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## Anti-LGBT Violence Feared Rising

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - A rash of attacks against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people across the country - including the severe beating of a New York man whose attackers believed he was Gay - suggests the number of reported assaults could rise in 2008, an advocacy group said.

The number of reported attacks against LGBT people increased 24 percent in 2007 over 2006, and they were expected to jump in 2008, said Sharon Stapel, executive director of the New York City Anti-Violence Project. Officials were still crunching the 2008 figures, which will be released next spring, Stapel said.

The baseball bat murder of Ecuadorean immigrant Jose Sucuzhanay in New York on Sunday was the latest in a number of reported assaults, said the project, which coordinates organizations that document violence against LGBT and HIV-positive people. The attack left Sucuzhanay, 31, brain dead.

Since the February fatal shooting of Lawrence King, a 15-year-old Los Angeles boy who endured harassment after telling classmates he was Gay, "we are witnessing what appears to be an increase in both the occurrence and severity of violence motivated by racism, homophobia, and transphobia," said Stapel.

Stapel attributed the increase in part to more people reporting incidents, but she believed there actually could have been more assaults because 2008 was an election year.

"Election years are always violent years for us because of wedge issues," Stapel said, referring to ballot measures this year banning Gay marriage in Arizona, California and Florida. "With increased visibility comes increased vulnerability to LGBT stereotypes and violence. We've seen some of the most violent hate crimes that we've seen in a while."

In the case of Lawrence King, one of his classmates was charged as an adult in the slaying, which prosecutors classified as a hate crime.

Other incidents include the discovery of Angie Zapata's body in July in her apartment in Greeley, Colo. Zapata, 18, was a Transgender woman. Police have charged a man with murder as a hate crime in her death.

In June, a surveillance tape was publicized showing Memphis, Tenn., police officers beating Duanna Johnson, a Transgendered woman, and shouting slurs in a jail booking area; a public outcry erupted. Johnson was found fatally shot on a Memphis street in November.

Also in New York City, police arrested four teenagers on charges of assaulting a priest outside a shelter he ran for homeless Transgender youths in July. Witnesses said the four teens had harassed and taunted residents with homophobic slurs and insults before the assault.

"I expect the number will increase from 2007 to 2008," Stapel said. "I hope I'm wrong about that."

## Phoenix Domestic-Partner Registry In The Works

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Just a month after Arizona voters passed a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, the state's largest city is poised to create a program that would grant hospital-visitation rights to unmarried Gay or straight couples who live together, the Arizona Republic reported.

The Phoenix City Council will consider making the city just the second in Arizona to offer its residents a domestic-partner registry. Tucson launched a similar program in 2003. The city has been working on the registry with Phoenix hospitals for the past five years and proponents say it's critical to move forward now to give tens of thousands of Phoenix domestic partners the same rights that family members have when visiting sick loved ones.

"It boils down to a basic human right, and as we enter this holiday season, the issue is even more pronounced," said Phoenix Councilman Tom Simplot, one of a handful of openly Gay elected officials in the Valley. "If you are sick or injured and lying in a hospital bed, you should have the right to have your significant other at your bedside," Simplot said.

Critics, however, question why a public agency needs to inject itself into what they consider a private matter. Lionel Lyons, who heads Phoenix's Equal Opportunity Department, said the city has carefully reviewed all cost and security issues. The registry is expected to pay for itself and will not require any

taxpayer dollars, he added. The City Clerk Department, Phoenix's official record keeper, would process all paperwork.

To be eligible for the registry, domestic partners must appear at City Hall in person and sign a notarized document stating that they share a residence in Phoenix, are not married to another individual, are in a committed relationship, are not closely related by blood and are 18 years or older. Arizona law recognizes domestic partners on a list of people who are entitled to visit a patient in the hospital or make medical decisions. But parents and adult children are prioritized before domestic partners, giving partners little legal footing when it comes to the care of their loved ones.

The only right that the registry guarantees is partner visitation at any hospital, clinic, nursing home or other health-care facility in Phoenix, unless visitors are not allowed or the patient opts not to see his or her partner. But city officials say the registry could also be used to prove a domestic partnership to public agencies, employers and businesses for things like health or dental insurance. If approved by the Council, the registry would take effect Feb. 9.

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hood can see (as it is no longer visible to the traffic on I-19).

PFOX, or Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays is a religious, right wing organization who promotes changing people's sexual orientation through choice, a long discredited theory.

According to sources, there is no PFOX Conference scheduled for the foreseeable future in Tucson while some wondered was this in conjunction with the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Psychological Association's removal of homosexuality as a classified "mental illness."

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# UPDATE

## Effort To Get Same-Sex Civil Unions On Arizona Ballot Announced

PHOENIX - After voters approved amending Arizona's Constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman, a British businessman and right activists is looking toward 2010.

A man who champions equality for Gays in the United Kingdom has traveled to Arizona to begin a drive for a ballot initiative that would establish civil partnerships, which since 2005 have allowed same-sex couples to legally register their relationships. "We're not fighting for marriage; we're fighting for equal rights," said Gino Meriano, whose UK business, Pink Weddings, arranges commitment ceremonies and provides free legal advice for Gay and Lesbian couples wishing to establish civil partnerships.

Steen Lawson, co-founder of Marriage Equality USA's new Arizona chapter, said civil unions don't go far enough. His group wants same-sex couples to have the same rights as heterosexual couples who wish to marry. Since government uses the word marriage, we must fight for marriage," Lawson said, the Cronkite News Service reported in the Tucson Citizen.

Meriano, Lawson and others are looking for a next step in response to Proposition 102, which Arizona voters approved Nov. 4. Given that the initiative amended Arizona's Constitution, making a legal challenge difficult, opponents of 102 say any next step likely would be a ballot proposition.

While the United Kingdom offers civil partnerships, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire offer civil unions, which provide the same benefits for same-sex couples. Massachusetts and Connecticut are the only states allowing same-sex marriage since California voters approved Proposition 8 in November.

Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, said it's easy to come up with ideas for initiatives that would establish civil unions or give same-sex couples the right to marry; she said he hears those regularly. "The problem is they don't

have the money or time to fund it," she said in an interview, estimating that would take \$3 million to run a successful campaign. That kind of money wasn't available this year for opponents of 102. While supporters raised \$7.7 million, most of it from individuals, opposition groups raised \$820,000, according to reports filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

Meriano, who has yet to submit the paperwork necessary to begin gathering signatures, said he thinks an initiative seeking civil partnerships for Gay couples can win because it takes marriage out of the debate. "The campaign is simple: Vote no for Gay marriage, vote yes for civil partnerships," Meriano said.

Even if this proposal gets on the Arizona ballot in 2010 and is approved, Gay and Lesbian relationships won't be recognized on the federal level since section three of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), approved and signed into law in 1996, prohibit governmental recognition of such relationships. Efforts have been made to repeal DOMA or section three of the law and are expected again in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

## The Gayest Christmas Pageant Ever, Through Dec. 20

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## Resolution Of Woody's Red Tag Postponed Till January

TUCSON (Observer Update) - City Court Judge Jeffrey Zlatow delayed a decision on a dispute between Woody's Bar and neighboring apartments on North Oracle Road, reported the Tucson Citizen. The bar was given a "red tag" in November by police. It bans premises cited for an "unruly gathering" from further "unruly" gatherings for 180 days. Penalties include fines up to \$1,500. The city's "red tag" ordinance also requires all respondents in a case to be heard at the same time.

In the case of Woody's, a bartender, Jeffrey Fulgham, also was given a civil citation for "unruly behavior" by Tucson police during a wine-tasting event at the bar, 3710 N. Oracle Road. The noise complaint was called in by the manager of a neighboring apartment complex, Laurence Court, 3730 N. Oracle Road. Fulgham, who came on duty after the wine tasting was under way, was cited on Nov. 17 for an "unruly gathering" at the bar.

A City Court judge hearing the bartender's case ruled against the bartender, prejudicing the red tag case against the bar owner, said the bar's attorney James L. Gjurjevich. Zlatow agreed. He also agreed to Gjurjevich's request to ask the City Court judge in the bartender's case to vacate his ruling so both cases could be heard in Zlatow's court on the same day.

