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Tucson Joins The Impact and Protest of Propositions 102 & 8

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (Observer Update) - More than 1,000 people of all ages, sexual orientations and genders, perceived or otherwise gathered at El Presidio Park Friday (November 14) to protest the passage of Proposition 102, the Arizona ban on Gay and Lesbian marriage, as well as the approval of California's Proposition 8 and Florida's Amendment 2, that also barred the recognition of civil unions, domestic partnerships and the subsequent creation by governmental entities in the state of Florida.

Pima County was the only county to vote down Proposition 102, by a margin of more than three percent, stated Jason Cianciotto, executive director of Wingspan, in an interview with Tucson's afternoon daily newspaper.

"I am proud that the majority of voters here came together and took a stand in support of all Arizona families," he added.

Leaders and members of the LGBT community marched a third of a mile with friends and family, from El Presidio Park, to La Placita Village. Marchers chanted "Gay, straight, black, white, we all deserve equal rights."

Many in the crowd had signs expressing their opinion on Arizona's vote as well as their familial situation, including "I love my two dads," "Do I get to vote," and "Do I get to vote on your marriage too?"

When marchers arrived at La Placita Village, they were welcomed by people assembled and the song "Gloria" by Laura Branigan was playing in the background.

Cianciotto organized the event, which became part of Join the Impact, where protests were held across the country against the three ballot measures. Friday's event also launched

Wingspan's new online campaign, Families You Know.

"We are not going to hide who we are any more. We are not going to hide the faces of our families for the sake of political expediency," Cianciotto said.

Jim Burroway, a writer, editor and proprietor of the blog, Box Turtle Bulletin served as co-chair for the No on Proposition 102 campaign, told the crowd that "nobody can advance anything unless we are visible."

Chris Lopez, the organizer of the Join the Impact rally, a married woman with three kids told the crowd to remember what Martin Luther King had said in his letter from a Birmingham, Alabama jail, that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The Rev. William White of Water of Life MCC, closed the program

with an inspirational speech, adding there is "no separate battle in the battle for equality so there is no turning back!"

The Families You Know campaign (online at familiesyouknow.com) profiles families in which one or more members is LGBT or a straight ally, through a series of videos streamed on a Web site. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness and "begin conversations" in Arizona on the subject of same-sex couples, Cianciotto said in an interview. "We know that families come in many forms, and all are defined by an unbreakable bond of love, trust, respect, and concern for each other's well-being."

A few of those short videos were projected on a wall at La Placita Village during the march's closing ceremony, one of which featured Tucson Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich, her partner Shannon Cain and their family.



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Admirals & Generals Call For Repeal Of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland (Observer Update) - More than 100 retired generals and admirals are calling for repeal of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays and Lesbians so they can serve openly, according to a statement obtained by The Associated Press, 365Gay.com reported. The move by the military veterans confronts the incoming administration of President-elect Barack Obama with a thorny political and cultural issue that dogged former President Bill Clinton early in his administration.

Britain, Israel, and other nations that allow Gays and Lesbians to serve openly, our service members are professionals who are able to work together effectively despite differences in race, gender, religion, and sexuality," the officers wrote.

While Obama has expressed support for repeal, he said during the presidential campaign that he would not do so on his own - an indication that he would tread carefully to prevent the issue from becoming a drag on his agenda. Obama said he would instead

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Connecticut G/L Weddings Begin

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (Observer Update) - Connecticut state Rep. Beth Bye and Tracey Wilson became the first Gay and Lesbian couple to marry legally in their town of West Hartford (Wednesday, November 12), reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

For Wilson, it's both a personal and professional milestone. She's the town's historian. "She'd love to be the first one in town," joked Bye, who as a lawmaker helped to shepherd Connecticut's 2005 civil union law through the General Assembly. Bye and Wilson had a church ceremony with more than 150 guests to celebrate their civil union that year. They showed up at town hall in

street clothes, with their kids and a friend who is a justice of the peace to make it official. "I think for us, we really were married three years ago in our church," Bye said. "But it feels different that our state is saying, 'now you're married. You have the same rights as everyone else.'"

Superior Court Judge Jonathan Silbert held a hearing in New Haven to enter the final judgment in the case that allows same-sex marriages in Connecticut for which then couples began picking up marriage license forms at town and city clerk's offices. It's unclear how many couples will get married. The state

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Desert Voices Chorus Opens 20th Season On December 8

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices Chorus celebrates the opening of their 20th season with concerts on December 6-7 at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams.

This year's holiday presentation, "Down the Chimney", is an eclectic musical program featuring traditional seasonal favorites as well as non-traditional, multi-cultural elements that blend seamlessly for a unique and festive evening. Tucson's own, Namoli Brennet, will make a guest appearance and debut a new piece written especially for Desert Voices 20th anniversary celebration.

Since it's inaugural rehearsals in 1988, Desert Voices has evolved to over 50 voices strong under the artistic direction of Chris Tackett. Each season, for the last 20 years, Desert Voices has carefully designed its musical programs to reflect the diversity of our community and provide concerts that inspire, as well as entertain. Saturday's performance begins at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Desert Voices is Tucson's Premier GLBTS Chorus. All event proceeds go toward maintaining Desert Voices' mission of uniting the community through their music. For more information, go online to desertvoices.org.

Reveille At St. Mark's Dec. 7

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Reveille Men's Chorus will sing during the Sunday morning worship service at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd Street, December 7, at 11:00 a.m.

Music will follow an Advent theme, in preparation for Christmas. Following the service, Reveille will perform in the courtyard where refreshments will be served. St. Mark's Presbyterian is a More Light Church (part of the Presbyterian movement for the full inclusion of LGBT persons in church and society), and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Rev. Mike Smith, Parish Associate (520) 207-1825 or go online to stmarksprebyterian.org.

20th Festival For Life November 23

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 20th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life presented by Title Sponsor, Long Realty Cares Foundation and hosted by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) 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.

If you love art, gifts, jewelry, entertainment, or travel- you're invited! 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.

Sons of Orpheus is a community based choral organization comprised of men from all walks of life including professional and amateur musicians, businessmen, retirees, scientists, scholars, students, engineers, teachers, and others. SAAF is excited to have their support and hope that you have a chance to hear them on Nov. 23. In addition to having the great musical entertainment from Sons of Orpheus, this year's event is also honored to have the support and talent of a 4-time Outmusic award nominee whose music has been featured in the Advocate, Chicago Free Press, No Depression and Performing Songwriter Magazine: Namoli Brennet.

If you love supporting your community, you need to be here! You can make a difference! Every 13 seconds someone in the U.S. is infected with HIV! This statistic is astonishing yet very, very, true. HIV is preventable, but it takes education and knowledge to reduce risk. Together we can make a difference in southern Arizona to educate the community and do our part to reduce new HIV infections. Your support of programs and services such as housing, food, medication assistance and prevention education is critical to helping to create a healthier community. Please join this effort of supporting Festival for Life while enjoying a fabulous fall evening that will help kick-off your holiday season and support your community.

Auction items can be previewed

on the Festival website, festivalforlife.org. 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 www.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.

