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Twenty Years Of Support For AIDSWalk Marked And Celebrated

TUCSON - For the 20th annual year southern Arizona has been supporting AIDSWALK Tucson a 5K walk and 10K fun run held annually to benefit the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) as well as to raise community awareness that AIDS continues to be a challenge in our local community and with the right education we all have the power to make a difference.

On Sunday, October 19, on the beautiful grounds of the University of Arizona Campus, AIDSWALK Tucson once again hosted a memorable morning of reflection and celebration of in records crowds- with a little more than 5,500 people in attendance.

"This year's attendance is remarkable, considering the challenges our nation and economy are facing" says SAAF's Executive Director, Wendell Hicks. "We are proud that despite these challenges, we live in a community that is supportive of each other and continues to support the need to create a healthy and compassionate environment for all of us."

Hicks also notes that more than $177,000 to date, has been collected towards this year's fundraising efforts - an important event that makes up about 25% of the organizations annual community fundraising budget.

"Our goal is $234,000 - we are optimistic and will continue to fundraise for SAAF. Our goal is to meet the needs of the community by providing services for people living with HIV such as medication assistance, food, housing, and case management- as well as providing prevention education and interventions to the community so that we can stop new HIV infections in southern Arizona. Reaching our fundraising goals helps to support this mission. We are proud of the community's fundraising efforts and their energy and commitment to AIDSWALK. Given the difficult times we're all facing, this inspires us to keep moving forward. The mission of SAAF and the people we serve are too important to do otherwise," he said.

Wendell also adds - "for anyone interested- we offer tours of SAAF and our programs. We've learned through these tours - that once someone sees the comprehensive work that SAAF offers to southern Arizona - they are inspired to be a part of what we do. We welcome anyone's interest of SAAF to contact us".

Fundraising Awards for Individuals and Teams of AIDSWALK 2008 will be available within the next few days. For regular updates about SAAF or AIDSWALK please visit saaf.org or aidswalktucson.com. You may also call the office at (520) 628-7223 and speak with Michele Bart, Director of Development.

Donations can be made out to AIDSWALK or SAAF and can be sent to 375 S. Euclid Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719. Donation can also be made online at saaf.org.

Obama Seeks LGBT Help In Battleground States

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Sen. Barack Obama's presidential campaign is seeking help from LGBT voters to win some surprising new battleground states in November's election, reported the Washington Blade. Dave Noble, who is in charge of mobilizing the Gay vote for Obama, said Democrats are "really expanding the map and there are states in play for Barack Obama that haven't been in play for Democrats in years past."

Foremost among the new competitive states in this year's election is Virginia, which has not been claimed by a Democratic presidential candidate since President Lyndon Johnson won the state in 1964. Another surprisingly competitive state is North Carolina, which no Democratic presidential candidate has won since Jimmy Carter took the state in 1976. Other states in play are Colorado, Missouri and West Virginia. President Bill Clinton won those states at least once in his elections, but the states were solidly "red" when President George W. Bush ran for the White House in 2000 and 2004.

Some traditional battleground states are also competitive, such as Florida and Ohio.

Dan Pinello, a Gay government professor for the City University of New York, said the "overwhelming" concern over the economy is making Obama competitive in states where Democrats have historically not performed well.

Noble said Obama's Gay supporters can help win these states by talking to friends, family members and co-workers about how the Illinois senator would be a more effective president on Gay issues. "They should be telling their own story about why they support Barack," Noble said. "Let's talk about the fact that we have a candidate who's unafraid to talk about the need for LGBT laws."

Noble, a former official with both the National Stonewall Democrats and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, noted that Obama favors passing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes legislation and a bill repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Obama's Gay supporters can also help by knocking on doors in battleground states and participating in "get out the vote" activities, Noble said. While Obama is competing neck-and-neck with McCain in key states, national polls show Obama with a considerable lead. A poll published by CBS News/New York Times gives Obama a 14-point lead over McCain.

Noble said the Obama campaign "is taking nothing for granted" in the election and said rather than focus on polls, Obama supporters "need to make sure that [they've] spoken to absolutely everybody" to encourage support for the candidate.

The McCain campaign did not respond to a request for comment on what Gay supporters could do for his campaign. While same-sex marriage supporters are celebrating the ruling by the Connecticut Supreme Court legalizing Gay nuptials there, experts predict the ruling will have little effect on the presidential campaign. The campaigns of both presidential candidates had little, if anything, to say about the Connecticut ruling. Obama campaign spokesperson Shin Inouye said his candidate "has always believed that LGBT Americans should enjoy equal rights under the law." "He supports civil unions and opposes same-sex marriage," Inouye said. The McCain campaign did not respond to a request to comment.

Clyde Wilcox, a straight Georgetown University government professor and author of "The Politics of Gay Rights," said the Connecticut ruling, "is far less important to the presidential election" than the Massachusetts high court ruling four years ago. Wilcox said the Republican Party is unlikely to "pounce on this issue" because the "public is becoming more accepting of same-sex couples, and among younger voters there is considerable support for marriage."

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UPDATE

Wingspan's Anti-Violence Programs Present 'Unmasking Violence' Oct. 24

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "Unmasking Violence," Friday, October 24 at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., celebrates the Wingspan's Anti-Violence Programs (AVP) anniversary of raising awareness of violence within the community in fun carnival setting.

All ages are invited to participate in the carnival activities (such as face painting and mask making), and enjoy refreshments and entertainment by local artists Marc Pedraza and Lindsay Owen. "Unmasking Violence" is an opportunity to learn more about the AVP and connect with the Community and with other agencies that are working to end violence and oppression.

The Wingspan Anti-Violence Programs (AVP) is a social change and social service program that works to address and end violence in the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) people. You can learn more about AVP here.

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

Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild October 24

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Unrated, but definitely in the NR-17 realm, Reel Pride presents "Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild," sponsored by Tucson Pride as part of Tucson Pride Week, Friday, October 24.

They're back ...! The boys from 2006's suprise hit ANOTHER Gay MOVIE return for another heaping helping of raunchy good times in this hilarious (and often very gross) tale of what happens when Gays Go Wild! College freshmen Andy, Nico, Jarod and Griff are back and ready for action in a big way with a sun- and fun-drenched excursion to Ft. Lauderdale for Spring Break. After a wildly bumpy plane ride featuring Amanda Lepore in all her voluptuous glory, the boys find themselves knee-deep in a sea of hunky man-flesh. Enthusiastically, they enter the annual "Gays Gone Wild" contest (with the winner determined by who can score the most "male tail"), hosted by statuesque Tyrelle Tyrelle (former SuperModel RuPaul) and dazzling Sandi Cove (Lady Bunny). But the boys soon realize that the goal of getting the most action over the course of their vacation is fraught with obstacles including wet "package" contests, slip n' slide Gay shuffleboard, an evil clique of Gay frat boys, a sexy "mer-man," and a vicious attack by over-sized genital crabs! But those dangers don't even come close to the potential terrors of true love that keep threatening to ruin their vacation. Add a good dose of celebrity cameos (including Kids in the Hall star Scott Thompson as an extremely supportive Gay father, and adult film star Colton Ford as a very hairy love guru), mix in an over-the-top musical number (devoted to the wonders of golden showers) and shake up pop cultural references from Beach Blanket Bingo and Showgirls to Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? and The Brady Bunch, and Another Gay Sequel: Gays Gone Wild will have you bubbling with joy – and occasional shock – with its raunchy jokes that somehow manage to retain a high dose of charming sweetness.

For more information and showtimes, go online to loftcinema.com/node/493.

Festival For Life, November 23

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) announced that the 20th Annual Jerôme Beillard Festival for Life will take place on Sunday, November 23, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., at The University of Arizona® Student Union Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University Drive.

Festival for Life is an annual live and silent auction featuring fine artwork, unique experiences, exciting travel opportunities, striking jewelry, and one-of-a-kind gifts.

The event will also include hors d'oeuvres, a chocolate fountain, no-host bar, and entertainment from the Sons of Orpheus and Namoli Brennet. The highlight of Festival for Life is its beautiful art from locally and nationally recognized artists such as Lorraine DarConte, Barbara Gurwitz, Deezie Manning-Catron, Tom Philabaum, Gail Marcus-Orlen, Curt Brill, Mark Rossi, Judith D'Agostino, Conrad Miles, Cristina Cardenas, David Adix, Josh Goldberg, Lynn Taber, Diana Madaras, and Lynnette Moody.

This year Festival for Life is honoring Old Pueblo Frameworks and Gallery as the 2008 Featured Gallery, for their dedication to the arts, support of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. This year, many of the auction items can be previewed on the Festival website, festivalforlife.org.

Festival for Life is supported by Title Sponsor Long Realty Cares Foundation, Title Media Sponsors Cox Communications, Cox Media, 97.5 BOB FM, and 1400 KTUC. Festival for Life also is supported by El Rio Health Center and Dex Media. Tickets are $60 in advance and $75 at the door.

