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WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Barack Obama was elected the nation's first black president Tuesday night (November 4) in a historic triumph that overcame racial barriers as old as America itself, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The 47-year-old Democratic senator from Illinois sealed his victory by defeating Republican Sen. John McCain in a string of wins

in hard-fought battleground states - Ohio, Florida, Virginia and Iowa. A huge crowd thronged Grant Park in Chicago to cheer Obama's improbable triumph and await his first public speech as president-elect.

Obama and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, will take their oaths of office as president and vice president on Jan. 20, 2009. As the 44th president, Obama will move into the Oval Office as leader

of a country that is almost certainly in recession, and fighting two long wars, one in Iraq, the other in Afghanistan.

The popular vote was close, but not the count in the Electoral College, where it counted.

There, Obama's audacious decision to contest McCain in states that hadn't gone Democratic in years paid rich dividends.

Fellow Democrats rode his coattails to gains in both houses of Congress, toppling Republican incumbents and winning open seats alike.

Obama has said his first order of presidential business will be to tackle the economy. He has also pledged to withdraw most U.S. combat troops from Iraq within 16 months.

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Front Porch Series Welcomes Soul Artist Leila Lopez

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan's Front Porch, November 14, 7:00 p.m. at 425 E. 7th St., welcomes Tucson musician Leila Lopez. You've seen her at Plush. You've seen her at Delectables. You've seen her at the 4th Avenue Fair and the Folk Music Festival. Now see her at Wingspan. No charge. Leila Lopez is a gentle, passionate soul whose inner rhythms manifest an assumingly gorgeous grace. In broad sweeping colors of folk, jazz and latin influence, Leila's mellifluous voice and quiet chords articulate a prayerful, joyful love of life, as if to remind us, "The universe is not made up of atoms, but of music."

Leila has been recording, producing and distributing her albums independently for three years. She has had the honor to open for national performances of Joanna Newsom, Tim Reynolds, The Mountain Goats, Amos Lee, Brandi Carlile, Keaton Simons and the Hot Buttered Rum String Band.

If you are a musician and would like to play the Wingspan Front Porch series, please contact Geovanna (520) 624-1779 ext. 119 gdelaree@wingspan.org and/or Courtney Robbins at crobbs@wingspan.org.

Upcoming Events At Antigone Books

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Please join us for an event at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Avenue, on Wednesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m., for Flavors Without Borders / Sabores Sin Fronteras and join us for a gala reading about local food, water, and ranching by four renowned writers!

Gary Nabhan, Tucson's well-known nature writer, ethnobotanist and social scientist will discuss his newest book, *Where Our Food Comes From* (Island Press, \$24.95). Betty Fussell, celebrated food writer for the *New York Times* & *The New Yorker* and author of eleven books on food, will discuss her newest: *Raising Steaks: The Life and Times of American Beef* (Harcourt, \$26.00). Juan Arellano, Spanish folklorist and cultural activist, and Enrique Lamadrid, writer and agronomist, will discuss their beautiful children's book, *Juan the Bear and the Water of Life/La Acequia de Juan del Oso* (U. New

Mexico, \$17.95). The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

Join us for an event on Friday, November 21, 7:00 p.m., when Lori Girshick will discuss her book, *Transgender Voices: Beyond Women and Men* (Univ. Press of New England, \$26.00). Lori Girshick's helpful, provocative book is a real contribution to the science and sociology of Transgender people. Her many luminous interviews allow Trans people to speak for themselves; her uncanny and cutting-edge criticism provides both the theory and the compassion in order to further illuminate these voices. *Transgender Voices* speaks with wisdom, complexity, and insight on a topic key to our understanding of the spectrum of gender identity. This event is co-sponsored by Wingspan, the U. of A. Office of LGBTQ Affairs and the U. of A. Center for Student Involvement and Leadership.

Musical Potpourri Benefitting TIHAN's POZ Cafe, Nov. 9

TUCSON (Observer Update) - On Sunday, November 9, 3:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church in the Foothills, 5102 N. Craycroft, TIHAN presents an afternoon of special music open to the public. The 9th annual "Musical Potpourri," a benefit concert for Poz Café, the monthly lunch program for people living with HIV/AIDS is an exciting concert featuring the rich musical diversity of Emmanuel Baptist Church Worship Team, Desert Voices, the Prince Chapel Praise Team, and Reveille Men's Chorus.

For every dollar raised through this event, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide matching funds (up to \$1,600), so a \$20 purchase of two tickets will provide a great concert, and a \$40 contribution to TIHAN. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Lutheran Church of the Foothills. A reception with hors d'oeuvres will follow the concert. Refreshments are provided by Trader Joe's, Sunflower Market, Basha's, and Einstein's Bagels.

The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is the largest privately-funded provider of support services for people living with HIV in the state of Arizona. TIHAN's Poz Café lunch program is the largest regular gathering place for people living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Arizona. Poz Café has served

over 10,000 meals to more than 500 people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2004, Poz Café was named as one of the three most innovative non-profit organizations among small non-profits in Pima County by the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. Poz Café is a collaborative program, partnering TIHAN with other care providers in the community. For more information, call (520) 299-9631.

Festival For Life, The Art Community Gives Back

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "As human beings, we should all care for one another. Someway, somehow, we should all do something that falls within our capacity to reach out and give a small token of love, compassion, and understanding to those who need it." - Karen Riggs, Festival for Life Artist. Long Realty Cares Foundation (Title Sponsor) and The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), proudly announce that the 20th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., at The University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University Drive in Tucson.

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 2008 Featured Gallery, Old Pueblo Frameworks and Gallery will be presenting several local and national recognized artists such as Frank B. Walsh, Domingo Cheleuitte, and Jay W. Smith, all in support of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. This year, many of the auction items can be previewed on the Festival website, www.festivalforlife.org.

Featured items at this year's event include: a Week Stay in a Overwater or Beachfront Bungalow in Cooks Bay, Tahiti, a Spa Renewal Day for 2 at Canyon Ranch, a Private Party for 14 at Pastiche, Tickets to HAIR at the Arizona Theatre Company, and an 18K Rose Gold Diamond "Hope" Pendant with .07tw Diamonds SI-G/H Quality by Italian Designer Roberto Coin. 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.