Assistant City Attorney Alan Merritt told the judge he agreed with Gjurjevich that the city should have tried both cases together. He supported the request for a postponement of the red tag case and for a new hearing date. In an unusual move, Zlatow stopped the proceeding to contact his colleague, who agreed to vacate the finding. A new hearing date for Fulgham and the bar was set for Jan. 29.

Zlatow said Friday that the red tag issued Nov. 17 to Woody's Bar must remain covered until Woody's protest of the citation is heard. More than 30 patrons of the bar filled the small courtroom in support of Woody's. Larry Cunningham, 61, a Woody's regular, told a reporter he was at the bar when police cited the bartender and the bar. He said there was no loud music or yelling and that police never entered the bar to observe the situation for themselves when they arrived at 9:00 p.m.

Police were responding to a complaint from apartment manager Linda Howeth, who lives next door. She told a reporter outside the hearing Friday that the bar plays "horrible, loud music" and she hears "screaming and yelling" that disturbs the 50 or so tenants in the apartments. One resident is 90, she said.

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# LGBT Activists Meet With Obama's Team

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - LGBT activists met with members of President-elect Barack Obama's transition in what was believed to be the first meeting between national Gay rights leaders and an incoming administration, reported the Washington Blade.

Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign, said the two-hour meeting Dec. 10 focused on policy issues and presidential appointments. "If it is the first time that a meeting of this expansive a group of GLBT leaders has been brought in to meet with this level of leadership of a presidential transition team, then I think it's both historic and it bodes well for the kind of a relationship that our community is going to have with this administration," Solmonese said.

Transition leaders who attended the meeting included John Podesta, co-chair of Obama's transition team; Jim Messina, who is in charge of Obama's personnel decisions; Mike Strautmanis, director of public liaison and intergovernmental affairs; and Melanie Barnes, whom Obama tapped to become the White House's domestic policy director, Solmonese said.

Gay members of the transition team also were at the meeting, Solmonese said, including Roberta Achtenberg, Elaine Kaplan and Fred Hochberg.

Solmonese said transition leaders were "very receptive" to requests from Gay activist group leaders. "I think they went to great lengths to explain their vision for how [policy initiatives] would work and how our community would be a part of that," he said.

Solmonese said his role at the meeting was to discuss non-legislative

changes that Obama administration's could make to improve the lives of Gay and transgender Americans. The Blade reported that HRC presented the transition team a 12-page document of proposed changes to consider. A coalition of Gay activist groups compiled the recommendations, Solmonese said, and HRC was responsible for drafting proposed executive orders that would make the changes.

Solmonese didn't set a timeline for the administration to implement the suggested changes, but said Obama could act on them as soon as he takes office. "I think the intention is certainly there," Solmonese said, "it's just that ... you need to have the right policy people and the right legal team in place to be - to actually implement them in an appropriate way."

Chuck Wolfe, president of the Gay & Gay Victory Fund, urged Obama's team to give serious consideration to appointing former Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Policy Management & Budget John Berry to a cabinet post.

"President-elect Obama promises a diverse administration filled with talented individuals from all walks of life," Wolfe said during the meeting, according to his prepared remarks. "This must include Gay, Gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. Anything less is not fully inclusive, and that could be seen as an indication that our community is little more than an ATM for campaigns."

Solmonese said Wolfe had "a very legitimate point" and "there is going to be that censure if there is not a high-level person" in the Obama administration who is openly Gay.

Solmonese said Obama has said that "his vision of diversity and a diverse administration very clearly includes GLBT Americans, so I think there is an expectation that he will hold true to that, now that he's been elected president."

Besides Berry, activists urged the transition team to consider bringing into the administration Mary Beth Maxwell, a Gay and founding executive director of American Rights at Work, who is being considered for labor secretary, and Hochberg, who is being considered to head up the Small Business Administration, Solmonese said.

But Solmonese said transition officials were "in much more of a position to have a conversation about policy makers than they were about personnel."

"They were not in a position to say all that much about where different people were in the process," he said.

Solmonese said other Gay activists that attended the meeting included Rea Carey, executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, who discussed creating initiatives within specific agencies; H. Alexander Robinson, executive director of the National Black Justice Coalition, who discussed HIV/AIDS; Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equity, who discussed transgender issues; and Len Hirsch, president of Federal Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Employees (GLOBE), who discussed personnel.

The Dec. 10 meeting was not the only time this week that Gay activists have met with transition team leaders. David Smith, HRC's director of policy

and strategy, said Gay leaders also met Dec. 11 with officials making the transition for executive departments.

"Official after official after official was just completely blown away by what we presented," Smith said. "Nobody promised us anything, but again the sense I got was just incredibly optimistic."

Leaders at Dec. 10 meeting also talked about arranging a subsequent meeting to discuss legislative priorities for the Obama administration, Solmonese said, but a time for this meeting was not immediately scheduled.

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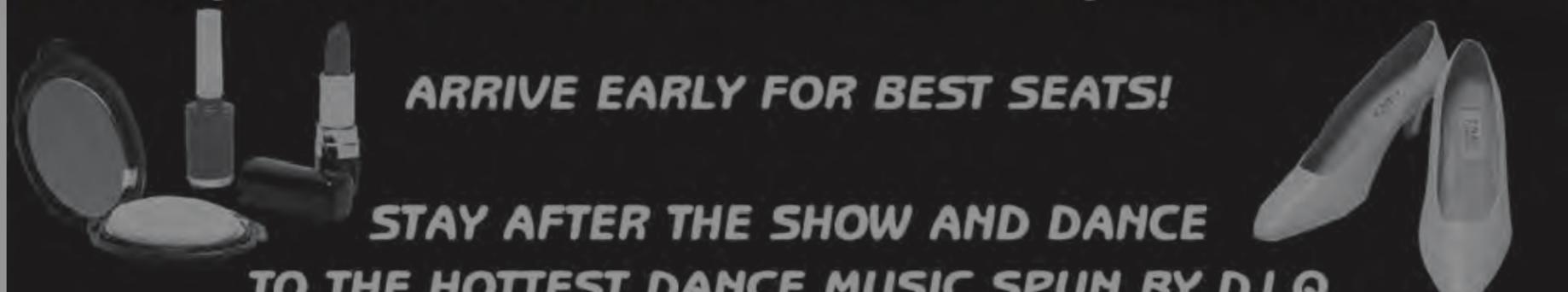
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# EDITORIAL

## 'MILK' & Harkins, A Good Combo

On Friday, December 12, the much anticipated movie "Milk" opened in Tucson.

to California's Yes on Proposition 8 marriage initiative.

Starring Sean Penn, "Milk," is the Gus Van Sant film about the life of Harvey Milk, the first openly Gay man elected to office in this country, when the voters elected him to serve on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

According to sources affiliated with the film company, in addition to the Century El Con, "Milk," was originally going to play at the other Cinemark theatre, the Century Park Place, located at Park Place Mall, but the question was raised about this by Observer reporter Mark Kerr, when the public relation's firm contacted the Observer regarding publicity for the film's opening in Tucson. Kerr asked why would LGBT movie goers view a film in a cinema who would subjugate their rights.

"Milk" is currently playing in two cinemas in Tucson: the Century El Con, located at El Con Mall and the Harkins Spectrum 18, located at 5455 S. Calle Santa Cruz.

As with the current economic campaign with those who gave contributions to Yes on 102 in Arizona, Florida's Amendment 2 and California's Proposition 8, the Observer encourages all readers who wish to see "Milk," to drive to the Harkins and take in this masterpiece.

These two theaters offer Tucson and Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) movie goers a clear choice.

The Century El Con is owned by the Cinemark Corporation, whose CEO, Alan Stock, made a \$9,999 contribution

## 'MILK' Snubbed By Golden Globes

HOLLYWOOD, California (Observer Update) - Long thought a shoo-in for Best Picture and Original Screenplay nominations, Milk was snubbed by the Golden Globes in both categories when the nominees were announced. The film scored one nomination - for actor Sean Penn.

home during the 1960s, garnered Catherine Keener a nomination for Best Performance by an Actress in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television. Ralph Fiennes was also nominated for Best Performance by an Actor in a Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television for playing the Gay butler to heiress Doris Duke in the HBO film Bernard and Doris, reported advocate.com.