Please call Jess at (520) 628-7223 for tickets or visit the Festival for Life website at festivalforlife.org for more information. Festival for Life raises funds for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation to support programs and services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's mission is to create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS.

Three Equality Riders Arrested In Alabama

FLORENCE, Alabama (Observer Update) - Three Equality Riders were arrested for trespassing at Heritage Christian University. They were on campus to deliver letters describing their personal experiences and advocating for the safety and acceptance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender students.

Prior to the arrests, an HCU administrator read a letter stating that the university was officially declining their request for dialogue. Equality Riders met with one student from HCU who described the climate on campus as a "homophobic panic." He explained that students and staff were discouraged from speaking to members of the Equality Ride. "The way we were treated today is a clear indication that Gay and Transgender people are not welcome at this institution. The school's choice to arrest us shows just how far they will go to suppress the message we bring," said Jarrett Lucas, Equality Ride co-director. "HCU trains missionaries to go beyond the walls of their school to spread the inclusive gospel of Christ, but today they chose not to uphold the principles they preach."

The visit to HCU is the sixth Equality Ride stop this year. Now in its third year, the Equality Ride has visited over 50 schools, most of which have been welcoming. At other schools, participants have hosted public forums, participated in panel discussions, and taken part in worship services and Bible studies. The goal is to inspire further conversation and to empower students, faculty, and administrators to make their school welcoming to all students, a statement from Equality Ride said. The three women arrested were Caitlin MacIntyre, 19, of Houston, Tex., Katie Higgins, 26, of Charleston, S.C., and Taueret Manu, 21, of the Bronx, NY. The remaining Equality Riders are standing vigil in hopes that students will come out for conversation.

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EDITORIAL

Give Pride By Taking Pride

Thousands of people, straight, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), questioning or otherwise gathered Saturday, October 18, along Country Club Road and Reid Park's DeMeester Band Shell for "Pride on Parade" and "Pride in the Desert."

These two events are organized by Tucson Pride Inc. (TPI), a described "an Arizona non profit corporation, an IRS 501©3 non profit organization that produces and promotes cultural, educational and recreation events for the GLBT community in Tucson Arizona."

According to the program provided and its website (tucsonpride.org), TPI produces three events each year - Pride Week in June, Pride on Parade and Pride in the Desert in October.

TPI's "Mission Statement" is as follows - Our Purpose is to produce and promote Pride events for Tucson, Arizona, throughout the year. Our Intent is to create forums through which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Heterosexual people can express their Creativity, Visibility, Unity, and Diversity with Dignity. Our Aim is to nurture Cultural and Artistic expression throughout the Community. Our Goal is to Educate, Commemorate, and Celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History, Uniqueness, and Diversity in all the facets of our Community. All in the Pursuit of Equality.

How can a community pursue equality when Tucson's LGBT history seems to have been put down a "memory hole" since no mention of it, the successes, failures, triumphs and tragedies don't appear either in the TPI program or website. TPI's "history"is posted but not Tucson's LGBT history.

What about Tucson's anti-discrimination ordinance - on the books since 1977; Tucson dealing with the AIDS crisis with the formation of TAP (Tucson AIDS Project), Shanti Foundation and the People With AIDS Coalition when it was the "Gay Cancer" in the 1980's; the formation of Wingspan; the first proclamation by then Tucson Mayor TomVolgy, twenty years ago in 1988; Tucson's Mayor and Council becoming the first governmental entity to approve a hate crimes ordinance with full criminal penalties in 1995; Tucson's Mayor and Council, in 1997, recognizing the committed same-sex relationships (and families) of its employees by extending medical and dental benefits to them with Pima County following suit and being victorious in a court battle a year later; the formation of the City of Tucson Commission on LGBT issues in 1999; the election of Karin Uhlich in 2005, the first open Lesbian to the Tucson City Council and Paula Aboud to Arizona's State Senate in 2006? None of which were nary to be seen or read about, a bad note for an event marking pride in the accomplishments of a community. History, the good and the bad, will repeat itself and knowledge is power, something TPI advocates.

Speaking of advocating, TPI has stated and noted that proceeds from the events they organize and produce are given back to the community - a nice statement and thought but the process of which groups are determined to be given funds and for how much isn't known or is taken for granted, something TPI needs to remind the community, especially those who paid the $15 fee this year, about the history of this, something the organization has an open invite and space in this publication, Tucson's LGBT weekly newspaper, online website and blog, to use, inform, educate and encourage.

TPI's efforts are to be applauded but the "educate and inform" sentenced of their Mission Statement needs to be upheld, encouraged and embraced so that all can give pride by taking pride.

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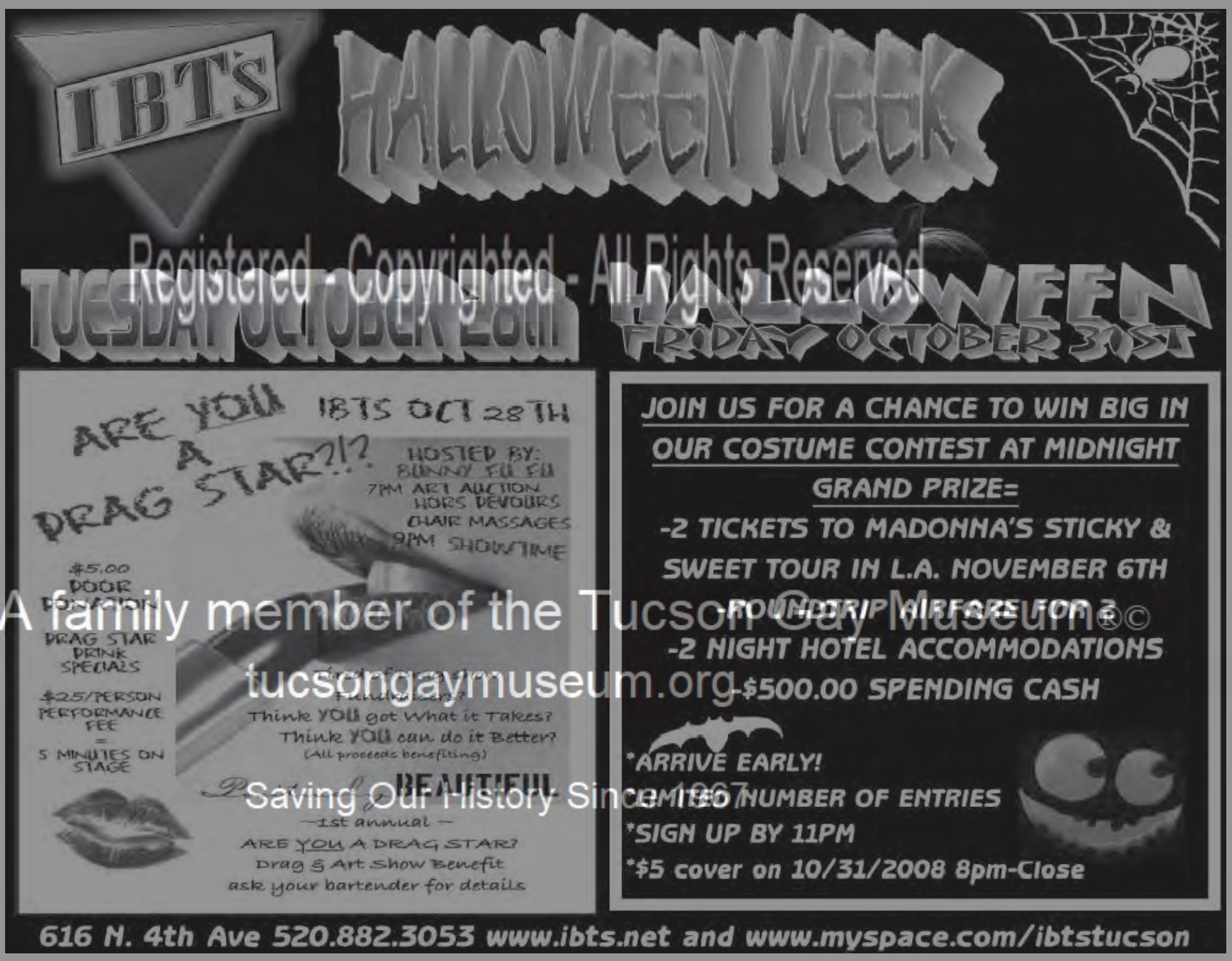