Friday After Thanksgiving Proclaimed "Buy Local Day"

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Vice Mayor Karin Uhlich and Mayor Robert Walkup will proclaim the Friday following Thanksgiving (November 28) as "Buy Local Day," during the weekly Mayor and Council meeting.

Local business owners and supporters are invited to bring banners, signs and other visual props that show their support as this proclamation is read into the record at the meeting. Each Council Member will show off what they purchased from a locally-owned business in their ward. "Buy Local Day" Activities on Friday, November 28: Vice Mayor Uhlich will spend her morning shopping at locally-owned businesses throughout Tucson. The same day, Local First Arizona (LFA) will host an event called Stress Free Shopping Spree-A Celebration of "Buy Local Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campbell Village Shopping Center, 3205 N. Campbell Ave. Here, shoppers can take a break from early morning shopping by receiving free gift wrapping, sampling a massage, enjoying entertainment and holiday shopping at locally-owned businesses. At 11 a.m., Vice Mayor Uhlich and other "shoppers" will arrive and enjoy lunch at locally-owned Pastiche. For more information about this event, call Lisette DeMars at (520) 271-2978.

Vice Mayor Uhlich has been working with LFA over the past year to create a local steering committee. From this effort, as well as from funds and in-kind support from the Ward III Council Office, a Tucson chapter of LFA was created. LFA is a non-profit organization that focuses on strengthening local economies by encouraging citizens to shop locally. LFA notes that when someone buys at a locally owned business, 45 cents of every dollar stays in the local economy, versus only 13 cents of every dollar spent at a national chain.

AGRA Rodeo, January 16-18,

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) is proud to announce the Road Runner Regional Rodeo from January 16-18, 2009.

As a 501(c)4 organization, AGRA hosts this annual rodeo to raise funds to distribute to Arizona LGBT and other charities. This 24th anniversary rodeo will take place at Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass on the Gila River Indian Community, in Chandler, Arizona. Rodeo events begin at 8:00 a.m. both days. During the rodeo, the Rawhide Pavilion will be filled with Western, LGBT-community, and local vendors and sponsors.

The rodeo has many opportunities for volunteers. Check the AGRA website or agravolunteers.org for more information on how to be a part of the action. For details on available sponsorships, entertainment, host hotels, shuttle services, and much more, please visit our website at agra-phx.com or contact our Rodeo Director, Ron Trusley, at rtrusley@cox.net or (602) 510-9671.

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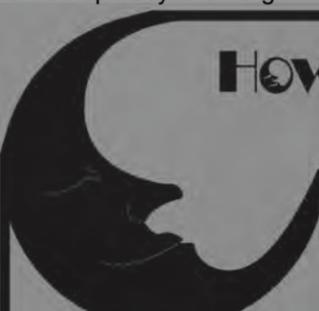
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work with military leaders to build consensus on removing the ban on openly Gay service members. "Although I have consistently said I would repeal 'don't ask, don't tell,' I believe that the way to do it is make sure that we are working through a process, getting the Joint Chiefs of Staff clear in terms of what our priorities are going to be," Obama said in a September interview with the Philadelphia Gay News.

Retired Adm. Charles Larson, a four-star admiral and two-time superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy who signed the statement with 104 other retired admirals and generals, said in an interview that he believed Clinton's approach was flawed because he rushed to change military culture. Larson said he hoped Obama would take more time to work with the Pentagon. Joining Larson among the signatories was Clifford Alexander, Army secretary under former President Jimmy Carter. "There are a lot of issues they'll have to work out, and I think they'll have to prioritize," Larson said, noting that the new administration will immediately face combat-readiness issues and budget concerns. "But I hope this would be one of the priority issues in the personnel area."

The list of 104 former officers

who signed the statement appears to signal growing support for resolving the status of Gays in the military. Last year, 28 former generals and admirals signed a similar statement.

Larson, who has a Gay daughter he says has broadened his thinking on the subject, believes a generational shift in attitudes toward homosexuality has created a climate where a repeal is not only workable, but also an important step for keeping talented personnel in the military. "I know a lot of young people now - even people in the area of having commands of ships and squadrons - and they are much more tolerant, and they believe, as I do, that we have enough regulations on the books to enforce proper standards of human behavior," Larson said.

The officers' statement points to data showing there are about 1 million Gay and Lesbian veterans in the United States, and about 65,000 Gays and Lesbians currently serving in the military. The military discharged about 12,340 people between 1994 and 2007 for violating the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a military watchdog group. The number peaked in 2001 at 1,273, but began dropping off sharply after the Sept. 11 attacks. Last year, 627 military personnel were discharged under the policy.

Group Wants Probe Into Trans Woman's Murder

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (Observer Update) - The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender civil-rights organization, is calling for Memphis police to conduct a thorough investigation into the shooting death of a Transgendered woman on Sunday (November 16)

Duanna Johnson, 43, died after being shot in the head at Hollywood and Staten in North Memphis. Johnson, originally known as Dwayne Johnson, was beaten in February in the booking area at 201 Poplar after an arrest on a prostitution charge.

Memphis Police officers

State Supreme Court Urged To Hear Prop. 8 Lawsuits

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - Attorney General Jerry Brown urged the state Supreme Court today to decide the constitutionality of Proposition 8, increasing the likelihood of a showdown before California's top court over the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, reported sfgate.com. Brown - who would defend Prop. 8 before the court as the state government's top lawyer - said in a filing that the justices should accept for review the four lawsuits that have challenged the Nov. 4 ballot measure.

All four lawsuits argue that Prop. 8, a state constitutional amendment, violates other provisions of California's Constitution by taking rights away from a historically persecuted minority group and stripping judges of their power to protect that group. "The profound importance of the issues raised by Proposition 8 warrants that this matter be reviewed and promptly resolved by the California Supreme Court," Brown said in a statement accompanying a brief filed with the court. Brown argued that the court should not impose a stay that would prevent Prop. 8 from taking effect while the cases were pending, and would allow the resumption of same-sex marriages in California until the court

ruled. But Brown said the court should move quickly to decide the issue.

"Review by this court is necessary to ensure uniformity of decision, finality and certainty for the citizens of California," the attorney general's office said in its court filing. The court could decide at its weekly conference whether to accept the suits for review and whether to suspend Prop. 8 while it considers the cases. Two of the suits were filed by same-sex couples, a third by the city of San Francisco and other local governments, and the fourth by civil rights organizations that argued that Prop. 8 would set a precedent for eliminating the rights of any minority by popular vote. All four were filed directly with the state Supreme Court.

Prop. 8, approved by a 52 percent majority, would overturn the court's May 15 ruling that gave gays and lesbians a constitutional right to marry in California. An estimated 18,000 same-sex couples wed in the state between mid-June, when the ruling took effect, and Nov. 4. The ballot measure declared that "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." Sponsors of Prop. 8 say it invalidated the same-sex marriages conducted before the election, but Brown says he will defend the legality of those marriages. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger also says he believes the pre-election marriages were valid. Schwarzenegger said Sunday he hopes and expects that the state Supreme Court will overturn Prop. 8. The lead case is Strauss vs. Horton, S1684047.