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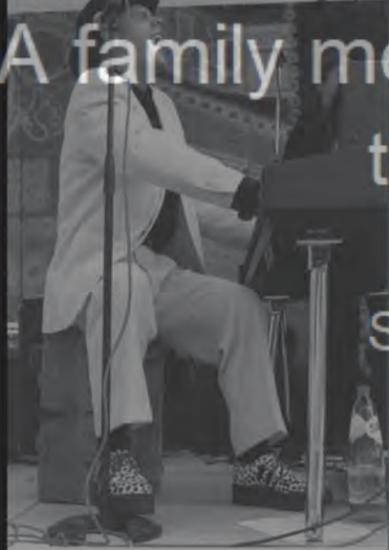
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Around The Old Pueblo

'Queer On Their Feet' Nov. 14

Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber of Commerce's (TGLBTCC) November breakfast meeting will take place Thursday, November 20, 7:30 a.m., at the Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress will deal with "networking." Join the Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce for this meeting, which the cost for members is \$15, \$20 for guests and walk-ins. RSVP by noon Monday, Nov. 17, by calling (520) 615-6436 or E-mail info@tucsonglbtchamber.org.

Live music and performances on the University of Arizona mall, starting Wednesday, November 12, noon, to celebrate transgender students and our allies. Kick-off the week right by coming and jamming to some of Tucson's best Queer musicians and artists. Tabling from Tucson and campus resources for LGBTQ identifying students will also be present, for your enjoyment! Wingspan, Center for Student Involvement and Leadership and the University of Arizona Office of LGBTQ Affairs are sponsoring the week. For more informa-

tion, contact Alison Davison, SAGA Coordinator (520) 624-1779.

Wingspan's Reel Pride wants everyone to meet legendary actor, icon and All-American movie heartthrob Tab Hunter, Saturday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. at The Loft, 3233 E. Speedway. Come join Tab Hunter in person for an entertaining evening you won't soon forget, featuring a clip show highlighting his prolific, decades-spanning film career (which includes such cinematic gems as *Damn Yankees*, *Ride the Wild Surf*, *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean*, *John Waters' Polyester* and many others), with live on-stage commentary by Tab and author Eddie Muller (co-writer of Tab's recent autobiography *TAB HUNTER CONFIDENTIAL*), and a rare 35 mm theatrical screening of the hilarious 1985 cult classic/western parody *LUST IN THE DUST* (starring Tab and the one-and-only Divine). Followed by a Q&A and book-signing. Admission is \$10 general; \$8 Loft Cinema members and for more information, go online to loftcinema.com/node/590.

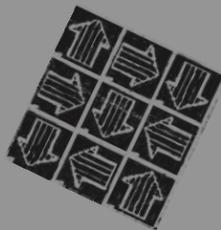


TIHAN Volunteer Orientation, November 13

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Compassion begins with an open heart and the only way we can fulfill our Mission is with the help of our Volunteers. Did you know that as a TIHAN Volunteer:

1. Your schedule can be flexible.
2. Our volunteer opportunities are challenging and meaningful.
3. You will get back more than you give.
4. We strive to be organized and professional.
5. We understand that volunteering is your option.
6. You can bring a friend or co-worker and
7. TIHAN provides relevant, meaningful, and well-presented trainings.

Your first step to volunteering is signing up for a Volunteer Orientation, November 13, 5:15 p.m., 1350 N. Arcadia. All you have to do is call the TIHAN office, speak to Kim Talerico, at (520) 299-6647.



TUCSON (Observer Update) - The stand up comedy and improv troupe, Queer on their Feet, will be performing in Tucson, Friday, November 14, 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St.

The Troupe features Jennie McNulty, Jason Dudey, and Diana Yanez. Queer On Their Feet is a refreshing and hilarious show that has each comic doing about 15 minutes of fabulous stand up and then that is followed by the 3 together onstage playing improv games with suggestions from the audience. Every show is unique, fun, and totally hysterical.

This show will also be a benefit with a portion of the proceeds going to the church but it isn't a religious show, since the church is offering their location for the LGBT community. Advance tickets available at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson. Tickets also available at Brown Paper Tickets online BrownPaperTickets.com or call 877-278-4842. Email QueerOnTheirFeet@Yahoo.com for more information.



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COMMENTARY...

by Jeff Cohen

Studs Terkel: He'll Never Be Silenced

The irrepressible Louis "Studs" Terkel was many things - oral historian, radio and TV host, actor, activist, Bronx-born icon of Chicago, the "great listener" who was hard of hearing, Pulitzer Prize-winner. But most of all he was an inspiration. He inspired every younger activist or independent journalist who ever met him. And who among us wasn't younger than Studs. The self-described "guerilla journalist" died Friday (October 31) at 96. He was almost 70 when I first met him, more than twice my age. But I couldn't keep up.

Whenever I did catch up with him, he never turned down a request for help - whether he was sick, under a book deadline, or in mourning over the death of his beloved wife Ida. If it was an issue of social justice or muckraking journalism, he (along with Ida) was ready to sign up and help out. In 1986 when I launched the media watch group FAIR, Studs became a charter member of our advisory board. Along with I.F. Stone (whom he called "the north star of independent journalists"), Studs signed FAIR's first protest statement ever: a telegram to ABC News criticizing its exclusion of progressives.

Studs received generally favorable treatment from mainstream media. The respect was not mutual. He decried the elite media's coziness with the powerful, the timidity that subverted public television, and the censorial ways of corporate media bosses. He was outraged when GE/MSNBC muzzled Phil Donahue for questioning the Iraq invasion. Studs wrote the following in his 1997 introduction to *Wizards of Media Oz* (a book by Norman Solomon and myself):

When I was young and easy, an old Wobbly rewarded me with a tattered copy of *The Brass Check* by Upton Sinclair. The title referred to the coin that young brothel women were handed by their tricks; they, in turn, cashed them in with their madam at the end of their day's labors. Sinclair's game, however, was not the kept women; it was the kept press. The former recognized her work as demeaning; the latter served their publishers, if not tremulously, gladly. And righteously. Need we mention William Randolph Hearst and his derring-do reporters covering - or, in the words of San Simeon's master, furnishing - the Spanish-American War?

A century later, our press, especially the Respectables, have gone Hearst one better. They helped make the Gulf War yellow ribbon time. It was glory, glory all the way. Our most prestigious journals found the horrors visited by our smart bombs upon Iraqi women and kids news not fit to print. It is no secret that our media - TV and radio, owned by the same Big Boys, compounding the obscenity - played the role of bat boys to the sluggers of the Pentagon. With his legacy of best-selling books and historic recorded interviews, Studs will no more be silenced by death than Wobbly songwriter Joe Hill was by a Utah firing squad. If Howard Zinn wrote *A People's History*, Studs developed "A People's Journalism" - putting the stories and wisdom of poor and working class Americans on tape and the printed page.

In 1992, when South Central L.A. erupted in riot after white cops were acquitted in the videotaped beating of Rodney King, no one was caught more off-guard than mainstream media - who (as with Hurricane Katrina years later) suddenly discovered millions of desperate inner-city Americans. But Studs



Studs Terkel

was not caught by surprise. Days before the riot, his quite prophetic book - *Race: How Blacks and Whites Think and Feel About the American Obsession* - was hitting the stores. No matter his age, Studs always seemed a step ahead of everyone else. He was a premature anti-fascist in his youth. He was a premature, unrepentant anti-McCarthyite in the early 1950s: "I was blacklisted...I signed many petitions that were for unfashionable causes and never retracted." With mainstream media largely enthralled by Ronald Reagan's "Morning in America" propaganda in 1986, he neatly sized up the era: "The only thing trickling down from the top is meanness."

