



Biden Says G/L Relationships Are Protected By The Constitution



Vice-Presidential candidates: Democratic Sen. Joe Biden, and Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (Observer Update) - Sen. Joe Biden made a strong statement for Gay relationship equality during the only vice presidential debate, held Thursday evening (October 2), reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

When asked by moderator Gwen Ifill, "Do you support, as they do in Alaska, granting same-sex benefits to couples?" Biden replied, "Absolutely. . . . Look, in an Obama-Biden administration, there will be absolutely no distinction from a constitutional standpoint or a legal standpoint between a same-sex and a heterosexual couple."

He added: "The fact of the matter is that under the Constitution we should be granted - same-sex couples should be able to have visitation rights in the hospitals, joint ownership of property, life insurance policies, et cetera. That's only fair. It's what the Constitution calls for. And so we do support it."

"We do support making sure that committed couples in a same-sex marriage are guaranteed the same constitutional benefits as it relates to their property rights, their rights of visitation, their rights to insurance, their rights of ownership as heterosexual couples do," he added.

But when the question was put to Republican Sarah Palin, the Alaska governor skated around the question.

"Well, not if it goes closer and closer towards redefining the traditional definition of marriage between one man and one woman. And unfortunately that's sometimes where those steps lead," Palin said.

"But I also want to clarify, if there's any kind of suggestion at all from my answer that I would be anything but tolerant of adults in America choosing their partners, choosing relationships that they deem best for themselves, you know, I am tolerant and I have a very diverse family and group of friends and

even within that group you would see some who may not agree with me on this issue, some very dear friends who don't agree with me on this issue.

"But in that tolerance also, no one would ever propose, not in a McCain-Palin administration, to do anything to prohibit, say, visitations in a hospital or contracts being signed, negotiated between parties.

"But I will tell Americans straight up that I don't support defining marriage as anything but between one man and one woman, and I think through nuances we can go round and round about what that actually means.

"But I'm being as straight up with Americans as I can in my non- support for anything but a traditional definition of marriage."

Palin has previously stated that she believes that homosexuality is a choice.

When Biden was asked about Gay marriage he said he was opposed, as is Sen. Obama.

McCain Chief of Staff Previously Lobbied Senator On Behalf Of Freddie Mac

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Mark Buse, the Gay chief of staff for Sen. John McCain, was retained by failed mortgage giant Freddie Mac in 2003 and 2004 to lobby McCain. Buse, then the staff director for the Senate Commerce Committee, was hired by the company to work with the Arizona senator on executive-pay issues, and his firm earned \$460,000 in fees for the effort, The Washington Post reports.

In 2003, the Post reports, McCain conducted a Senate hearing at which he decried the so-called golden parachutes that executives often receive when they're dismissed, regardless of their job performance. Soon afterward the president and CEO of Freddie Mac walked away with \$6 million in stock options and \$24 million in compensation, respectively. "Senator McCain was

How Much Do You Really Know About AIDS?

TUCSON (Observer Update) - AIDS WALK Tucson, sponsored by Desert Diamond Casino and Hotel, will mark its 20th anniversary on Sunday, October 19, at The University of Arizona campus mall with close to 6,000 people participating in either a 5K walk or a 10K run.

Registrations for the walk or run, and donations for walkers and runners, raise funds to help support prevention and education programs, as well as people living with HIV/AIDS. All proceeds stay in Southern Arizona and help to support the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. If you're wondering why after 20 years you are still being asked to walk, raise funds, and support an AIDS service organization- take a glance back at AIDS WALK's history in our own community.

The very first AIDS WALK Tucson took place on October 28, 1989 at Reid Park, in a very different world than what we live in today. In 1987, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Otis Bowen, addressed the AIDS epidemic by saying "We have not seen anything of this magnitude that we can't control, except nuclear bombs." In the early 80's, young gay men were dying by the thousands, and no one knew how the disease was spread. Children with AIDS were barred from school. Churchgoers would not take communion wine in fear of becoming infected. It wasn't until 1989 that scientists were able to determine that AIDS was transmitted only through blood and sexual intercourse, and not saliva, tears, or toilets and unbelievably SAAF still educates the community about these same myths today - teaching the true facts of reducing one's risk for HIV.

Scientists and doctors tried to determine the cause of the disease, and they experimented with different treatments, while discouraging the spread of the disease. There were over 100 drugs, vaccines, and diagnostic tests being investigated to see if any of them would help treat, or even cure, the AIDS virus. Azidothymidine, or AZT, slowed down the multiplication of the AIDS virus

in people with mild symptoms. It became the only medication licensed by the FDA for AIDS treatment. Today, there are medications available, but unfortunately the side effects are life changing. Not only are they harsh on the body, they are unbelievably costly. The cost for most people living with HIV is devastating and a daily financial struggle. SAAF continues to support people living with HIV through support services like medication assistance, housing, food, dental care and case management. In 1989, efforts to support people living with HIV and in need of the new medications and treatment rapidly increased, and grass roots organizations that had sprung up to care for those dying from complications of AIDS were morphing into support organizations. If someone was born in 1980 or later, it is likely they don't have a memory of the confusion, fear and death that HIV/AIDS brought. For these reasons we recognize and remember the history that brought us to this day, 20 years later and 27 years after HIV was first recognized in the U.S. We've come a long way- but we have a long way to go before HIV is eradicated.

Take action! Walk! Fundraise! Ask others to join you in learning how HIV affects our community! At AIDS WALK, with the help of Access Tucson, you will have the opportunity to record your personal story about why you walk. These stories will be the beginning of an oral history video project to preserve individual recollections of how AIDS has impacted personal lives. You can also find us on Facebook, in the group "AIDS WALK Tucson," where you can add your own comments to a discussion board.

Young or old, rich or poor, gay or straight, please come to AIDS WALK 2008 and help to spread this important message to the community at large. This really is "Everybody's Walk." By sharing what you have seen and by sharing what you know about HIV/AIDS, you can help to educate and prevent the spread of HIV. To register, please go to aidswalktucson.org, or call (520) 791-9255.

McCain Aide Mark Buse

talking about limiting executive compensation, and Buse was retained to nip that in the bud," an anonymous lobbyist with knowledge of the situation told the Post.

Buse, who was a member of McCain's staff for 17 years beginning in 1984 before becoming a lobbyist, returned to become his chief of staff this year. He declined to comment to the Post. McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers denied there was any undue influence. "I think the reality is that John McCain takes positions, you know, based on what he believes is in the public interest, period," Rogers told the Post. "If these folks thought they were getting something out of John McCain...it's not based in fact," advocate.com reported.



McCain Aide Mark Buse

UPDATE

Pride In The Desert October 18

TUCSON (Observer Update) - More than 70 vendors and a slew of entertainers will be at Reid Park on October 18 for the largest annual gathering of southern Arizona's LGBT community, according to a news release, reported the Tucson Citizen.

Pride begins with a parade, which starts at 10 a.m. at Broadway and Country Club Road. The parade ends at the park, where Pride in the Desert vendors will offer wares from 10 a.m.-8:00 p.m. near DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center.

Main stage entertainment includes Gregory Douglass, Goddess & She, Eric Himan, Kimberly Caldwell and numerous local bands and singers. For more information, go to tucsonpride.com.

Desert Voices Celebrates 20th Season

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices, Tucson's premier GLBTS chorus, celebrates its 20th season as their 50 voices unite under the direction of Chris Tackett with our biggest and brightest entertainment season ever. Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church will resonate with festive holiday favorites December 6-7 as they present our season opener, "Down the Chimney." Tucson's own rock star, Namoli Brennet, will join us and share a special gift, the debut of a new song written especially for Desert Voices 20th season.