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Focus On The Family Facing Layoffs

by Lisa Derrick of FireDogLake



Dr. James Dobson

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (Observer Update) - Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family, which supported California's Proposition 8 to the tune of \$539,000 in cash and another \$83,000 worth of non-monetary support, is poised to announce major layoffs to its Colorado Springs-based ministry and media empire today, according to the Colorado Springs Independent. The group was the seventh largest donor supporting the initiative to eliminate same-sex marriages. Focus on the Family boardmember Elsa Prince donated an additional \$450,000 to Yes on 8.

These layoffs, which come just two months after the organization's announcement of dismissals—and weeks after the Focus on the Family's major infusion into the Yes on 8 campaign—reveal Focus on the Family's misguided focus. It all boils down to the bottom line with Focus on the Family, which seems to be Mammon, not Mom and Dad and Buddy and Sis. Along with promoting socially conservative, fundamentalist issues such as opposition to abortion and gay rights, and supporting abstinence-only education (ask Gov. GILF how well that worked for Bristol and Levi), the evangelical Christian ministry is a purveyor of Christian books, CDs and DVDs.

James Dobson has never drawn a salary from the organization, but uses it to promote his related books and publications, yielding him royalties only for sales through other venues. As Wal-Mart and other online retailers have cut into its product market, Focus announced in September were going to lay off 46 employees from its distribution department. This is third year of layoffs for the evangelical group. In September 2005 nearly 80 employees were laid off and over 80 positions left unfilled.

September 2007 saw a reported 8 million dollars in shortfalls for Focus on the Family; layoffs affected 30 people and another 15 were reassigned in the company. The cuts came in the mail room and customer response departments. Monday, November 17, featured a new round of pink slips, adding to the 2008 layoffs. Commenting on the September cuts to staff, the Family's COO Glenn Williams said:

It is certainly heartbreaking that in this case fulfilling that duty means having to say goodbye to some members of our Focus family, but industry realities really leave us no alternative. We are accountable to our donors to spend their money in the most cost-effective and productive manner possible. Spending over half a million dollars—equal to the salaries of 19 Coloradans earning the 2008 per capita income of \$29,133—to destroy the family lives of millions of people you don't know in another state is an effective use of donor money. But jobs to help your local families who are your fellow Christians, providing them with the means to stay intact as families is no.

Wow, glad we got that cleared up. Because um, it seems sort of un-Christian and not very focused on the family to me.

Prince Slams Gays For 'Sticking It Wherever They Want'

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (Observer Update) - Asked about his perspective on social issues – Gay marriage, abortion – Prince tapped his Bible and said, "God came to earth and saw people sticking it wherever and doing it with whatever, and he just cleared it all out. He was, like, 'Enough.'"

"So here's how it is," he added, "you've got the Republicans, and basically they want to live according to this," reported the New Yorker.

He pointed to a Bible. "But there's the problem of interpretation, and you've got some churches, some people, basically doing things and saying it comes from here, but it doesn't. And then on the opposite end of the spectrum you've got blue, you've got the Democrats, and they're, like, 'You can do whatever you want.' Gay marriage, whatever. But neither of them is right."



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World AIDS Day 2008 Extends The Theme Of 'Leadership' To Its Worldwide Campaign

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Tucson World AIDS Day Committee supports the World AIDS Day Campaign efforts and public announcement to encourage leaders at all levels to stop AIDS.

In order to halt the spread of HIV and AIDS, our community must show leadership and empowerment in helping Southern Arizona to realize a community with no new HIV infections. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this day of remembrance through World AIDS Day. Since 1988 many of the challenges surrounding HIV and AIDS have changed. Although many of these changes have been positive (and are highlighted below), the fight is not over. Instead, this anniversary is a reminder of the work that is still left to be done.

Accomplishments over the last 20 years worldwide:

Leaders in most countries from around the world now acknowledge the threat of AIDS, and many have committed to do something about it. As of 2007, nearly all countries have national policies on HIV. However, despite these policies, most have not been fully implemented and many lack funding allocations. While treatment for HIV and AIDS has improved and become more widespread, many still do not have access to it - in 2007 only 31% of those in low- to middle-income countries who need treatment received it. Despite HIV awareness now reaching nearly all areas of the globe, infection rates are still happening 2.7 times faster than the increase in number of people receiving treatment. While the number of countries protecting people living with HIV continues to increase, 1/3 of countries still lack legal protections and stigma and discrimination continue to be a major threat to universal access and more broadly, real action is still lacking on HIV/AIDS and human rights. Legal barriers to HIV services still exist for groups such as women, adolescents, sex workers, people who use drugs, and men having sex with men, and programmatic responses promoting HIV-related human rights have yet to be prioritized.

World AIDS Day was established in 1988 by The World Health Organization designating December 1st of each year as a day to demonstrate the importance of AIDS and show

solidarity for the cause. This underlining principle of solidarity and awareness remains the same today. To achieve this goal, leadership and action are needed now. Governments must deliver on the promises they have made. Communities must encourage leadership of its members. Individuals must feel empowered to access treatment, to know their rights and take action against stigma and discrimination, and to know and use methods of prevention against receiving and transmitting HIV. Now, more than ever is the time to lead - empower - deliver.

To find out more on how Tucson will be observing World AIDS Day on Monday, December 1, please visit myspace.com/worldaidsdaytucson.com.

Police Chief Acquitted In Rape

ALTON, Texas (Observer Update) - The police chief in this South Texas town has been acquitted of sexually assaulting one of his male officers and a charge of assaulting a second male officer has been dismissed, reported 365Gay.com. The names of the alleged victims have not been made public.

Forty-four-year-old Jose Luis Vela was fired shortly after the charges were pressed. The rapes were alleged to have occurred during drunken parties at Vela's home in Mission. Investigators accused Vela of performing oral sex on a male employee after the man passed out drunk at one of the parties in August 2006. He also was charged with violating another male employee "with an object while that man was passed out" at a party in July. A jury found Vela not guilty in connection with the August incident.

District Judge Letty Lopez dropped the second charge after Vela agreed to surrender his law enforcement license. Jury selection was to begin in that case. As he left court, Vela said that he had no interest in returning to law enforcement. Vela has not disputed that sex with the two officers occurred but maintained it was consensual. Alton is located 10 miles north of the Mexican border in the Rio Grande Valley and has about 4,400 residents. The police department has 18 employees.

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Public health department says 2,032 civil union licenses were issued in Connecticut between October 2005 and July 2008.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled Oct. 10 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a civil union law. Only Connecticut and Massachusetts have legalized Gay marriage. The unions were legal in California until voters narrowly passed a ban last week. At least three lawsuits ask that state's Supreme Court to overturn the vote. Constitutional amendments to ban Gay marriage also passed last week in Arizona and Florida, and Arkansas voters approved a measure banning unmarried couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents.

But in Connecticut, voters rejected the idea of a constitutional convention to amend the state's constitution, dealing a major blow to opponents of same-sex marriage. "There's always that worry in the back of our head," Peg Oliveira said about the possibility of someday losing her marriage rights. "I don't see it going in that direction right now." Oliveira, a 36-year-

old yoga teacher and educational consultant, married Jennifer Vickery, a 44-year-old lawyer, on the New Haven green. Oliveira said marriage will make clear her spouse's rights to raise their 3-month-old baby if something should happen to her. "We're thrilled and we don't want to wait one minute," Oliveira said. "I want to show the folks who worked so hard to make this possible that we are very grateful and we don't want to wait any longer to be able to say the words 'We are married.'"