My most treasured memory of Studs was the day we flew him from Chicago to New Jersey to be a special guest on the (short-lived) primetime MSNBC Phil Donahue show in August 2002 - at a time the show was getting heat from MSNBC management not to appear liberal. I was a Donahue senior producer. This was years before Rachel Maddow and way before Olbermann began his dissent. With little critical journalism, Bush's approval rating stood at 70%. Shedding his normal coat and tie, Phil decided to imitate his guest's fashion sense and wore the traditional Studs garb: red-and-white check shirt and red socks. The two looked like bookends in a Saturday Night Live skit - but, with Studs as the solo full-hour guest, it was not all fun and games.

"What have I got to lose? I'm 90 years old." Studs declared, in taking off after Bush. "We have a mindless boy right now with the most powerful job in the world. And that is perilous. We have an attorney general [Ashcroft] who is like the guy Arthur Miller described in *The Crucible* in Salem, Massachusetts, 300 years ago, who urges people to spy on other people, witchcraft and all." As for the Democratic leadership in Congress, it "will be renowned for its gutlessness and its lack of principle and its cravenness." As for corporate media, he proudly described his 1950s blacklisting over civil rights advocacy, how he refused to sign a loyalty oath for CBS and how black gospel star Mahalia Jackson defended him. "The cards are stacked. We know who runs the networks," he announced on a GE-owned news channel. "NBC is owned by General Electric. If Tom Brokaw said something about General Electric, he'd be out."

With Enron and corporate scandals in the news, Studs recalled the 1930s depression: "Things don't repeat themselves exactly. But we've learned nothing from it. Unregulated, free, untrammelled, what's it called, 'free market,' fell on its ass again, as it did then. We've learned nothing." The end of the show turned to the end of life, with Studs saying: "I've had a pretty good run of it. And so if I kick off at this moment, I do OK."

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Wendell Hicks, Executive Director, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

As Ghandi once said: "Be the change you want to see in the world." Kristie Graham, a long time donor, volunteer, and Board Member of SAAF recently reminded us of Ghandi's wisdom. She wrote, "SAAF translates Ghandi's words into action. AIDS has impacted me on a personal level, with five people I loved dying from AIDS over the years. Their experiences left me with a deep understanding of the importance of providing much needed services to people living with the disease...In addition, I also support SAAF because I know my donation will make an impact. I know the organization makes the most out of its resources. It is an extremely effective, proactive organization that understands the importance of addressing the problem of HIV/AIDS on multiple levels. It meets the critical needs of numerous individuals living with HIV/AIDS while at the same time working to intervene and prevent the infection of countless others at a high risk for contracting the disease."

We're honored to have Kristie's inspiration and support. We are also reminded of how much this work impacts many, many people. The fight against HIV/AIDS is too important for us to lose momentum and energy during a time of change, transition, or challenge. Instead it's a time for moving forward and taking action. To get involved and take action or to learn more about programs and services for people living with or affected by HIV, please contact me (520)

628-7223.

As we begin this fall season with Thanksgiving and the holidays just around the corner, we thank you for your generous continued support and ask for your renewed commitment to financially support the work of SAAF. Today, more than ever, the people that SAAF serves feel challenged by the state of the economy and the difficult times it has brought. As a result, there is a critical need for basic services such as food, housing, and medication assistance. Right now, these areas are priorities for SAAF and they represent some of the basic needs that are demanding the most resources. YOUR support helps to sustain the most essential programs of SAAF for those in the greatest need.

There are numerous ways to get involved, I've listed many below. Please take part in the change we want to see in our community as we are all challenged to support the people served by SAAF however we can. Thank you for your gifts of support and volunteer works of action. It is because of you that SAAF remains strong and is able to help support so many. I invite any one interested in SAAF to call me directly. I welcome an opportunity to meet or to invite you on a tour of our facilities.

Best wishes and thank you for continuing to lead our community through support and action. For questions or more information on how you can support SAAF, please contact me at (520) 628-7223. Thank you!

Sean Penn's 'Milk' World Premieres In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - The past became the present, and the present the past, as Gus Van Sant's Harvey Milk biopic "Milk" made its world premiere at the Castro Theater in San Francisco on Tuesday (October 28), steps away from the camera store where Milk championed Gay rights and became the first openly Gay man to win election to a major office.

Focus Features opens "Milk" on Nov. 26, virtually 30 years to the day since Milk, a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor George Moscone were shot and killed. Usually, onlookers at a preem are there to catch a glimpse of stars. That wasn't the case here.

In a fitting tribute to Milk, the crowd lining Castro Street chanted and waved placards in opposition to Proposition 8, which would overturn a new law allowing Gay marriages in California. One of the



L to R: Sean Penn, Alison Pill and Emile Hirsch

few times the crowd took a break from chanting and erupted into applause was when Sean Penn - who plays Milk - got out of his car.

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When Phil asked about busloads of fans coming to grieve, Studs responded: "I don't want them to grieve. I want them to celebrate."

PHIL: You won't slow down. You're going to be tap dancing all the way to the end, right? That's your plan?

STUDS: My plan - my epitaph is "Curiosity did not kill this cat."

(Jeff Cohen is the director of the Park Center for Independent Media at Ithaca College. This article is reprinted from Common Dreams.)



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Huffington Post Blogger Kills Lover, Then Herself

BOYNTON BEACH, Florida (Observer Update) - Police have determined that a popular HuffingtonPost.com election correspondent who had weighed in several times throughout this election season on LGBT issues killed her former lover after stabbing her some 200 times with a Phillips-head screwdriver.

Carol Anne Burger then took her own life last Friday (October 24), authorities told Florida's Palm Beach Post. Authorities connected Burger to the murder of her former lover and roommate, Jessica Kalish. Authorities had grown suspicious of Burger's involvement in her former lover's death prior to the freelance journalist taking her own life. Before police could question Burger, she shot herself in the head in the backyard of the Boynton Beach, Fla., house she and Kalish shared together.

Kalish and Burger had been broken up for more than a year when Burger killed her ex by stabbing her with a screwdriver 222 times, according to a police report. According to friends, the two still lived together for financial reasons. Various reports said trouble began to brew between the two women when Kalish, who had married Burger in Massachusetts in 2005, announced that she had met another woman. A friend close to Burger said that the writer, who worked for numerous publications throughout South Florida, had sent several e-mails detailing her mood swings.