Penn plays the late San Francisco Gay rights activist Harvey Milk in the film. His costars James Franco and Josh Brolin have also been nominated for acting awards this season and were notably missing from the list of Globe nominees. The Golden Globe nominations are frequently a predictor of Academy Award nominees. Milk's snub comes as a particular surprise on the heels of its being named Best Film by the New York Film Critics earlier.



Alan Ball's new HBO series True Blood won nominations for Best Television Drama Series and for its star, Anna Paquin. Neil Patrick Harris was nominated for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series, or Motion Picture Made for Television for his portrayal of the womanizer Barney in How I Met Your Mother. Out director Tommy O'Haver's film An American Crime, the true story of suburban housewife Gertrude Baniszewski, who kept a teenage girl locked in the basement of her Indiana

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# Obama Names Openly Lesbian Sutley To Environmental Post



**Nancy Sutley**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - President-elect Barack Obama announced Monday (Dec. 15) that Los Angeles deputy mayor Nancy Sutley will be a senior member of his environmental team.

Sutley has been named the head of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, along with Nobelist Steven Chu, who was named secretary of Energy, and Lisa Jackson, selected to head the Environmental Protection Agency. "This time has to be

different," Obama said at a press conference. "This time we cannot fail."

Sutley has previously served in various roles on the federal and state level for environmental agencies.

She was an adviser to former California governor Gray Davis, served on the state's Water Resources Control Board, and was the state Environmental Agency's deputy secretary for policy and intergovernmental relations.

"President-elect Obama's nomination of Nancy Sutley is another step toward full equality for gay Americans," Chuck Wolfe of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund said in a statement Monday (Dec. 15).

"It sends a signal to young people that they can participate in their government at its highest levels, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, or ethnicity. We will continue to work hard to ensure qualified, talented individuals like Nancy Sutley who are openly Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender can serve at all levels of government."

Sutley worked for Secretary of State appointee Hillary Clinton during her primary bid for the presidency. She was the campaign chair for the LGBT steering committee in California, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

## Was 'Call In Gay Day' A Bust?

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - A daylong work stoppage during which employees were encouraged to "call in Gay" to express support for same-sex marriage drew spotty participation nationwide Wednesday (Dec. 10), with some Gay rights activists praising the concept but questioning its effect, reported the Associated Press on [365Gay.com](http://365Gay.com).

In San Francisco's Gay Castro district, residents and merchants said they endorsed the message behind "Day Without a Gay" but didn't think a work stoppage was practical given the poor economy and the strike's organization. "If we are going to make a huge impact and not be laughed at, then we have to take the time and make the time to communicate with all the parties. We could have shut down a lot of the hotels," said David Lang, a San Francisco gymnastics coach. "In theory it's a great idea, but it's being done wrong and now that it's been done wrong, I don't think it will be done again."

The protest, which a Gay couple from West Hollywood organized through the Internet, was designed to demonstrate the economic clout of same-sex marriage supporters following the passage of voter-approved Gay marriage bans in California, Arizona and Florida last month.

Participants were asked to refrain from spending money or at least to patronize Gay-friendly businesses for the day. Paul Ellis, 51, a manager at Cliff's Variety hardware store, said he didn't want his employer to bear the burden of his support.

"My employers have always been there in every possible way. I didn't feel comfortable discomfiting them when they have gone out of their way to be there for me," he said.

Out and Equal Workplace Advocates, a San Francisco-based non-profit group that promotes equality for Gay and Lesbian employees, suggested that Gay marriage supporters could send an effective message

beyond Wednesday by openly discussing the issue at their workplaces.

"When people go into the voting booth and vote against (Gay) rights, they often have no idea they are voting against the person sitting next to them in the next cubicle or office," said Selisse Berry, Out and Equal's executive director. Berry noted that only 20 states have laws to protect workers from being fired for being homosexual, making Lesbians and Gays reluctant to reveal themselves to co-workers in most jurisdictions.

"Constantly lying about our weekends at the water cooler or changing pronouns, that takes up so much energy that we could be putting into our jobs," she said.

Participants who opted to take the day off from their jobs were encouraged to perform community service, and charitable organizations across the country said volunteers showed up. "Visibility is really important for the Gay community, so after a lot of thought I decided I would come out and be visible with my colleagues at work and use the time working for the community," said Carrie Lewis, 36, a University of California health researcher who spent the day working at the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center.

Backers of "Day Without a Gay" organized evening rallies in San Francisco, Austin, Texas, Logan, Utah, and other cities so supporters could gather to discuss the next steps. Rallies also were held earlier Wednesday in Chicago and on several college campuses in California.

"The movement that fought for equality and succeeded in electing Obama president is really looking to make progressive gains now," said Mark Airgood, who used a personal day to take off from his job as a middle school teacher in Berkeley. "I think we really can, and I think this is an important day for that."

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by Mark R. Kerr

## Why Give To Those Who Would Subjugate You?

A review (and publication of businesses and individuals) of the campaign finance reports for the proponents (yesformarriage.com) of Proposition 102 (AZSOS 102062008) - 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.

Still, continuing to get Tucson's LGBT community to "know their neighbor," those 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 to businesses and individuals.

Tucsonans and those who own businesses in the Old Pueblo who contributed: Robert Becker, Tucson, AZ, 85755, 9/23/08, (self-employed programmer) \$300 (in kind). Mary Bennett, Tucson, AZ, 85718, (retired teacher), 9/23/08, \$200. Melody Eberhard, Tucson, AZ, 85742, 9/23/08, \$100. David Flynn, Tucson, AZ 85746, (physicist - Raytheon), \$750.

J. Michael Moeller, Tucson, AZ, 85718, 9/23/08, \$1,000. Heather Parris, Tucson, AZ, 85743, \$1,000. Tina Swensen, Tucson, AZ, 85746, 9/23/08, \$5.25. (It has been reported that other ballot measures similar to Arizona's had similar type contributions. Florida's election's division is investigating whether campaign finance laws had been violated when proponents in the state sent out appeals to give to a non-profit organization).

Holly Flannery, Tucson, AZ, 85711, 9/24/08, \$500. Karl Gaskins, Tucson, AZ, 85745, 9/24/08, \$2.33. Holly Hardy, Tucson, AZ, 85741, 9/24/08, \$500. Laurence McMahon, Tucson, AZ, 85739 (Mining Consultant - LJM Consulting LLC), 9/24/08, \$1.33.

Linda Abell, Tucson, AZ, 85741, 9/26/08, \$2.33. Ronald Chapman, Tucson, AZ, 85710, 9/26/08, (Electrical Engineer - Raytheon), 9/26/08, \$1,000. Marie Seegmiller, Tucson, AZ, 85704, 9/26/08, \$1,000. Olivia and Ramon Burrola, Tucson, AZ, 85715, 9/27/08 (total - \$1,675 each). Deborah Cheves, Tucson, AZ, 85742, 9/28/08, 9/28/08, \$250.

Elizabeth Hawkins, Tucson, AZ, 85718, 9/29/08, (designer - self), \$3,500. Richard Butler, Tucson, AZ, 85750, 9/30/08, \$10,000. Brent Chipman, Tucson, AZ, 85715, 10/2/08, \$250. David Philpott, Tucson, AZ, 85743, 10/2/08, \$20. David Stevens, Tucson, AZ, 85739, 10/3/08, (Mfce. Tech - Saddlebrooke HOA2), \$0.67.

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Paul Chamberlain, Tucson, AZ, 85719, (Disability Specialist - Pima Community College), 10/7/08, \$250. Brian Hoffman, Tucson, AZ, 85742, (Unemployed), 10/7/08, \$15. Michelle and Ric Nielsen, Tucson, AZ, 85748, 10/9/08, (total - \$500 each).

Gerald Giordano, Tucson, AZ, 85754, (Lawyer - Feulner Doris PLC), 10/10/08, \$250. Shelly Eddington, Tucson, AZ, 85747, (Homemaker), 10/11/08, \$250. Yancy Jencsok, Tucson, AZ, 85732, (Attorney - Maricopa County), 10/14/08, \$100.