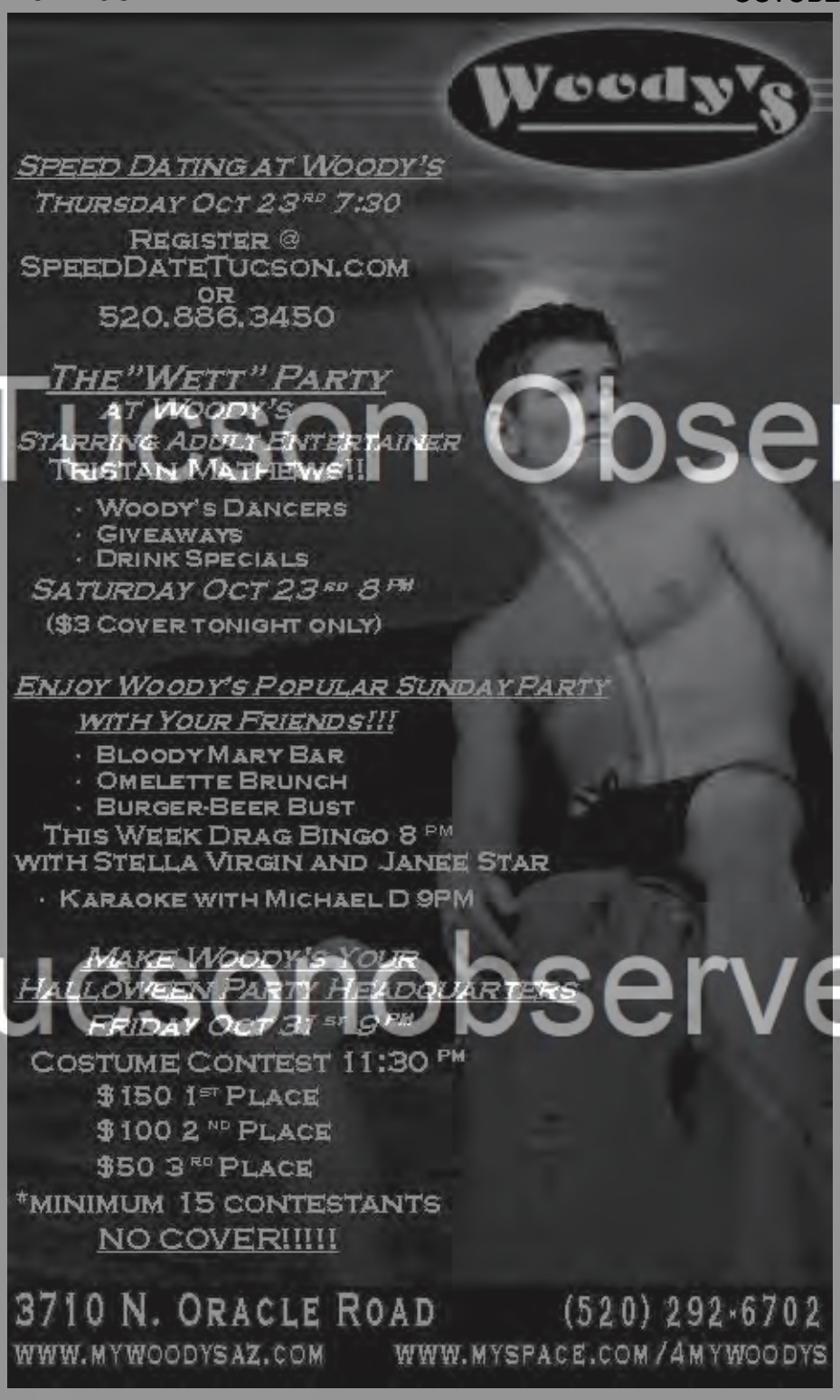

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After Setbacks, Hunt For AIDS Vaccine Pushes On

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - One year after a puzzling setback in the hunt for an AIDS vaccine, researchers say their defeats have forced them to look for entirely new ways of creating a defence against the disease, reported Agence France Presse (AFP).

After nearly 30 years, 25 million deaths and billions of dollars spent with no vaccine to show for it, scientists at this year's international AIDS Vaccine Conference said they were turning to novel approaches to overcome their defeats. "We are in the middle of quite a profound shift of mindset in the research community," said Alan Bernstein, director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, an alliance of organizations working on a vaccine.

Speaking to AFP on the sidelines of the meeting that ended in Cape Town, he said that startling setbacks had forced scientists to delve into sophisticated new research to tackle the disease. Last year scientists were forced to abandon two advanced clinical trials of a vaccine by pharmaceutical company Merck, after it appeared to actually heighten the risk of AIDS infection.

"The Merck result was such a surprise and everyone was kind of knocked off their horses... What happened no one could have predicted," Mitchell Warren of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition said. "They still don't understand exactly what happened. That finding forces people to realign and look at new ways and new approaches to how we are going to find an AIDS vaccine because it was so surprising."

About 30 other clinical trials are underway around the world, but the most watched is a study in Thailand that began in 2003, with results expected next year. That study is the biggest ever, with 16,000 people enrolled. Scientists say that whatever the outcome, it will provide valuable information on the pandemic, which most agree won't see a vaccine for decades.

Meanwhile, Warren says the failure of the Merck trial has already forced scientists to rethink their basic assumptions about how vaccines work. "People are really grappling with new ways of doing things," he said. In the past vaccines have either caused the body to develop antibodies that kill a disease, or to attack infected cells to kill them off before a disease spreads. But HIV mutates at every turn, making it almost impossible to design a vaccine to attack it.

Bernstein said the most exciting new research involves newly discovered defences in the human body called the innate immune system, which serves as an early warning system for invading diseases. That system could provide a way to stop HIV, if scientists found a way to trigger it early enough, he said. "We now know we may have only hours, at most days, before we have a window of opportunity to stop HIV. So that's reason to think this early warning system might be critical to activate if we are going to design a vaccine," he said. The disappointments in the quest for a vaccine have sparked calls for an end to the research, with critics arguing the money could be better spent on other prevention or treatment efforts.

But Anthony Fauci, one of the world's top AIDS researchers at the US National Institutes of Health, insisted that a vaccine would eventually provide the world's best defence against the disease. The NIH, the main global funder of HIV vaccine research, spent 1.5 billion on the field in 2008. "If you look historically, vaccines have been the most cost-effective health interventions in history," by preventing the incredible financial burden of treating diseases, Fauci said.

Palin Expresses Support For Federal Marriage Amendment

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin expressed support for a federal marriage amendment on the Christian Broadcasting Network on Saturday. In an interview with CBN's David Brody the Alaska governor said, "I wish on a federal level that that's where we would go, because I don't support Gay marriage."

Her running mate, Sen. John McCain, has said he doesn't support the federal amendment, saying Gay marriage should be decided by each state. "In my own state, I have voted along with the vast majority of Alaskans who had the opportunity to vote to amend our constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman," Palin also told Brody.

She added: "I'm not going to be out there judging individuals, sitting in a seat of judgment telling what they can and can't do, should and should not do, but I certainly can express my own opinion here and take actions that I believe would be best for traditional marriage.... It's the foundation of our society," advocate.com reported.

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COMMENTARY. . . .

by Lisa Neff

Stop Putting Gay Rights To A Vote

My first years as a reporter I covered elections in New Hampshire, and I got a hands-on tutorial in direct democracy. Sure, voters in New Hampshire go to the polls and cast ballots for candidates of choice in the ordinary manner.

But many voters also gather in halls or local gymnasiums in the early spring for town hall meetings – lengthy affairs in which citizens approve a budget and vote up or down, usually with much discussion, questions on a range of issues – from white-washing town hall to opposing war, creating affordable housing, guaranteeing healthcare, expanding access to education and banning nukes.

The debates were inspirational. The level of citizen involvement was amazing. I remember asking why more issues were not decided by direct democracy, by a vote of the people. I wrote a column then about New England town meeting politics and referenda. I know the forums and initiatives are not new, but they were new to me. I had grown up in the Chicago area in the era of machine politics. My editor put a headline on my column referring to me as a "rube," not really flattering, but accurate in hindsight.

I became fascinated with the concept of voting on issues, town meeting referendums, ballot initiatives and questions. Got a cause, hold a vote.

"Rube" was right, a naïve, inexperienced person.

But I became a jaded journalist in a few short years, and I got a personal tutorial in direct democracy damage. I had known machine politics. I came to know the electoral activism of New England politics. Then, with a change of locale and a change of job, I got to know all about the big-money anti-this, anti-that initiative. Initiatives had once been the tool of progressives seeking to counter the money-influence in legislative chambers – the idea was to defeat the special interest groups by the power of the people. Initiatives increasingly seem the tool of conservatives seeking to roll-back, deny or withhold rights.

This week, as I think about the questions voters will face not at town hall forums but at the polls Nov. 4, I am reminded of a statement by William Jennings Bryan from 1920: "We have the initiative and referendum. Do not disturb them. If defects are discovered, correct them and perfect the machinery. Make it possible for the people to have what they want. We are the world's teacher in democracy. The world looks to us for an example. We cannot ask others to trust the people unless we ourselves are willing to trust them."