"I'm feeling pretty isolated myself," Burger wrote in mid August. "Part is simple depression, I suppose. The other part is simple withdrawal whenever I'm depressed. I just can't bring myself to

punish people with my sad self whenever I'm down. But I usually bounce back in time." Police who reconstructed the crime scene said that following the murder, Burger loaded Kalish's body into her car and abandoned it two miles from the house. The following day she reported Kalish missing but killed herself after learning that police had found her body, advocate.com.

Board Overturns Suspension Of Coaches For Anti-Gay Slurs

MICHIGAN CITY, Indiana (Observer Update) - The Michigan City Park & Recreation Board by a 2-2 vote overturned the one-year suspensions of two youth baseball coaches. Park Board attorney Pat Donoghue said the board was required to make a decision when the coaches chose to appeal their suspensions imposed by former park department superintendent Darrell Garbackik.

The one-year suspensions were imposed effective Aug. 7 following a two-month investigation. Garbackik looked into allegations the coaches were targeting one player and encouraging other players to call him a "homo, fag, queer" and other derogatory terms.

The coaches allegedly encouraged the name-calling and participated in it themselves. Garbackik attended the meeting and would not comment on the decision, other than to say, "I'm shocked."

POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Random Rants

As they did in September's state primary, so shall they for the November general election so pass the coffee, Red Bull and caffeine tablets since Pima County's questionable Election's Division, the full results of the November 4 general election may not be complete until November 11 or later?

To add to all this was the article in the Friday, October 31 edition of the Arizona Republic that stated that 827,380 Maricopa County residents had requested absentee ballots or had voted early and that Maricopa County election's officials have seen 566,656, or 68.4 percent, of those ballots returned and since there are about 1.7 million registered voters in the county, the "early (vote by mail) ballots" figure to create a delay in the compilation of final results since the remaining 200,000 or so early ballots won't be marked or mailed early but instead will be walked into a polling place or will arrive via mail on November 4 (election day) and those ballots won't be processed until two days after the election and Maricopa County hopes to have all of them compiled by November 21, so with that, some final thoughts.

Under Arizona law, Arizona Revised Statute (16-311 Sections C-D, 16-322, 16-341 Section A and 16-343 Section 3), a person that was a candidate for a party nomination for a political office and who was defeated for that nomination in the subsequent primary election cannot run for the same office in the general election. For their endorsements in the general election, Echo Magazine still endorsed (posted on their website, echomag.com/endorsements.cfm, as of November 4) such a candidate, state Representative Tom Prezelski who unfortunately finished third in the Legislative District 29 Democratic primary election held Tuesday, September 2.

According to the Echo Magazine, "Echo sent surveys to each candidate seeking office in state, county and Congressional seats. Their responses, and research about each candidate's record, helped us make a list of endorsements of candidates who are GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender-positive)." How about looking at the general election ballot?

Equality Arizona, the statewide LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) rights organization in their endorsements list updated their endorsements in this race but seemed to have followed Echo Magazine in regard to the State House of Representatives race in Legislative District 30, when they failed to list anyone to either recommend in the race. Andrea Dalessandro, the Democratic nominee is an open-minded, common sense candidate who publicly stated her opposition to Proposition 102 long before her Republican opponents, David Cowan and Frank Antenori stated their support of the measure (which Antenori later during the campaign, tried to skirt the issue).

Dalessandro, who actively court the LGBT vote in District 30 through the events such as Pride in the Desert and attending the Wingspan Dinner and being a sponsor is a smart, articulate individual who had been a teacher and recently retired as an Accountant to serve the entire public. If Andrea is elected, she will be an asset in the Legislature and a person everyone, including political groups would want in their corner and someone who could get positive things accomplished at

1700 West Washington.

Equality Arizona list (located online at equalityarizona.org/Elections/tabid/162/Default.aspx) of endorsed candidates included races for county offices in Pima County but one contested race was omitted - the District 3 seat on the County Board of Supervisors in which the incumbent, Democrat Sharon Bronson, won her primary election and faced Republican Barney Brenner in the general election. It was Sharon Bronson who was the key third vote in 1997, when the Pima County Board of Supervisors became the first governmental entity in Arizona to formally recognize committed same-sex relationships by extending medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners (and families) of county employees. Bronson voted to fight the legal challenge to this vote for which was upheld in 1998. Sharon continued to ensure that Pima County's AIDS Service Organizations and groups receive funding, as well as organizations that serve the LGBT community, as well as publicly opposing Proposition 107 in 2006 and Proposition 102 this year when very few elected officials would step forward.

Contrary to the blathering of Arizona's corporate media, voting early or by mail wasn't just occurring the week prior to the November 4 election as they would have you to believe. On Thursday, October 2, as reported in this column and publication, voting for the general election (scheduled for November 4), commenced but with the "MTV attention span" of the management of the corporate media, as well as their penchant for spewing garbage, it was Britney, Dancing with the American Idol Runway during the Great Race.

So for those campaigns and ballot measures, including Proposition 102, to paraphrase Bette Davis as Margo Channing in "All About Eve," "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night or two, three, five or seven," since this will take a while so this 21-month political campaign will continue.

Jurors Hostile To Gays, Trans People Out Of Alabama Murder Trial

MOBILE, Alabama (Observer Update) - A murder trial in which the weapon was a pair of scissors and the accused a cross-dressing female impersonator got under way but not before the judge rejected some prospective jurors, who declared that they could not abide the defendant's "alternative lifestyle."

"I detest them," one man told attorneys during jury selection before Circuit Judge Rick Stout, referring to homosexuals and gender-crossing nightclub performers. "I just don't like to be around them," one woman opined. At least three potential jurors were sent home after expressing their disdain or outright disgust.

The court then seated 14 jurors to hear the murder charge against 30-year-old John Frederick Burton. The victim, 23-year-old Francisco Carlos Randolph, was a longtime friend of Burton's, lawyers and witnesses said.



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COMMENTARY....

by Lisa Neff

One Attack An Hour

Sometimes I say "I hate..." I say, "I hate peas." In fact, I'm frightened of them. I say, "I hate softball," because I believe it is misused to reserve a better game for boys and men. I say, "I hate litter, smog, cold weather, hair in my food, rocks in my shoes, flat tires, lower back pain and when candidates lie when they know the truth." But when I think about the damage caused by hate, I regret that I ever say, "I hate..." and that saying "I hate" comes as easy as "I love..."

Hate, as defined by Webster's dictionary, is "intense hostility and aversion usually deriving from fear, anger, or sense of injury; extreme dislike or antipathy." I derive my hatred of peas from fear. I get my hatred of softball from a sense of injury and injustice. That hate that comes while watching a campaign commercial espousing known falsehoods, well, that boils out of fear, anger and a sense of injury. Sometimes I say "I hate..." and sometimes I feel hate, and sometimes I mistake annoyance for hate — because it is difficult to compare my intense aversion to cold weather to a person's hatred of a kind of people or an organized effort to rally hate.

