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Recommendations For September 2 Primary

It is interesting that the Observer was first with its recommendations for the September 2 primary election for which some have called ill-informed and far-fetched.

Tucson's afternoon newspaper the Citizen followed suit and then the Tucson Weekly, which informed readers will notice a pattern in the choices here made by three publications.

Arizona's primary election will take place Tuesday, September 2, determining the party's standard bearers for various political offices from the federal (Congressional) level to local posts.

Unlike Arizona's presidential primary that took place on February 5, this primary election is an "open" one, meaning that registered independents, others, or no party preference are eligible to vote in this election by requesting a party's ballot either at the polls or prior.

With that mind, the Observer has compiled a list of recommended candidates for office (using statements, position papers and voting records), who are running in contested elections, that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS communities will benefit from if these individuals are successful in their primary contest as well as the November general election.

For this list of recommendations, there are no Republicans to recommend since it was the GOP who hasn't changed their tune on issues of concern to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS

communities.

Case in point, Arizona's Republican led state Legislature sponsored and passed legislation placing a proposed state constitutional amendment (Propositin 102) to define marriage as "a union between one man and one woman" on the November general election ballot despite current law and court precedent. When the GOP becomes more open-minded and supportive of issues of concern to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities, this publication will consider such races but until then, here is the list for the September 2, primary election.

Arizona Corporation Commission: Kara Kelly (D), Sandra Kennedy (D), Paul Newman (D).

Arizona State House - Legislative District 27: Phil Lopes (D), Olivia Cajero-Bedford (D).

Arizona State House - Legislative District 29: Tom Prezelski (D), Matt Heinz (D).

Pima County Board of Supervisors - District 2: Ramon Valadez (D).

Pima County Board of Supervisors - District 3: Sharon Bronson (D).

Constable - Justice Precinct 4 - Robert Marmion (D).

Constable - Justice Precinct 6 - Robert W. Cox Sr. (D).

For polling place information, call the Pima County Recorder's office (520) 740-4330 or go online to recorder.pima.gov and follow the links.

New Obama Website Targets Undecided LGBT Voters

PORTLAND, Oregon (Observer Update) - Sen. Barack Obama got a little help from some LGBT friends who independently launched a new website designed to woo the approximately 15% of Gay voters who have yet to settle on their candidate for November, advocate.com reported.



McCain 68% to 10% in the presidential election, with 3% supporting Ralph Nader, 1% choosing Bob Barr, and another 15% remaining undecided.

The push to get Gay and Lesbian voters on board the Obama bus came on the heels of a campaign press call aimed at contrasting Obama's record on LGBT hate-crimes legislation with that of his Republican opponent John McCain. More Gay-specific announcements are in the works, according to sources close to the campaign. The independent website will feature a star-studded lineup of bloggers, including such LGBT notables as former HRC executive director Elizabeth Birch, blogger Pam Spaulding, longtime activist David Mixner, and the Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson.

LGBTforObama.com was the brainchild of Terry Bean, an Oregon Obama supporter and prominent Democratic fund-raiser who said in a statement, "I was appalled that George Bush got 24% of the GLBT vote in 2000 and again in 2004 and vowed to do all that I could to prevent that from happening again with John McCain." According to a Harris Interactive poll released Tuesday, LGBT voters favor Obama over

The site will also incorporate user-generated content. "We've integrated a number of Web 2.0 tools into the LGBTforObama.com platform," said site adviser Michael Crawford. "Users can engage in discussions, comment on news items, post video testimonials, and tell the world why winning this election is vitally personal to them."

Current ENDA Draft Co-Signs Defense Of Marriage Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Representative Barney Frank said advocates agreed that we had to put the DOMA provision in the employment rights bill to get it passed, reported Gay City News. A little-discussed provision of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) would allow employers to give health insurance coverage and other benefits to married opposite-sex couples and deny those same benefits to the partners of their Gay and Lesbian employees who are legally married in Massachusetts and California.

and "marry," ENDA cites the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which bars federal recognition of same-sex marriages and allows states to not honor them. Because the new bill, to an extent, mirrored the earlier language, Gay and Lesbian groups agreed to it, though not necessarily happily.

Brian Moulton, associate counsel at the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's leading Gay lobbying group, said there was discussion about getting rid of that text when the domestic partner language was revisited in 2007 at the start of the 110th Congress. "I think everyone acknowledged that wasn't something that we could do," Moulton said.

The new language comes as the Gay and Lesbian community won the right to marry in Massachusetts in 2004 and, this year, in California. Groups in other states, such as New York and New Jersey, are pressing for the right to marry for same sex couples. ENDA would appear to undercut what activists call winning "marriage equality."

"It was unanimously agreed by all of us... that we had to put this language in there to protect this from being turned into a marriage bill which we would have lost," said Barney Frank, the openly-Gay Massachusetts congressman who is ENDA's champion in the House, in a phone message to Gay City News. A similar provision has been in the bill since 1994, when ENDA was first introduced on Capitol Hill, but the earlier language said employers did not have to provide benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

ENDA, which bans job discrimination based on sexual orientation, now says an employer cannot be required "to treat a couple who are not married in the same manner as the covered entity treats a married couple for purposes of employee benefits." To define "married"



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Reveille's Opening Concert August 28

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Reveille Men's Chorus will be starting their 14th season of changing hearts and minds through music with a Welcome Back rehearsal at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 28th at The Hall at The Historic Y, 300 E. University (corner of University and 5th).

Tucson's GLBT men's chorus is actively looking for new members and encourages anyone who likes to sing or who has thought about joining to come by and see what it's all about. Reveille is dedicated to musical excellence and performs locally and worldwide (having traveled to Canada, Mexico and Brazil) to promote human rights, diversity and world free of AIDS.

For more information and tickets, call (520) 304-1750

20th Annual AIDS WALK Tucson Registration Forms Available

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is happy to announce that registration forms are now available for the 20th annual AIDS WALK Tucson at any local Walgreens store in Tucson, or by calling the AIDS WALK Hotline at 520-791-WALK (9255). On Sunday, October 19, SAAF and Title Sponsor Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel will be hosting the 5K walk and 10K fun run on the central mall of The University of Arizona@campus.

Individual walkers and teams may also visit aidswalktucson.com to register online. Walkers can create an online fundraising page and encourage family, friends and co-workers to join with them in this important quest. This year more than ever, the backing of the Tucson community is needed so people living with HIV/AIDS have access to supplemental assistance to improve their quality of life. Each individual who walks or runs and raises funds helps to make a difference! One hundred percent of donations raised at AIDS WALK stay in Southern Arizona.