I think of this as I consider the 152 ballot questions facing voters in 36 states on election day. Many of the questions seek to address social issues and 60 of them were placed on the ballot by citizen initiative. Do you, voters are being asked in California, Arizona and Florida, want to amend the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage? Do you, voters are being asked in Arkansas, want to ban people cohabitating outside marriage from adopting children? Do you, voters are being asked in Colorado and South Dakota, want to ban abortion? Do you, voters are being asked in Colorado and Nebraska, want to eliminate affirmative action? Do you, voters are being asked in Colorado, want to diminish labor unions by prohibiting the deduction of union dues from public employee paychecks? Do you, voters are being asked in Arizona, want to prohibit universal healthcare programs? Protect payday loan businesses? Do you, voters are being asked in Missouri, want to pass a constitutional amendment requiring English be spoken at all government meetings?

A search for progressive issues on ballots finds too few across the country – and the interests seem more with protecting domestic animals than people. There is a real possibility that in California, the vote will be to ban Gays and Lesbians from marrying and another vote will require a more humane treatment of pregnant pigs, calves and hens by mandating a minimum living space.

Please, don't get me wrong – I support the animal rights matter, known as Proposition 2. I just wish I could count on more support for humane treatment of people. Over the years, a number of anti-Gay measures have been put to a vote – 29 out of 30 propositions to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman have passed.

"We cannot ask others to trust the people unless we ourselves are willing to trust them," Jennings said.

I am afraid, today, I don't trust the people, and I miss the innocence of being a rube, when I felt so passionate about got a cause, hold a vote.

Queer As Folk, Desperate Housewives Actor In Critical Condition Following Crash

Actor Gayle Harold

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - A hospital spokeswoman says "Desperate Housewives" actor Gayle Harold is in critical condition following a motorcycle accident. USC Medical Center spokeswoman Adelaida De La Cerda said Harold was awaiting further tests.

Publicist Nancy Seltzer said that Harold fractured his shoulder, and "Housewives" creator and executive producer Marc Cherry said he apparently has swelling on the brain but was expected to recover. Harold plays Jackson, the boyfriend of Terri Hatcher's character, who plays a pivotal role in the fifth season's eighth episode.

Cherry said Harold was scheduled to be on set before the accident, which was first reported by TMZ. Selzer said no one else was injured. Harold played Brian Kinney in the Showtime series Queer As Folk from 2000 - 2005.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Look A Lot Familiar?

Florida's measure on the November ballot, includes Amendment 2, a proposed state constitutional amendment that if approved by 60% of Floridians casting ballots, would deny governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships, by amending the state constitution. Amendment 2's proponents are known as Florida4Marriage with their website located at yes2marriage.org,

In another time zone and ballot, Arizona also has a measure pertaining to same-sex marriage is known as Proposition 102, that if approved by the voters, would bar governmental and legal recognition of same sex marriage by amending the state constitution, despite current state law and court precedent. Proponents of Proposition 102 are known as Yes for Marriage and their website is located at yesformarriage.com.

Florida4Marriage announced (October 17) the running of their new television ad, called "One Thing," that states that Amendment 2 only defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. "That's it," it says. "No one loses benefits." Those against Amendment 2 say it may allow discrimination against unmarried heterosexual couples.

Look and sound a little familiar? For Arizonans, they have seen the same television advertisement as "Yes on 102," a month prior, as it has been running on Arizona television stations and cable channels. Both the ads are posted at tucsonobserver.blogspot.com/2008/10/look-lot-familiar-by-mark-r-kerr.html.

Florida's television ad, says at the end paid for and sponsored by "Florida4marriage.org." and the Arizona ad at the end, says it is paid for by yesformarriage.com supporting Proposition 102, so how then two state issues can have the same video, audio but with a slightly altered script and a are Floridian's paying for Arizona's ad or vice versa?

According to the campaign finance reports for yesformarriage.com (Arizona Proposition 102), a firm called Design4 Advertising, with the address given of 106 N. Collins Street, in Plant City, Florida, has received a total of $2,309,000 (with the last installment on 8/29/08) for "communications - advertising." When one searches for this firm on the Internet nothing turns up but if you Google, "Design4" and "Marketing," the following turns up for this firm: "Design4 Marketing Communications," eighteen years of applying modern media to a timeless message in service to national Christian ministries, public policy organizations and issue advocacy groups," and are located at 106 N. Collins Street, in Plant City, Florida. This is the only page on this website, so how then can two different campaigns, similar issue, two to three time zones apart have the same ad, if proponents of such measures are donating to each campaign?

When asked by the Miami Herald (for a story that ran Monday, October 20) about the coincidence, John Stemberger, the state chairman of the Yes on Amendment 2 campaign, admitted that the backers of Florida's Amendment 2 and Arizona's Proposition 102 hired the same media company, adding that it was "irrelevant."

Stemberger is an attorney, and President and General Counsel of the Florida Family Policy Council (FFPC), described on their website(flfamily.org), as a state-based, pro-life, pro-family, pro-marriage, educational advocacy group, and is associated with Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family. Proposition 102's proponents, the Center for Arizona Policy is also associated with Dr. Dobson and his minions, who are major contributors to the Yes on Proposition 102 campaign (known as yesformarriage.com).

So then is Focus on the Family bilking their supporters in two states? Is the one advertising firm, Design4 Marketing Communications double billing for their work? Are the hard earned dollars of those people who contributed to these campaigns have been diverted? How many campaign laws does all this violate?

Complaints are being filed, on behalf of the proponents in both states to the Secretary of State's of Florida and Arizona, as well as the Attorneys General for both states, since Joseph Kanefield, State Election Director for Arizona Secretary of State Jan Brewer, stated in a letter dated October 8 that " ... Any person can give a contribution to a ballot measure ... " Indeed, but hopefully this isn't another Jim Bakker, "PTL" 1980's type scandal involving donations.

Theatre Review

by Jack Melichar

The Arizona Theatre Company Presents: The Lady With All The Answers

Ann Landers read her readers' letters in the bathtub, banged out her columns on a typewriter, wrote for anyone and everyone, and batted away any back-office meddlers with the roar of a lioness of the printed word.

David Rambo, a writer for the CSI series, penned this play. He reminds us she was a smart, straightforward, highly trusted woman who could move millions of ordinary Americans to action by simply laying out an issue and dispensing practical, well-researched advice on marriage, divorce, life, death, the hanging of toilet paper, the relative morality of pursuing a sexual kink in the Middle West, or wielding a dangerous vacuum cleaner in the buff.

Such folks discreetly wrote to Landers in astonishing numbers–even seemingly routine columns could snag 100,000 responses, and calls to action could stir millions, get legislation signed or change American social habits.

These exchanges involved tactile investments on both sides. To get the attention of Ann Landers required more than dashing off a quick e-mail. One had to unburden oneself on paper. And assuming there was a return address, one got the guts of a hard copy in return.

The play is set on a night in 1975 in Ann Lander's Chicago apartment. An ironic twist of events confronts her with a looming deadline for a column dealing with a new kind of dilemma: her own, and is based on real events and actual letters.

Spend an intimate evening with the queen of advice as she shares secrets, personal revelations and some juicy tidbits from her multitude of readers. "A smile-inducing, tear duct-activating reunion with a woman who might have been a stranger but seemed like family...engaging from beginning to end"- LA Times. The Arizona Theatre Company's production will be reviewed here next week.

Opens October 24 and will run thru November 8 at the Temple of Music and Art - 330 S Scott Ave. Call (520) 622-2823 for ticket information.

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Observer Recommendations For November General Election

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Friday, October 24, is the last day registered voters in Arizona will be able to request and early ballot for this year's general election, scheduled to take place with the polls opening on Tuesday, November 4.

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 (with respectes to state Senator Linda Lopez, state Senator Paula Aboud, state Representatives David Bradley and Steve Farley, Pima County Supervisors Richard Elias, Ramon Valadez and Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez, individuals with good records of service and support), 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)

Pima County Board of Supervisors - District 3 - Sharon Bronson

Pima County Attorney - Barbara LaWall

Pima County Sheriff - Clarence Dupnik

People will still be able to cast an early ballot after October 24 and many locations set up by the Pima County Recorder's offices. Call (520) 740-4330 for more information or go online to: recorder.pima.gov/docs/EarlyVotingSites2008General.pdf.

Arizona Republic Joins Growing List Of Newspapers Opposed To Prop 102

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - In their October 20 edition, the editorial board of the Arizona Republic strongly urges that Arizona voters reject Prop 102. And they did so in surprisingly strong terms:

"One of the best arguments against a proposed state constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage is this: Secretary of State Jan Brewer blocked ballot language that would have told voters that state law already prohibits such marriages.

"If voters were clear on existing law, many might decide there's no reason to adopt the amendment.

"The Republic also doubts the sincerity of the "Yes" side's claim that this is a "simple" amendment: Refusing to recognize another state's contracts brings up federal constitutional issues. What about other types of same-sex legal partnerships?