The FBI released a new batch of statistics in late October on hate crimes in America in 2007. The report comes out each year just after we observe the anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder and just before we observe the anniversary of Harvey Milk's murder. The FBI report, based on statistics provided by local law enforcement agencies, indicates a slight drop in hate crime incidents from 2006 to 2007. The bureau reported 9,535 people were targeted in 7,624 hate-crime incidents — 1.3 percent fewer than the year before. The FBI also reported a 5.5 percent rise in hate crimes motivated by bias against a person's sexual orientation, as well as another rise in the number of hate crimes against Latinos for a 40 percent increase since 2003. About 52 percent of the reported hate crimes were classified as assaults and 47 percent involved intimidation.

If the FBI statistics accurately reported the number of hate crimes in America, such crimes would be occur-

ring at about the cruel rate of one attack every hour of every day of the year. But we know the FBI statistics undercount the number of hate crimes in America for a variety of reasons — victims may not report crimes, the most violent of crimes may not be investigated or prosecuted as bias-motivated crimes, reporting agencies change from year to year, definitions and classifications for hate crimes differ from locale to locale and some agencies do not track or report hate crimes. Mississippi reported zero hate crimes to the FBI for 2007. Alaska reported one bias-motivated crime and Georgia reported three incidents.

A U.S. Justice Department study, using National Crime Victimization Surveys, found that the hate crime rate is probably about 20-30 times higher than the FBI's annual statistics suggest, that about 191,000 hate-crime incidents occur each year. If that number is accurate, and experts at the Southern Poverty Law Center and other anti-violence organizations believe it is, hate crimes occur at a horrific rate of 22 an hour of every day of the year in the United States.

It would be pie-in-the-sky to think that as the nation is poised to elect its first black president, hate in America would be directed not at people but just peas and litter, cold weather and flat tires. But I can hope that this week's election will bring change in Washington in January that will lead to change across America in the years to come. Enacting the federal hate crimes legislation stalled by the Bush administration would be a start. We must expand the federal government's ability to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated crimes when local investigators are unable or unwilling to investigate. We must make federal funds available to help local agencies offset extraordinary costs that can be associated with hate-crime investigations. And we must expand the federal hate crimes law that currently covers race, color, religion and national origin to include sexual orientation, gender identity, gender and disability.

(Lisa Neff is a columnist for 365Gay.com, from which this is reprinted from.)

Shepard Autopsy Report Not Lost, Pathologist Says

CHEYNNE, Wyoming (Observer Update) - As Albany County officials investigate the possibility that the Matthew Shepard autopsy report may be missing, the pathologist who conducted the 1998 autopsy says he still has a copy of the original record, 365Gay.com reported. Dr. Patrick Allen said he has kept records of all of his work, including the Shepard autopsy, which is among many that seem to be missing from the Albany County coroner's office.

Coroner Tom Furgeson has claimed records were missing when he took over in 2007. Julie Heggie, who served as coroner from 1990 to 2006, has said she handed over autopsy reports to the county attorney when she left office. Albany County Sheriff James Pond said that he's working with Furgeson on a "fact-finding inquiry" to determine whether any records are missing. The inquiry includes a review of the types of records that should be maintained in the office, he said.

Shepard was a Gay UW student whose beating death in Laramie garnered national attention. The two men convicted in the case are serving life sentences in prison for the murder.

Allen, the coroner and medical examiner for Larimer County, Colo., said he regularly performs autopsies for Wyoming agencies on a contract basis because Wyoming doesn't have any certified forensic pathologists. "When we perform autopsies for other jurisdictions, I would keep copies of the autopsies that I do," Allen said. "And I did Matthew Shepard. And I have the records on that."

Heggie said she turned over the Shepard autopsy report to county prosecutors when the criminal case was being investigated. She said her office "meticulously" followed "the letter of the law." "Per legal and accepted practice in the State of Wyoming, all materials gathered for investigation and cause of death pronouncement were secured by my office," Heggie said in a statement released by her attorney.

County Attorney Richard Bohling, who wasn't in office at the time of the Shepard case, has declined to comment on the possibility of missing records. Furgeson said he received only a small box of records covering the previous 16 years when he became county coroner in January 2007. He said



Matthew Sheparad

the office is required to keep documentation of its work. He said it would be unacceptable for another county office, such as the attorney or clerk, not to pass along records when a new administration takes over. "The cases don't go away when the office changes hand," he said. "I've received dozens of requests for death investigation information for cases that preceded my taking office."

Furgeson said he has not requested another copy of the Shepard autopsy report from Allen, the pathologist in Colorado. Furgeson said he wants to determine whether records are missing before tracking down new copies. "We're going have to probably deal with several different agencies to reconstruct our records," he said.

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The procession this year begins at 6:00 p.m. starting at the intersection of University Boulevard and Fourth Avenue. It winds down 4th Avenue towards downtown, passing historic landmarks along the way, finishing with a pyrotechnic spectacle and aerial fantasy dance which includes the burning of the Urn. This event is free and open to the public and receives no government funding. Donations to help defray costs of the event will be accepted. For more info regarding the All Souls Processions, go to <http://www.allsoulsprocession.org/ararchives/> 108



BBC Defends On-Air Joke About Hanging Gays In Iran

LONDON, England (Observer Update) - The BBC has defended a comment about Iran on topical satire show Have I Got News For You.

A Gay man in London reported the show to the police after guest presenter Alexander Armstrong, commenting on the failure of an Iranian world record bid, said: "On the plus side they do still hold the record for hanging homosexuals."

A spokesperson for the BBC told PinkNews.co.uk: "The presenter never intended for this comment to be homophobic - quite the opposite. Viewers are more than familiar with Have I Got News For You's use of satire - in this instance aimed at the Iranian regime and not the Iranian Gay community."

Tim Brown

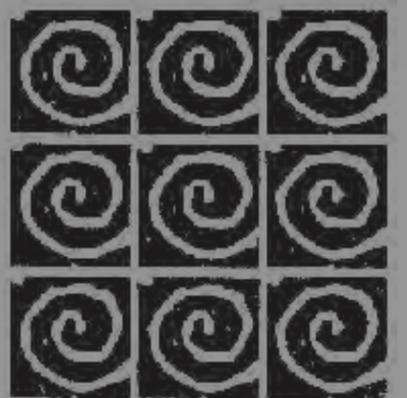
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Spain's Royal Court Claim 'Misquote' In Queen's Anti-Gay Gaff



Spain's Queen Sofia

MADRID, Spain (Observer Update) - Spain's royal flacks insist Queen Sofia's anti-gay comments from her biography were "misquoted." The Spanish royal court distanced itself Friday from comments expressed by Queen Sofia in a new biography in which she opposes Gay marriage, among other political comments.

comments "in a private framework," a statement from the Zarzuela Palace in Madrid said.