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](http://azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/F751795F-624D-4502-83C4-FD8E16844FC8.pdf), [azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/1660B06E-2440-4978-8490-1308210055EA.pdf](http://azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/1660B06E-2440-4978-8490-1308210055EA.pdf), [azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/F13C4158-61AE-4EF7-A8BD-6B85801F0145.pdf](http://azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/F13C4158-61AE-4EF7-A8BD-6B85801F0145.pdf), [azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/8E0962C6-5875-4503-A533-D24725F39129.pdf](http://azsos.gov/cfs/PublicReports/2008/8E0962C6-5875-4503-A533-D24725F39129.pdf) For more information online about the ongoing economic boycott go to [equalityboycott.com](http://equalityboycott.com).

## Universal HIV Testing Plan Raises Hopes, Fears

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - AIDS experts and public health advocates are weighing in on a recent study that suggested the AIDS epidemic could be reversed by an aggressive test-and-treat strategy, reported HIV Plus Magazine.

"Universal and annual voluntary testing followed by immediate antiretroviral therapy treatment can reduce new HIV cases by 95% within 10 years," according to the mathematical modeling study by World Health Organization researchers, who used data from South Africa and Malawi.

Experts greeted the findings with hope but raised several cautionary issues.

"We have to look carefully at how people are being tested, by whom, if they are being properly counseled, if it is truly voluntary," said Patricia Daoust, director of the Physicians for Human Rights' Health Action AIDS Campaign.

"Concerning annual voluntary testing, it's difficult to imagine you get 100% testing [while] making sure it is confidential and voluntary," said Kevin Moody of the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS. "There is still a lot of stigma and discrimination against [HIV-positive] people, so it is important to work with countries to make a safe environment for people to get tested."

"Currently, the upscale of prevention and treatment programs is undermined by gender inequality, violence against women and sexual minorities, mandatory testing, lack of confidentiality, stigma and discrimination, and criminalization of sex workers and drug users," said Mandeep Dhaliwal of the United Nations Development Program's AIDS division.

Seth Berkley, president of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, voiced concern about the effects of drug resistance on such a program. "First-line antiretrovirals have become less toxic, but second- and third-line treatments, which would be required when drug resistance occurs, are much more toxic and much more expensive." Berkley acknowledged that "in theory, this new model would work," but he added, "Given the impracticality of this intervention, it is unlikely to work in a real-life situation."



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EDITOR: place full of amazing people.

As I sit in a blizzard in the north woods of Arizona I see in the Arizona Daily Star that Denise Duckwiler died.

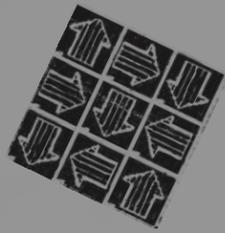
My love to you all.  
Anne Schmitt  
Nutrioso, Arizona

Denise was at the very first Pride Picnic at Himmel Park with the Kentucky Fried Chicken and a few friends. She worked hard for all our lives and issues. She was part of the women who broke into "alternative" careers in building, painting.... "men's work"... she could be sweet, rowdy, loud, kind, crazy and would always give you the shirt off her back no matter who you were.

I hope someone notes her life in the community and family in which she lived. There will be a memorial at Tucson Botanical Gardens in February.... find more details and let people know.

I almost died this past spring and am enjoying what time and space I have left on this planet. Truly a wonderful

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Lovely Venus canoodles with dizzy Neptune this week. Our dreams take flight and our love floats through the cosmos like pink clouds. Forget the umbrella and resolve to get wet.

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**  
Turn your attention homeward. Gay Scorps can create a special personal space for themselves and for loved ones. Redecorate, refurbish or remove. The fates provide energy, inspiration and even the gumption to deal with long festering family issues. When it comes to points of discussion, let's do a little spring cleaning in December, shall we?

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**  
Your social calendar fills up to the bursting point. Friends and certain special cliques demand your presence and participation in a variety of delightful diversions. Don't disappoint them. Gay Rams have great ideas and find the right audience. But a large crowd can become an annoyance. You soon find a certain someone with whom even three is a crowd...

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**  
Gay Archers become sparkling conversationalists as Venus and Neptune trine. You are given the rare opportunity to be eloquent, measured and impact the multitudes... or at least the immediate neighborhood with your bon mots and great ideas. You can express yourself and get what you want by just asking. So why not just ask and tell?

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**  
If you have been feeling ignored and under-appreciated at work, worry no longer, queer Bull. The professional pink light shines in your direction and you make or break your image and career path. Have you been putting in the effort? If not get your tail in motion. This week the planets find ways of serving up your cosmic just desserts. Hey is that a cherry on top??

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**  
If you have been watching your pennies, you now reap the rewards. If you have been less than careful, you may be forgiven. Fiscal opportunities multiply this week and you feel in the pink financially. Is it a pink elephant, though? Do your homework, ask (and follow) the right advice and you will have more than peanuts to feed you in your golden years.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
Great tidal movements come from small waves. This week, pink Twins go with the flow, grab their surfboards and hang eleven... er... ten. Seize the opportunity to voice your opinions in a global arena. Whether that means sending missives electronically from home or setting sail for distant lands is up to you. The most important thing is to expand your Outreach.

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**  
Aqueerians are the center of attention and have more charisma per square inch than is legal in some states. How do you like the limelight? Prepare for your imminent debut by sprucing up your wardrobe and overall appearance. Consider hiring a personal stylist to get most from your efforts. Perhaps it's time to retire that paisley qiana shirt collection. Or perhaps not.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
Your hidden animal magnetism is sparked. Send out the vibes and put your sexual oomph into overdrive. Gay Crabs must make good use of time to seek, find and corral their perfect soulmate. It takes a little more effort than you think however. Put out a bit of energy now to insure that next week you won't be popping your champagne cork alone.

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**  
Feel the spark of inspiration this week. Guppies divine the dark recesses of their universe and find that there is illumination. Carry your torch proudly compadre and shed a little light on others on your way. Your insights help you overcome hidden enemies and thwart their nasty plans. What will you do with them once you've caught them??

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**  
Proud Lions are in for a treat as moribund or boring relationships are given new life and extra zing. But it won't happen on its own. Make it a point to recharge and revamp current partnerships or resolve to seek out new, charming possibilities. The secret is to know who you are looking for. If it's Elvis, take a breather and try again.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**  
The moral of the story is "Never put off until tomorrow what you can snap your fingers and do today". This week you may prefer to defer all unpleasant tasks until some time in the distant future. But that is a bad idea, queer Virgin. These miserable little irksome things have a tendency to pile up quickly and can bury you. Get Out from under... or maybe not.

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**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**  
Proud Libras become party animals this week. There is the temptation to reprioritize all work projects and simply enjoy life for the next few weeks. Succumb to the temptation. Life is too darn short. Join the conga line and kick up your heels. Also use this wonderful time to wake up and stir your creative gay juices. Nap time over! Time to squeeze!

# POET'S CORNER

THE DOW JONES BLUES

Mumbo Jumbo, trading floor prices plummet, then they soar, Traders profit, they want more. Graphs and charts are such a bore, Who in Hell knows what's in store? I'll have a drink, no, three or four. A bloody day, Dow filled with gore. Market, you're a played-out whore.

By: Ron Rose - Tucson

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# COMMENTARY . . .

by King Daevid MacKenzie

## No Peace Until There's No 'Justice'

Last month, the Rev. William H. Knight of Water of Life MCC in Tucson, my church, wondered aloud during a sermon: "Whatever happened to the Separation of Church and Hate?" Good question, Rev. Wish I knew that myself. You may have noticed that our broadcast airwaves, a limited resource that we collectively own, have become polluted with the raw sewage that passes for "conservative thought" nowadays. It doesn't matter that those producing it are neither actually conservative nor actually thinking, they just say they are. Case in point: the malicious clown who has adopted the pseudonym "Jon Justice." Those who have had the misfortune to tune his blatherings on KQTH/104.1 in the early mornings already know there's nothing in his verbal vomit that even remotely resembles actual Justice. Then again, the station he's on, which calls itself "The Truth," doesn't produce truthful programming, either.