"Lawyers could use up a lot of billable hours parsing the exact meaning of "union" and "marriage." Arizona must get beyond the acrimony fueled by the fight over Proposition 102. ...

"Arizona could use strong advocates of marriage. They should spend their time and energy hunting for real ways to shore it up. Proposition 102 is a needless distraction. Voters should reject it.

The Republic joins the Arizona Daily Star, East Valley Tribune, Marana Explorer, Sierra Vista Herald, Tucson Citizen, Tucson Weekly and the Yuma Sun urging Arizona voters to reject Prop 102.

(To help the effort, go online at donate at votenoprop102.com.)

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Supreme Court Unlikely To Hear G/L Cases This Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A conservative legal group is unlikely to convince the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Virginia child visitation rights case involving Lesbian parents, according to legal experts, reported the Washington Blade.

On the first day of its new session, the court denied Oct. 6 a petition on the case based on the ruling from the Vermont Supreme Court, where the case was first heard. But the court must still decide to accept or reject a case petition based on the Virginia Supreme Court's ruling. The plaintiff in the case, Lisa Miller, is suing to keep her former partner, Janet Jenkins, from having visitation rights with the child they had in 2002 while they were in a civil union together in Vermont. Miller, the biological mother of the now 6-year-old child, dissolved her civil union with Jenkins in 2003, announced she no longer identified as a Lesbian and moved to Virginia to raise the child without Jenkins.

But the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that Jenkins had visitation rights to the child and held Miller in contempt when she refused to comply with the ruling. Miller asked the Virginia Supreme Court to take up the case, but justices in June unanimously ruled that the court could not weigh in on a child visitation case that another state court had already decided.

The Liberty Counsel, which is representing Miller, filed two U.S. Supreme Court petitions based on the Vermont and Virginia decisions. The petition based on the Virginia ruling was filed in September. Tessa Sturgill, a Liberty Counsel spokesperson, said her organization expects justices to decide in December whether to take up the case. The petition says that the U.S. Supreme Court should take the case because requiring Virginia to recognize the Vermont court's visitation rights ruling conflicts with the Defense of Marriage Act.

But Jon Davidson, legal director for Lambda Legal, said the U.S. Supreme Court has turned down four petitions to hear the Miller case and is unlikely to take up the case based on the recent petition. He said the Liberty Counsel also "missed their deadline" to have the U.S. Supreme Court hear the case based on the issue presented in the petition. "I also think that the court is not itching to get a Lesbian or Gay custody case in front of them right now," he said. "They don't hear very many custody cases to begin with and I just don't think they will see it as a pressing issue."

Davidson said the Miller court rulings do not conflict with DOMA because the decisions are based on the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act. The law prevents parents from circumventing family court decisions by taking children to another state and obtaining an order to their liking. Mat Staver, a Liberty Counsel attorney, said he did not know whether the U.S. Supreme Court would take up the Miller case, but regardless of the justices' decision, his organization would initiate another lawsuit for the case through the Virginia state courts based on Virginia's Constitution, which prohibits same-sex marriage and civil unions there.

Besides the Miller case, experts are predicting that the U.S. Supreme Court will not hear any Gay cases this session. Nan Hunter, a law professor at Georgetown University who is Gay, said that in this session, it "doesn't seem likely that there will be an explicitly Gay-related case in the Supreme Court."

The U.S. Supreme Court on October 6 denied a petition to hear Parker v. Hurley, another case involving Gay issues. Plaintiffs in that case are parents with children in a public school in Lexington, Mass., who argued that school curriculum could not include books with Gay themes or characters because it violated freedom of religion. But the 1st Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decided in favor of the school and ruled that parents who don't like books on a school reading list need to take recourse through local political processes and not the courts.

The U.S. Supreme Court could take up Cook v. Gates, a case handled by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network that is challenging "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The 1st Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled in June against the plaintiffs. Judges noted that the "special deference we grant Congressional decision-making" on military matters means "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is constitutional. A petition for the case has not yet been filed with the U.S. Supreme Court.

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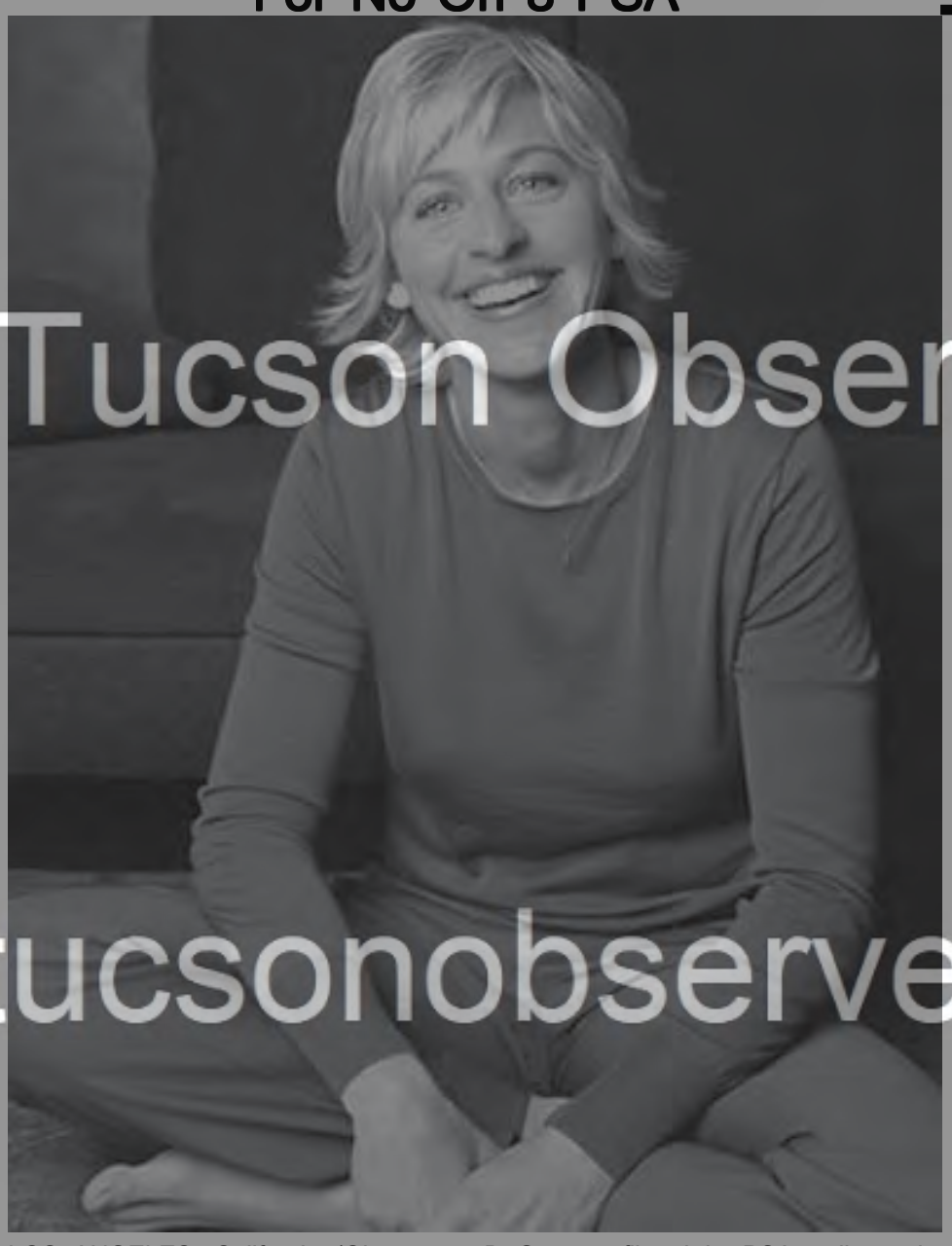

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LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - On the heels of an announcement that talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres would be starring in her own PSA urging Californians to vote against Prop. 8 comes the news the LGBT community has been waiting for – she's giving money to the campaign by paying for the ad to air on television.

The No on 8 campaign announced that DeGeneres had purchased an initial $100,000 in airtime for the ad. YouTube postings of the PSA have already racked up 80,000 views and counting. Equality California said DeGeneres filmed the PSA earlier and advised the LGBT media of the importance of voters' seeing No on 8 messages to counteract the high visibility of Yes on 8 ads. According to No on 8, when voters are exposed to both sides equally, they find the No on 8 message more persuasive.

DeGeneres has been a vocal opponent of Prop. 8 in recent months. In addition to appearing on Jay Leno's late-night talk show to discuss the proposed constitutional amendment, she took John McCain to task on her own show for not supporting marriage equality, advocate.com reported.

Across The Q Globe

Public health and HIV/AIDS experts warn that if prevention programs don't take hold in Hong Kong, as many as one third of the city's Gay and Bisexual men could be infected with HIV by 2020. The number of infections among that group has risen every year since 2003, while the rate of infection for heterosexuals has stayed steady over that same amount of time, Reuters reports. "If all our actions fail, by 2020 we can have one third infected in the community," Wong Ka-hing, a consultant to Hong Kong's Center for Health Protection, told Reuters. "Some of them may go on to infect women," he added. At the moment, 4% of Hong Kong's Gay and Bisexual men are HIV-positive.