The queen's comments had also been misquoted, the palace said. Author Pilar Urbano calls those claims absolute rubbish and points out that the Queen approved the biography before it went to print, reported queerty.com.

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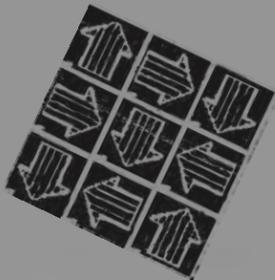
Hate Law Amendment Repeal Leaves LGBT Vulnerable

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (Observer Update) - Supremacists of all colors typically have one thing in common - their hate goes beyond race.

race, color, religion or national origin. In 2002, lawmakers amended the law to add protections on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, gender and mental or physical disability. But the state Supreme Court in July repealed the amendment.

Whether their rancor is rooted in religion or something else, they often spew as much homophobic and anti-Semitic sentiment as racist rhetoric. But the LGBT community lost one level of protection last summer, when the state's highest court repealed part of the state's hate-crimes law on a technicality.

The Pennsylvania Ethnic Intimidation and Institutional Vandalism Act, enacted in 1982, made it a crime to victimize someone because of their



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Waiting

Tomorrow is election day. Of course, you will read this knowing what we cannot know here in the time warp that surrounds Petrol Central. You will know whether hope or fear has triumphed in American hearts.

Here in the bunker, there is a stillness that I have not felt since I sat in a Jeep that was set to carry me, my pitiful gear and my buddies to the airfield and then to war. We only waited the final order, the call to go from alert to move-out. It never came and I remain saner today than if it had come.

I also remain in America. Which is not what I would have done. A practical joker pried my final call in the matter from my confused and frightened mind; I headed for Canada at a dead run, the butt of a joke. All my buddies had a fine laugh.

Now we wait again, not just the young, clueless boys that go to the "front" this time, though. Today it is all of us.

And again I am sitting in my "jeep", wondering...is it worth it to stay, to fight, to maybe fall?

It wasn't when it was just "war games" in a jungle far away.

But now, to my surprise, it is the only way.

Not because I find my fellow Americans to be, as a whole, brave or kind or hard-working or any other good and solid thing. I don't.

But rather because I am, by accident of birth, here. My grandparents (mostly) came here from across oceans and rivers, some legally, through Ellis Island, others at the point of the sword of starvation and across the Rio Grande. Because of their courage and desperation, I have led an easy, fat life.

The country they came to was different than it is today. In those days, the little shop-keeper, the tradesman, the skilled craftsman, hard-work and honesty were prized. Today they are just jokes; like Russian children, Americans hope first for riches and are eager to their chance at gangsterism and prostitution at any level; the gangsters of Enron and their

close friends in government may be reviled, but they are most often emulated.

No. This is not the country my grandparents told me about. It is now a place of private armies (Lord Cheney's Blackwater), un-impeached but impeachable presidents and a political morality common most often to pirates. The business world is so pathetically corrupt that "ethics" classes are being offered in schools, since right and wrong are confusing to the amoral.

But it is still the place that I am. It is still the place that sheltered my ancestors (and yours, too) from the vagaries of vulgar governments and their religions.

Were the world less crowded, as it was around 1925, there may have been another way, another place just growing into the pleasant years of hard-work and growth. There are places like that: Chile, Argentina....we could all go there and pretend we are just moving to a better place, just like our ancestors did for us.

But it wouldn't be true.

The difference now is that the planet is dying, the fish are mostly gone and it doesn't matter where you are when the whole thing starts to crumble. You may as well forget isolationism as a survival strategy.

So, whether we now have that fool McCain, whose best idea for a Vice President is somebody he didn't even know, as long as it was a "she" thingy, or the Talented Mr Obama, who is not nearly as smart as he thinks he is (because there are so many others poised to outsmart him, like they did Jimmy Carter), we are still all in the same, sinking boat.

I reluctantly join Ms. Chow; I will stay here now, in my mind and heart an American, not because I am proud of America or Americans, but because only America has the wealth, power and ability to stem the tides that are killing our planet. Only America, which is emulated by all of the planet. Only America can lead the world into frugality and sustainable behaviors. Only America, land of the ultimate consumer, can lead the world away from consuming itself.

So I am happy to be placed, by strange accident of birth, in this country, where I can do the utmost to slow the stampeding human herd that runs head-long towards destruction. And like the late Misters Vonnegut and Twain, I have given up on human beings; I no longer think that they can be taught to act responsibly. But I think we can make it too expensive and painful to do anything else.

So if it is McCain and the Tomato, in I wade to harass, embarrass and impeach. If it is Obama and friends, in I go to block the Limbaughs, Bushes and Clintons (!) that will assail him. Whichever, I find that I am unwilling to go quietly into the night, after all.

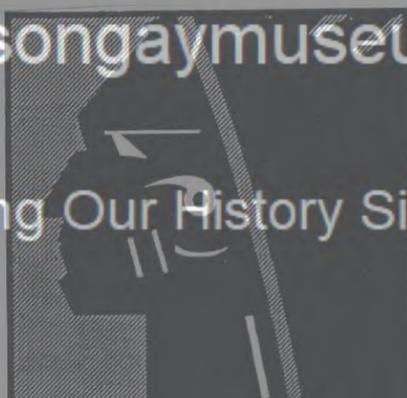
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Not only do you have more than your usual share of charisma, you also know how to use it to get exactly what you want from others. Proud Scorps can make the most of Mars trine Uranus by getting out of their usual routines and creating new social connections. The people you meet now can change the course of your life for the next few months. Schmooze wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

If your gut is talking to you, you should listen. Gay Archers have especially good intuition when Mars trines Uranus. Interactions with family will go especially well and you may be able to build or rebuild bridges. This is also a good time to make changes around the house whether you redecorate, renovate or move. Or maybe a combination?

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Open up the lines of communications with friends. There may be many things that you want to say but couldn't. Mars trines Uranus and not only gives you courage, it also gives you opportunity. Who knows how these relationships will improve? Sprinkle your comments with sugar and see how sweet some folks become. Salt gets them sassy. Vinegar gets you nowhere.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Aqueerians are gung ho in their career. How long will that last? At least through Mars trine Uranus. You are full of energy and ambition. So be sure to do your best work and put out your best efforts in the hope that the senior staff will sit up and take notice. The payoff will be substantial. Just don't spend it all in one place or on one particular staff member.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies need to get out and explore their world when Mars trines Uranus. Not only do you have some great ideas for adventure, you are able to capitalize on your charm and good looks among the exotic strangers you meet on your journey. Go for the gold or the glory. Even better, go for the first class upgrade and the unlimited champagne.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Sometimes actions create unexpected reactions. Prepare for the ground to swell and shake. You are catapulted into a new direction when Mars trines Uranus. Proud Rams are naturally bold and pioneering. So what are you waiting for? Get out of your comfort zone and take a risk. You discover virgin territories to plant your flag. Hmm anyone we know...?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Queer Bulls want to reach out and touch someone ... really anyone when Mars trines Uranus. You are not merely interested in the concept of relationships and connection. You are driven to build all types of relationships from love to work to platonic. Will you get these disparate groups confused? Life will certainly be more interesting if you mix and match!