Oliveira and Vickery did not enter into a civil union, believing the arrangement would have signaled to lawmakers that they had done enough. "There's a world of understanding to the word marriage that simply doesn't exist with civil unions," Oliveira said. "The relationship feels validated by the external world."

Ross Zachs, a 44-year-old business owner in Bloomfield, married his partner, Michael Miller, 43, in West Hartford. "It's really exciting," Zachs said, noting that they both grew up in Connecticut. "It is a long time coming.

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I'm glad I get to see this day in Connecticut." Zachs said he and Miller had a commitment ceremony last year, but did not enter into a civil union. "We wanted something equal to everybody else," Zachs said. Zachs said he hopes one day that Gay marriage will be recognized around the country. Despite the setbacks in other states, he cited polls showing younger voters more open to the issue. "I'm hoping the pendulum is moving in the other direction," Zachs said.

will remain on the books, at least for now. Same-sex couples can continue to enter civil unions, which give them the same legal rights and privileges in Connecticut as married couples without the status of being married. State Rep. Michael Lawlor, D-East Haven, co-chairman of the legislature's Judiciary Committee, said lawmakers will have to decide the fate of the civil union law. "We'll definitely be taking this up," he said. The new legislative session opens in January.

POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Those Who Do And Those Who Don't

As previously reported in an editorial in this publication (issue 1269), a review (and publication of businesses and individuals) of the campaign finance reports for the proponents (yesformarriage.com) of Proposition 102 - the proposed and now state constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman, had commenced, joining economic boycott efforts that were had begun in Florida and California, where two other amendments were on their general election ballots.

Proponents of these measures decried this move to list those who believe that all citizens of these states and this country don't deserve equal rights under the law and constitution, adding that what if they published a list of those who gave money to fight these measures for which this reporter says to go for it and lets show those who do and those who don't support "equal justice under the law." So with that, continuing on from the editorial in the previous edition of this publication, more individuals and businesses who gave contributions, monetary, in kind or otherwise or who conducted transactions with the proponents of Proposition 102 in Arizona because LGBT consumers have the right to refuse service as well.

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This is just a microcosm of them and more will be following in subsequent editions, since this was not just a statewide initiative so more will be following and remember, as consumers, we have the right to refuse service to anyone as well. For those interested in even more details, the reports can be found online at azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/F751795F-624D-4502-83C4-FD8E16844FC8.pdf, azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/1660B06E-2440-4978-8490-1308210055EA.pdf, azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/F13C4158-61AE-4EF7-A8BD-6B85801F0145.pdf. For more information online about the ongoing economic boycott go to equalityboycott.com.

Man Gets Bone Marrow Transplant And Potential Cure For AIDS

BERLIN, Germany (Observer Update) - An American man who suffered from AIDS appears to have been cured of the disease 20 months after receiving a targeted bone marrow transplant normally used to fight leukemia, his doctors said, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. While researchers - and the doctors themselves - caution that the case might be no more than a fluke, others say it may inspire a greater interest in gene therapy to fight the disease that claims 2 million lives each year. The virus has infected 33 million people worldwide.

Dr. Gero Huettler said his 42-year-old patient, an American living in Berlin who was not identified, had been infected with the AIDS virus for more than a decade. But 20 months after undergoing a transplant of genetically selected bone marrow, he no longer shows signs of carrying the virus. "We waited every day for a bad reading," Huettler said. It has not come. Researchers at Berlin's Charite hospital and medical school say tests on his bone marrow, blood and other organ tissues have all been clean.

However, Dr. Andrew Badley, director of the HIV and immunology research lab at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said those tests have probably not been extensive enough. "A lot more scrutiny from a lot of different biological samples would be required to say it's not present," Badley said. This isn't the first time marrow transplants have been attempted for treating AIDS or HIV infection. In 1999, an article in the journal Medical Hypotheses reviewed the results of 32 attempts reported between 1982 and 1996. In two cases, HIV was apparently eradicated, the review reported.

Huettler's patient was under treatment at Charite for both AIDS and leukemia, which developed unrelated to HIV. As Huettler - who is a hematologist, not an HIV specialist - prepared to treat the patient's leukemia with a bone marrow transplant, he recalled that some people carry a genetic mutation that seems to make them resistant to HIV infection. If the mutation, called Delta 32, is inherited from both parents, it prevents HIV from attaching itself to cells by

blocking CCR5, a receptor that acts as a kind of gateway. "I read it in 1996, coincidentally," Huettler told reporters at the medical school. "I remembered it and thought it might work."

Roughly one in 1,000 Europeans and Americans have inherited the mutation from both parents, and Huettler set out to find one such person among donors that matched the patient's marrow type. Out of a pool of 80 suitable donors, the 61st person tested carried the proper mutation. Before the transplant, the patient endured powerful drugs and radiation to kill off his own infected bone marrow cells and disable his immune system - a treatment fatal to between 20 and 30 percent of recipients.

He was also taken off the potent drugs used to treat his AIDS. Huettler's team feared that the drugs might interfere with the new marrow cells' survival. They risked lowering his defenses in the hopes that the new, mutated cells would reject the virus on their own.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in the U.S., said the procedure was too costly and too dangerous to employ as a firstline cure. But he said it could inspire researchers to pursue gene therapy as a means to block or suppress HIV. "It helps prove the concept that if somehow you can block the expression of CCR5, maybe by gene therapy, you might be able to inhibit the ability of the virus to replicate," Fauci said.

David Roth, a professor of epidemiology and international public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said gene therapy as cheap and effective as current drug treatments is in very early stages of development. "That's a long way down the line because there may be other negative things that go with that mutation that we don't know about." Even for the patient in Berlin, the lack of a clear understanding of exactly why his AIDS has disappeared means his future is far from certain. "The virus is wily," Huettler said. "There could always be a resurgence."



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COMMENTARY....

by Brian E. Gray

A Federal Bailout For Prop. 8

In 1992, by a 53%-47% split, Coloradans passed an amendment to their state Constitution that repealed laws in Aspen, Boulder and Denver that prohibited discrimination against Gays. The amendment barred the state and its political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing any law "whereby homosexual, Lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships" are the basis of a claim of discrimination. Does this sound familiar?

As the proponents of same-sex marriage rights determine the proper response to Proposition 8, it is illuminating to compare Colorado's rejection of "Gay rights" with California's repudiation of "Gay marriage." The day after the Nov. 4 election, a coalition of civil rights groups asked the California Supreme Court to declare that Proposition 8 was unlawfully enacted. The essence of their claim is that a constitutional change that rescinds individual rights must first be passed by a supermajority in the Legislature before being submitted to voters. This process-based claim may well have merit, but there exists a more direct means of challenging Proposition 8 based on the U.S. Constitution.