On February 7, 2009, make your bid count as the Historic Y Hall is transformed for Desert Voices annual Cabaret and Silent Auction. Always a little big naughty and a whole lot of fun, Desert Voices is also pleased to add special guests, Lisa Otey and Diane Van Deurzen. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and spirits serve to make this a do not miss event. Namoli joins Desert Voices once again for our 2009 finale, "Out and Proud", a retrospective celebrating the best of the 20 glorious years. Music from 25 years of GALA will also be featured as we draw another fabulous season to a close at The Proscenium Theatre, Pima Community College West on April 18-19.

Desert Voices extends an invitation to all friends, fans and supporters of the last 20 years to make themselves a part of our Platinum Season. Tickets are priced at 2 for \$20 for December and April, \$30 each for February. Special Season Ticket Packages are available. All shows promise to be sellouts so make your reservations early. And don't forget to check out the website, desertvoices.org for the most up to date information about Desert Voices. For more information call the box office at (520) 791-9662.

Wingspan Anti-Violence Programs Volunteer Training, Oct. 10-12

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Attend a free volunteer training for the Wingspan Anti-Violence Program and learn how to advocate for individuals and communities impacted by violence.

Wingspan's Anti-Violence Program provides 24-hour advocacy, crisis intervention, and referral services to LGBT survivors and their allies who are affected by violence and discrimination. The training takes place on October 10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., October 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Oct 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wingspan asks that participants attend all three sessions.

For more information, contact Madeline Porta, (520) 624-1779, ext 128.

"Legends of Jazz" Event At UA Cancelled

TUCSON - Ramsey Lewis is unable to make Tucson's scheduled tour date on Sunday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. We wish Ramsey a thorough recovery and the UofA looks forward to presenting these artists in the future.

Ticket holders may exchange into another UA presents performance in the 2008-2009 season (upgrade charges may apply) or request a refund through the Box Office. For any further questions, please contact the UA presents Box Office at (520) 621-3341.



Motorcyclists Wanted For Pride Parade

TUCSON - This is an open invitation to motorcycle riders to join the Tucson Gay Pride Parade on October 18, 2008.

The parade starts at 10:00 am. Staging area is Southwest corner Broadway and Country Club, the parking lot behind the shops and the restaurant "Elle". The motorcycles will be 3rd position, only behind the color guard and the Grand Marshall. Be advised there will no porta potties, so take care of business before arriving. We have riders coming over from San Diego and coming down from Phoenix.

Come on Tucson...saddle up your bikes and show your Pride. Registration and fees have been already covered. All we need is YOU...Questions, comments, commitments and anything else you may need can be directed to April at mizpo@yahoo.com, 520-891-2288. Ride safe, see you all at the parade. April - 520-891-2288 or mizpo@yahoo.com

No On 102 Television Ads Hit Airwaves

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - As the four week Election Day home stretch begins, the Arizona Together (aztogether.org) Opposed to Prop 102 Campaign launched its statewide television campaign asking voters to Vote no again on Prop 102 to keep politicians out of marriage.

The 30-second television commercial, produced locally, focuses on the message of keeping politicians out of marriage and shows headlines of important issues that politicians should be debating rather than marriage, such as immigration; the economy; the mortgage crisis; gas prices; and the cost of groceries. In addition, the voice over asks politicians to trust the people who voted NO on this two years ago.

"We are committed to making sure every Arizona voter understands the real issues behind Prop 102 so that they can make an informed decision on Nov. 4," said Cynthia Leigh Lewis, treasurer for Arizona Together Opposed to Prop 102. "Voters need to know that Prop 102 is a divisive issue that 49 legislators deceptively referred to this year's ballot. Voting on the marriage issue is not important to Arizonans; politicians focusing on issues that threaten Arizona's families are what voters are concerned with."

According to state law, marriage in Arizona is already defined as between a man and a woman and has been upheld as constitutional by our courts. Given this fact dedicating time to debating marriage is a waste of resources. Politicians need to stay focused on more monumental issues that face our citizens. The television campaign began October 6 and will run statewide on cable and network television. To view the commercial visit the YouTube link or visit aztogether.org.

Arizona Together Opposed to Prop 102 is committed to make certain that Prop 102 is soundly defeated again and are encouraging a NO vote on Prop 102 by Arizona voters on Election Day.



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Observer Recommendations For November General Election

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Thursday, October 2, marks the first day registered voters in Arizona will be able to cast their ballot for this year's general election, scheduled to take place with the polls opening on Tuesday, November 4.

For those individuals not registered to vote and wish to do so to either vote early or at the polls, the deadline is Monday, October 6 by midnight. People can go online at servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter/ and sign up to vote.

Those Arizona voters will have many decisions to make before cast their ballots in the upcoming election: from the presidential contest to see who will inherit the complete mess created by the "Bush Crime Family," Congressional races, ballot propositions, the Arizona Legislature, county posts to local school boards, many posts and questions will have to be answered and fill, as mandating by federal and state law.

With that, the editorial staff of the Observer has compiled a list of recommendations for contested elections, basing the choices on statements, actions, position papers and voting records on the issues of concern to the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender), HIV/AIDS and straight supportive communities.

President - Barack Obama

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Congressional District 1 - Ann Kirkpatrick
- Congressional District 2 - John Thrasher
- Congressional District 3 - Bob Lord
- Congressional District 4 - Ed Pastor
- Congressional District 5 - Harry Mitchell
- Congressional District 6 - Rebecca Schneider
- Congressional District 7 - Raul Grijalva
- Congressional District 8 - Gabrielle Giffords

- Proposition 100 (Protect Our Homes Act) - No
- Proposition 101 (Medical Choice for Arizona) - No
- Proposition 102 (Marriage Protection Amendment) - No Again!
- Proposition 105 (Majority Rules Initiative) - No
- Proposition 200 (Payday Loans) - No
- Proposition 201 (Homeowners Bill of Rights) - Yes
- Proposition 300 (Legislative Pay Raise) - No
- Proposition 403 (TUSD Override) - Yes

Arizona Corporation Commission - Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman

Arizona Senate - District 25 - Manuel Alvarez
Arizona House - District 25 - Ric Boyer, Pat Fleming

Arizona Senate - District 26 - Cheryl Cage
Arizona House - District 26 - Don Jorgensen, Nancy Young Wright

Arizona Senate - District 27 - Jorge Luis Garcia
Arizona House - District 27 - Olivia Cajero Bedford, Phil Lopes

Arizona House - District 29 - Matt Heinz, Daniel Patterson

Arizona Senate - District 30 - Georgette Valle
Arizona House - District 30 - Andrea Dalessandro (VOTE ONLY)

(Editors Note: In the race for the Arizona House in District 30, there are three candidates for two open seats but in this case, there is only one choice, Andrea Dalessandro, to represent us in the Arizona Legislature come January 2009 and like the hair care product's slogan, "she is worth it." One vote in this race for an individual whose twice her opponents.)

Pima County Board of Supervisors - District 3 - Sharon Bronson

Pima County Attorney - Barbara LaWall

Pima County Sheriff - Clarence Dupnik

Observer Clarification

TUCSON (Observer Update) - In an editorial in edition 1263, this publication set out their recommendations for the upcoming general election to take place Tuesday, November 4 and that early voting had commenced October 2.