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

The powers-that-be will tell you that hard work will bring its own rewards. But are the meager crumbs they offer enough to keep your nose planted on the grindstone? Mars trines Uranus and makes you more motivated at work but in need of a viable and valuable payoff. Pink Twins are not interested in volunteering their talents. Nor should they.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Gay Crabs are full of fun when Mars trines Uranus. Your goody bag has no bottom and you are apt to take things to the extreme. Good! Enjoy life while you can and try to go global in your mirth. Maybe it is time to travel and expand your horizons. There is a happy surprise waiting for you out there... somewhere... but you have to leave the house to find it.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Mars trine Uranus may be a good time to concentrate on home based projects and family issues. Proud Lions not only want to prepare their surroundings for the upcoming holiday season, they also become more domesticated in general. Entertain more at home. Also consider reconnecting with lost relatives. Who knows what valuable stuff you can get out of them?

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Although you are known for being more on the quiet and reticent side, this week you are full of opinion and noise. This is not a bad thing, queer Virgin. Mars trines Uranus and makes anything you say more forceful and compelling. But don't just ask for the sake of asking. Know what you want and what you most value. Then go, go, go for it.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Proud Libras never seem to be paid what they are worth. Now, as Mars trines Uranus, you begin to chaff at the thought of being underpaid and under appreciated. But this may not be the reality. Before you try to upend the corporation, take a breath and maybe a long lunch. Work smart rather than hard. The rewards and recognitions will come... eventually.

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 5
PFLAG (Tucson Chapter) support meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ward 6 City Council Offices t 3202 E. 1st Street.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Bruce. For information and directions call Bruce at 743-3890

Thursday, November 6
Living and Eating Seminar at Wingspan, 4425 E. 7th Street 6:30 p.m. Nancy Cohen offers tips and advice to avoid picking up extra pounds and how to make better nutrition a focus of your life. For more information call 303-254-8408

Men's Social Network. Triangle Tribe. Triangle tribe offers a safe, respectful space for you to join like-minded gay men to share your feeling, thoughts and ideas. Call Tom at 591-2828 for more information.

Friday, November 7
Men's Social Network. Charades. Open to men of all ages. Join Lee and Merlin for a night of charades. We start at 7:00p.m. For more information and directions call 207-5336

Saturday November 8
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday. Contact Marvin at 745-0304 for directions and information.

Sunday November 9
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, MSNcommunicator@gmail.com

Monday, November 10
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, November 11
Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed. Mahjongg at 6:30. Call Jerry for more information and directions 325-7665.

Wednesday, November 12
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot with Marv 745-0304

Thursday, November 13
#1 Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages. Bridge Join your MSN friends for a night of fun and cards. Call Dick at 298-4392.

#2 Men's Social Network. Triangle Tribe 7:00 p.m... Triangle tribe offers a safe, respectful space for you to join like-minded gay men to share your feeling, thoughts and ideas. Call Tom at 591-2828 for more information

Saturday, November 15
#1Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed. Join Ike and Russ for a hike in the Tucson Mountains. We will be leaving at 9:00 Call Ike or Russ at 207-6264 for more information and directions.

#2Men'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 Steve at 664-2076 for directions and informa-

tion.

Sunday, November 16
The Men's Group Massage meets today at 3:30 p.m. It's a great way to meet men and a safe and healthy place learning how to give and receive buddy massage. Call Marc at 881-4582 in advance for questions and to sign up.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at Chopped. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, E-mail msncommunicator@gmail.com

Monday, November 17
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: Men's Book Club 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday. Contact Stephen at 241-7854 to add yourself to their e-mail list.

Wednesday, November 19
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Lee and Merlin at 207-5336.

#2 Last day to confirm reservations for the Men's Social Network Thanksgiving Picnic held on Saturday November 22nd at Ramada 17 at Reid Park Call Curt at 877-9161 to make your reservation

Thursday November 20
Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber Of Commerce's November Breakfast will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests and walk-ins. RSVP by noon Monday Nov. 17 by calling 520-615-6436.

Men's Social Network. Triangle Tribe 7:00p.m. . Triangle tribe offers a safe, respectful space for you to join like-minded gay men to share your feeling, thoughts and ideas. Call Tom at 591-2828 for more information

Saturday November 22
#1 Men's Social Network Thanksgiving Picnic. Ramada 17 at Reid Park will be the location of our Thanksgiving Picnic. The picnic starts at 11am. So bring your dog and friends for a day of fun in Reid Park. For more information call Curt at 877-9161

#2Men'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.

Sunday, November 23
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation 9SAAF) annual fundraiser "Jerome Beillard Festival for Life" will take place at the University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University Drive. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$75 at the door. Please call Jess at 520-628-7223 for tickets or more information..

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Dinner Out at Furr's Family dining. For reservations & directions, contact Thom at 908-6160, MSNCommunicator@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 26
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand & Foot with Lee and Merlin For more information and directions call them at 207-5336

Thursday, November 27
#1 Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcome. 7:00

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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.

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

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 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.

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

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

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

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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.

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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 ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - \$1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; \$2.25 domestic long necks. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 3 & 6. No cash involved - Play for Points & Prizes. SIN Nite - drink discounts for Service Industry employees with ID or payroll receipt.

IBT's - Troy's Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am-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 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 Domestic and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & Dos XX Amber). Ladies Only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:00 p.m.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays \$2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-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 ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-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 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 musica latino! Todos los viernes por la noche, la musica comienza a las 9. Shot specials cada nora!!

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

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Free Country Dance Lessons at 7:30 p.m. Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside.9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar Open 7pm-2m Cuevo 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, 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 Cuevo 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

Friday, November 7
WOODY'S - Fetish Ball

Saturday, November 8
HOWL AT THE MOON - Mr. Boogie Woogie is here for an incredible night of music and entertainment. This high energy performer is not go be missed. Show starts at 9:00p.m.

Sunday, November 9
HOWL AT THE MOON - "Puttin" on the Hits" weekly talent search with hosts Lucinda Holliday and Tempest du Jour. What's your talent" Sing, dance, drag, comedy .. Whatever it is, come out and compete for \$600 Grand Prize. Winners selected by audience applause and judges scoring. Starts at 8:30 p.m.