On the 3rd of December, I felt strong enough to withstand the station's cornucopia of crapola to monitor it for an hour or two and see what delusions the Fascists were displaying now that McPalin got buried by the Obama Landslide. At least seven times I heard "Justice" promote that the following morning's program would contain his reaction to "the Gay Community going after the Mormon Church" in the aftermath of the homophobic propositions that passed in several states on Election Day, 8 in California and 102 here in Arizona most prominently. Well, after that, I just had to check out what bilge "Justice" had to pump into our homes. So I tuned him in on December 4th. "Justice" said nothing about it. Well, that fit; add bogus advertising to the pile of offenses he's racked up. I checked him out on December 5th, too - still nothing.

It wasn't until December 8th that he cracked loose with the promised sewage, and it turned out to be not only homophobic, but racist to boot. Citing a recent satirical op-ed piece in the Arizona Daily Wildcat, "Mormonism: The Next Threat to Traditional Mar-

riage," "Justice" claimed that it was hypocritical for LesBiGays (my word, not his) to "go after" "only" the LDS Church, and that to be consistent we should also "go after" African-Americans and Latino-Americans too, since they voted for the same props in large numbers. "Justice" also claimed that the Mormons didn't fund 8 or 102; regular readers of the Observer know how huge a lie that is, as we've been establishing where the money came from in almost every edition this autumn.

Then "Justice" went into some nonsense about how "all laws discriminate. DUIs discriminate (against) those who like to drink their alcohol and drive around. Laws that say you can't shoot somebody discriminate against those people who like to shoot people. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR! I LIKE TO PUT HOLES IN PEOPLE USING WEAPONS!" (That this line of misthought was aired in a segment immediately after a commercial for Marksman Pistol Institute was also duly noted.)

This alleged man "Justice" is merely the latest example of how our airwaves, and press in general, have been raped by greedy media barons of recent times. It used to be that opinions broadcast needed to be based in facts. Broadcast licenses were actually yanked by the FCC if they weren't. At least that was the way things were when I got into broadcasting. The "Justice" MySpace page claims he's 36 years old; if he's not lying about his age here (as he is about everything else), I was holding my mud as a disc jockey on World Music Radio in Oxford, England, when this schmuck was peeing his diapers.

So, what do we do now? Simply allow the "Justice" River of Sewage to continue polluting Tucson airwaves untrammelled? If that's our choice, we deserve every pile of crap "Justice" dumps on us. My vast preference would be to boycott the advertisers who line the "Justice" pockets. I've left the commercials in the mp3 (posted on the Observer

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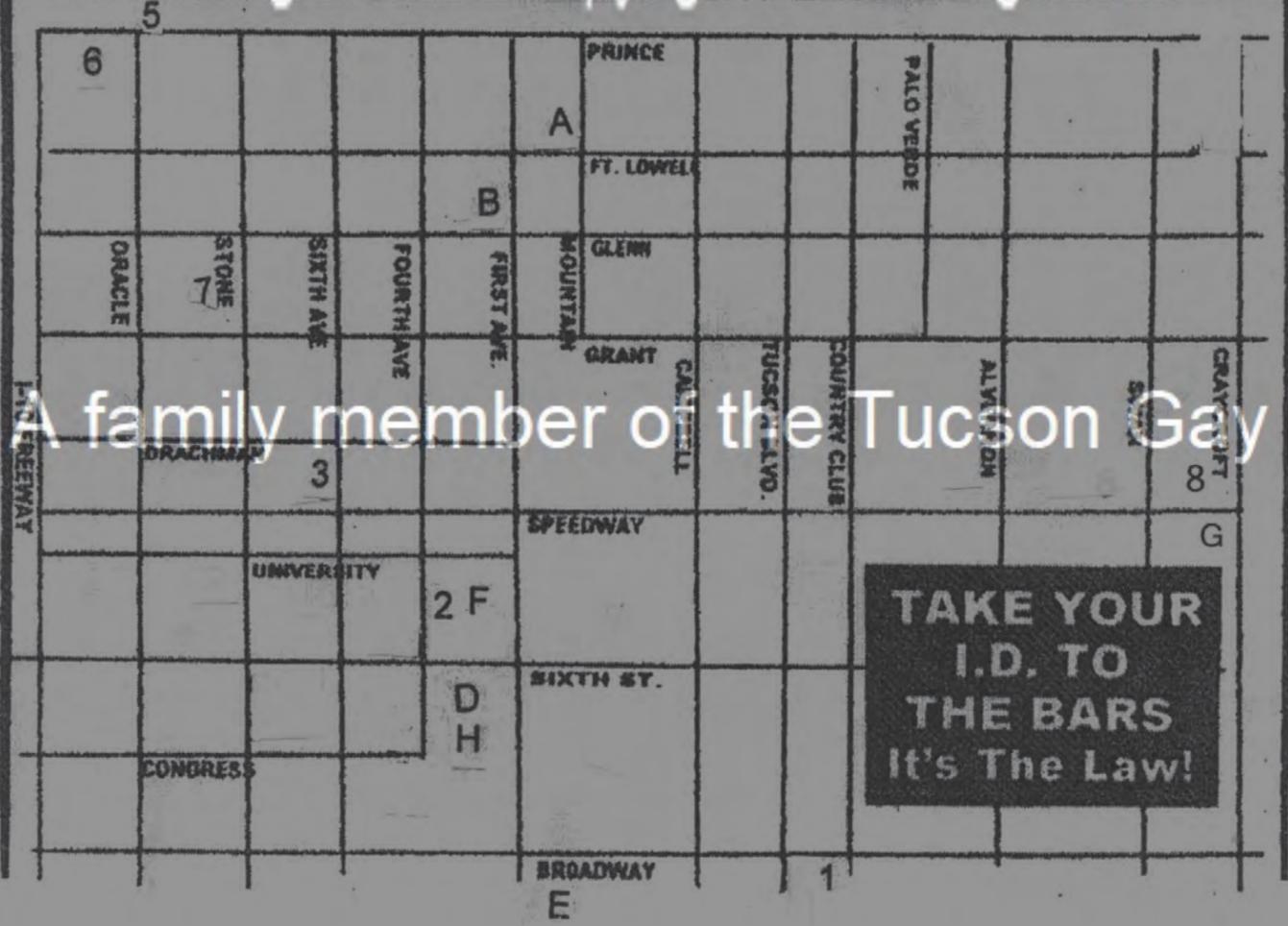
blog) for starters; just note what businesses paid for that specific hour, and let them know in emphatic terms - picket lines would do just as well as mere phone calls or petitions - that we won't do business with them until they stop doing business with KQTH. And, since KQTH is owned by the Milwaukee based Journal Company - as a native of Kenosha, Wisconsin, I well know about

that firm - any advertiser boycott may even need to cross over to those who pop up on Journal's other stations here, KGUN/9 included. Then we'll see whose side Guy Atchley is REALLY on.



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## Gay Heartthrob Van Johnson Dies



went on to become one of the busiest and most popular actors of the World War II years. Tall, with red hair and freckles, he had all-American good looks and was often cast as a boy-next-door type. His films included Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, Week-End at the Waldorf, In the Good Old Summertime, State of the Union, Brigadoon, The Last Time I Saw Paris, and The Caine Mutiny.

He maintained a heterosexual public image, marrying Evie Wynn in January 1947 just hours after she divorced actor Keenan Wynn, a friend of Johnson's. The Johnsons had a daughter, Schuyler, and divorced in 1968. However, in recent years several biographers have reported that Johnson was Gay or Bisexual. "Johnson's orientation was probably more homosexual than heterosexual," observed

NYACK, New York (Observer Update) - Gay actor Van Johnson, a mainstay of MGM musicals and comedies of the 1940s and '50s who also played dramatic roles, died Friday (Dec. 12) in a senior center in Nyack, N.Y., of causes related to old age. He was 92.

Johnson, a native of Newport, R.I., was a chorus boy on Broadway before coming to Hollywood and rising to stardom playing a pilot in 1943's A Guy Named Joe, costarring Irene Dunne and Spencer Tracy. Exempt from military service because of severe injuries sustained in a car accident a few months before making that film, Johnson

Ronald L. Davis in Van Johnson: MGM's Golden Boy, adding that the star became particularly attracted to younger men as he grew older. As he grew older Johnson also returned to the stage, not in the chorus but in leading roles, including one major Gay role: In 1985 he replaced Gene Barry in the Broadway production of La Cage aux Folles, playing Georges, the "plain homosexual" husband to drag queen Albin. Johnson received good reviews and generated ticket sales. His other latter-day stage credits include On a Clear Day You Can See Forever on Broadway; The Music Man in London; and several regional and dinner theater productions, advocate.com.