Due to a technical glitch on the online and pdf versions of the publication, a couple of the names of candidates that The Observer had recommendation did not show properly and were obscured in one way or another. With that in mind, here are the recommendations for the two races in question.

For the Congressional District 8 election, The Observer strongly recommends returning Gabrielle Giffords to the U.S. House of Representatives for another term.

In regard to Proposition 403, the proposed override for the Tucson Unified School District, The Observer recommends a "yes" vote on this proposition.

POETRY CORNER

SARAH PALIN

by Ron Rose - Tucson

Hide the Moose in Washington, when Sarah comes to town
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Til some fine day, she'll find a way to foul the lovely bay.
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Larry Craig Gives Farewell Speech To Empty Chamber

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - It was just last year that Sen. Larry E. Craig riveted political Washington with his arrest in an airport sex sting and subsequent public declaration, "I am not Gay."

about energy independence and the importance of increasing domestic oil production.

On Thursday (October 2), there was much less hubbub, or toetapping, in fact, none at all - as the Idaho Republican delivered his farewell speech on the Senate floor. In a largely empty chamber, Craig talked at length

A couple of his colleagues said nice things about his legislative work. He said nice things about them in return. And then it was done. Craig knows a thing or two about collegiality, or lack thereof. His fellow Republican senators pushed him to quit his job last year - advice he briefly accepted, only to later change his mind and keep his seat.

Rosie To Host Live Variety Special

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - Rosie O'Donnell will helm a live variety show for NBC on the day before Thanksgiving, possibly opening up possibilities for a regular show, according to Reuters, reported advocate.com.

Rosie's Variety Show will air on November 26 at 8:00 p.m. The hour-long broadcast will include celebrity guests, musical acts, comedy sketches, and audience contests. "This is a dream come true for any performer," O'Donnell said in a statement. "Old-time variety, live from New York, with a nod to Ed Sullivan, Carol Burnett, and memories of Sonny and Cher."



"We want to show people that variety can be done in a new and inventive way for 2008," NBC executive vice president

Craig Plestis told Variety. "We hope to do it in ways you haven't seen before. It's

going to be the YouTube of variety shows."

Presbyterian Court Clears Minister On Lesbian Wedding

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania (Observer Update) - A church court of Pittsburgh Presbytery ruled 9-0 that the Rev. Janet Edwards did not violate scripture or the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) when she conducted what she has always said was the marriage of two women in 2005.

be an offense to the constitution to attempt to do the impossible," said the decision, read by the Rev. Stewart Pollock, chairman of the Permanent Judicial Commission of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Since church and state define marriage as between a man and a woman, she cannot have done what she was accused of, the court ruled. "It can't

The Presbyterian Church (USA) says clergy may bless same-sex couples but "should not" offer a service that could be mistaken for a marriage. She argued that "should not" doesn't mean "must not."

Schwarzenegger Vetoes Harvey Milk Bill

SACRAMENTO, California (Observer Update) - California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has vetoed a bill that would have honored Harvey Milk's birthday as a statewide "day of significance," reports the Associated Press. In a statement, Schwarzenegger defended his decision by saying that the icon's "contributions should continue to be recognized at the local level."



The bill, which was sponsored by San Francisco assemblyman Mark Leno, was contested by conservative groups, who appealed to the governor to veto the legislation.

Milk was one of the first openly Gay men to hold a prominent political

Harvey Milk

office in the United States when he was elected to the San Francisco board of supervisors in 1977. Milk, a film about the politician's life, directed by Gus Van Sant and starring Sean Penn, is set for release this December, advocate.com reported.

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Melissa Etheridge Announces Plans To Marry



Melissa Etheridge with partner Tammy Lynn

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - Melissa Etheridge plans to marry her partner, Tammy Lynn Michaels, joining the list of celebrities with plans to tie the knot in response to California's legalization of same-sex marriage. Etheridge made the announcement at Universal City's Hard Rock Café, where she performed to launch the restaurant's month-long breast cancer awareness program, according to Extra.

we're trying to find the right time now actually to go down and do it," Etheridge told Extra. In 2003, the pair held a commitment ceremony with friends and family, hoping that one day their marriage would be recognized legally, reported advocate.com.

"I have a belief in my heart that very soon, the walls and the gates that have been held closed by people with narrow minds and fear and hate in their hearts will burst open," Etheridge told The Advocate in a 2003 interview.

"We have four children and

Lambda Legal Sues Tennessee Police Department

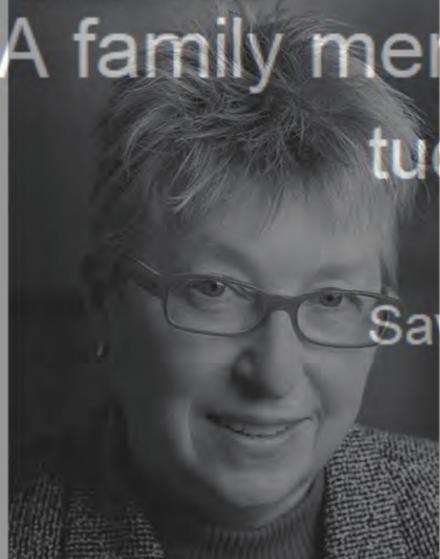
JOHNSON CITY, Tennessee (Observer Update) - A federal lawsuit was filed in Tennessee over the release of photos of a Johnson City man and 39 other males who were arrested in a public sex sting operation. The suit was filed by Lambda Legal on behalf of Kenneth Giles. It names Johnson City, the Johnson City Police Department and its police chief.

went out of its way to humiliate Mr. Giles and caused irreparable damage."

On October 1, 2007, the JCPD issued a press release, personally approved by the police chief, that included photos that were taken at the scene where 40 men, including Giles, were arrested in a public sex sting. The local news ran the story prominently along with the pictures and addresses of the men involved. Lambda Legal reviewed the police department's press releases for over a period of a year and found that out of approximately 600 other releases, none pertaining to arrests was accompanied by photos or personally approved by the chief.

Lambda Legal argues that the JCPD violated federal equal protection law by singling out these men for harsher treatment by making their images available to the media. Lambda said in a statement that the actions of the JCPD are the latest in a long history of the police going beyond legitimate law enforcement measures to take extraordinary action designed to target Gay men for humiliation and harassment.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Bigotry's Cost - The Bottom Line

Arizona's candidates for political office, ballot measure committees' and other groups involved in this year's election had to file their Post-Primary, finance reports to Arizona's Secretary of State.

Of the various races and ballot measures, supporters of Proposition 102 - the proposed amendment to Arizona's constitution to define marriage as "only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state," despite Arizona law (Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) 25-101, 25-112) and court precedent (Standhardt V. Superior Court) which has already done so, has raised a significant amount of money for their "wedge issue" campaign.

Proposition 102 is a "wedge issue" campaign because according to the Post-Primary campaign finance report filed by yesformarriage.com, the proponents of this ballot measure, two expenses listed are to Campaign Secrets and Public Opinion Strategies, a national Republican political consulting company and a national Republican polling firm, respectively, to get those voters so inclined, to take part in this year's election by getting to the polls to elect Republicans and smear the queers as has been done in 27 other states in prior elections thanks to the GOP's "savior," Karl Rove.

As reported previously in this column and publication, it has cost taxpayers a total of \$1,861,282.56 to get Proposition 102 on the ballot, thanks to the Republican led and controlled Arizona Legislature and Jan Brewer - Arizona's Republican Secretary of State and supporter of the measure but the cost doesn't stop there since this has been a "wedge issue" for the Republicans in Arizona, going back to the original approval of the law, known as the Arizona Defense of Marriage Act (Arizona DOMA), during another election year, in 1996.