Following the enactment of Colorado's Amendment 2, its opponents filed suit claiming that it unlawfully singled out Gays and Lesbians as a class to deny them rights that other citizens not only possess but take for granted. These rights include access to housing, government services, public accommodations and public and private employment opportunities without regard to an individual's race, sex, religion, age, ancestry, political belief or other characteristic that defines each of us as a unique human being. Amendment 2, the opponents argued, therefore denied Gays and Lesbians the equal protection of the laws, which is a guarantee of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

To the surprise of many, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed. Writing for a 6-3 majority in *Romer vs. Evans* (1996), Justice Anthony M. Kennedy explained that it "is not within our constitutional tradition to enact laws of this sort. Central both to the idea of the rule of law and to our own Constitution's guarantee of equal protection is the principle that government and each of its parts remain open on impartial terms to all who seek its assistance." Laws such as Amendment 2 "raise the inevitable inference that the disadvantage imposed is born of animosity toward the class of persons affected," Kennedy wrote, adding a reference to another 1973 ruling. "If the constitutional conception of 'equal protection of the laws' means anything, it must at the very least mean that a bare ... desire to harm a politically unpopular group cannot constitute a legitimate governmental interest."

Proposition 8 suffers these same constitutional flaws. It provides that Gays and Lesbians — alone among consenting adult couples — shall not have the opportunity to enjoy the rights, privileges and social approbation conferred by the status of lawful marriage. And despite their insistence that the initiative was "not an attack on the Gay lifestyle," its proponents were remarkably candid about their disapproval of homosexual families. The amendment, they argued in voter guides, "protects our children from being taught in public schools that 'same-sex marriage' is the same as traditional marriage." It protects marriage "as an essential institution of society" because "the best situation for a child is to be raised by a married mother

and father."

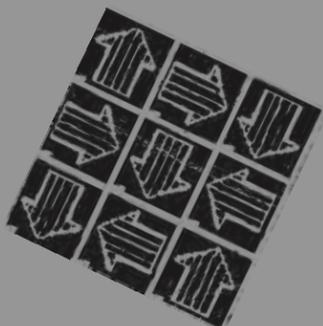
But as California's chief justice, Ronald M. George, explained in his opinion declaring the state's previous statutory ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples does nothing to protect the interests of children. "An individual's capacity to establish a loving and long-term committed relationship with another person and responsibly to care for and raise children does not depend on the individual's sexual orientation." Moreover, "the exclusion of same-sex couples from the designation of marriage clearly is not necessary in order to afford full protection to all of the rights and benefits that currently are enjoyed by married opposite-sex couples."

In other words, the reasons for denying Gay and Lesbian couples the right to marry that served as the "factual" basis for Proposition 8 are but pretexts for discrimination. This is not to say, of course, that the federal courts would hold Proposition 8 to be in violation of the U.S. Constitution. There are differences between the marriage ban and Colorado's prohibition of all sexual orientation anti-discrimination laws. As Kennedy noted in *Romer vs. Evans*, Amendment 2 "has the peculiar property of imposing a broad and undifferentiated disability on a single named group." Proposition 8, in contrast, was narrowly focused on one civil right — marriage. Moreover, any court — especially our current U.S. Supreme Court — may be reluctant to rule that Californians do not have the power to amend their own state Constitution as a remedy to a judicial interpretation of that very same document.

Yet the Colorado and California initiatives are alike in their essence. Each is, to quote Kennedy, "a classification of persons undertaken for its own sake, something the equal protection clause does not permit." Proposition 8 was explicitly designed to relegate hundreds of thousands of Californians to an inferior legal and social status. Many Gay-rights activists are wary of the current Supreme Court, but five of the justices who formed the majority in *Romer vs. Evans* remain on the bench. As with so many cases, a ruling likely would hinge on the views of Kennedy, and there is no reason to believe that his judicial opinion has changed in any fundamental way. Besides, any constitutional challenge will take years to make its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. By that time, the broader political change that swept over the nation Nov. 4 may have reached the Supreme Court as well.

But even if it hasn't, this 12-year-old precedent from a conservative high court could be the key to reaffirming that fundamental civil rights must be available to all citizens, regardless of race, sexual orientation or other intrinsic human qualities.

(Brian E. Gray is a professor at the UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. This oped is reprinted from the editorial page of the Los Angeles Times.)



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COMMENTARY...

by Bruce Cameron

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And To All A Good Night

Ever had one of those nights when you just can't sleep, your mind agitated about something? As an x-Mormon, I was very willing to believe the rumor that they were a major contributor to the "Yes" vote on Proposition 102 so I thought I would check it out.

The Observer provided the links to the Secretary of State's web site and I soon found myself reading a list of "Who's who" of Mormon culture. A former bishop who now lives in California, \$10,000, people who were once friends a \$1000 here, \$500 there, but wait! A \$5000 donation caught my attention. Isn't this the wife of my dentist! My Mormon dentist was one of the few things I did not jettison when I left the church, we were able to keep things on a professional level these last 10 years.

Maybe it was somebody else. An address was listed, so I looked up my dentist in the Dex white pages. While his office was listed, nothing for a residence, but wait, his son, with whom he practices, is listed and lives just a house or two away in this semi-exclusive neighborhood. The plot thickens, off to county property records I go, and BINGO, my dentist and his wife own the property.

Now, what to do? At the end of a sleepless night, I was at peace. The next morning I fired my dentist of the last 30 years. Poor receptionist, she was new, "Tell him I cannot patronize someone who has declared war on my civil rights." That felt good.

You would think Mormons would know better, after all they gave us polygamy, which they have never renounced as the will of God, but agreed to "suspend" its practice for the living. They still do it for the dead. "The dead" you say. This is what Mormon temples are all about. They believe God only recognizes marriages performed in their temples by their priesthood. That's right, these slick "Yes on 102" ads didn't mention that God does not recognize 99.99999 % of marriages performed on his planet anyway. When you are dead, they are going to fix that for you and baptize and marry you in the Mormon temple. This is why they are the biggest genealogy operation around. This is their prime directive.

In the temple, Mormons also covenant with their church to give everything they possess, "...to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the building up of the kingdom of God on

the earth." In the 1800's members actually deeded everything they owned to the church. They don't do that now, but they still make the covenant, and when leaders get up in Priesthood meeting (men), Relief Society (women) and Sacrament meeting (general membership) and say "Give...." the money flows. So this donation list is no surprise.

Me against the Mormon church, David vs Goliath. Nevertheless a practical application of a principle I taught for so many years in Seminary (youth) and Gospel Doctrine class (adults): "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Well, they have done unto me, now it is my turn.

And to all a good night.

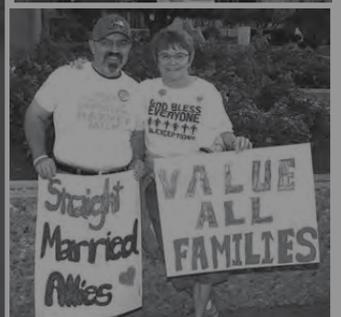
(Bruce Cameron is an eLearning Curriculum developer from Tucson, Arizona.)

HIV Vaccine Poised For Human Tests

LONDON, Canada (Observer Update) - Animal toxicology trials of an experimental Canadian HIV vaccine could begin within days, the University of Western Ontario-London announced. The vaccine candidate was developed by university virologist Chil-Yong Kang. The animal testing will take place at a U.S. research facility and may yield results in three months, Kang said. Phase I human trials could begin in early spring.

