously object to the existing standard.

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Senators Craig And Vitter Team Up To Save Marriage

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The cherished institution of marriage in the United States is about to be saved. Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID), fresh from his bathroom arrest, and Sen. David Vitter (R-LA), fresh from his call-girl scandal, have co-sponsored S. J. RES. 43, dubbed the Marriage Protection Amendment, to bar same-sex marriage, reported noted constitutional law professor, Jonathan Turley.

They have joined their Republican colleagues to amend the United States Constitution to state that marriage "shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman." Now, that is a wide constitutional stance.

With a Democratic controlled Congress it is unlikely the bill will be brought up for a vote in either the Senate or House of Representatives.

"If we allow homosexuals to marry, who's going to take care of the needs of the many, straight, married men who like to blow guys in public restrooms?"
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 --Sen. David Vitter
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Activists Celebrate Fifth Anniversary Of "Lawrence" Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Thursday (June 26) marked the five-year anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing consensual gay sex to be decriminalized nationwide, advocate.com reported. The 6-3 decision in Lawrence v. Texas overturned a Texas law that made it illegal to engage in same-sex sodomy. The court said upholding consensual gay sexual conduct was in line with the U.S. Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment equal-protection clause, since the state didn't prohibit heterosexual sodomy.

found the two men engaged in anal sex, which was then a punishable offense. Paul Smith, the attorney who represented the couple, told the Dallas Voice that liberties expanded to gays in the past five years are at least in part a result of the overturning of Texas's sodomy law by the 2003 Lawrence decision.

"I think the amount of progress we have made in the last five years is quite large overall, the progress both culturally and legally," Smith said in the article. "It's to the point now where we have the Democratic candidate advocating an end to [the federal Defense of Marriage Act] and marriage starting to happen in California, and basically the people in Massachusetts are so used to marriage, it's not even an issue anymore." As recently as 1960, all states had a sodomy law, but by 2003, 37 states had repealed the laws or state courts had overturned them.

The men at the center of the case, John Geddes Lawrence and Tyron Garner, were arrested for sodomy in 1998, fined \$200 each, and imprisoned for one night. Police were responding to a call from a disgruntled neighbor who faked a distress call. Police went to the apartment, pushed in the door, and

COMMENTARY...

by Hans Johnson

In Other Words

Looking back at history often lights a path forward for social movements. So it does today for Gay rights supporters determined to win passage of long-awaited federal legislation on hate crimes, military service, and non-discrimination and to preserve marriage equality in the nation's most populous state. Now, as in the past, two big and overlapping blocs of the electorate and their leaders play a pivotal role in deciding whether fairness will or won't prevail on these priorities. They are labor union members and Latina and Latino voters.

recognition policies that has extended health care to millions of Americans, including committed same-sex couples and their children.

Taking aim at marriage equality puts even this patchwork of benefits, piecemeal in nature and lacking in parity to the protections afforded by marriage, in jeopardy. That is a lesson no one can ignore in the wake of litigation in Michigan. There the State Supreme Court, pushed by religious right activists and a state attorney general beholden to them, interpreted a 2004 state ballot measure forbidding equal marriage as barring even basic relationship safeguards secured by local and state workers at the bargaining table.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of one of the LGBT movement's landmark victories - beating the anti-Gay Briggs Initiative in California. In 1978, as the disco music blared, Gay people faced a frontal assault from the religious right, whose leaders launched the first in a wave of statewide antiGay referenda to slam the door on newfound openness and reverse legal protection from discrimination. Defeating the hate-based Briggs measure in the Golden State showed that Gay people could muster the resources to mount a serious campaign in self-defense and that we could make a convincing case to civil rights and community allies that attacks on us posed a mutual threat.

In this way, the fight for equal rights by LGBT people is a fight against givebacks in negotiations. It is a struggle to ensure that working people not get slapped in the face and told what they can and cannot hope to win through cohesion and good contracts. It is nothing less than a quest to renew and extend the American Dream and to realize the vision of the beloved community in which the labor, Latino, and LGBT communities are common stakeholders.

Labor and Latino voters were vital to the victory over Briggs. Last week in Hollywood, Dolores Huerta, a conscience of California politics who with Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers, bore witness to that fact. "In the '70s, Gay people came out to march with us in the strawberry fields and in the grape boycott," Huerta recalled at an event commemorating the defeat of Briggs and raising funds to stop the current attack on marriage equality in the state.

(Hans Johnson is president of Progressive Victory, based in Washington, DC, and a board member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. A union member and political commentator, he has assisted and advised ballot measure campaigns for nearly two decades. This oped is reprinted from the June 27 edition of the GayCity News.)

Michelle Obama Says Husband Will Fight For LGBT Rights



NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Barack Obama will fight for equal rights for LGBT citizens s just as he fought to help working-class families overcome poverty, the Democratic presidential hopeful's wife told a LGBT Democratic group Thursday (June 26).

Recalling his past work as a community organizer to help struggling families, Michelle Obama said he would take the same approach as president. "Barack believes that we must fight for the world as it should be, a world where together we work to reverse discriminatory laws," she said at a Manhattan fundraiser for the Democratic National Committee's Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council.