Thanks to the then Speaker of the Arizona House, state Representative Jeff Groscoast, a Republican from Mesa, who introduced Arizona DOMA (drafted by Len Munsil and the Center for Arizona Policy - the main proponents behind this year's Proposition 102 and in 2006, Proposition 107 - turned down by the voters in the general election that year) on April 8, 1996, as a strike-everything amendment to a bill, S.B. 1038, threatening Democratic members of the Legislature with political retribution if they dared oppose the bill for which they promptly caved.

A total of four legislative days were used, costing the taxpayers \$152,401.09 (or \$38,100.27 for each legislative day according to the House and Senate operational budget for that fiscal year) to consider and pass S.B. 1038 and Fife Symington, the soon to be indicted, convicted, removed from office and later-pardoned, Governor, signed into law on May 1, 1996.

Flash forward seven years to 2003, when Arizona DOMA was challenged in court in the case of Standhardt V. Superior Court, which was first heard in Maricopa County Superior Court and upheld in the court ruling and after the subsequent appeal to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2004, ARS 25-101 and ARS 25-112 were the law.

It was the Arizona Attorney General's office, under Terry Goddard

who represented the Maricopa County Superior Court and the Clerk, the defendants in the matter, costing the taxpayers \$22,349.02 for 530.1 hours, according to Anne Hilby, spokesperson for the Attorney General's office.

So for Arizona DOMA, defense of the statutes and subsequent ballot measure, the Republican's bigotry has cost taxpayers alone, a total of \$2,036,032.67 and for this year's ballot measure, countless more for laws that have been on the books for a dozen years, all in the name of Republican politics.

Gay Couples As Committed As Straight Couples: Study

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Gay and Lesbian couples are just as committed in their relationships as heterosexuals and the legal status of their union doesn't impact their happiness, according to new research, reported Reuters Life on advocate.com. In two new studies that compared same-sex and heterosexual couples using different factors and methods to assess their happiness, scientists found few differences.

"Among the committed couples, there were very few differences that we were able to identify either in terms of how satisfied these couples were, how effectively they interacted with one another or how their bodies responded physiologically while they were interacting with one another," Glenn I. Roisman, of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said in an interview. He and his colleagues compared 30 Gay male and 30 Lesbian couples with 50 engaged heterosexual couples, 40 older, married heterosexual couples and dating heterosexual couples.

They found that regardless of sexual orientation, as the level of commitment increased, so did the ability to resolve conflict - debunking the myth that same-sex relationships are not built on the same level of commitment as heterosexual ones. In the second study researchers, who focused on how legal status affected relationship quality, followed 65 male and 138 female same-sex couples in civil unions, 23 male and 61 female same-sex couples not in civil unions and 55 heterosexual married couples over a three-year period.

The researchers from the University of Washington, San Diego State University and the University of Vermont found that same-sex couples, regardless of their legal status, were more satisfied with their relationships and reported more positive feelings toward their partners and less conflict than heterosexual married couples. But Gay and Lesbian couples not in civil unions were more likely than same-sex couples in civil unions or heterosexuals who were married to end their relationships, according to the study. Both studies were published in the journal Developmental Psychology. "My personal view is that I think it's very hard to make the case as has been made that these same-sex relationships are fundamentally different from opposite-sex relationships in the presence of data like these and other data in the developmental literature," said Roisman.

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Dear Editor:

In my opinion, we live in two Americas. An idealistic nation delivering on its promise of equality. And a more divisive nation where our rights as LGBT citizens are denied and often exploited by politicians seeking to get elected. Have you seen the McCain campaign t-shirt? The slogan reads "AmeriCAIN." I believe it speaks to a divisive America. I'm tired of this divide and tired of the lies.

Enough with the fear and false claims that Gay citizens seek "special rights." Enough with using our expressions of pride against us, as if we're a threat to American values. Enough. It's time to speak our mind, voice our opinions and use our votes. Regardless of where we live and who we are, we are all Americans.

But where you live does matter! Your vote may matter even more in your state, than my vote here in California. Your state may very well determine the outcome of this election and whether it's America or AmeriCAIN that prevails. Barack Obama's inclusive leadership will do more for all of us, including our community.

Obama voted to outlaw Employment Discrimination. McCain voted to allow it.

Obama supports Full Adoption Rights for same sex couples. McCain says "I don't believe in Gay adoption."

Obama wants to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and extend the 1,000+ legal rights for married

couples to include LGBT couples. McCain voted for DOMA and is against same-sex unions and domestic partnerships.

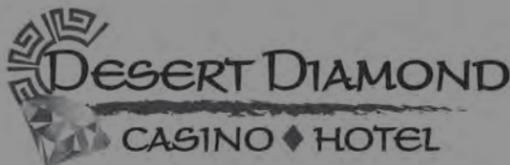
Obama voted for increased funding for AIDS Drug Assistance. McCain voted against it.

Obama supports the Matthew Shepard Act. McCain voted against adding sexual orientation to federal hate crimes legislation in 2000, 2002 and 2004.

Check out Obama's website: pride.barackobama.com. At McCain's website, LGBT citizens are not even mentioned, unless you count the defense of traditional marriage as one of his values. Barack Obama values the LGBT community and he includes us in the one America he seeks to lead. Register! Voice your opinion! Vote!

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Filling Court Vacancies Makes Presidential Choice Critical



By Deb Price

In a New York Times magazine article last year, telecommuting Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens told of his amusement at finding telltale traces of having been working with legal briefs at the beach by his Florida condo. "One of my favorite memories is the time I was sitting (on the bench after a return from Florida). I shook the sand out of the brief!"

The magazine portrait confirmed the 88-year-old justice's intellectual and physical fitness. Unlike justices who rely heavily on clerks, Stevens writes the first drafts of his opinions. And he's an avid tennis player, swimmer and golfer.

Appointed in 1975 by Republican President Gerald Ford, Stevens has gradually moved into the unexpected position of being dean of the liberal wing of the nine-member court. "I suppose there are a lot of people out there praying I get out of the way," Stevens told writer Jeffrey Rosen when talking about the unclear shelf life of abortion rights.

No doubt, Stevens was right that he's in the prayers of the smallish group of Americans who grasp both the enormous clout of an individual justice and the unusual opportunity the next president could have to reshape the court.

No one else on the court's left wing is a spring chicken either: Democratic appointee Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 75, and Stephen Breyer is 70, plus GOP appointee David Souter is 69.

And the justice who now casts the deciding vote in most 5-4 splits is Republican appointee Anthony Kennedy, 72.

That quintet — with the help of now-retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor — is responsible, for the two groundbreaking rulings declaring that gays have equal protection and privacy rights under the Constitution.

To understand why court watchers agree that the GOP presidential nominee, if elected, will have more potential to redirect the court, not just keep it on its course, look at the relative youth of the court's right wing: Antonin Scalia, 72; Clarence Thomas, 60; Samuel Alito, 58; and Chief Justice John Roberts, 53.

simple arithmetic, as those of us blessed with exceptional, timeless parents know. And I certainly hope Stevens will be shaking sand from his legal briefs through the tenure of the next president. But the court's next vacancy is likely to be on its left side. So Americans of every political stripe should know what the presidential nominees say about the Supreme Court:

Republican John McCain: A self-described adherent of the "strict constructionist" philosophy, he says his appointees would have a "proven record of strictly adhering to the Constitution ... and not legislating from the bench. Some of the worst damage has been done by legislating from the bench."