The vaccine uses whole, deactivated HIV, an approach similar to that of the polio vaccine developed by Jonas Salk, Kang said. "We have engineered a virus in such a way that it can be produced in larger quantities in shorter periods of time and it is also nonpathogenic," he said. "In other words, it doesn't cause the disease. We have tested animals and they do respond to the vaccine, and we now have to try it in humans." The product will be tested in HIV patients who have not progressed to AIDS, said Kang.

The university also announced it is one of four Canadian organizations bidding for a grant to construct an HIV vaccine manufacturing facility. The plant would be scaled for small pilot clinical studies, rather than for widespread manufacture. The Canadian government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation are offering \$72 million for the project. Federal officials declined to name the other three contenders.



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Showtime is developing an hourlong project from comicbook icon Stan Lee that tracks the life of a Gay superhero. Project is being exec produced by Lee and the president and CEO of his Pow! Entertainment banner, Gill Champion. Story, which focuses on an up-and-coming superhero who struggles to hide his secret identities, is based on the book "Hero" by Perry Moore. Moore is penning the script and also exec producing along with Hunter Hill. Previous series television produced by Lee includes whimsical reality-competish skein "Who Wants to Be a Superhero?" which ran on the SciFi Channel from 2005-07. The comicbook maven is in development on several features for Paramount, including "Thor," "The First Avenger: Captain America" and a sequel to last summer's "Iron Man."

Ted Haggard, the disgraced former evangelical leader, recently broke his silence on the second anniversary of the scandal that brought him down. He gave a pair of sermons at a small church in Illinois where the pastor is an old friend of his. "The first thing I want you to know is I sinned," Haggard began. Haggard's comments were quite revealing. They were recorded on audiotape and put on the Internet at www.tedhaggard.com. Haggard told the congregation that a sexual incident with a man when he was 7 years old may be related to the scandal involving a male prostitute and crystal meth use that cost him his job two years ago. "My dad was pretty successful," Haggard said. "He had a lot of workers. One of those workers had a sexual experience with me. I was 7 years old." Haggard said that incident stayed with him throughout his life.

Even today, two years after Mark Foley's very public fall from grace, the former congressman can't explain why he sent lurid, sexually explicit computer messages to male teens who had worked as Capitol Hill pages. Sitting in his room at the Four Seasons Hotel in New York this week, the Florida Republican, wearing a yellow tie with blue elephants, finally broke his silence. "I'm trying to find my way back," Foley said in an interview with The Associated Press, his first public comments on the scandal since resigning from Congress on Sept. 29, 2006. Foley insists he did nothing

illegal and never had sexual contact with teens, just inappropriate Internet conversations. Investigations by the FBI and Florida authorities ended without criminal charges. And while he concedes his behavior was "extraordinarily stupid," he remains somewhat unwilling to accept full public scorn. These were 17-year-olds, just months from being men, he insists. "There was never anywhere in those conversations where someone said, 'Stop,' or 'I'm not enjoying this,' or 'This is inappropriate' ... but again, I'm the adult here, I'm the congressman," Foley said.

In Las Vegas, New Mexico, six former high school athletes have denied charges they sexually assaulted younger teammates during a hazing incident at a preseason football camp. State District Judge Eugenio Mathis placed the boys on house arrest, allowing them to leave under supervision only for school, work or to go to a community recreation center for two hours a day. The former Robertson High School football team members, all 16 or 17, appeared in court and denied the Children's Court charges of criminal sexual penetration, kidnapping, conspiracy and other crimes. A state police report included allegations of sodomy with a broomstick. District Attorney Henry Valdez has filed a notice that he would seek adult punishment against the teens if they are convicted.

In Syracuse New York, Police say a man was shot and killed Friday night because he was Gay. Officers have arrested 20-year-old Dwight DeLee. He is facing a charge of second degree murder. Police Chief Gary Miguel says DeLee shot brothers Mark and Moses Cannon Friday night. Investigators say DeLee fired one shot, grazing 18-year-old Mark Cannon and killing 22-year-old Moses Cannon. DeLee does have a history with weapons and drug charges. Miguel says both Cannon brothers have homosexual tendencies. Investigators believe DeLee shot them because of their sexual preference. All three men were at a party in the 400 block of Seymour Street when the shooting happened. Investigators found a .22 caliber rifle at the party. They believe that may have been the murder weapon, but investigators are still looking into it.

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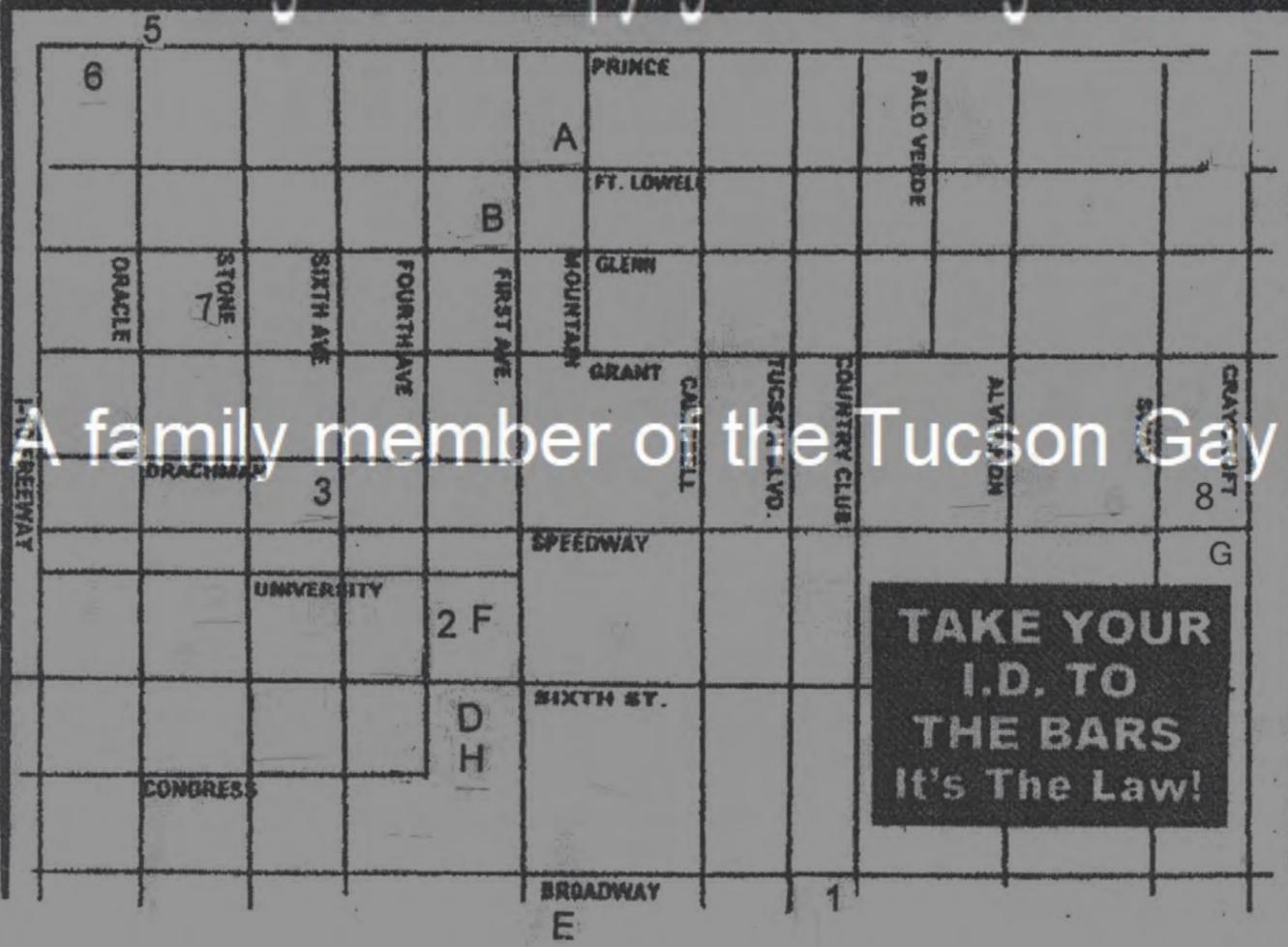