Touting her husband's record pushing for workplace discrimination legislation as an Illinois state senator and his support of civil unions, Obama noted her husband also had brought a call for equality to conservative groups, telling churchgoers they need to combat homophobia in the black community. (The full speech is online at tucsonobserver.blogspot.com)

"When some of the same people we were battling went after them, we knew we had to stand with our friends," she added. "That is just as true today as back then. We cannot be afraid or confused or divided in any way. And I say that as a Latina, as a Catholic, and as the mother of 11 children."

Solidarity of the heart is one part of the appeal to Latino and labor voters that the LGBT movement must continue to make. Another aspect of the ties that bind our interests at the ballot box comes down to collective bargaining.

By "some of the same people," Huerta might well be referring to foes of labor, Latinos, and LGBT people such as National Right to Work Legal Defense Fund. Last year, Iowa Congressman Steve King wrote a fundraising appeal for the anti-union outfit that has long taken aim at the minimum wage and overtime pay. King is the same person who brandished a barbed-wire fence on the floor of Congress in comparing Mexican immigrants to livestock and who blocked an appropriation for housing homeless LGBT youth in California, some of whom are kicked out of their homes by intolerant parents.

In answering cruelty with compassion, California has led the way. California unions were among the first in the nation to win healthcare coverage for the domestic partners of public-service workers in the 1980s. Like Archimedes who vowed he could move the world with a lever and a firm foothold to stand on, those early contract provisions proved a toehold in the law. They yielded a platform on which a generation of scholars, attorneys, activists, labor leaders, and civil rights allies have built a structure of relationship- and family-

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Wednesday, July 2nd
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Bruce at 743-3890.

Friday, July 4th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come out and totally enjoy putting your acting/miming and pantomime skills to the test! For directions and reservations [(a limited space event, please plan ahead and phone early)], place a telephone call to Lee and Merlin, your gracious yet competitive emcees and moderators, at 207-5336.

Saturday, July 5th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. MSN Potluck at Casa Adobes Church located at 6801 N. Oracle Road. This month we will have a Red White and Blue 4th of July theme. So bring a friend and enjoying a great meal with your friends at MSN.

Sunday, July 6th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at the China A Buffet. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com .

Monday, July 7th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Lee and Merlin host a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Wednesday, July 9th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Marv and Steve 745-0304.

Thursday, July 10th
Men's Social Network. Bridge Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Contact Ike at 207-6264 for location and directions

Saturday July 12th
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. Contact Marvin at 745-0304 for directions and information.

Sunday July 13th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at Zernan's. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com .

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.

Monday, July 14th
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and Merlin at 207-5336 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.

Wednesday, July 16th
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Thursday, July 17th
Men's Social Network. Mexican Dominoes. Open to men of all ages. 6:30pm. Call Jack at 887-3736 for directions.

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Saturday, July 19th
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Sunday, July 20th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at Country Folks. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com.

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Thursday July 24th
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Sunday, July 27th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:00p.m. Dinner Out at Le Rendev-Vous. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com. Please contact Thom by Sunday at Noon to facilitate reservations. Price is usually under \$10. Check the Yahoo MSN on-line calendar for the scheduled place.

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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.

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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.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

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 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. 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 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. 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 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, Capriokas 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. 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 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. 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 musica 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 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 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 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 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 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, 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.

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.

WOODY'S - Woody's Cheap Night Out!! Free Pool, \$1 PBR's, \$2 Tecate's and Happy Hour all day!!

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

WOODY'S - Community Free Bar-B-Que 5 to 8 p.m.; Blues, Motown and Soul with Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Hot dance with DJ Jeff 9 - close.

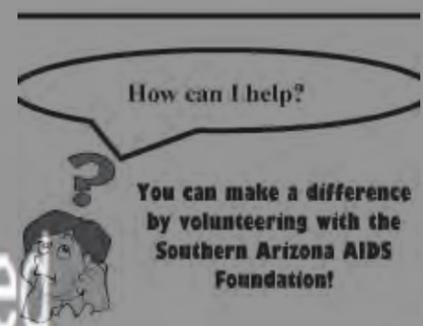
YARD DOG SALOON - Karaoke at 9:00 p.m.

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

VENTURE-N - Bucky's world famous Omelette Bar is open today from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Darts at 10 a.m. Texas Hold'em at Noon and 2 p.m.; Bill's BBQ Chicken Dinner served from 2 to 5 p.m. TKO Beer Bust 2-5 p.m. Two Sons Band starts at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 6
WOODY'S - Sunday's big party starts at 11 a.m. with Peter's Bloody Mary Buffet until 3 p.m. Then Jeff's Omelette Bar from 11:30 until 2 p.m. Patio Bar is open from 1 p.m. til closing. Burger/Beer Bust 3-7 p.m. Drag Bingo with Stella Virgin and Janee Starr at 8 p.m. and finally Karaoke with Michael D. from 9pm. to closing.



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