## Sexual Revolution Icon Bettie Page Dies At 85



LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - Bettie Page, the 1950s secretary-turned-model whose controversial photographs in skimpy attire or none at all helped set the stage for the 1960s sexual revolution, died Thursday (Dec. 11). She was 85.

Page suffered a heart attack the week prior week in Los Angeles and never regained consciousness, said her agent, Mark Roesler.

Before the heart attack, Page had been hospitalized for three weeks with pneumonia. "She captured the imagination of a generation of men and women with her free spirit and unabashed sensuality," Roesler said. "She is the embodiment of beauty."

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## Lame Duck Nearly Lamed

It may be, of course, that President Duck, I mean Bush, is just so darned impulsive that the Secret Service isn't able to keep up with him well enough to offer any real security to his person. On the other hand, it may be that even the elite members of the President's personal goon squad can't stomach his grinning mug to the extent that they have quit watching him.

Either way, it is tragically hilarious that Bush's security is so lax that shoes can be lobbed at him by foreign journalists, as happened just yesterday in Iraq. Of course, American journalists, not to mention Greek, Turkish, French, British and Cuban journalists, are chafing at the bit for a chance to follow suit. American law being what it is, these hopefuls will have to travel outside the U.S. for a real shoe-throwing opportunity.

As we have been told every time we fly, shoes often have explosives hidden in the soles. We dutifully place our footgear into the airport machinery and hope we didn't buy the wrong pair, that pair of shoes cleverly placed in the racks at the shoe store by bomb-building terrorists. We know all about shoe-bombs. So it comes as a surprise that any shoe could come within an ace of the broad and ample forehead of our Commander in Chief.

After all, it isn't as if there isn't any danger that the President could be killed or seriously injured by such an attack; it has long been evident that George is soft in the head. Even were he the possessor of the thick, cave-man skull he is so often accused of owning, the danger of the shoe-missile cannot be understated. With little effort and no real cost, the heels of journalistic loafers (no, not the talking heads at Fox and CNN, real shoes) can be filled with lethal and virtually un-detectable amounts of high-carbon steel or even chunks of depleted uranium. The depleted uranium is quite dense and should be readily available in Iraq as it is used in U.S. anti-tank rounds.

Even a minor league baseball player can hurl a baseball at speeds near 100 miles-per-hour. It is within the realm of possibility that an American journalist, even fed on caviar, Melba-

Toast and platitudes as they are, could work up a pitching arm and present the President with an missile he can't dodge. Think of it....there one minute is George W., prattling away about how well things are going and whammo...there is a dent in his forehead and Cheney is president.....

Ohmy.

Cheney is president!

Hoo Boy!

Wait. This is serious.

We can assume, due to the recent nearly successful shoe attack upon our densest and dimmest, that journalists the world over are this minute having their loafers refitted. They are, no doubt, hurling practice baseballs in secret training camps and amusement parks. It can only be a matter of time before one of the liberal media makes out and clonks our Chief of State into the next world.

Of course, if George W. is a secret Muslim, he has nothing to worry about, what with the numerous virgins (what sex and genus would they be, I wonder?) awaiting his martyred arrival in the Heaven of his choice. Otherwise, he may not be eager to go to his "reward" prematurely, what with the strange and unfathomable mind of god and all that. If he is not a secret Muslim, he may want to consider a deathbed conversion to the Muslim faith if he is to dodge the spiritual bullet as well as he can dodge a shoe.

But we want the Presidential Ass protected. They very idea that Cheney could be president for even one second is more than this reporter can imagine. All men and women of conscience should call upon the Secret Service to protect our President without fail. While it is understandable that the people that have been closest to George have grown weary of such a bootless, thankless task we must remind them that they are all that stand between Lord Cheney and world domination. We have come too far with Georgie Porgie to loose him now. How odd that he does, in the end, protect us from evildoers after all.

## Joint Chief's Chair Quietly Planning For DADT Repeal

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Admiral Michael Mullen, who was selected by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates for a two-year term, has been on the job for a year. Come January, he will face perhaps the biggest challenge of his career - pivoting from one commander-in-chief to another, in the middle of two wars.



**Admiral Michael Mullen**

More quietly, he has also had initial conversations with his top commanders about potential changes in the "don't ask, don't tell" law that allows Gay men and Lesbians to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation secret. President-elect Barack Obama has taken a strong stand against the law as a moral issue, although his team has signaled that he will not push for repeal in the early months of his administration to avoid the kind of blowup that engulfed President Bill Clinton when he sought to lift an outright ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the military in his first days in office.

"The president-elect's been pretty clear that he wants to address this issue," Admiral Mullen said in the

interview. "And so I am certainly mindful that at some point in time it could come." A friend of Admiral Mullen said that he had begun to think about practical implications like housing, but Admiral Mullen said there had been no formal planning or task forces on the issue.

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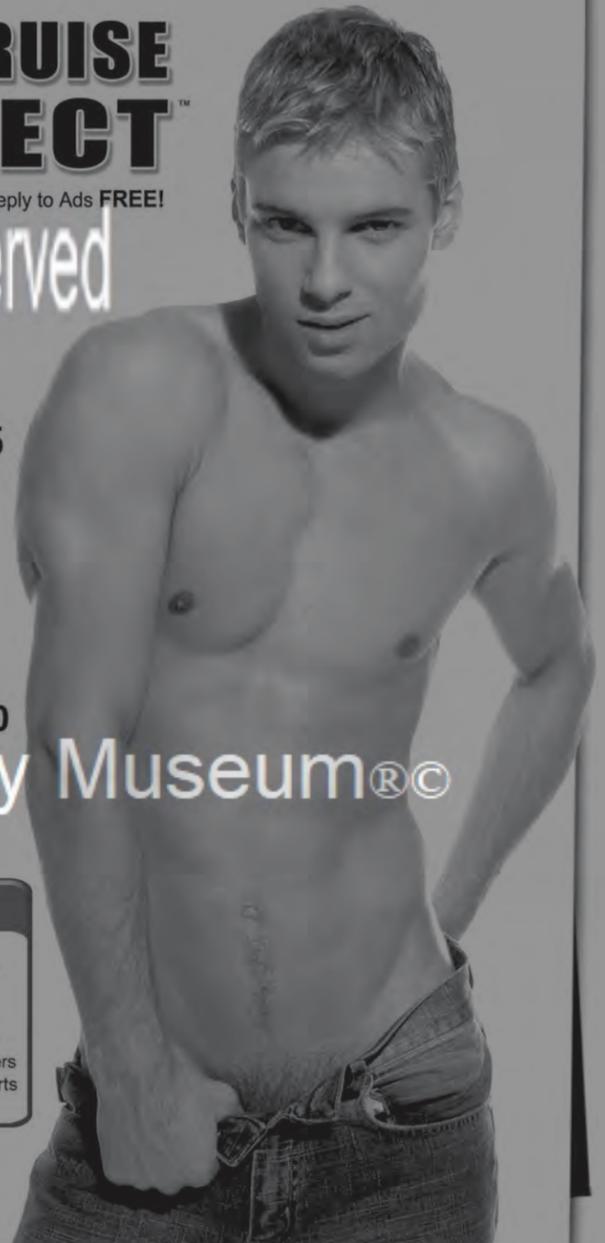
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# Much Ado About Nothing

by Jack Melichar

You want to be a what? Who would have thought of Sarah Palin as an aspiring writer? If that doesn't cause you to fall into a swoon, think of Joe the Plumber at his desk with pen in hand.

Let us first consider the case of the inarticulate turkey pardoner, Governor Palin (don't get your hopes up Bush). On second thought, perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea to forgive the "decider" provided, of course, that Cheney winds up with his head in a funnel like object as did that poor bird who was being executed behind the Governor as she pardoned away. Rather a pleasant thought, eh?

But I digress. Palin, who is said to be worth \$7 million for her soaring prose, is nothing short of a joke. Why should anyone who so abuses the language be paid? Rather, she should be sent back to school - perhaps the second grade would suffice - to, hopefully, make some progress in learning to speak English. I would be satisfied if she could come close to using it as a second language. She could keep the gibberish she spouts as her first language, as long as she doesn't use it in public.