Through the generosity of AIDS WALK runners and walkers, SAAF can provide care and support for

people living with HIV/AIDS in southern Arizona, including case management, housing, transportation, a food pantry and a mobile meals program, medical and dental assistance and support groups. Equally important, the funds raised at AIDS WALK also help to provide outreach to groups at high risk of HIV/AIDS through seven different culturally targeted prevention programs, as well as through general community education that helps to reduce the risk of HIV.

For more information about AIDS WALK or to request onsite registration please visit aidswalktucson.com. Be a friend of AIDS WALK on MySpace and join our AIDS WALK group on Facebook. Or simply contact SAAF at (520) 791-WALK (9255).

'Dirty Secrets' by Joe Marshall - Opening Night, Friday, Sept. 5

Dirty Secrets is a smart, gender-bent thriller that pokes fun at brainless Gay stereotypes. Right from the opening scene you know you're watching a play about homosexuals. Instead of boring us with platitudes about the evils of pigeon-holing people, the characters skewer stereotypes by spouting earnest lines like, "You don't act Gay - you're masculine!" It's all about Tom, who shows up at the home of Nick and Shane, a Gay couple who live in Manhattan. Tom is depressed because he's just discovered that his lover of eight years has had sex with another man. It turns out that Tom has come to torture Shane, to seek retribution for his messed up romance. It's the ways in which Tom carries out his revenge - first demanding sex with Shane, later seducing Nick - that move the play along. He has a worthy opponent in the snaky Shane, who trumps Tom's attempts at blackmail, but can't keep up with his nasty houseguest's vile temper.

Dirty Secrets has previously been produced in Phoenix, San Diego and Los Angeles and contains brief male nudity.

Show times: Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m., (September 5, 6, 12 and 13) and Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m., September 7 and 14, at the Temple of Music and Art's, Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott. For more information and tickets, call (520) 883-8246.

No On 102 Community Forum September 4



TUCSON - The community is cordially invited to a forum on Proposition 102, Thursday, September 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Wingspan (<http://www.wingspan.org>), 425 E. 7th Street. This event had been originally scheduled for August 23 but was moved.

This forum, sponsored by Wingspan, will give everyone in attendance to speak up, learn about and join the effort to defeat Proposition 102, the latest anti-marriage amendment that will appear on the November 2008 ballot. Unlike the other ballot propositions, Proposition 102 was the only measure placed on Arizona's, November general election ballot by the Arizona Legislature. Proposition 102 is a proposed amendment to Arizona's constitution to define marriage as a "union between a man and a woman."

Jim Burroway, co-leader of the "No on Prop 102" group, expressed confidence that the proposition would be rejected. "With the help of the same broad coalition of citizens that rejected an effort like this in 2006, voters will defeat this version just like they defeated the last one."

Arizona's current statutes on marriage that has been in affect since 1996, (Arizona Revised Statutes 25-101 and 25-112), are as follows:

25-101. Void and prohibited marriages - A. Marriage between parents and children, including grandparents and grandchildren of every degree, between brothers and sisters of the one-half as well as the whole blood, and between uncles and nieces, aunts and nephews and between first cousins, is prohibited and void. B. Notwithstanding subsection A, first cousins may marry if both are sixty-five years of age or older or if one or both first cousins are under sixty-five years of age, upon approval of any superior court judge in the state if proof has been presented to the judge that one of the cousins is unable to reproduce. C. Marriage between persons of the same sex is void and prohibited.

25-112. Marriages contracted in another state; validity and effect - A. Marriages valid by the laws of the place where contracted are valid in this state, except marriages that are void and prohibited by section 25-101. B. Marriages solemnized in another state or country by parties intending at the time to reside in this state shall have the same legal consequences and effect as if solemnized in this state, except marriages that are void and prohibited by section 25-101. C. Parties residing in this state may not evade the laws of this state relating to marriage by going to another state or country for solemnization of the marriage.

These statutes were upheld in the case of Standhardt v. Superior Court (2003), which can be found online here: <http://www.cofad1.state.az.us/opinionfiles/SA/SA030150.pdf>.

In 2006, Arizona voters turned down a similar ballot measure, known as Proposition 107, that would have also barred governmental and legal recognition of civil unions and domestic partnerships.

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

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Announcing The 2008 Wingspan Award Winners



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TUCSON (Observer Update) - This year's Annual Benefit Dinner will celebrate Wingspan's 20 years of service to the southern Arizona community. What better way to celebrate the organization's history than to thank those who have made such tremendous service possible through their contributions of time, energy and expertise.

To recognize outstanding volunteer service, three community awards will be given to the community's most dedicated members. Recipients will be celebrated for having demonstrated great community leadership, advancing the LGBT movement, and taking great strides against homophobia, all while creating one of the nation's most thriving community centers.

Godat Award-Winner Noel Matkin. This year's most prestigious award, the Godat Award, will go to Noel Matkin, a lifelong servant to the LGBT movement. The Godat Award was created to recognize those who have made outstanding, long-term contributions to Southern Arizona's LGBT community. Receiving more than a modest number of nominations, Noel is hailed as an advocate, leader, mentor and dear friend.

"The degree of excellence with which he approaches every problem is to be admired and this exactness is always coupled with compassion and love," said Donna Rochester, PFLAG Board member. "Noel is an individual who makes one want to be a better person and he has certainly made the world around him better for having been an active, productive and generous participant in this world."

Among Noel's many accomplishments, he was among the first members of the city's LGBT commission. Noel was critical in the successful merger of Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), Shanti, and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) into what is now the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. He is a Community Foundation for Southern Arizona and Alliance Fund board member, a two-term president of the board of Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), a leader for Equality Arizona, and a missionary for Wingspan. And all of this is in addition to his tremendous contributions to the University of Arizona as an audiology professor and advocate for equal LGBT benefits in the workplace.

Community Ally Award-Winner

Mary Ellen Beaurain. The Community Ally Award recognizes a straight ally who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of freedom, equality, and safety and well being of LGBT people in Southern Arizona. Mary Ellen Beaurain will be honored for her dedication to LGBT seniors. Recognizing the tremendous need for support for the community's aging LGBT population, Mary Ellen rallied support from the Pima Council on Aging, organized a community-wide survey of LGBT elders, and worked nationally with Rainbow Trainers to implement what is now Wingspan's Senior Programs. "She is a true and loyal ally to our LGBT and elder community," said Frances Coleman. "[The program] might not exist were it not for Mary Ellen's advocacy, support and hard work."

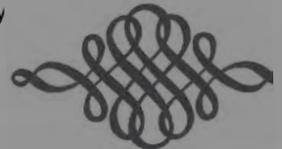
The Hall Award Winners. An irreconcilable tie—two winners were selected to receive the Hall Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the Southern Arizona LGBT community.