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COMMENTARY . . .

by Joel Stein

No Gays For A Day

(No Gays For A Day has been officially changed to Dec 10. It turns out another guy was working on the same idea, and he's Gay, and produced the Lifetime movie "Wedding Wars," and there's no way I'm going to get in a fight with a guy who's both Gay and willing to work for Lifetime. He's willing to do anything. For further details see JoinTheImpact.com.)

You wouldn't think Gay people would need tips on staging a splashy event from Mexican immigrants. Yet since they lost the right to marry in California, Gays appear to have no game plan, marching around West Hollywood and Silver Lake with their old "No on 8" signs, which makes about as much sense as holding a John McCain rally next month at John McCain's house.

That's why I'm declaring Dec. 10 No Gays for a Day day. Patterned after the 2006 Great American Boycott organized by Latino immigrants, on that Friday, Gays should stay home from work, school and do no shopping, to prove how crucial they are to American society. No Gays for a Day will demonstrate what it would be like if — as so much of the non-coastal U.S. seems to desire — Gays just disappeared. You may not even know who all your daily Gays are, so there's no predicting the impact. It probably won't shut down the restaurant industry like the immigrants did, but know this for certain: Dec. 10 will be a day that fashion does not move forward.

To gauge this strategy's effectiveness, I called Sonja Eddings Brown, the spokesperson for the Protect Marriage coalition that put Proposition 8 — which defined marriage as exclusively heterosexual — on the ballot. Brown, to my surprise, sounded defeated. I reminded her that Proposition 8 passed, so maybe she should pep up a bit. "Did we win?" she asked. "It doesn't feel like it." When I ran No Gays for a Day by her, Brown said, "I have so many dear friends who are such invaluable parts of this city and California who are Gay." It was the boldest use of "some of my best friends are..." I had ever heard.

My main concern about enacting my plan is that I'm not Gay. And my previous attempt as an outsider to rally folks to a cause was a miserable failure: Right before I applied to college, I suggested Asian students protest being stereotyped as over-achievers by skipping the SAT.

Also, I'm really lazy. So I called Amy Balliett for help. Balliett is a Lesbian in Seattle who, just last Friday, created JoinTheImpact.com, which has organized an expected 250,000 people nationwide to march Saturday in protest of Proposition 8. Balliett immediately embraced No Gays for a Day as JoinTheImpact's second event. We worked out some kinks, like "pretending you are sick" for people who aren't out of the closet at work. For economic impact, we picked a Friday — one of the big shopping days before Christmas and the day People, Us Weekly and Star usually sell out at newsstands. We also decided that because this is a general strike, not a directed boycott, even Gay-owned, Gay-patronized businesses should shut down. "I hate to say this, but we should even say, 'Don't even go out to the bars,'" she said. "I just don't know if the community can stick to that."

To get media attention, Balliett — a search-engine marketer — is going to use the social networking sites she used for Saturday's march. Although that sounded promising, I decided to hunt for a No Gays for a Day celebrity spokesperson. I chose Kathy Griffin because she's so well connected to the Gay community and because it's hard to get Ellen DeGeneres on the phone at 10 p.m. when you're drinking and coming up with ideas like No Gays for a Day.

Griffin — who is a spokesperson for the Foundation for AIDS Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Aid for AIDS and, I'm guessing, AIDS, AIDS, AIDS — was thrilled to get the official celebrity spokesperson job. And she thought our impact would be significant. "Forget Pinkberry. It's over for them. They could go under in one day," she said. "If you do two days without Gays, Bravo would go under too." People, we figure, will have no assistance at libraries or gym class and will madly butcher their hair. Subaru dealerships shouldn't bother opening. Entertainment journalism will take such a hit, TMZ will have to report hockey scores.

Griffin was getting more excited about our plan until I mentioned this might slow up the remodel of her house. "My remodel? What about the audience for my shows? The only reason I'm doing this is on Dec. 10, I don't have a show. I'd never do this if I had a show that day in Palm Desert," she said. Then — and you'll have to trust me that this actually happened — Griffin got quiet for a few seconds. "If my assistants don't go to work," she said, "who's going to go to the bathroom for me? I'm screwed on a day without Gays. I've made a huge error in judgment. Me, Cher and Bette Midler are going to be the three most screwed Americans. We all might actually die that day. And what if Ryan Seacrest doesn't go to work? The state will collapse. This will wake up California."

But Griffin decided No Gays for a Day is a cause worthy of her suffering. Now the rest of the world will find out what Griffin has known all along: We need our Gays. If it turns out I'm wrong, and we don't miss them, then as a

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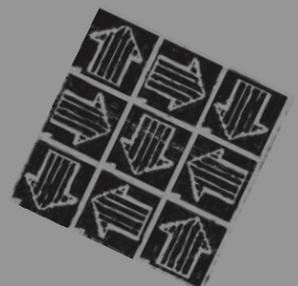
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(Joel Stein is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times, from which this is reprinted.)



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MARS pushes into rowdy Sagittarius and directs our energy force into new battles. We feel compelled to make good use of time. Good! Storm the barricades friends, but beware of the moat. Oops!

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Mars in Sadge pushes all the right buttons and corrupts your hard drive. That's what you get for cruising the internet! Gay Rams are revved and raring to expand their Outreach in all possible ways. Get creative and get going. You only have a few short weeks to plan and implement a grand global jaunt. How jaunty do you want to get, pal?

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Sexy Mars in Sadge mounts a personal campaign for all queer Bulls. (Are there any other types??) You are hot to trot and are in a full gallop for the next few weeks. The value of your personal stock rises, among other things.... Are you buying or selling, sweetheart? Use the Mars oomph to its best advantage lover; Be proud, be smart, but don't behave.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Even independent pink Twins feel the pull of commitments this week. You are tempted to solidify and strengthen relationships ... or seek new ones if the mood strikes you. But don't tear down what simply needs a bit of sprucing up. Mars gives you the unbridled energy to tie up loose ends and corral your stallion. Ride 'em cowpoke. Yeeha!