Permit me to illustrate: Ms. Palin was asked by Matt Laurer when she knew the election was lost. Her response: "I had great faith that, you know, perhaps when that voter entered that voting booth and closed that curtain that what would kick in for them was, perhaps a bold step that would have to be taken in casting a vote for us, but

having to put a lot of faith in that commitment we tried to articulate that we were the true change agent that would progress this nation."

Huh? I have no idea what she was trying to say in that thicket of words. I certainly wouldn't want to be her editor.

Then there is Samuel Wurzelbacher, aka Joe the plumber. Well, truth be told, he is not really a plumber. He doesn't have a license so he is more like Joe the Handyman. He will not be held up as a model for the good American citizen since he didn't pay his full share of taxes. He has not been particularly successful so far in his life and now he aspires to join the ranks of Churchill, Hemingway and Shakespeare! Yeah, right! Joe, you would be better off selling whatever it is you are smoking.

Tell you what, Joe, you come to Tucson and write this column (which is, after all, quite easy (I might add that I am paid accordingly), and I will travel to Ohio and install a bidet in your bathroom. By the way, I don't guarantee my work, and for all I know, I might have the water pressure wrong, and you may find yourself blown off the porcelain princess. So sorry!

While I will miss Bush and his contribution to weird language usage, these two bozos will fill in the void quite nicely. Well boys and girls, we are getting to the end of the debacle known as the Bush Presidency. Yay!

## Send A Message To Business Leaders Who Support Anti-Gay Ballot Measures

By Jason Cianciotto

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Alan Stock, the CEO of Cinemark Theaters, wants to have his "Milk" and drink it too...so to speak. Cinemark owns all but one of the theaters in Tucson showing the critically acclaimed movie "Milk," which opened Friday, December 12.

I have a real problem with the fact that Mr. Stock personally donated \$9,999.99 in support of Proposition 8, while his company is set to make millions from a film about Harvey Milk, one of the true heroes of the LGBT civil rights movement. This is why I am writing to ask for your help. We need to send a message to Mr. Stock and other business leaders.

They can't financially support bigotry and homophobia and then expect to profit from our community and our history. What better way to do this than to raise \$9,999.99 in support of Wingspan's work in the coming year, while sending a message directly to Mr. Stock that this money was raised because of his support for anti-LGBT ballot measures.

If you make an online donation of \$9.99 or more, Wingspan will mail a postcard to the CEO of Cinemark Theaters, stating that a donation was made to Wingspan in his name. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, your donation is worth twice as much! Help us send a message to business leaders who financially support the anti-LGBT industry. Please give what you can today using the Google Checkout donate button on our website ([wingspan.org](http://wingspan.org))

Our anonymous donor will match your donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$4,999.99. Please help us maximize this opportunity to support YOUR community and YOUR center by making a donation online today! Additionally, please choose to patronize the Harkins Tucson Spectrum 18 when you see "Milk." It is the only theater showing the film in the Tucson area that is not owned by Cinemark.

On behalf of Wingspan's incredible board staff and volunteers, I want to thank you for your support in 2008. I look forward to serving you and our community in 2009.

Dear Mr. Stock:  
A donation has been made in your name to Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center!

Sincerely,  
Jason Cianciotto  
Executive Director

TO: Alan Stock, CEO  
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# COMMENTARY...

By Michael Moore

this.

Friends,

They could have given the loan on the condition that the automakers start building only cars and mass transit that reduce our dependency on oil. They could have given the loan on the condition that the automakers build cars that reduce global warming. They could have given the loan on the condition that the automakers withdraw their many lawsuits against state governments in their attempts to not comply with our environmental laws. They could have given the loan on the condition that the management team which drove these once-great manufacturers into the ground resign and be replaced with a team who understands the transportation needs of the 21st century.

Yes, they could have given the loan for any of these reasons because, in the end, to lose our manufacturing infrastructure and throw 3 million people out of work would be a catastrophe.

But instead, the Senate said, we'll give you the loan only if the factory workers take a \$20 an hour cut in wages, pension and health care. That's right. After giving BILLIONS to Wall Street hucksters and criminal investment bankers - billions with no strings attached and, as we have since learned, no oversight whatsoever - the Senate decided it is more important to break a union, more important to throw middle class wage earners into the ranks of the working poor than to prevent the total collapse of industrial America.

We have a little more than a month to go of this madness. As I sit here in Michigan today, tens of thousands of hard working, honest, decent Americans do not believe they can make it to January 20th. The malaise here is astounding. Why must they suffer because of the mistakes of every CEO from Roger Smith to Rick Wagoner? Make management and the boards of directors and the shareholders pay for

Of course that is heresy to the 31 Republicans who decided to blame the poor, miserable autoworkers for this mess. And our wonderful media complied with their spin on the morning news shows: "UAW Refuses to Give Concessions Killing Auto Bailout Bill." In fact the UAW has given concession after concession, reduced their benefits, agreed to get rid of the Jobs Bank and agreed to make it harder for their retirees to live from week to week. Yes! That's what we need to do! It's the Jobs Bank and the old people who have led the nation to economic ruin!

But even doing all that wasn't enough to satisfy the bastard Republicans. These Senate vampires wanted blood. Blue collar blood. You see, they weren't opposed to the bailout because they believed in the free market or capitalism. No, they were opposed to the bailout because they're opposed to workers making a decent wage. In their rage, they were driven to destroy the backbone of this country, not because the UAW hadn't given back enough, but because the UAW hadn't given up.

It appears that the sitting President has been looking for a way to end his reign by one magnanimous act, just like a warlord on his feast day. He will put his finger in the dyke, and the fragile mess of an auto industry will eke through the next few months.

That will give the Senate enough time to demand that the bankers and investment sharks who've already swiped nearly half of the \$700 billion gift a chance to make the offer of cutting their pay.

Fat chance.

Yours,  
Michael Moore

(Michael Moore is an activist, author, and filmmaker. See more of his work at his website [MichaelMoore.com](http://MichaelMoore.com).)

## Protesters Greet Crist At Wedding

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (Observer Update) - Florida Governor Charlie Crist, celebrating his second wedding on Saturday, was greeted by about 250 demonstrators seeking the opportunity to marry even once.

Crist, 52, and businesswoman Carole Rome, 39, were wed under tight security at First United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg. It was the first wedding of a Florida governor in 42 years, and only invited guests were allowed inside the church. Cameras were not allowed. "When Gov. Charlie Crist kissed the bride, it was tender and brief, apparently too brief to suit his bride, who gently put her hands on his face and kissed him again," reported the Tampa Bay Times.

In the recent election, Florida's constitution was amended to deny marriage rights to same-sex couples per the voter-approved Amendment 2. Similar measures also passed in Arizona (Proposition 102) and California (Proposition 8). ImpACT-Florida organized the protest of the amendment's passage, with some attendees donning pink T-shirts reading "Congratulations, Governor Crist. When can I get married?" "Governor Crist endorsed Amendment 2," said director Lorna Bracewell. "We found it particularly ironic that just over a month after...here he is exercising that right that he supported taking away from me and people like me." The demonstration followed the Governor and new First Lady to the hotel hosting their

reception, the Renaissance Vinoy.

Crist has fielded numerous questions about his sexual orientation. In particular, during Florida's 2006 gubernatorial race, Reform candidate Max Linn told a WFTL radio host on National Coming Out Day 2006 that Crist, then the state's Attorney General, had come out to him in secret during a meeting in 1985, and said that it was an open secret in Tallahassee, much like in the case of fallen Congressman Mark Foley. "In my opinion, it's widely known throughout the Republican Party that Crist is Gay," Linn added. The claim has yet to be substantiated.





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Wednesday, December 17th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot with Jack 887-3736

all ages and is a pay as you order event. For more information and directions call Thom at 908-6160

Thursday, December 18th
Join the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Chamber of Commerce (TGLBTCC) for their annual Holiday Party to be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ain't Nobody's Bizness, 2900 E. Broadway.