One of Wingspan's longer-serving front desk volunteers, Shirley Snow has been a beacon of reliability and dedication for nine years. "Anyone

who is lucky enough to be greeted by Shirley on their first visit to Wingspan will not leave disappointed by their experience," said Michael Woodward, Wingspan's Health and Wellness Programs Manager. Shirley is also a key member of the library committee, helping organize and manage Wingspan's collection, which is now one of the largest LGBT libraries in the southwest.

Likewise, AngieRose Tilghman is a touchstone for Wingspan. She too has dedicated nine years of service to Wingspan, both at the front desk and as one of the most active Anti-Violence Programs volunteers. Additionally, she has served on a variety of panels, and started the Progressive People of Color Coalition, which she directed for a year.

The dedication of these community members is awe-inspiring. Their accomplishments will be celebrated at the Wingspan Annual Benefit Dinner, September 20, 2008. Tickets are on sale now. Contact Erin Russ at (520) 624-1779, ext. 115, to reserve your tickets today



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Biden Pick Praised By LGBT Groups



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Barack Obama's choice of Sen. Joe Biden as his running mate has been greeted with praise by LGBT civil rights groups.

During his career in Congress, Biden has a proven record of fighting for and supporting issues of fairness and equality, the Human Rights Campaign said. "In selecting Senator Joe Biden as his running mate, Senator Obama has chosen a proven and effective advocate for fairness and equality that our entire community can be proud of," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "Senator Biden's record in the United States Senate is one of support and understanding that has been unwavering throughout his career."

Recently, Biden, as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, played an instrumental role in securing the passage of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), legislation which included Senator John Kerry and Senator Gordon Smith's provision repealing the discriminatory HIV travel and immigration ban. "His working across the aisle guaranteed that the Kerry-Smith provision was adopted. Furthermore, when opponents

of the provision attempted to garner support to strip the provision from the bill, Senator Biden fought to keep the provision in the bill and helped secure the votes for PEPFAR's final passage, said Solmonese. "If the support Senator Biden has proven on our issues is any indication of the type of Vice President he will be than our community can be assured that Senator Obama has chosen a thoughtful and staunch advocate for equality as his closest adviser," Solmonese said.

Gay Democrats who began their annual convention in Denver on Friday also were quick to praise the choice of Biden. "With the selection of Senator Biden, Democrats now have a national ticket that is ready to lead our party to victory this November," said Jon Hoadley, Executive Director of National Stonewall Democrats.

The selection won kudos from Obama's former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton who called Biden "an exceptionally strong, experienced leader and devoted public servant." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the Obama-Biden ticket will bring the change the country needs, including a filibuster-proof Senate majority.

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Through the Western Climate Initiative (WCI), Arizona has a chance to lead the way with real global warming solutions. But we need to make sure that the WCI sets a course of action that is both aggressive and practical.

As it finalizes its

recommendations, the WCI and Governor Napolitano should adopt a plan that covers all pollution sources; allows for the auction of excess pollution permits; invests the revenue from pollution permits on clean energy solutions; has strong standards for pollution offsets; and is enforceable, transparent and free from loopholes.

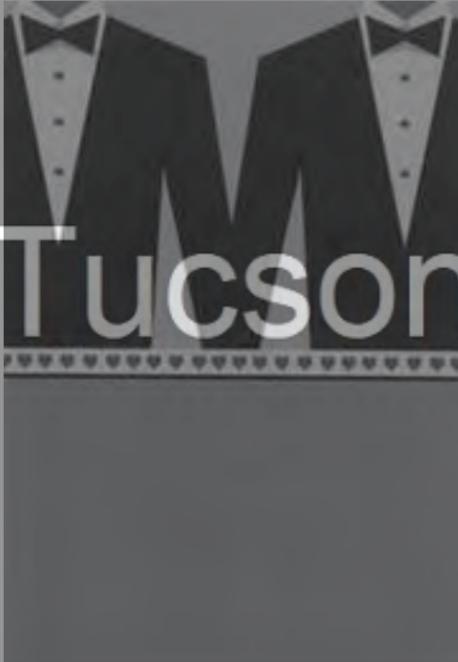
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Hallmark added the cards after California joined Massachusetts as the only U.S. states with legal Gay marriage. A handful of other states have recognized same-sex civil unions. The language inside the cards is neutral, with no mention of wedding or marriage, making them also suitable for a commitment ceremony. Hallmark says the move is a response to consumer demand, not any political pressure. "It's our goal to be as relevant as possible to as many people as we can," Hallmark spokeswoman Sarah Gronberg Kolell said.

A conservative Christian group is urging its members to write to Hallmark Greeting Cards to complain about the company's new same-sex wedding cards. Hallmark unveiled the cards last week after California joined Massachusetts as the only U.S. states with legal Gay marriage. A handful of other states have recognized same-sex civil unions. But the American Family Association is urging its thousands of members to "take action." "We've all given or received Hallmark Cards - remember their slogan - 'when you care enough to send the very best.' But promoting same-sex marriage for profit is not the very best for families or our nation," the AFA said in a mass mailing to its members.

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - Most states don't recognize Gay marriage - but now Hallmark does. The nation's largest greeting card company is rolling out same-sex wedding cards - featuring two tuxedos, overlapping hearts or intertwined flowers, with best wishes inside. "Two hearts. One promise," one says.

Maddow Gets Prime-Time Show On MSNBC



Keith Olbermann

Rachel Maddow

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Air America radio host and television commentator Rachel Maddow will have her own show on MSNBC starting September 8. Her show will air at 9 p.m. following Countdown With Keith Olbermann. Olbermann broke the news website and blog, Daily Kos.

Dan Abrams, who was hosting Verdict during that time slot, will act as NBC's chief legal correspondent and will be a daytime anchor for MSNBC,

The Washington Post reported . She may be the first out Lesbian to host a prime-time television show.

Maddow, 35, is a Rhodes scholar with a Ph.D. in political science. She also has a background in activism on such issues as prison reform and the AIDS crisis. She currently hosts The Rachel Maddow Show on Air America radio and has frequently served as Olbermann's guest host, reported advocate.com.

Over 1,000 Daily Papers Announce G/L Weddings

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - More than 1,000 newspapers across the United States now accept announcements for weddings or commitment ceremonies for same-sex couples, an increase from only 69 publications in 2002, reported advocate.com.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation made the announcement, six years after The New York Times accepted its first same-sex wedding announcement.