Friday, November 14
HOWL AT THE MOON - AGRA fundraiser with Bunny FuFu and Reveille Men's Chorus. Country dancing with DJ Pat 9 - 11.

Saturday, November 15
HOWL AT THE MOON - Miss Carousel Pageant 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 16
HOWL AT THE MOON - "Puttin' on the Hits" weekly talent search with hosts Lucinda Holliday and Tempest du Jour. \$600 Grand Prize. Starts aat 8:30 p.m.

Friday, November 21
HOWL AT THE MOON - GLBT Riders Social Hour. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22
HOWL AT THE MOON - Bailamos! Latino Dance Night - latest cumbias, baladas, and corridos plus a little old school. Presented by Mobile Sounds. 9:30 p.m.

WOODY'S - "Wett Party"

Friday, November 28
WOODY'S - "Broke Straight Boys" Party

Saturday, November 29
HOWL AT THE MOON - Benefit show with Vivica D'Angely. 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13
HOWL AT THE MOON - TMI is Back!

BUZZ BRIEFS

GRAND JURY BEGINS WEIGHING SODOMY CHARGES AGAINST COPS

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - On the afternoon of Oct. 15, a body piercer named Michael Mineo was approached by a group of police officers who thought he was smoking marijuana. Mineo fled into a subway station, argued with the officers, and was issued a ticket for disorderly conduct, 365Gay.com reported. But what really happened inside that subway station is highly contested, and has led to one of the most explosive allegations of police brutality by the NYPD in recent memory.

Mineo claims four officers assaulted him in horrific fashion, yanking down his pants and sodomizing him with a walkie-talkie antenna so brutally that he was left bleeding. He says the officers then put him into a police car, and, unsure what to do with him, let him go with a minor ticket and told him to keep his mouth shut. He spent the next four days in a hospital. The police department says Mineo's claims are greatly exaggerated, denying that he was sodomized and describing the altercation as a "scuffle." Police officials say that witness accounts back up their claim. The Brooklyn District Attorney is taking the allegations seriously enough that he convened a special investigative grand jury to decide whether to bring charges against the officers.

The NYPD took away the guns and badges of the four Brooklyn police officers under investigation, police said (November 3). Their assignment to modified duty that includes desk jobs is considered significant because the department had kept the officers. Police had said two civilian witnesses told Internal Affairs investigators they did not see anyone violate Mineo. In recent days, however, a fifth officer, who works in transit and is considered a witness in the case, has moved toward entering into a cooperation agreement with the Brooklyn attorney's office as it continues presenting evidence to an investigative grand jury.



Florida, Arkansas Voters OK Anti-G/L Ballot Measures; Arizona Proposition 102 Likely To Pass; All Eyes On California's Proposition 8

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Florida voters Tuesday (November 4) narrowly approved a ballot measure amending the state constitution to limit marriage to opposite sex couples and bar civil unions.

The amendment also could be used to deny partner benefits not only to same-sex couples but also to unmarried couples who live together. The measure needed 60 percent approval to amend the state constitution - it received 62 percent of the vote. The amendment says, "Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

Florida already had a law restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples, but supporters of the amendment say the law could be overturned in court.

Florida Red & Blue, which fought the proposed amendment,

filed a complaint last month with the Florida Elections Commission alleging that Florida4Marriage - the organization behind the measure - encouraged donors to give money to Florida Family Action Inc., a not-for-profit agency that then turned money over to Florida4Marriage. By donating to the non-profit donors do not have to be identified. People giving money directly to Florida4Marriage would be required to have their names filed with the commission making the names accessible to the public. In its complaint, Red & Blue cited an email sent by Florida4Marriage leader John Stemberger to supporters encouraging opponents of Gay marriage to donate to the non-profit so their names would not become public.

Florida was one of four states with anti-measures on the ballot. Voters in California and Arizona also were being asked to approve amendments to their state constitutions to limit marriage to opposite-sex couples. In Arkansas,

the issue was adoption.

Early returns indicate Arizona voters will likely approve amending that state's constitution. With 50 percent of the polls reporting, the measure was running 56 - 55 percent. It was the second time Arizona voters were asked to change the state's constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Voters rejected a similar state constitutional amendment in 2006. That measure would have also stopped the state from recognizing civil unions of same-sex couples.

Arizona law already prohibits same-sex marriages. Supporters say the amendment will "protect the sanctity of families" by preventing judges from overturning the 1996 state law. In Arkansas, a ballot measure was approved to limit adoptions and foster care of children only to people who are legally married - a measure grew out of a state Supreme Court ruling last year that overturned a Child Welfare

Agency Review Board policy that banned Gay people from serving as foster parents.

In its unanimous ruling, the court said that "the driving force behind adoption of the regulations was not to promote the health, safety and welfare of foster children but rather based upon the board's views of morality and its bias against homosexuals." The Arkansas Family Council - same group that spearheaded Arkansas' constitutional ban on same-sex marriage - collected enough signatures to place the adoption referendum before voters. It was approved by a wide margin.

Conclusive results in California have been reported as of press time. The measure in California, known as Proposition 8, would overturn the state Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriages by changing the state constitution to limit marriage to a man and a woman.

(Complete coverage of these races plus Arizona's political contests in next week's Observer.)

AIDS Service Sues NH Town

GILSUM, New Hampshire (Observer Update) - An organization which operates a group home for people with HIV and Hepatitis C has filed a lawsuit alleging the Town of Gilsum has illegally restricted the client population who can live there, 365Gay.com reported. The suit was filed in Keene Superior Court by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders on behalf of AIDS Services for the Monadnock Region (ASMR), which operates Cleve Jones Wellness House, where clients receive intensive support, services and supervision.

When ASMR first attempted to open the home in 2005, Gilsum residents circulated a petition indicating that the area "is a family neighborhood with children and a facility like that is not wanted here." Gilsum then voted to change the town's zoning laws to make group homes a prohibited use. When the town realized, however, that the outright exclusion of Wellness House would violate antidiscrimination laws that protect people with HIV, it granted ASMR a variance to operate the house. But the variance prohibited from living at Wellness House anyone who has been released from prison within the last 12 months; has a history of drug or alcohol abuse and has not been substance-free for 12 months; or who has been convicted of a list of certain criminal offenses.

According to the lawsuit, the town has no legal authority to impose these conditions under New Hampshire's state zoning laws, and its restrictions violate the guarantee of equal protection promised in New Hampshire's constitution. "It's important for the state of New Hampshire that group homes be available to people who need support and social services," said GLAD attorney Bennett Klein. "If every town in the state enacted restrictions like Gilsum's, there wouldn't be any place that could provide such services."

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