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Zesty Mars gives all energetic Gay Crabs a good excuse to reassess their diet and exercise regimes. Dust off your health club membership and get those sweats out of mothballs, buddy; This is no time to be lazy. Mars effuses you with the passion to get that drydocked boat out on the high seas again. It's never too late to dive in and get wet.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Proud Lions are placed on the A-list of party hearties this week. You are tempted to let loose and have a great time. How Outrageous can you get? Why not channel this oomph into something more productive; Creativity soars and increases your urge to explore all realms of artistic pursuits. Do all you can to create a Gay masterpiece, Picasso.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

There is no compromise with recalcitrant family members when non-nonsense Mars enters Sagittarius. It's about time, queer Virgin. Things need to be said. Things need to be done. Open up your Pandora's Box of complaints and air 'em Out. Guess what? All your fears disappear in the light of day. Mars gives you courage as well as energy. Use ample amounts of both now.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Queer Libras are bursting with opinions this week. You are loud, proud and queer for the next few weeks so don't be shy! But weigh your words carefully before you push things to the outer limits. (Is this really a bad thing??) Mars energy is about as subtle as a falling anvil. Your commentary could come back to haunt you. Boo!

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Money becomes the be all and end all for acquisitive proud Scorps now. Greedy Mars enters spendthrift Sadge and taps your dollars and common sense. Don't make this season too taxing by taking unnecessary fiscal risks with your wad. Careful financial planning and a close eye on the bottom line increases your assets and limit your liabilities. Or something like that...

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

Mars enters your own sign this week and puts a tiger in your tank. You are a social force with whom to be reckoned. Someone perhaps a bit too too right now. Before you become a legend in your own mind, I suggest that you check your act at the door and make it a point to retain that affable, genuine Gay Sadge flair. Mars can be pushy. Push back, cousin.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Closeted queer Caps have their closets blown off their hinges this week. Come clean. And not a moment too soon compadre! This Mars placement does not compromise and neither should you. For those who hanker for a higher plane, this energy enables you to explore more spiritual outlets. Achieve nirvana with your favorite deity.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Friends beat a path to your door and Aqueerians looove the attention. You are in demand and can tickle any tastebud. Send a mushy thank you to marvelous Mars. Enjoy the Gay camaraderie while it lasts, compadre. Before you know it Mars will move on and you will be just another putz with a karaoke machine. Hey is it hot in here or is it me??

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

You have plotted and planned your corporate ascent but not much has been happening. Nothing much, that is, until this week. Guppies should prepare themselves for an opportunity to prove their mettle to the senior cogs. Put all your knowledge to work and work all your knowledge. Don't be shy. You are

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LAS VEGAS, Nevada (Observer Update) - Comedian Wanda Sykes says the passage of a same-sex marriage ban in California has led to her be more outspoken about being Lesbian, reported the Associated Press.

"You know, I don't really talk about my sexual orientation. I didn't feel like I had to. I was just living my life, not necessarily in the closet, but I was living my life," Sykes told a crowd at a Gay rights rally in Las Vegas on Saturday. "Everybody that knows me personally they know I'm Gay. But that's the way people should be able to live their lives," she said.



Comedienne Wanda Sykes

Sykes, who is known for her feisty and blunt style, said the passage of California's Proposition 8 made her feel like she was "attacked." "Now, I gotta get in their face," she said. "I'm proud to be a woman.

I'm proud to be a black woman, and I'm proud to be Gay." Sykes' appearance at the Las Vegas rally surprised organizers. She was in town performing at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.



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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

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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.

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 OUToberFEST. 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)624-1779x26 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 Miro 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.:



DAILY BAR CALENDAR

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

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, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

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

11pm \$2.50/Pitcher.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am;. Happy Hour 11am-8pm excl. special events). Ful Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Bar open 8pm-close. Service Industry Employee Special All Day Long - \$1 off all drinks except schnapps and draft. Different Themed Underwear Party 9pm-close with \$1.00 off for those who participate (excl. Schnapps and Draft). Retro 80s & 90s Dance with DJ Clint 9 til close..

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm-2am. Karaoke starts @9:30pm with 2 for 1 starting after the first singer! (Poker Pub will resume in the Fall).

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,\$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and 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 Cuervo Margaritas \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live Blues/Motown/Soul sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 2nd Friday Night of the month.

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 3pm - 2am. Patio opens @9pm. BEER PONG tournament on the patio every Saturday night!! DJ Hill 9pm. Don't forget to catch the WNBA games every Sat on our 51" flat screens!!Lesbian Olympics 8pm in our sexy outdoor lounge.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, 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.

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 - The Wett Party with adult entertainer Jackson Wild with live adult performances at 10:30 and 12:30. Male strippers, drinks specials give aways and raffle. \$3.00 Cover.

Sunday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 27

THE BIZ - Opens today only at 7:00 p.m. Join the crowd after the family, after the turkey for some great fun! 2-4-1 starts @ 10 p.m. plus Karaoke by Y'not.

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

Investigators: House May Have Been Torched Because Owner Was Gay

Newton, North Carolina (Observer Update) - A fire that destroyed a home in Newton, North Carolina may have been started by someone targeting its owner because he is Gay, county and state investigators say.

Melvin Whistlehunt was at work when his mother called to tell him that his home was on fire. When he arrived home firefighters were sifting through the wreckage. Firefighters found homophobic and racist slurs spray painted on the back of the building. The Catawba County Fire Marshal's Office has called in the Sheriff's Office and the State Bureau of Investigation arson unit to help find the cause of the blaze the Observer-News-Enterprise of Newton reports.

Both Whistlehunt and his mother, who lives next door, say the graffiti had not been on the building when he left for work. Whistlehunt said the has never experienced homophobia in the past in the area. Fire chief Jason Drum told The Observer-News-Enterprise that there were signs the the fire was set intentionally. If the person or persons behind the blaze are caught they would be charged with arson, but could not be charged with a hate crime. The North Carolina hate law does not include crimes against LGBT people. It is one of 14 states with hate crime laws that exclude Gays.

Informing The Community



M2M SOCIAL NETWORK

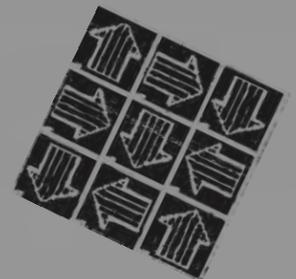


The Tucson M2M Social Network is a M2M 18+ Group meeting on the West side near Tucson Mall for safe day and evening get-togethers, special event M2M sessions, daily 2 mile early morning. walks, weekly casual buffet lunches, outings - tours - trips both in Tucson and out of town. Business and services networking, pizza nights, movie nights, holiday potluck meals and events.

Discreet, private, no pressure. Many events fifteen minutes from the University of Arizona. No drugs or , alcohol. You be chill, hwp+, nice, disease free, submit a photo and age and have them in your Yahoo profile.



http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tucson_M2M_Social_Network



*** The current \$100.00 CASH PRIZE CONTEST that begins at 8:00 a..m. MST Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008, to be awarded to the first Tucson member who e-mails us with the answers correctly is: What was the name of the first car Henry Ford designed & built? What was it named? In what structure did he design and build it? What was the address of his home at the time? How long did it take to design and build and on what date did he finish it?***



M2M SOCIAL NETWORK