According to GLAAD, this year will be the first that every daily newspaper in nine states and the District of Columbia will

print announcements for Gay and Lesbian couples. However, fewer than a third of the 1,049 newspapers actually have printed an announcement because they have yet to receive a request. The organization has a list of participating newspapers at GLAAD.org/Announcing Equality.

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As We Did In 2006; We Must Again In 2008: Combat Hate !

During the 2006 elections, Arizona became the first state (of 28) in the nation to defeat a proposed constitutional amendment barring governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships when voters turned down Proposition 107.

It took a monumental, grass roots effort, raising funds to inform Arizona voter about the proposition with television ads.

Cathi Herrod and the Center for Arizona Policy ran a well funded campaign, with television commercials misleading the voters about Proposition 107.

Voters in the state said no to the hate being peddled by Herrod and her minions and it is time to come together again in 2008 to combat Herrod and her hate by donating to defeat their latest incarnation, Proposition 102 which will

be on the November 2008 ballot thanks to Herrod's Republican friends in the Arizona Legislature.

It will take volunteers and funds to mount another campaign as was done in 2006 but it must be done to preserve the state constitution, which should be an enabler of rights now and for the future. Taking away rights, as was done with prohibition, failed and those rights were returned in the 21st amendment, fourteen years later.

Donate to Arizona Together (arizonatogether.org) and most importantly to Vote No on Proposition 102 (votenoprop102.com), the local grass roots effort, which includes the same individuals who helped to deliver Pima County into the "No" column by such a wide margin, it was a major contributor to the overall victory to defeat Herrod and her hate in 2006 and will do the same this time as well.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Who Is Senator Joe Biden?

First elected to the U.S. Senate from Delaware in 1972, Joe Biden is currently the chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime.

Biden, 65, brings to the Democratic ticket a strong but not perfect record on LGBT rights accumulated since he was elected to the Senate in 1972. He received a score of 78 percent on the Human Rights Campaign's 2006 Congressional Scorecard.

On issues of concern to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS communities:

Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) - Biden supports ENDA, co-sponsoring the 2002 bill, and has voted for the measure since its first introduction in 1996.

Biden believes that federal employees in legally recognized, committed relationships should not be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation.

HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment - Biden co-sponsored legislation to send \$600 million in aid to developing countries over the next two years to fight HIV and AIDS in 2000.

Biden was a co-sponsor of the original Ryan White Care Act and has supported all reauthorization efforts. Biden supports comprehensive and age appropriate sex-education that includes science-based prevention methods.

He led the passage of the bipartisan PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) bill, which ended the immigration and travel ban of people who are HIV+ who want to come to the United States.

Military ban (Don't Ask, Don't Tell) - Biden indicated that he believes the privacy protections articulated in the 2003 Lawrence v. Texas ruling, which overturned that state's sodomy law - should be extended to those serving in the military.

As chairman of the influential Foreign Relations Committee, Biden supports ending the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that prohibits gays and lesbians from serving openly in the U.S. military.

Senator Biden invoked first-hand observations of combat zones to criticize the policy in 2007 when he said, "Let me tell you something, nobody asked anybody else whether they're gay in those foxholes."

Hate crimes laws - supports sexual orientation and Transgender-inclusive hate crimes laws, Biden voted in support in 2000 and 2002. Biden is a co-sponsor of the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007.

Civil unions and domestic partnerships - Biden is supportive but did not co-sponsor Uniting Americans Families Act (giving partnership rights to binational couples).

Biden supported protecting the District of Columbia's domestic partnership law allowing unmarried couples, including same-sex couples, to register as domestic partners and encouraging businesses in the District to provide health and other benefits to partners. Biden believes that committed adults who are adopting should not be discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation.

Same-sex marriage - Biden is opposed but voted against the proposed Federal Marriage and the Marriage Protection amendments to the U.S. Constitution in 2004 and 2006. He stated in 2003 that he believes same-sex marriage is inevitable, he currently supports civil unions that would grant the same legal rights as marriage.

As Biden said in Springfield, Illinois Saturday (August 23) about John McCain and his many houses, "Ladies and gentlemen, your kitchen table is like mine. You sit there at night before you put the kids - after you put the kids to bed and you talk, you talk about what you need. You talk about how much you are worried about being able to pay the bills. Well, ladies and gentlemen, that's not a worry John McCain has to worry about. It's a pretty hard experience. He'll have to figure out which of the seven kitchen tables to sit at."

Biden is a good addition to the ticket and will help Barack Obama to be the 44th President of the United States.

From The Turnabout 2008 Show, Sunday, August 24

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Study: Relationships Of Legally Recognized G/L Couples Last Longer

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - A study released Tuesday (August 26) shows that legalized same-sex couple relationships appear to be longer-lasting than those without a legal status, reported pageoneq.com.

Conducted by researchers from the University of Washington, San Diego State University and the University of Vermont, the study is the first to examine the experiences of couples in the five years since Vermont legalized civil unions. The results appear in the publication *Developmental Psychology*.

"There are many ways that a legal couple status may support a relationship - more family understanding, acceptance by friends and co-workers, greater commitment that results

from a public declaration, and enhanced legal protections in the form of healthcare benefits and community property," said Robert-Jay Green, executive director of the Rockway Institute, a national center for LGBT research, education and public policy at Alliant International University in San Francisco.

"The results of this first study on the topic suggest that same-sex partners who legalized their relationships in Vermont may have been more committed to each other or functioning better prior to obtaining a civil union or that civil union status itself is helping to preserve their relationships. Future research will help clarify whether various legal statuses actually increase the likelihood that lesbian and gay couples stay together," said Green.

Louisiana Gov. Drops Gay Anti-Discrimination Order

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (Observer Update) - Gov. Bobby Jindal (R) is dropping an executive order prohibiting employment discrimination against Gay and Lesbian state workers that was put in place in 2004 by his Democratic predecessor.

"The reason for allowing the order to lapse is that I don't think it is necessary to create additional special categories or special rights," Jindal told *The New Orleans Advocate* newspaper. "We are firmly and strongly committed to fair treatment of all of our people and certainly don't condone discrimination in any form," Jindal said.

The executive order, signed by then-Gov. Kathleen Blanco, bars state agencies and contractors from various sorts of harassment and discrimination by race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin political affilia-



Gov. Bobby Jindal

tion or disabilities. It was modeled after a similar anti-discrimination order issued in 1992 by then-Gov. Edwin Edwards.

Court Turns Over Files On Larry King To Defense

OXNARD, California (Observer Update) - Confidential files and school records of 15-year old Larry King, the Gay teen who was gunned down by another student in February, have been turned over to the attorney for the boy accused of killing

him. Attorney William Quest, who represents Brandon McInerney, 14, had subpoenaed the records to help him prepare his legal defense. The King family opposed the subpoena on the grounds the information should be kept private.