McCain has said he wouldn't have nominated Ginsburg, Breyer, Souter or Stevens and praised Alito and Roberts as "my most recent favorites."

Democrat Barack Obama: He reflects the "living" document philosophy that the Constitution's meaning evolves with the times. Obama voted against confirming Roberts and Alito and has said he wouldn't have nominated Thomas or Scalia. In praising former Chief Justice Earl Warren, Obama said, "I want people on the bench who have enough empathy, enough feeling, for what ordinary people are going through."

(Deb Price is a columnist for the Detroit News, from which this oped is reprinted.)



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"From Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon on October 1st to Michaelangelo on October 31st, the 31 Icons for 2008, combined with the 62 Icons for GLBT History Month 2006 and 2007 are impressive," stated Malcolm Lazin, Executive director, Equality Forum. "For a community deprived of its history, GLBT History Month teaches our heritage, provides role models, builds community, and makes the civil right statement of our extraordinary national and international contributions."

GLBT History Month was conceived in the mid-1990s by educators, and was embraced by major GLBT organizations. In 2006, Equality Forum took responsibility for this communal project and solicits icon nominations from state, national and international executive directors and other community leaders. The criteria are a person, living or deceased, who is distinguished in his or her field of endeavor, is a national hero, or has made a significant contribution to GLBT civil rights.

All 2008 nominations were reviewed by GLBT History Month Co-Chairs, Professor Sharon Ullman, History Department, Bryn Mawr College, and Professor Kenji Yoshino, Yale Law School, and were approved by the Equality Forum Board of Directors..

Each day in October 2008, an icon will be featured online with a video, biography, bibliography and other educational resources. The resources for GLBT History Month 2008 Icons are available in October at www.glbthistorymonth.com. Educational resources for 2006 and 2007 Icons are archived on the Web site.

GLBT History Month Icon videos will be broadcast on Logo and streamed on major gay Web Portals. The videos are offered without charge to educational institutions, non-profit organizations, for-profit companies and the public. More than 300 educational institutions, organizations and companies hosted GLBT History Month 2007 on the Web sites.

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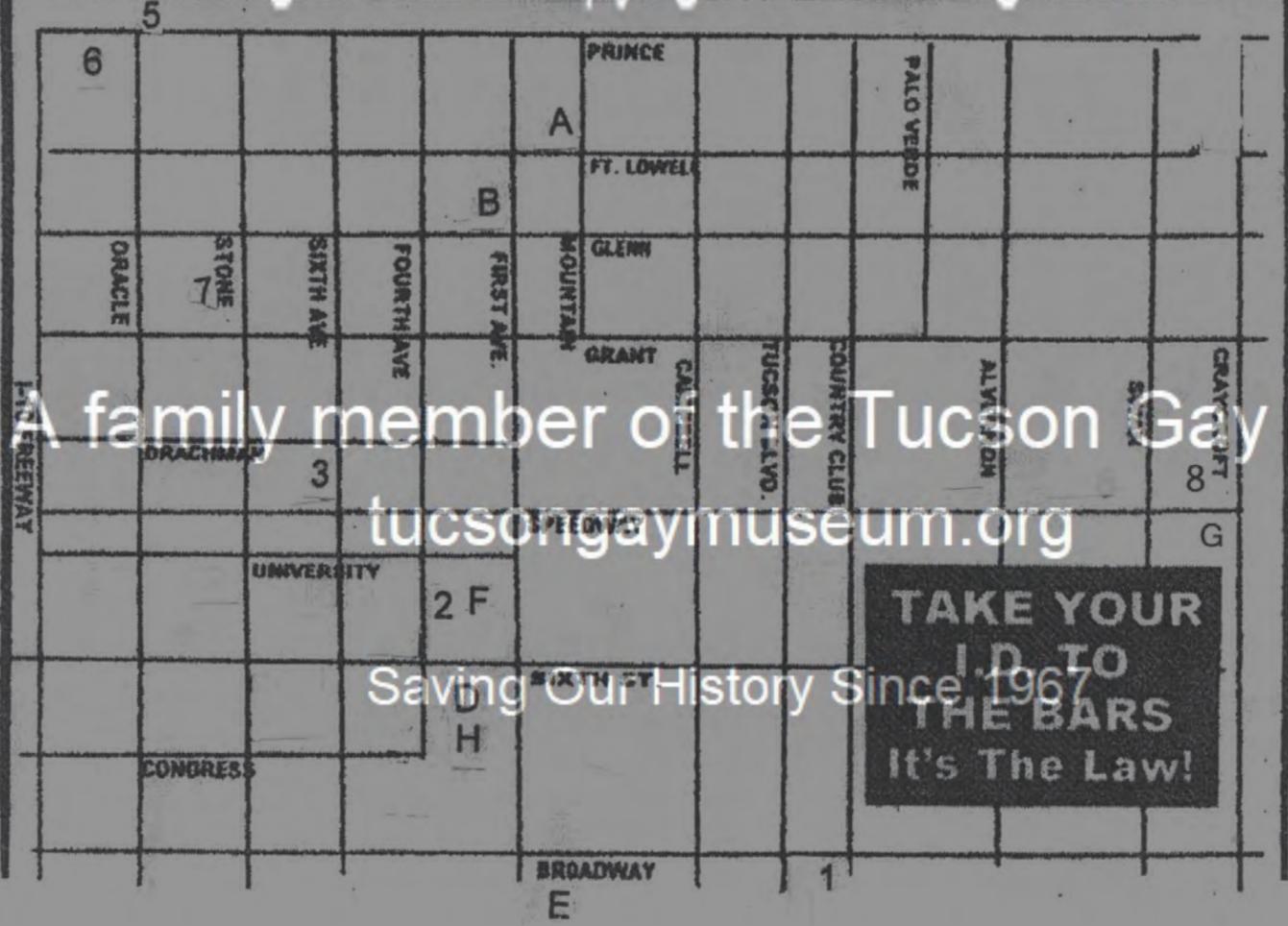


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Palin At 'Boot Camp'

As soon as the Observer Editors heard that Sarah ("Twinkie") Palin was going into a "political boot camp" to make it possible for her to actually talk to the press without the remote shock collar she has had to wear, I knew I was in for a "special assignment" again. We were at a loss to discover the "camp's" location, until someone mentioned that McCain had houses he had forgotten about; we knew "Twinkie" would be at one of these, since McCain could claim he knew nothing about it later, having forgotten all about the house in the first place.

The bonanza came when we went offshore, like so much of the Congressional pay does. First we checked the obvious places like the Cayman Islands and the Bahamas. Still nothing. Then we checked Cuba. Bingo. The Cuban Craigslist ad read: "Eunuch wanted to act as houseman, personal attendant and night-guard for high-spirited but mentally negligible female. Duties to include general step-and-fetch-it, sucking up and other psychological supportive "services" as needed. Knowledge of reflexology helpful. Must be U.S. citizen or be willing to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces and apply for citizenship in the usual method (assuming the candidate survives it's tour of duty)."

This was it. "Firecracker" Palin would have to be watched night and day and we knew from her religious profile that she would never allow a female to see her naked, being a lifelong homo-phobe. Likewise, her religious convictions would never allow for the usual male Secret Service (SS) man to perform as personal attendant. Queens have always demanded, and gotten, eunuchs. The interview was supposed to be in Miami, but we thought it would be better to just get to Havana on our own. We made an appointment with the CNN outlet there for an interview and away we went. CNN cleared us without passports; since travel is prohibited to Cuba, we were just passed through the Guantanamo front gate and that was it. We were in Cuba. Long ago, rich Americans owned homes in Cuba. For a price that only aristocrats can afford, they can own one there even today; Castro was ever the pragmatist.