Anthony Morley was handed a life sentence in London for murdering a Gay sex partner and then cannibalizing part of the body. Under British law Morley, 36, must serve 30 years. A jury took just over two hours to find Morley guilty in the killing of Damian Oldfield, 33. The public gallery in the courtroom in Leeds burst into applause Monday as Judge James Stewart passed sentence. One man yelled "murderer" and Stewart had to gavel the court to order. Stewart called the killing "one of the most gruesome murders" he had ever encountered. "Not only did you murder your victim by cutting his throat and stabbing him but you cut him up, cooked him and ate part of him," Stewart said.

An examination of police complaints across Scotland reveals a tripling of hate crimes against members of the LGBT community, The Daily Record newspaper reported. The paper said that the situation may be worse than what it uncovered. A spokesperson for one police force admitted to The Record that it does not keep records on crimes based on the victim's sexuality. Of those forces which do keep records, the number of hate crimes has jumped from only a handful three years ago to the hundreds this year. The worst area was Strathclyde, where 50 crimes were reported in 2005, but so far this year, 216 have been reported.

TRIAL BEGINS IN DUTCH 'HIV ATTACK' THAT INFECTED 14 MEN

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (Observer Update) - Three men have gone on trial in the Netherlands accused of deliberately infecting at least 14 other men with HIV.

The prosecution says the three promoted Gay sex parties on the internet, then drugged and raped their guests and injected them with HIV-infected blood. Twelve of the alleged victims have tested positive for HIV. The three defendants, all HIV-positive, deny the charges. They face up to 21 years in prison if convicted.

They are charged with assault, rape and possession of illegal drugs. The court, in the northern city of Groningen, heard that the three men allegedly drugged their party guests with a combination of ecstasy and a date rape drug before sexually assaulting them and injecting them with their own HIV-positive blood.

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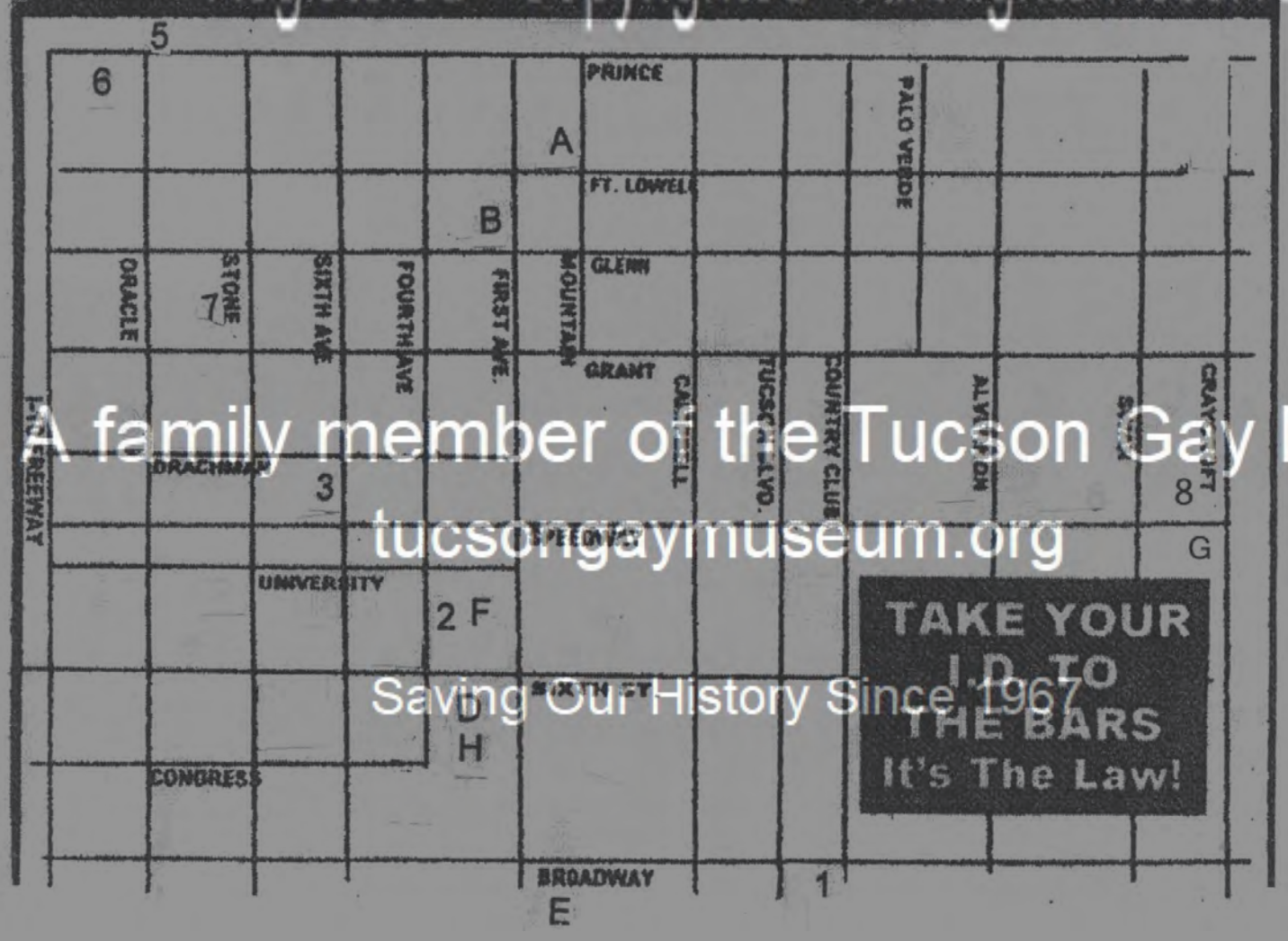

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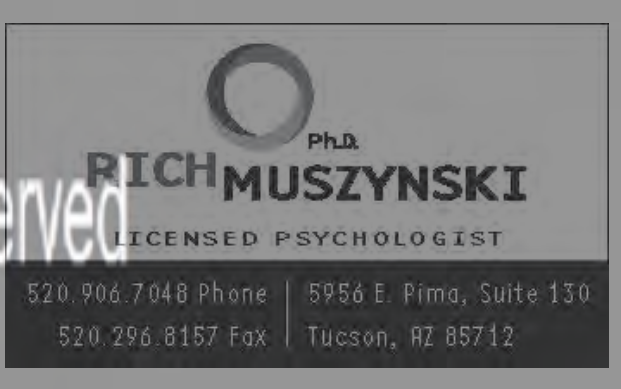

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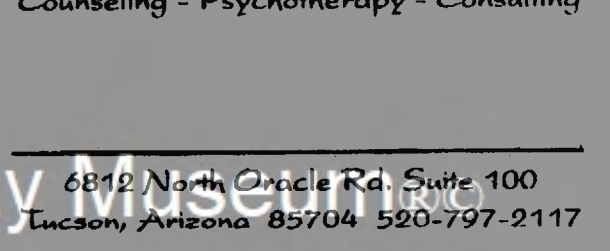

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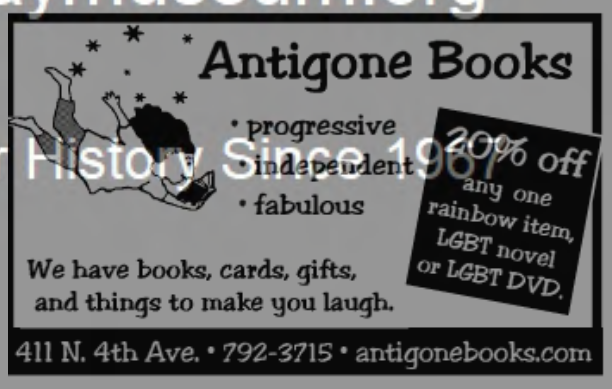


Fueled By Petrol

by Jimmy Petrol

Why You Probably Shouldn't Vote

Everyone, everywhere is trying to convince you to vote. Most often, they cite it as a civic duty; the intimation is that it is irresponsible not to vote. It is common knowledge that most people shouldn't even attempt relatively simply tasks like fixing the kitchen sink or patching the roof, let alone tackling more complex things, like do their own taxes. We accept this; expertise, training and experience are crucial for success.

Our limited knowledge of financial markets, international politics, military matters, et al, make it doubly important that we do not pretend that our emotional and selfish political opinions should become national policy.

Here are the Top Ten indications that you, personally, might have a responsibility to not vote:

1. You know who popularized "Top Ten" lists, and think he is an insightful news commentator instead of a comedian.

2. You watch Saturday Night Live when a candidate makes a personal appearance and think that you have seen the "real" candidate, who was naturally funny and quick, instead of a stiff, reading from a script.