It is believed the material contains information on King's medical and psychological behavior during the time he was living at Casa Pacifica, a center for troubled and abused children, according to *The Ventura County Star* newspaper. The files also are believed to contain information from teachers and students at Green School, where both King and McInerney were students and where the shooting occurred. Superior Court Judge James Cloninger examined the files and redacted material he did not think pertinent to the case.

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Down the road a piece, on the slopes of the cute little mountains just south of Tucson, there is a patch of ground that has a little bit of copper mixed in with the rock.

The folks that have bought the mineral rights to these few square miles of rock and dirt call themselves Rosemont Copper, a tribute to the now vanished towns of Rosemont and New Rosemont, which used to serve as home to the hard-scrabble miners who worked the area in the last century. The marks of these multiple, basically unregulated mining digs are still highly visible on the slopes; scars of rubble, slag and barren dirt that such mining brought. There has been a lot of drilling in the area to determine the extent of the copper deposits and to plan their extraction; over three-hundred-thousand feet of drilling has been done over the last fifty-plus years. There is almost no sign of this modern intrusion; certainly, the modern miners have made a much better effort to cause less visible damage.

Now, after all this drilling, a bunch of wild-catters out of Canada have quit their day jobs and formed a company, bought the mineral rights to this little spot near the Old Pueblo and are spending tons of money to get the copper out and onto rail cars headed to a smelter. Of course, there are other deposits elsewhere. The trouble with mining is in the work; the farther away from roads, rail, towns...the more work (and by this I mean effort and money it takes to get it out. There are deposits far away from towns and people, which would not disturb views or lives....but nobody wants to pay to have it shipped out of the mine by rocket or helicopter....or build roads hundreds of miles long through the wilderness.

Oddly, Americans over the last century have begun to use more copper while resisting any efforts to get that copper from American soil. It is a lot like the oil tankers that bring Americans the gas for cars; when the tankers get old, Americans do not allow them to be dismantled on American soil; too dirty! Instead of cleaning up the mess we make transporting our gasoline, we insist it be done somewhere else. What happens is that these tankers are driven up onto the beach in India, where they are cut up with torches by Indians hanging from ropes. The pieces, the sludge, the poisons all then fall into Indian water and onto Indian soil. The workers that grow ill from the work die in India.

So it is with Mining. While we all want copper wires in our walls, fans and electronics, we want it to come from somewhere else, so we don't have to see the damage to the environment, put up with the noise or pay for the reclamation of the land. Just get that copper from somewhere else. I went on down to Rosemont Copper and met with the mining boss; he has been putting mines on line for a long time and has come home to Tucson, happily, to run this last mine. It is his opus. I took the nickle tour with him; you could too, if you wanted to see what they plan to do.

But you don't want to. Besides JP, there were just a couple older men from Green Valley and a middle-aged couple from Tucson. Everybody had fire in there eyes and were there to find out what lies Rosemont was telling. Now I don't know if you know it, but to tell lies effectively, you need a PR firm. These are the guys that the President uses when he wants to get us scared enough to allow....well, you know. Without PR, all you can do is tell people what you know. The fellow that Rosemont has giving the

public tours is the same guy they have hired to direct the whole thing; he is a miner. What he knows is how to get stuff out of the ground. He also is pretty good at following environmental rules and working it so his bosses don't go to jail for the myriad of crimes that can be committed when digging giant holes in the earth to provide people with the minerals they demand.

In short, he doesn't know enough to lie. For that you need a degree in Public Relations; his is in mining. Of course, there is going to be another big hole in the earth, which will not be directly visible from the road (highway 83) but will be hidden behind a nice, neat pile of gravel and grass. The options are three:

Option one; follow the current American method and make the miners go dig in third-world countries, where the environmental restrictions are lesser. With this option, our backyard stays pristine(er), but the earth get dirtier overall.

Option two; dig the hole, get the copper for our new laptops and houses, pay attention to what our lifestyle does to the planet and think about it when we chose to consume. Have the effects in our face, and the mine right here where we can be sure it will be done cleanly.

Option three; mine the largest, purest copper deposit in the area; our houses. If you don't want to mine the earth for minerals, take your copper wires out of your walls, the ceiling fans and alternators and put them in a pile at the curb. If you don't want copper, you shouldn't be made to have any.

Military Veterans Who Transition Victimized By Discrimination

SANTA BARBARA, California (Observer Update) - More than one third of military veterans who currently identify as Transgender have experienced discrimination of some form because of their gender identity, according to a study conducted by the Transgender American Veterans Association. Ten percent of respondents in the survey of 827 veterans and active-duty personnel who are Transgender said they had been turned away from Veterans Affairs medical facilities because of their gender expression or identity. Other respondents said they experienced lack of respect from VA doctors (22%), nonmedical staff (21%), and nurses (13%).

Among respondents who served in the military under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, 20% said an officer violated the rules by asking them about their sexual orientation. According to the report, which was put together by the Palm Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and released Thursday, routine medical services such as pap smears, mammograms, prostate exams, psychotherapy, and hormone treatments are regularly denied to Transgender patients.

"I find it very disturbing that our proud veterans are being turned away by the VA because of who they are," TAVA president Monica Helms said in a press release. "We served our country honorably and proudly, and the VA medical benefits we earned should not be denied or diminished simply because of the direction our lives took after discharge from active service."

Arkansas To Vote On G/L Adoption Plan

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (Observer Update) - Arkansas voters will decide in November whether to bar unmarried couples from fostering or adopting children.

Secretary of State Charlie Daniels certified the measure, saying that the Arkansas Family Council Action Committee had submitted 85,389 valid signatures from registered voters - more than 23-thousand more valid names than required by law.

Last month the socially conservative group that spearheaded Arkansas' constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, handed in its petitions prior to the state deadline for getting issues on the November ballot. But the secretary of state validated only 57,888 signatures. Since the number fell within a state "grace" guideline the group was given another 30 days to get the additional signatures. Arkansas Families First, the group fighting the measure said it is preparing to take the issue to court. Spokesperson Debbie Willhite said the group will ask the Arkansas Supreme Court to enjoin the initiative.