The Cuban cab was quick in coming. In fact, it was idling at the curb just outside the Guantanamo main gate. It was no trouble at all to get the McCain address; the cabbies there know all the American homes. And Soviet. I wondered if Putin and Palin were both in

Havana today! The funny thing about covert ops is that nobody really ever communicates much to the lower echelons...the doorman simply took my word for it that I was there to "service" Governor Palin. He knew a "special" had been called for, but he didn't expect to be privy to the selection. It was enough that I was there, at the right door, at the right time, saying the right things. He let me in and fairly danced me up the hall.

"The Governor has been expecting you for days. They certainly didn't expect to have to get a U.S. Citizen, with all the dirt-poor Cubans here we generally use. What a fiasco! Who could guess that a Governor would balk at outsourcing!" "Just get me to the lady, Sarge. It's been a rough couple of days for me too, what with all the questions, answers and background checking. They're being a lot more careful with the "vetting" since the Gov. got picked to run with the Senator. They told me to get right on it and calm her down enough so the tutors have a chance to cram her." He just kept nodding his crew-cut as I prattled on. I thought I would show a little inside-information to make my story more credible. I went on, as we walked down long halls, through the servant's wing and on out through spacious gardens towards a smaller house on the back of the estate. "Truth is, they really want me to work her over." He looked at me, involuntarily glancing at my crotch, puzzled. I smiled back.

"No, no...not like that...massage, quite servile attendance. She doesn't know it, but they are giving her this one chance. If she can't fake intelligence by this time next week, they're going after somebody else for V.P." The doorman's head snapped up at this one, eyes wide; this was rich stuff. I let it lay. His ears quivered. He whispered, "Who is it? Do you know?" "I'm not supposed to, but he was really making a fuss about it. He was in to see You Know Who just before me, and they were pretty hard on him. Seems that they really wanted somebody like Rush Limbaugh, but with Tits. So they have Rush now, right over there in Guantanamo....if Palin poops out, its tits for the fat man. He finally agreed to the sex change when they promised him seventy-seven virgins and a real dick when he finishes the term of office.

The doorman was grinning and shaking his head in wonderment. He led me finally to the door of the back house and smiled at me. "Well, they've got it there, eh? That's perfect! The voting Republican could vote for good old Rush and show a great bit of tolerance for diversity, all the while giving the Daughters of the American Revolution someone to vote for too!" His respect for his party was deep. He let me into my new workplace with a flourish. I heard the lock snick behind me and knew getting back out was going to be rough. Standing at the top of an open staircase was the Palin object. She peered at me over bi-focals, head tilted to one side like a robin eyeing its morning worm. I decided I would need a little extra personal power to pull this one off. I smiled up at her and called out across the expansive entry hall and up into the cavernous space above me, "Hey Twink! I'm the Palace Eunuch you called for. Show me to my closet quick; they want you in high gear from here on out!"

Her face slowly hardened, her jaw set in the Palin Pose. Her eyes narrowed and her nostrils flared. I batted my eyes at her and headed up the long staircase with the air of a man that is head of the Queen's own harem and knows it. I hoped it would work. Next week: "Educating Palin".

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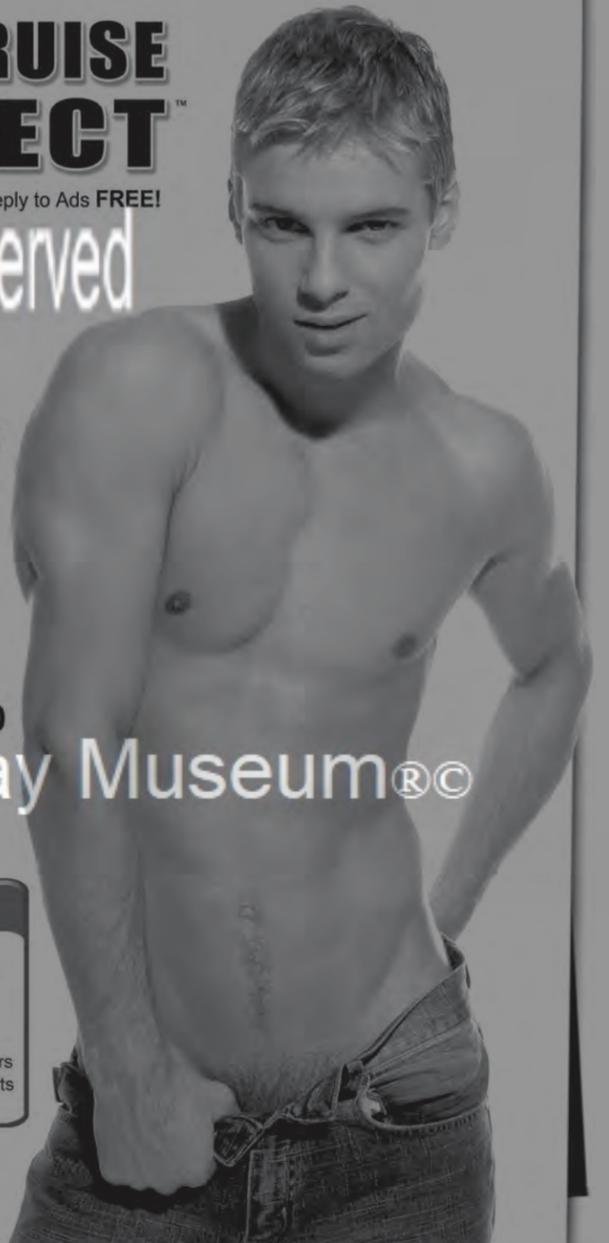
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MARS enters strategic Scorpio this week. Even if you don't plan ahead, even if you rush to judgement and even if you leap before you look, there will be some amount of forethought in every crazy action. Does that make you feel more in control?

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Proud Rams turn their attention to the hot side of life. Not only are there ample opportunities for quick flings and assorted liaisons, there are also instances where you attract admirers without realizing it or doing very much. Yippee. Rather than cruising all over town, try to find a particular spot to park your chassis. Will you run out of gas or happily putter along?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Relationships take up more of your time and energy when Mars enters Scorpio. And not a moment too soon! A little effort and attention will pay off in big dividends. For those queer Bulls still on the hoof, try trotting in new herds and see who brands you as their own. Before you know it you may be corralled and hogtied. Hey whatever turns you on.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

If you are buried in paper and minutia, this is the week to get down into the details, clear off your desk and cross a few things off of your "to do" list. Pink Twins are prone to procrastinate but this is not possible now. Mars pushes you forward whether you like it or not. Concentrate on the job or on your health and diet. You will see great results. Relax next week.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Gay Crabs are ready and raring to have fun at all costs. What a nice change of pace! Mars in Scorpio gives you pizzazz and creativity. Expand your social circle, perhaps adding some arts activities to the mix. Suddenly you find yourself on the "A" list with access to any group of your choosing. Will you go for the gold or something less shiny? Let's try and guess....

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Survey your surroundings and see if you need to roll up your sleeves and tackle a few home based projects. You will be surprised and how easy it will be to improve and beautify. Proud Lions loooove to entertain but before you invite the gang over, redecorate or renovate. If time and money are tight, lightly spruce with some clever and cheap touches. Anyone we know?