3. You think that it is possible for a single issue to be more important than a host of other issues.

4. You vote a "party ticket", proudly posturing as either a "conservative" or a "liberal", whichever tends to get you more money and/or sex.

5. You think that people who are not adherents to your particular religious doctrine cannot "know" God.

6. You think it is alright to do something just because you can afford it....you don't want to vote, you want to be a little king (or queen).

7. You invested in the "Dot Coms", then the "Tech" stocks, refinanced your house when the equity spiked and put what you didn't blow into the "market" .... members of the "herd" don't vote, they stampede.

8. You think there is lots of water, arable land, fish in the sea and happy days ahead for the earth, because the human intellect will "find" technological solutions that will provide infinite amounts of resources for humans to consume.

9. You think "God" can be on "our side" when we send our boys to go kill somebody else, whose "God" they think is on "their" side.

10. You would vote to go to war, but are not planning on going, because you are too old, rich, fat, out of shape, not a good shot, etc. People that expect children to fight for them are modern-day, throw the sacrificial child into the volcano so we can have good crops kinds of people, not responsible voters.

If you score one point out of ten, just be very careful. If you score two-to-three of ten, check to see if you are drinking a little too much. Scores of four to six indicate a level of arrogant-self-righteousness that usually indicates a very poor sex life; concentrate on becoming a viable candidate for romance and forget about everything else until you are out of your lonely little world.

If you scored above six, it is likely that your general level of comprehension is so low that you don't "get" it anyway. The best thing for you to do is enlist in the United States Armed Forces. They are looking for people whose moral values are easy to imprint and who don't mind getting killed for "our" God and "our" country while trying to kill some other poor bastard that is just as eager to give his/her all for "their" God and "their" country. Point of fact, you can't hold a complex, contradictory construction in your head, so don't try.

G/L Black Couples Fall Behind Earnings Of Straight Couples

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - As Californians prepare to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage in the state a new study shows a wide gap between the incomes of same-sex African American couples and straight black couples, reported 365Gay.com.

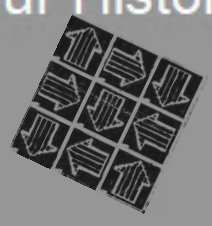
The study, by the Williams Institute at the University of California Los Angeles, found there are approximately 55,000 Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual black adults living in California and the state is home to 7,400 black men and women in same-sex relationships. At 9 percent, it makes California home to the second-largest percentage of the nation's coupled black men and women.

The study also shows that nearly 55 percent of black women and 11 percent of back men in same-sex couples in California are raising children. But when compared to opposite-sex black families, Gay families have far lower incomes. "These analyses break stereotypes about Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people, like the idea that they are all wealthy. We find that Gay and Bisexual black men in California have household incomes that are 44 percent lower than their heterosexual counterparts," said study co-author Christopher Ramos.

Black Gay and Bisexual men have median household incomes averaging $25,000 compared to $45,000 for their straight counterparts. Black women in same-sex couples earn, on average, less than black men in different-sex marriages as well as black males in same-sex couples in California. The median household income of black individuals in same-sex couples with children is $60,900, less than the $76,000 median household income of black parents in different-sex marriages, the study found.

"African-American men and women raising children in same-sex couples experience economic disadvantage compared to their different-sex married counterparts with lower household incomes and home ownership rates," said Williams Institute Senior Research Fellow Gary Gates.

The homeownership rate of black individuals in same-sex couples raising children is 29 percent compared to 63 percent of those in different-sex marriages raising children.



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Sun enters intense Scorpio and makes a sterling aspect to Saturn. Not only can we charm shining stars from the skies but we can also store them up for a dark day.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

It's time for Gay Rams to concentrate on the more intense aspects of relationships. Sun in Scorpio signals a new level of intimacy and intensity. If you are on the hoof, you discover new pastures to plow. And yet, with all this activity, you won't be able to get away from the ongoing grind of the job, as much as you try. Maybe combine both activities? Ahem.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

There will be times when you can just kick back and have fun. And if your antics result in a new crazy romance, all the better. Seek connection any way you can queer Bull. Not only will you be particularly diplomatic, you can also find innovative ways to get exactly what you want when you want it. Just be sure that you know exactly what you really want.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Sweating on the assembly line has never been so "character building" Hard work pays off in big dividends and helps you create a fiscal cushion if you can save the pennies. Pink Twins will cleverly find ways of streamlining tasks so they can spend more time relaxing and recharging at home. You're the master of your fate this week. Take the wheel and drive.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Strive for giddy romance, fun, creativity and artistic expression this week There is nothing you can't achieve if you put your mind to it. Pour on the charm among new and interesting circles. Before you realize it, you can be swept off your claws and land in a steaming stewpot. Stir briskly and spice to taste. This meal can last a lifetime if you are both lucky.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Proud Lions are not necessarily known as "nesters" but this week gives you a certain nesting quality. You value your homelife and you enjoy surrounding yourself with beautiful objects and lovely things. So what's wrong with that? And while you are feathering you nest, you can also build up your nest egg thanks to Saturn. Eat a fluffy omelette in your old age.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Queer Virgins have a few pithy ideas to share with the world and are given unique opportunities to make their proud opinions known. Not only do people gravitate to you, they are ready to listen and respond. But don't be shy or hesitate too long. This opportunity comes fast and is fleeting and so are you. By next week you'll be just another putz with a gripe.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Proud Libras can become more acquisitive than usual. Embrace your inner consumer and see what delightful objects catch your eye. However, buying binges need to be controlled so they do not become debt potholes... or worse. Is it the object or the idea of the object that gets your blood pumping? Happiness can be found internally as much as externally... they say.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Queer Scorps are in their element when the Sun enters their own sign. Set the trends, move in new circles, invent new things and embrace a range of new stimuli. You call the shots and are the one in the "know". This is no time to fade into the wallpaper. This energy doesn't come around often. Hurry, hurry, hurry. By next week no one will care what you think... as usual.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

If you have a few intuitive thoughts, collect and bottle them before the week is out. Gay Archers can reach a state of sublime karma that they can apply to charitable efforts or even in their career. Your efforts do not go unrecognized. Blast your good works into the public eye and those in power sit up and take notice. Cage a lunch and capture their imaginations.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Pink Caps are more sociable than usual now and manage to gather the troops for a grand excursion or event. Orbit in different social circles and see who grabs your attention. Not only will you fill up your social calendar through the holidays, you can also expand your vision and embark on new and ultimately successful paths. The hint is to listen rather than speak.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

You're not usually known as the most politically astute corporate player but now you can squeeze a few points from the big kahunas and advance in the corporation. Aqueerians can now play the professional game with the best of them but can also get waylaid by a sexy intruder on their bliss. Will you give up a leg up for a leg over? Ha! In a nanosecond!

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

This is the week to attain the right balance between your personal need for freedom and the daily grind (and responsibility) of certain relationships. Guppies have all the answers as usual and now have ample opportunity to expand their influence. Go global by taking a great idea on to the internet. OK visit a Gay social networking site instead.

SupremeCourt Rejects Gay "Survivor" Appeal

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear Richard Hatch's appeal of his conviction for failing to pay taxes on the $1 million prize he won on the debut season of "Survivor."

The openly Gay Hatch, 47, was sentenced to four years and three months in prison after his 2006 conviction for tax evasion in federal court in Providence. He is scheduled to be released in October 2009. Hatch's appeal was already denied by a federal appeals court in Boston and was among more than a thousand rejected last week by the U.S. Supreme Court. The court did not explain its reasoning.

"He's disappointed with the decision," Hatch's attorney, Michael Minns, said. "He's been worried about his family and taking care of them the entire time."

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Richard Blackwell Dies; No One Left To Make Fun Of Britney's Outfits

HOLLYWOOD, California (Observer Update) - Do not go gently into that ill-fitting night, reported jossip.com. Richard Blackwell, the fashion critic who once called Madonna "The Bare-Bottomed Bore of Babylon," died this Sunday (October 19) of intestinal complications at the age of 86. He founded the Ten Worst Dressed Women list, was a semi-popular fashion designer, and (literally) wrote the book on fashion disasters.

If life was a Russian novel by Gogol or Dostoevsky, it would come as no surprise that such an acidic tongue would ultimately be silenced by an infection of the bowels. As it is not, let's pay homage to the grandfather of snark with a couple of his more cutting zingers:

Britney and Paris: "Two peas in an over-exposed pod," Barbra Streisand: "She looks like a masculine Bride of Frankenstein," Dixie Chicks: They look like a trio of truck stop fashion tragedies/ trapped in a typhoon," Meryl Streep: "She looks like a gypsy abandoned by a caravan," Sharon Stone: "An over-the-hill Cruella DeVille," Bjork: "She dances in the dark - and dresses there, too," Victoria Beckham: "...in one skinny-mini monstrosity after another, pouty 'Posh' Beckham can really wreck-em," Lindsay Lohan: "From adorable to deplorable."