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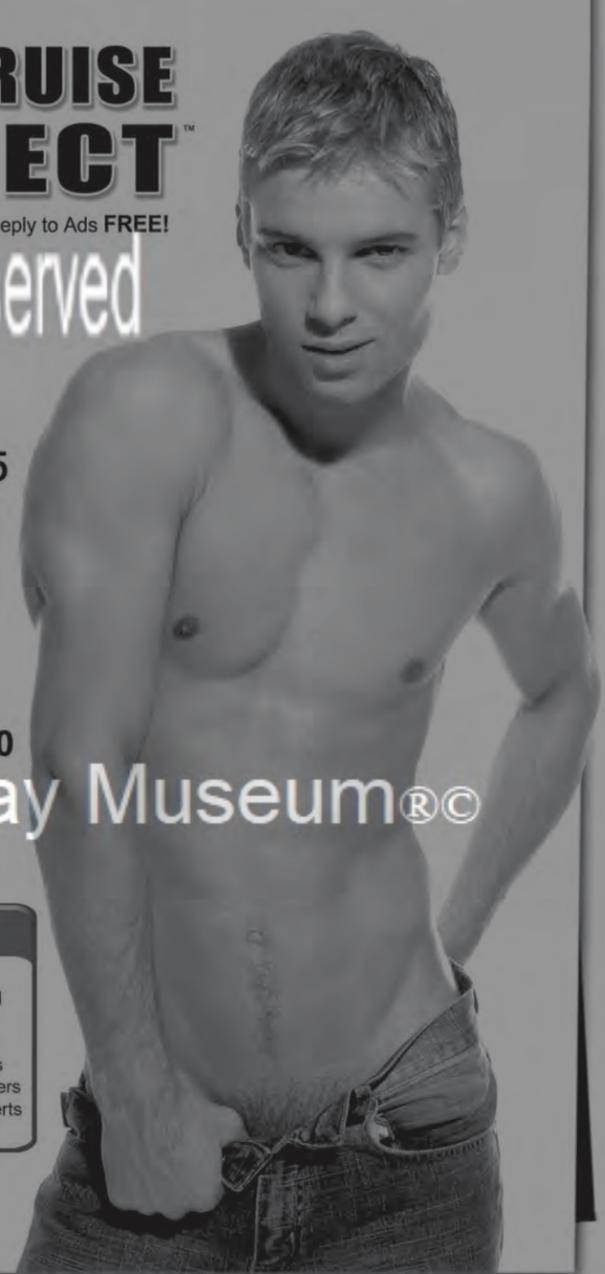
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SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)
 Summer may be winding down but that doesn't mean that we should. Lucky Jupiter redirects now and delivers a package of luck and bounty to our front door. Don't hurt your back lifting it up.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)
 Even though you have worked hard all through the summer, it was simply to keep from falling behind. Progress wasn't expected or attained. But now it all comes to you, Gay Ram. Jupiter redirects and suddenly the senior staff sits up and takes notice. Cash in and slide through the holiday season on your good looks alone. It's payback time.....

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)
 Queer Bulls are not necessarily intrepid travellers. For them, something close to home and sedate is the best vacation. However you may have felt more penned in than usual this summer. September is the time to break loose and see the world. Jupiter redirects and puts the fire back into your imagination and navigation. How exotic and spicy will it be? Pack the pepto!

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)
 Lucky in cards, unlucky in love? Not this month, pink Twin. While the past has been a series of affairs, now you get serious. Show lovers your hand and reap the delightful benefits as Jupiter redirects. You are back to your charming and flirty self and can attract anyone you desire. The trick will be to keep it down to a manageable 52 cards. All hands on deck!

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)
 If you have been feeling unappreciated or even under-appreciated, September is the month to get back on track with certain relationships. The summer might have been a struggle for balance and understanding. The dust is settling so you can concentrate, speak your mind and be understood and accepted. Gay Crabs who are at sea can net a big fish later in the month.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)
 The day to day job has been one long slog through the summer. Not only have your efforts not been noticed, you yourself might have felt ignored and marginalized. Proud Lions have been working far too long and far too hard to not see some reward at the end of the day. Jupiter now redirects and brings home the bacon. Now it is your job to fry it up and serve it to the masses.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)
 Although it is difficult to believe, fun might have been too much trouble for you this entire summer. There were always too many tiresome details to the arrangements and too much clean-up after it all. But now, as Jupiter redirects, queer Virgins can finally enjoy the bon temps. The question is, are there any good times left as autumn arrives? Yes! Create some!

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)
 Proud Libras will enjoy all the comforts of home this September. All through the summer you might have found any excuse to escape and let the house collect dust. Concentrate now on sprucing up your surroundings and prepare for the holiday season ahead. You can also enlist some helping hands. Ply them with food and drink while you "supervise".

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)
 While you pride yourself on your deft communication, eloquence might have eluded you throughout the summer. There was nothing you could say to sway others to your side. But now, queer Scorps can charm any snake and get what they want through words alone. Will you use this gift for goodness or nastiness? Let me guess....

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)
 Your financial situation brightens after a summer of clouds and showers. Money problems find excellent solutions in September. No only can you find the right advisor and discover the best research, you are able to effectively maneuver through the markets to create an overflowing nest egg. Think cushy early retirement, Gay Archer. Whoo hoo!

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)
 Pink Caps cannot be relegated to the sidelines any longer. Your ideas reach a critical mass, your charisma quotient soars and lesser planets gravitate into your orbit. Jupiter redirects this September and pushes you Out into the center of the limelight to great public acclaim. So prepare for your close-up and wear something suitable. No not cellophane micro mini shorts.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)
 The best decisions you can make are those that come from your gut this September. Aqueerians have felt that their intuition was on the fritz throughout the summer. But now that Jupiter redirects, you get back on track and can discern friend from foe easily. There may also be a secret admirer hiding in the background. Will they make themselves known? I think you know.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)
 If the summer has felt more solitary than usual, you can use the fall to come out of your self imposed exile and rejoin the gang. Jupiter redirects and gives you many reasons to get involved in a myriad of group activities. Join new organizations and expand your social circle. And current friends will seek you out too. Fill up your dance card and dance through all the holidays.

Community Forum On LGBT Activism And Environmental Movement September 6

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Look Both Ways: Looking Back, Looking Forward, Wingspan's Community Conversation series is celebrating Wingspan's 20th anniversary. Environmentalism and the LGBT Movement is the fourth topic of conversation and will be held, Saturday, September 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Come to the forum and join in the conversation with the following community panelists: Karin Uhlich, Tucson City Council; Jim Cook, Executive Director Tucson Nature Conservancy; Debbie Hicks, former President Tucson Mountain Association.

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FDA Approves Viread For Hepatitis B Treatment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The United States joins Europe, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand in allowing Gilead to market the AIDS drug as suppressing the chronic liver disease, reported advocate.com. Gilead Sciences Inc. prepared to expand its reach further beyond AIDS drugs after federal regulators approved the biotech drug maker's signature anti-HIV therapy as a hepatitis B treatment.