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

You are brimming with great insights. Hone your ideas and communication while Mars sits in Scorpio. Queer Virgins not only know what to say but also when to say it. You are compelling and convincing for a change. So don't waste this time on personal wants. Stir the masses and bring on meaningful change and bring on the revolution. Okay, maybe just the democracy.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

If fiscal matters have been getting you down, welcome Mars in Scorpio and start concentrating on how you can fill your coffers. Not only will you find the right advisor but with a little more effort, you might find the right financial answers for yourself. But remember, bulls and bears make money while greedy pigs can lose their shirts. Oink....

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Mars in your own sign gives you oomph and passion. Queer Scorps will not only forge new paths and create new influential relationships, they will also simply bask in the general adoration that they deservedly receive. Will you wallow in your greatness and become a despot? Or will you harness your strength and move the world forward? Sigh.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Gay Archers are a force with whom to be reckoned when Mars enters Scorpio. You can accomplish anything that you set your mind to do. Use your intuition to discover, focus on and vanquish all your hidden enemies. You possess great inner power and karmic destiny that will change the course of your life and lead you to a greater destiny. Of course I could be wrong.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Pink Caps are more popular than usual and seem to attract crowds wherever they go. Friends and acquaintances vie for your attention and affection. Don't disappoint them. But be choosy about the who, what, when, where, why and how of your social scene. Today's headliner can become tomorrow's B section... or worse - the comic section.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Even if you don't have a scintilla of ambition, there is something about you that the senior staff likes and rewards. It is a shame that you can't bottle it and sell it to others. So instead of letting this goodwill evaporate, take advantage and move up the ladder. There is always time to take a long lunch once you have the key to the corner office. And it will be a better lunch.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

This is a great time to plan and take a fabulous vacation. Guppies will not only find adventure, they can also discover new things about themselves. So pack your bags and take off. Somehow, some way and some how you will find the funds and the time. Maybe you can travel with a certain friend and share expenses ... among other things.

Vatican Blocks France Appointment Of Gay Diplomat

PARIS, France (Observer Update) - The next French envoy to the Holy See has been chosen after Roman Catholic officials rejected the first candidate because he is Gay.

AFP reports that another candidate was rejected because he is divorced. The rejected Gay candidate, Jean-Loup Kuhn-Delforge, is in a civil pact with his partner and is a career diplomat. The Pope visited France last month and was happy to be received by President Nicolas Sarkozy and Carla Bruni, who divorced his first wife to marry Ms Bruni.

France's ambassador to Moscow, Stanislas Lefebvre de Laboulaye, will take the Vatican post. The Holy See, which governs the Vatican City and represents the Roman Catholic Church, sends ambassadors to countries and international organizations such as the UN.



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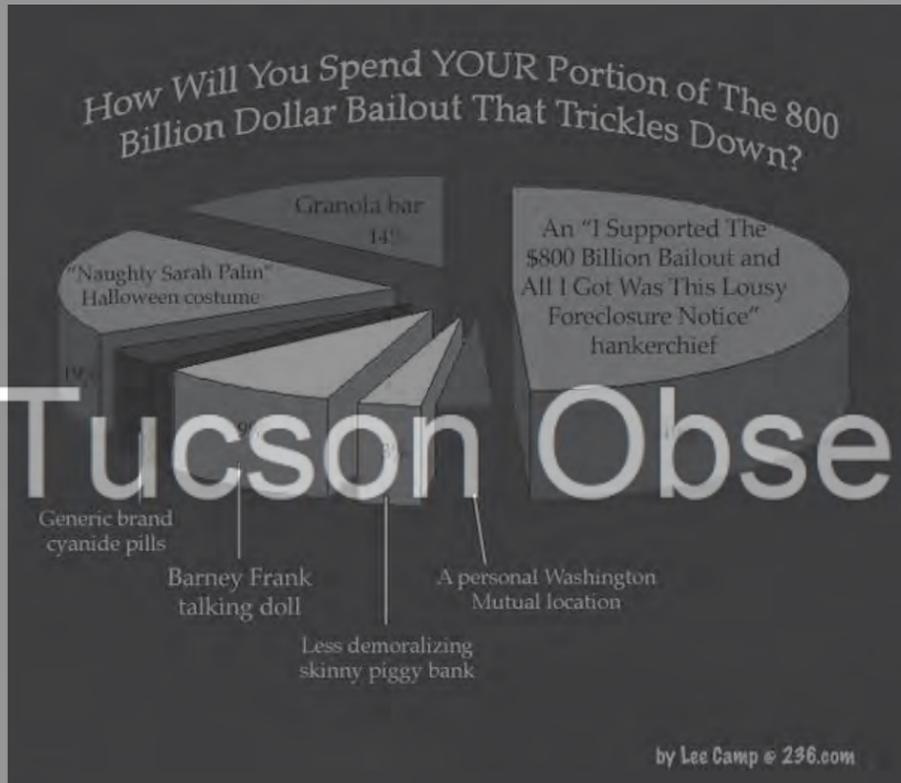
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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 8th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m.
Hand and Foot with Bruce. Contact him for information at 743-3890.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you for bowling at 1:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

Thursday, October 9th
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

#2 Men's Social Network. Bridge Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Contact Dick at 296-4392 for location and directions

Saturday October 11th
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.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to attend their monthly membership meeting. 11:00 a.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street.

Sunday October 12th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m.
Dinner Out at Golden Corral. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com

#1 - Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for Sunday Brunch at 12 Noon at Mimi's Café, Oracle Road at Tucson Mall. RSVP Clem at 885-1270 or on their website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org
#2 - Go golfing with Tucson Prime Timers, Funtastic Miniature Golf, 221 East Wetmore Road.

Monday, October 13th
#1 - Tucson Prime Timers invites you to bowl with them at 10:30 a.m. at Golden

Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.
#2 - Tucson Prime Timers invites you to their weekly drop-in luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at Wildcat House, 1801 North Stone Ave.

Men's Social Network, Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Trivial Pursuit. Please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.

Tuesday October 14th
Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcome. Mahjong at 6:30. For more information and directions call Jerry at 325-7665.

Wednesday, October 15th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm
Hand and Foot with Jack. 887-3736

Tucson Prime Timers escorted day-trip to explore the wondrous Kartchner Cavern. Transportation cost \$15. Reserve by 10/8 phone Clem at 885-1270 or www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, October 16th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

#2 Men's Social Network. Mexican Dominoes. Open to men of all ages. 6:30pm. Call Jack at 887-3736 for directions.

Saturday, October 18th
PRIDE IN REID PARK 10a.m. - 8pm. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. \$12 ADVANCE - \$15 AT THE GATE.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to visit their booth at Tucson Pride in Reid Park. A \$1.00 donation will give you a chance to win a stunning example of renowned Tucson Master Potter Jerry Vaughn's work. See a photo of the piece on their website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

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TUCSON KNIGHT OWLS (T.K.O.)
We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 pm., Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at the Venture-N.

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

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

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

Start getting more out of life with **TUCSON PRIME TIMERS**. We're the local chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, the preeminent social organization for mature gay and bi men as well as younger (21+) men who enjoy their company. Each month we sponsor a wide range of dining events, cultural enrichment activities, parties, meetings, bowling, day trips, picnics, tours and much more. Visitors are always welcome. For info call our message phone 520 742-1271. Visit our website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

TUCSON INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit www.azgaydance.org

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 19 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th Street. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call 207-5336 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary caregivers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Wednesday at 845 S. Craycroft Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OTOBERFEST. For more information call 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at www.tucsonpride.com

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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)624-1779x26 for more info.