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 22nd
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for a 1:00 p.m. Luncheon at Dakota Café, 6541 E. Tanque Verde. RSVP Clem at 885-12170 or at www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Lee and Merlin. For information and directions call them at 207-5336.

Thursday, October 23rd
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to bowl with them at 1:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

#1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.
#2 Men's Social Network. Bridge generally played on the second and fourth Thursdays. Call Dick at 298-4392 for more information and directions.

Friday, October 24
"Unmasking Violence" at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St. celebrates the Wingspan Anti-Violence (AVP) anniversary of raising awareness of violence within the community in fun carnival setting. All ages are invited to participate in the activities (such as face painting and mask making. For more information contact Madeline Porta, 520-624-1779 (Ext. 128.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for cocktails at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Chad's Steakhouse, 3001 N. Swan at Ft. Lowell. RSVP John or Ed at 298-6727 or at www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday October 25th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday MSN Monthly Pot Luck. Contact Marvin at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for Drinks and Grub at Woody Bar, 3710 N. Oracle Road.

Sunday, October 26th
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for Sunday Brunch at 12:30 p.m. at Guadalajara Grill, 1730 E. Prince Road. RSVP Ray at 578-8045 or website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

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

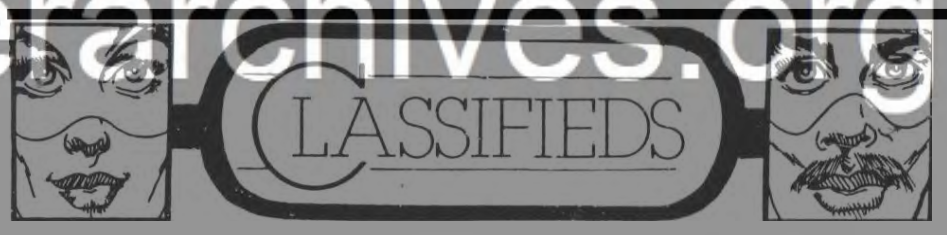
Monday, October 27
#1 - Tucson Prime Timers invites you to bowl with them at 10:30 a.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.
#2 - Tucson Prime Timers invites you to their weekly drop-in luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at Wildcat House, 1801 N. Stone.

Wednesday, October 29th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand & Foot with Peter. For information and directions call Peter at 881-8276

Tucson Prime Timers invites you join them for a 1:00 p.m. luncheon at Austin's Restaurant, 6121 E. Broadway. RSVP John or Ed at 298-6727 or www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, October 30
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to bowl with them at 1:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile

Friday, October 31
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for a casual dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Brundog's Zy-De-Que,, 4825 North 1st Ave. RSVP Clem at 885-1270 or their website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org



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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Trans, Queer, Women. Meets Mondays (6:00 - 7:30pm) at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. For more info, pleases contact Brenda Casey, LMSW 520-694-0247 or bcassey@umcaz.edu

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.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

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

Start getting more out of life with TUCSON PRIME TIMERS. We're the local chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, the preeminent social organization for mature gay and bi men as well as younger (21+) men who enjoy their company. Each month we sponsor a wide range of dining events, cultural enrichment activities, parties, meetings, bowling, day trips, picnics, tours and much more. Visitors are always welcome. For info call our message phone 520 742-1271. 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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO – a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 20 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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@yahoogroups.com. See you on the trails.

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

THE BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual,

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.:

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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 Domestics and well. Appetizers ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10;m. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - $1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; $2.25 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 HIVAIDS 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. College Night - 50 cent canned beer!

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & 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, 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 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 Domestics and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Texas Hold-'Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 pm Play for points & Prizes. No cash involved.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu& Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-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 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.. .

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Bicardi Thursdays - $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 musicia latino! Todos los viernes por la noche, la musica comienza a las 9. Shot specials cada nora!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. Finlandia martinis $5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. $2.75 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 Domestics and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Plus check out the bartenders choice of shot specials. $5.00 cheeseburger & fries. $3.00 Cuervo and $4.75 Jager Bombs. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke & Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Bunny FuFu or Janee Starr. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside & Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm -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 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

Thursday, October 23
WOODY'S - Speed Dating At Woody's 7:30 p.m. Register at SpeedDateTucson.com or 520-886-3450

Saturday, October 25
HOWL AT THE MOON - No Cover. Bailamos - latest cumbias, baladas & corridos, plus a little old school! 9:30 p.m. Presented by "Mobile Sounds".

WOODY'S - Monthly 'Wett Party' starring adult entertainer Tristan Mathews. Woody's Dancers Give Aways and Drink Specials. 8:00 p.m. $3.00 Cover tonight only.

Tuesday, October 28
IBT'S - Are you a drag star? First annual "Are You A Drag Star?" Drag and Art Show benefit. 7:00 p.m. Art Auction, Hors D'oeuvres. Chair Massage. 9:00 showtime., $5.00 door donation. Ask your bartender for details. Hosted by Bunny FuFu. Tired of drag show fund raisers? Think you got what it takes? $25/person performance fee. 5 minutes on stage. All proceeds benefit Positively Beautiful.

Wednesday, October 29
THE BIZ - Wild Wednesday Halloween 18+ to parlty - 21 to drink. 9p.m. until 2a.m. $100 to the best costue in the house. Proper ID required. DJ Hill

Friday, October 31 - HALLOWEEN NIGHT
THE BIZ - Halloween Costume Contest = $1,000 First place prize. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. DJ Hill 9p.m.-2a.m. Early arrival is strongly recommended.

IBT'S - Good chance to win big in the Halloween contest here. Grand prize is 2 tickets to Madonna's Sticky & Sweet tour in L.A November 6th. Roundtrip airfare for two; 2 night hotel accommodations and $500 spending cash. Arrive early. Limited number of entries. Sign up by 11:00 p.m. $5.00 cover on 10/31, 8:00 p.m. to closing.

WOODY'S - Halloween Costume contest 11:30 p.m. $150 1st place; $100 2nd place and $50 3rd place. Minimum 15 contestants. No Cover.

BRIEFLY "Q"

MONTPELIER, Vermont - The path to legalizing same-sex marriage in Vermont may have just gotten easier. Eight years after Vermont's landmark civil union law, three states have moved beyond that level of recognition to fully embrace same-sex marriage, including Connecticut, where its top court last week ruled that civil unions fall short of marriage's full benefits. This latest development comes just six months after a Vermont Legislature-sponsored commission – after months of testimony and public input – urged lawmakers to "take seriously" the difference between civil unions and same-sex marriage. Bills proposing Gay marriage are commonly introduced at the Statehouse, but usually gain little traction in the relevant committees. "I feel the landscape has changed, especially from eight years ago," said Rep. Mark Larson, D-Burlington, who was the lead sponsor of a Gay marriage bill during the last legislative session.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - A Magna, Utah, man has been charged with attacking a Salt Lake man apparently because he was Gay. Fa Junior Moimoi, 20, took a picture with an 18-year-old man he met Aug. 9 at an overlook of the city on Churchill Drive, according to charges filed Thursday in 3rd District Court. A girl with Moimoi asked the teen if he was Gay, and later Moimoi and four other men attacked the teen and his friends, according to the charges. Moimoi faces two counts of aggravated assault, a first-degree felony, and one count of misdemeanor assault.

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Two women blocked from ordination as United Methodist ministers because one is a married Lesbian and the other disagrees with church rules on Gay rights received "extraordinary ordination" in Baltimore yesterday. Organizers said it was the first such action by dissenters hoping to change Methodist policies toward Gays. Neither woman will be eligible for assignments to lead Methodist churches under existing policies, but they both believe their new credentials will make them eligible for other jobs within the church, or as ministers in other denominations. "This day is historic. We have all chosen to live the future now," said Annie Britton. Her legal marriage three years ago to another woman in Massachusetts ended her path to ordination within her church.

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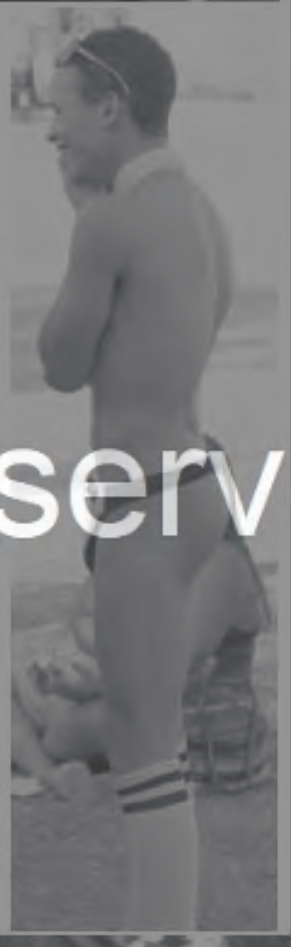

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