Gilead announced that the Food and Drug Administration is joining regulators in Europe, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand by allowing the

company to market Viread as a tool for suppressing the chronic liver disease. Sales of Viread as a stand-alone pill have declined in recent years following Gilead's launch of Truvada and Atripla, which combine Viread with other drugs.

The FDA's approval was based on two clinical trials that showed Viread was more effective than Hepsera at combatting liver inflammation and scarring caused by hepatitis B, the company said. The infectious disease is blamed as a major cause of liver cancer and is especially common in the U.S. among Asian-Americans owing to the prevalence of hepatitis in Asian countries.

Deep In Brazilian Amazon, Members Of Tribe Come Out

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil - Deep in the Amazon jungle, in the Brazilian border with Peru and Colombia, a few young men from the country's most populous indigenous tribe - the Ticunas - have begun to defy cultural norms requiring they behave in a masculine manner or that they marry a member of the opposite gender already designated for them during their childhood, blabbeando.com reported.

Three Ticuna tribe members from the Umariacu village, including 22 year-old Natalicio Ramos Guedes, say that at least twenty of the 3,600

village members - including them - are Gay.

The Indian National Foundation of Brazil confirms that different tribes have recently reported members coming out. Ramos Guedes, whose brother Marcenio is also Gay, participates in a local folk dance group. Both dress up like women and perform traditional dances at different social events throughout the region.

NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 27th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Lee and Merlin at 207-5336, call for directions and reservations - if you like canasta, you will love Hand and Foot.

Thursday, August 28th
Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages. Bridge Join your MSN friends for a night of fun and cards. Call Michael at 326-3555 for reservations and directions.

Friday, August 29
Antigone Books hosts Katherine Adam, co-author of *The New Feminized Majority* and will read from and discuss her book. Katherine Adam and co-author Charles Derber's book provides a welcome ray of hope. The authors argue that a rising feminized majority - made up of both men and women - is emerging as a pivotal force in American politics.

Sunday, August 31st
Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner OUT at Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160.

Wednesday, September 3
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for lunch at 1:30 p.m. at Saffron Indian Bistro, 7607 North Oracle Road. RSVP John at 2989-6727 or www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, September 4
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to Bowl with us at 1:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile

Friday, September 5
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for dinner. Great seafood and live music at 6:30 p.m. at El Mazon Del Cobre Restaurant, 2960 N. First Avenue. RSVP Clem at 885-1270.

Saturday, September 6
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for Drinks and Grub at 6:30 p.m. at

Woody's Bar, 3710 N. Oracle Road.

Sunday, September 7
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for Brunch at 11:00 a.m. at Café Ramey, Glenn and North Swan. RSVP Dennis at 883-8257

Monday, September 8
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to Bowl with us at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010W. Miracle Mile.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to our drop-in-lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone Ave.

Wednesday, September 10
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for lunch at 1:00 p.m. Buddy's Grill, East Grant & N. Swan. RSVP Ry at 576-8045

Thursday, September 11
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to bowl with us at Golden Pin Lanes, at 1:30 p.m. 1010 W. Miracle Mile

Friday, September 12
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Saturday, September 13
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to attend our monthly Membership Meeting held at Wingspan. A no-host Luncheon follows. Information at 885-1270.

Sunday, September 14
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for Brunch at 12:30 p.m. Thono Chul Tea Room, Ina Road just west of Oracle Rd. RSVP John at 298-6727.

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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.

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TUCSON INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

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write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com. All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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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

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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 meet-

ings 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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ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

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

THEATER / DINNER / MOVIES / ETC! Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or joycesmth1@aol.com. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site <http://www.desertdominion.org> or call (520)792-6424

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. 743-4800.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at 3 Jewels, 314 E. 6th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

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

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

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion.org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

THE BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson,

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.:



DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-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 ½ 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; \$2.25 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 with ID or payroll receipt.

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 3pm-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 Domestic, \$12 Imports (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands 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 3pm-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 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 & Dos XX 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 3pm-2am. Happy Hour ALL Daytil 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 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, "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 3pm-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 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. Bicarid Thursdays - \$3.00 Bicarid Rum - all flavors. Karaoke with Kristen and K2 Tunes 8pm.

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 3pm-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 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. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Free Country 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 3pm - 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!!Lesbian Olympics 8pm in our sexy outdoor lounge.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic 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 -2am 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

Friday, August 29

Yard Dog Saloon - Karaoke 9:00 p.m. "Labor Day" Back To School Contest & Food. Judging at 6:00p.m.

Saturday August 30

HOWL AT THE MOON - It's Reigning Men: Drag King Anson Reign and his entourage are back for an incredible night of entertainment. Don't miss this show!

VENTURE-N - It's Jungle Party time. Dress in your best Jungle Attire. Costume Contest plus plenty of Drink Specials. Don't miss this fun party!

Monday, September 1 - LABOR DAY

IBT's - Monday Morning Madness' - Bar opens at 10:00 a.m. Madness starts at 10:01 with entertainment and drink specials and loads of fun throughout the day and evening.

Saturday, September 6

Naughty School Girls - Welcome Back Party.GoGo Dancers- Ipod Give-Away and a whole lot more...

Tuesday, September 9

IBT's - Missy Elliott CD Release Party at 9:00 p.m.

Berlin G/L Holocaust Memorial Vandalized

BERLIN, Germany (Observer Update) - A memorial that was unveiled in May in Berlin consisting of a concrete monolith with a window that looked on to a video of two men kissing was damaged in an action clearly demonstrating the violence against Gays that still exists today, reported towleroad.com.

Destroyer Magazine reports: "The next day, a sign informed the visitors that the film wasn't showing correctly due to a "technical problem". The message was signed by Stiftung Denkmal für die ermordeten Juden Europas, the administration of the big Holocaust Memorial.

That memorial was supposed to cover all groups murdered by the Nazis, but after protests it was decided it would only commemorate Jewish victims. That's why the Gays got their own memorial on the other side of the street, half covered by the bushes of Tiergarten (quite fitting I must admit) and apparently out of sight from the police officers who watch the Jews' memorial 24/7."