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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,

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 - Visit the outdoor patio enjoy a cocktail or two. Sports on all day!!! You call it!! NFL \$5 Beer and Burgers 10am - 3pm 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; \$2.25 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-2am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Beer Bust \$2.25/pitcher, 3-7pm. Burger BBQ, 5-7pm, \$3 proceeds to Petwatch (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 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 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. College Night - 50 cent canned beer!

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 & 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-2am. Dart Tournament, 7pm \$3 entry fee/Pot Match.

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, Caprioscas 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 Day til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJ Hill 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, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Beer Bust, 8pm.

11pm \$2.50/Pitcher.

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 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 - \$3.00 Bicardi 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-2am..

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 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. \$2.75 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-2am. Patio Bar Open 7pm-2m Cuervo Margaritas \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

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, 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 -2am

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar open 7pm-2am. Beer Bust \$2.25/Pitcher. 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.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 9

THE BIZ - Breast Cancer Awareness and National Coming Out Day - 'Come Out In Pink' sponsored by the Biz and Wingspan Breast Health Project. Karaoke from 9 pm to 2am. \$1.00 of every Pink Drink will go to Team Boob Troop in the making strides against Breast Cancer Walk.

Friday, October 10

THE BIZ - 'Happy In Pink!' 1/2 off Happy Hour and Free Food. Visit the Wingspan Breast Resources Table.

WOODY'S - First Annual '80s Prom Party. 10pm, Try out for King or Queen. Stellar costume \$100 first prize. Prom Pictures by Ken Carr.

VENTURE-N - \$3.00 Cuervo Margaritas from 4 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

THE BIZ - Phun In Pink Dance 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. with raffles and prizes. DJ Hill spinning all your favorites. Pink Champagne Toast and Free Food.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Puttin' On The Hits' Talent Search. 8:30 p.m. Lucinda Holliday and Tempest du Jour. \$600 Grand Prize. Winners selected by audience applause and judges scoring. Every Sunday.

Monday, October 13

HOWL AT THE MOON - 18 and over night. 7:00 p.m. "Dressed To Cure" Drag Show and silent auction hosted by Bunny FuFu.

YARD DOG SALOON - Columbus Day special - \$2.00 Domestic and Wells.

Friday, October 17 GAY PRIDE WEEKEND

IBT's - Noon - 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour. 9pm DJ Hurricane spinning inside and DJ Mike Lopes on the patio.

WOODY'S - Celebrate Pride - Pre-Pride Meet and Greet Party. 5:30 p.m. Wine Tasting; 6pm Live Soul with Simon Crown; 9pm Broke Straight Boys.com & "Just Us Boys" magazine Party. Free gift bags. Meet the boys from Broke Straight Boys.

Saturday, October 18

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. After the park come to the club. 9pm Circuit Saturday with DJ Q and party on the Patio with DJ Mike Lopez. \$5 Cover this Saturday 9pm to close.

WOODY'S - Post Pride Party and Entertainment featuring "The Men" with Woody's Dancers.

YARD DOG SALOON - Gay Pride Carnival at 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, October 19

WOODY'S - Recovery Party 11a.m. until closing.

YARD DOG SALOON - Bill's BBQ Chicken Dinner at 2:00p.m.

'Condom-Mobile' Stolen In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Mexico (Observer Update) - The Condomovil, which has been touring Mexico for a decade dispensing condoms for the purpose of HIV/AIDS awareness and education, was stolen in Mexico City, according to the Associated Press. While the vehicle was recovered it was missing about 5,000 condoms and some educational equipment.

The Condomovil was easy to spot – the side bears the image of a peeled banana, with the exposed "fruit" shaped like a condom, and a shirtless man saying, "I protect myself. Do you?" Media reports on the truck were helpful in recovering it, as citizens called police to update them on its whereabouts. Police found the vehicle at a shopping mall parking lot. Polo Gomez, who coordinates the HIV/AIDS awareness tour, said the thieves left about 800 HIV tests and a 23-foot inflatable condom in the truck.

The Condomovil has distributed 1.2 million condoms to more than 700,000 people. It was purchased with a grant from the country's health department, which also donated the condoms, advocate.com reported.



Nation Has 1.1 Million HIV-ers



ATLANTA, Georgia (Observer Update) - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that its data show there are 1.1 million Americans living with HIV as of the end of 2006, more than ever before in the history of the AIDS pandemic.

men who have sex with men and both heterosexual and gay African-Americans. The report says that 48% of HIV cases were attributed in 2006 to same-sex sexual contact between men, 28% to heterosexual contact, and 19% to injection-drug use.

And about 20% of those HIV-ers — roughly 233,000 Americans — are unaware they're infected, says the federal agency. Reporting in the publication "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report," the CDC says the record number is due to the fact that HIV is now a manageable chronic disease for many and, because of this, those infected with the virus are living longer.

African-Americans accounted for 46% of all people living with HIV in 2006, whites 35%, and Hispanics 18%. Among African-American women, HIV prevalence was almost 18 times higher than among white women, according to the report. "These data really show the continued impact that the epidemic is having on Americans, and they really reinforce the severe toll that is experienced in multiple communities," Richard Wolitski, acting chief of the CDC's Division of HIV Prevention, told Reuters.

According to the data, most of the people living with the disease are

Clinton: Choose Equality And Dignity In November

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday (October 4) called Republican presidential candidate John McCain not a maverick but a "mimic" of President Bush.

believable if she'd mimic her own statements that Barack Obama is too inexperienced and lacks the key readiness to lead," said McCain spokesman Tucker Bounds.

Clinton made the remarks at a Human Rights Campaign dinner, where she was filling in for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's running mate, Joe Biden. Biden canceled his weekend campaign events because his wife's mother is ill. Clinton spoke by satellite from Los Angeles to a few thousand people who attended the national Gay rights group event.

Clinton has since declared her support for Obama's candidacy, has urged her own backers to rally behind him and has been campaigning on his behalf in battleground states.

Clinton said Biden called and asked her to fill in for him because of the family emergency. Rather than sharing her thoughts, she said, "I want to share with you the eloquent remarks that Joe had prepared."

She said Saturday that Americans can choose in the November election whether the nation takes steps toward "securing equality and dignity for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity."

Clinton sought to tie McCain to Bush, saying the Arizona senator offered voters "more of the same."

"Or we can choose four more years of the same failed policies, four more years of the same small-minded governance, four more years that look just like the last eight," she added.

"He's not a maverick. He's a family member of the

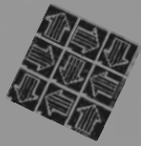
The Obama campaign has repeatedly tried to tie McCain to Bush in voters' minds, an approach GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin portrayed in a debate with Biden was looking backward rather than forward.

She noted that McCain doesn't support extending job discrimination and hate-crimes laws to cover sexual orientation and supports the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Clinton's comments came as the McCain campaign stepped up attacks on Obama's character. Palin on Saturday accused Obama of "palling around with terrorists" because of an association with a former '60s radical. The Obama campaign called Palin's remarks offensive but unsurprising given news reports about the McCain campaign's come-from-behind game plan.

Clinton and Obama were rivals in a turbulent Democratic primary season as they both fought for their party's presidential nomination. She had argued the Illinois senator lacked the experience to be president, a claim the McCain campaign highlighted in its response to her remarks at Saturday's dinner.

"Senator Clinton would be more



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