NCLR Attorneys Honored

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - Attorneys Shannon Minter and Therese Stewart have been named the recipients of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association's 2008 Dan Bradley Award, reported 365Gay.com. Minter is the legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and Stewart is San Francisco's chief deputy city attorney. Both successfully fought to overturn California's ban on same-sex marriage. Separately they also have been involved in a number of other key LGBT legal cases.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Dan Bradley Award with Terry Stewart, who was a true partner in this case," Minter said in a statement referring to the landmark California same-sex marriage case. Minter has guided NCLR's litigation and program work for over 10 years. He has been lead counsel in dozens of groundbreaking legal victories including the California marriage case and Sharon Smith's unprecedented victory in her wrongful death lawsuit. Smith's partner, Diane Whipple, was attacked and killed by two dogs in her apartment building in 2001. The owners of the dogs were later convicted of criminal negligence and Smith filed a civil suit. It became the first lawsuit in the country in which a same-sex partner was given survivor spousal standing in a wrongful death case. In 2005, he was one of 18 people to receive the Ford Foundation's "Leadership for a Changing World" award.

Each year, through its Dan Bradley Award, the NLGLA recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the struggle for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender equality. Minter and Stewart will be honored at the Lavender Law conference in San Francisco in September.



Seven 'Out' G/L Athletes Win Medals at Beijing Olympics



Matthew Mitcham

BEIJING, China (Observer Update) - Seven Gay and Lesbian athletes won medals at the recently concluded 29th Olympic games.

The win marks a huge turnaround for the 20-year-old Australian diver, who earlier this week finished 16th out of 18 competitors in the three-meter semifinals. Mitcham is the first openly gay Australian to compete in the Olympics. His coming-out was well documented in the Australian press when he applied for financial aide to help pay for his boyfriend to join him in Beijing for the Games.

Six of the 13 out Lesbian and Bisexual women competing at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing ended up winning gold, silver, or bronze medals.

After narrowly missing out on qualifying for the three-meter springboard finals earlier this week, out Australian diver Matthew Mitcham took home the gold in the 10-meter platform competition, preventing the Chinese from taking gold in all eight diving categories. Zhou Luxin had been leading Mitcham going into last night's finals by more than 30 points. But he faltered on his last dive, blowing his entry, according to the Times, and giving Mitcham an opportunity to clinch the gold. "It's going to take a while to sink in," Mitcham told the Associated Press, fighting back tears. "My cheeks hurt from smiling. My face hurts from the chlorine. My legs are sore from jumping up and down. I'm in pain and I'm tired. But I'm so happy."

Katja Nyberg's four goals for Norway (that including Lesbian left back Katja Nyberg,) in the women's handball final against Russia, Natasha Kai's game-winning goal for the U.S. in the women's soccer quarter-finals, and the stunning upset that earned Vicky Galindo and Lauren Lappin a silver medal in women's softball. The bronze medal in women's soccer went to Germany, who beat Japan 2-0 for third place. Among the bronze medalists is 24-year-old German midfielder Linda Bresonik, who was outed last year by German tabloids. Bresonik played well early on in the Olympics, but injured her ankle in a match against Sweden during the quarterfinals.



HANDBALL: Katja Nyberg and Gro Hammerseng (Gold - Norway)



SOCCER: Natasha Kai (Gold-U.S.A.) Linda Bresonik (Bronze-Germany)

The Joke's Over: Withdrawing Allegedly Offensive Gay-Themed Ads Puts Industry On Notice



NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Late last month, as the Commercial Closet Association - a non-profit organization promoting the positive use of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender references in mainstream media - celebrated its fourth annual Images in Advertising Awards, the ad industry was under fire for ads that were at best misunderstood and at worst homophobic, adweek.com reported.

pletely perpetuates a myth of masculinity," says Whitney Pillsbury, a cd at The Kaplan Thaler Group in New York. Pillsbury was recognized at the Images in Advertising Awards for a Garden State Equality spot. The ad, meant to raise awareness about GLBT families, shows President Bush on TV talking about the sanctity of marriage as a same-sex couple (actually Pillsbury and his partner) busily attends to their kids. The super informs viewers that the duo missed the speech about family because they were too busy being one.

At the awards show, Levi's won best commercial with "Change," a spot from Bartle Bogle Hegarty, New York, that featured alternate endings: one showed a man walking off with a woman; another a man walking off with a man. Ads such as these "are still very rare," says Michael Wilke, executive director of Commercial Closet, which is based in New York. In fact, several recent controversial ads demonstrate that Gay stereotypes and jokes are still an option for some advertisers. Two have made the news of late.

"I know when the joke is a Gay joke," Pillsbury says in reference to the Snickers spot, which has been criticized for perpetuating violence against Gays. "Don't bullshit a bullshitter. It's insensitive. You wouldn't do that [with] race or gender." As for Nike's spot, "two men being that intimate is discussed in revulsion. It's a Gay joke," he says. At the same time Nike was being criticized for its misstep, it was up for a diversity laurel at the Image Awards. The nomination was for a copy-based print ad that discussed being "proud to be Gay."

A Snickers commercial, produced by AMV BBDO, London, for the U.K. market, was recently pulled by parent company Mars amid complaints from Gay-rights advocacy groups. The Human Rights Campaign, for instance, criticized the commercial - which showed '80s icon Mr. T shooting candy bars at an effeminate speed walker while admonishing him to "Get some nuts!" - as promoting negative Gay stereotypes.

"Both the company and their agency have had a very good reputation for doing inclusive advertising until this point. It seems they've gone astray," says Wilke. "There's a long-standing chestnut that homophobia sells," he adds. "For an industry that lives and dies by data, it's never something that has been proven by research. We believe if research were done, it would prove just the opposite."

Ironically, the same agency produced a U.K. ad for Heinz Deli Mayo showing two men kissing that was pulled off the air in June; TV viewers had complained that the ad was offensive and unsuitable to be seen by children. In the U.S., a Nike basketball print and outdoor campaign for its Hyperdunk basketball shoe out of Wieden + Kennedy, Portland, Ore., was pulled. The ads showed players' faces in between the legs of opponents above them dunking balls, with headlines including, "That Ain't Right."

Robert Cameron, VP of marketing at Levi's, says the jeans brand produced the winning ad with alternate endings in order to speak to the Gay community while on a limited budget. Addressing the recent spate of controversy surrounding Gay themes in advertising, Cameron says, "It's a process. It takes a commitment to get it right." Doug Raboy, managing partner, cd at Hanft Raboy & Partners, New York - honored for its "No issues here" campaign for Chemistry.com at the Image Awards - says the advertising industry has taken "baby steps" in the right direction, but that even controversial ads such as Nike's have their role. "What excites me is that it gets people talking about the issues," says Raboy. "If it can create a dialogue, then it's a step in the right direction."

The fact that these ads were taken off the air shows that "homophobia as a punch line is on its way out," says Wilke. Both marketers responded quickly - with Nike emphasizing its commitment to diversity and Mars stressing the spot was meant to be fun, not offensive. "The Mr. T [ad] com-

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