Sunday, December 21st
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Dinner Out at Kettle's. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, Triangle Tribe 7:00 pm. Call Tom for more information at 591-2828

Monday, December 22nd Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed. Newsletter and Movie night. For more information and directions call Arlan at 323-7414

Men's Social Network: Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed. 7:00pm Join the guys for a game of Bridge. For more information and directions contact Ike at 207-6264

Wednesday, December 24th
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Saturday, December 20th
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 Steve at 664-2076 for directions and information.

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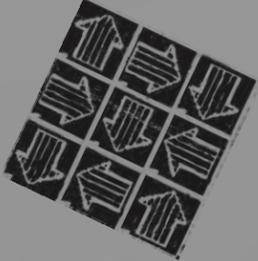
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AND YOUR OSCAR HOST IS HOLLYWOOD, California (Observer Update) - The wearer of Broadway's most glittery pants, Hugh Jackman, reported queerty.com.

He'll host the 81st Academy Awards, which producers were looking for a Cary Grant or Clark Gable type to bring back old Hollywood.

Add the Los Angeles Times: "Jackman seems to be an inspired choice. He's the "it" guy of the moment, having recently been given the full star build-up by Fox in anticipation of the release of "Australia" and even more recently been named People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive." He's multi-talented (acts, sings, dances) and well liked within the industry. And he would appeal across all sorts of demographics: he tackled the stage in "The Boy from Oz" (2003-2004) and became Broadway's darling, winning a Tony; he was introduced to moviegoing women in a rom-com, "Kate and Leopold" (2001), earning a Golden Globe nod; and he picked up his guy's-guy credentials in the "X-Men" films (2000, 2003, 2006), each of which topped the box-office. And, while "Australia" has been a critical and commercial disappointment, he gave an endearing performance and has escaped most of the blame."

LGBT BAND MARCHES FOR INAUGURAL PARADE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - President-elect Barack Obama's inaugural parade on January 20 will be the first in history to include an openly LGBT group. The Lesbian and Gay Band Association will march down Pennsylvania Avenue following Obama's swearing-in on the steps of the Capitol.

"I am honored to invite these talented groups and individuals to participate in the inaugural parade," Obama said in announcing the parade lineup. "These organizations embody the best of our nation's history, diversity, and commitment to service. Vice President-elect Biden and I are proud to have them join us in the parade."

The band was chosen out of 1,382 applications, according to a press release. The full lineup has yet to be finalized, but between 60 and 80 bands traditionally participate in the parade, advocate.com reported.

SHOWTIME DEVELOPS COMING-OUT SERIES

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Showtime is developing a reality series documenting Gay people coming out to friends and family. The project is titled "Way Out." In each episode, a closeted individual reveals their true sexual orientation during a group meeting.

Showtime has ordered a pilot presentation from Bryn Freedman, a former journalist and executive producer of A&E's "Intervention," as part of its effort to bolster its unscripted slate. "It's a show that has universal appeal because everybody can relate to having part of their lives hidden," said Freedman, who is producing the project with Evan Weiss. "The show is all about getting to know the person - why they have been reluctant to come out and what it looks like to be living a lie, (and) what it is like when people are trying to set you up with dates."

"Out" will show the person's closeted life, document the moment they reveal their orientation to friends and family, then chart how relationships are changed. Although still in the pilot stage, Showtime is enthusiastic about the project. Like the acclaimed "Intervention," which prompted controversy before its debut, Freedman expects that "Out" could provoke strong reactions.

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**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.tucsonpride.com)

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

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

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

**THEATER / DINNER / MOVIES / ETC!** Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or [joycesmth1@aol.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

**REVELLE MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Megan at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 116. 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at [www.desertdominion.org](http://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. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This is an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous - all are welcome. For more info call Bernie W.:

**TUCSON M2M** - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TucsonM2M>



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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

**THE BIZ** - Visit the outdoor patio enjoy a cocktail or two. Sports on all day!!! You call it!! NFL \$5 Beer and Burgers 10am - 3pm Music with DJ/Hill starts at 9pm.

**COLORS** - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well. Appetizers 1/2 price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am-2am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Beer Bust \$2.25/pitcher, 3-7pm. Burger BBQ, 5-7pm, \$3 proceeds to Petwatch (Helping HIV/AIDS clients with their Veterinary bills).

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am-2am. Peter's Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar 11am-2pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excluding special events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm-2am. Beer Bust 2pm-7pm. Karaoke with Michael D 9pm-Close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

**YARD DOG** - Open 10am - 2am. Mimosas & Bloody Mary Bar (Build your own)

## MONDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-2am. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

**COLORS** - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers 1/2 price 4-6m. Full menu served until 10pm.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o' Beer - \$10 Domestic, \$12 Imports (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 10pm-2am \$1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8pm..

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events) Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm Back Pocket Patio Bar 8pm-close. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close.

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

## TUESDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-2am. College Night - 50 cent canned beer!

**COLORS** - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

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

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am-2am. Dart Tournament, 7pm \$3 entry fee/Pot Match.

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am- 2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close, Caribbean Party Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis with Tucson's Hottest Bartenders.

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

## WEDNESDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-2am. Happy Hour ALL Day til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJ Hill Spins til 2am. This is an 18 and over event..

**COLORS** - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "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 1/2 price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials..

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Bicardi Thursdays - \$3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors. Karaoke with Kristen and K2 Tunes 8pm.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request \$1.75 Long Islands and \$1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am-2am..  
**WOODY'S** - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl Spec Events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close. Cheap Party Day \*\*FREE POOL\*\*, \$1.00 PBR Longnecks, \$2.00 Tecate Longnecks. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm - close..

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

## FRIDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-2am. With incredible Happy Hour pricing from 5-8pm. Noche de calor w/DJ Hill jugando la mejor en musica latino! Todos los viernes por la noche, la musica comienza a las 9. Shot specials cada nora!!

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night of the month.

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

## SATURDAY

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

**COLORS** - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

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

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karacke & Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Bunny FuFu or Janee Starr. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside & Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm -2am

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar open 7pm-2am. Beer Bust \$2.25/Pitcher. 3-7pm.

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

**YARD DOG** - Open 8am-2am. Patio Bar Opens 8pm.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

**NEWS FLASH** - As they celebrate their fifth year in business. 'Howl At The Moon' is changing the name of their bar to "COYOTE MOON PUB". Due to a name conflict with an out-of-state business, they have been "asked" to no longer use 'Howl at the Moon'. Spread the word.

Friday, December 19  
**WOODY'S** Happy Hour featuring Susan Artemis every Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 20  
**THE BIZ** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Snow Party with DJ Hill until 2:00 a.m. \$5.00 Body Shots and \$4.00 Bailey's.

**COYOTE MOON PUB** - Holiday Benefit Show for TIHAN and SAAF with Amanda Nicole and Friends. 9:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Dart Tournament at 11:00 a.m. and Bears Beer Bust at 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 -  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**VENTURE-N** - Holiday Potluck 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 27  
**COYOTE MOON** - Baillamos - Latin Dance Night & Show 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31 **NEW YEARS EVE**  
**VENTURE-N** - New Years Eve Bash with Buster (The Balloon Guy).

**WOODY'S** - Ring in the New Year here with as Light Buffet from 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Shot Boys; Complimentary Champagne Toast at Midnight; Giant Balloon Drop; Party Favors and DJ Jeff taking requests all night. Happy New Year!

## Around The Nation

### CHICAGO SETTLES SUIT OVER POLICE TREATMENT OF GAY MAN

CHICAGO, Illinois (Observer Update) - City lawyers reached an agreement with a man who said he was arrested and beaten by Chicago police because he was Gay, settling the case on the morning testimony was set to begin in the civil trial.

A jury was selected and opening statements given by both sides Monday in the lawsuit filed by Alexander Ruppert, who said he was falsely arrested in March 2006, then viciously beaten by officers while they shouted anti-Gay slurs.

Details of the settlement were not immediately available. Police encountered Ruppert at a bar when they responded to disturbance call.

### TOP EVANGELICAL RESIGNS AFTER BACKING G/L UNIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - An outspoken and polarizing voice in conservative Christian politics resigned from the National Association of Evangelicals after a radio interview in which he voiced support for same-sex civil unions and said he is "shifting" on Gay marriage.

The Rev. Richard Cizik's comments - made on a Dec. 2 "Fresh Air" broadcast on National Public Radio - triggered an uproar that led to his stepping down as NAE vice president of governmental affairs. A fixture in Washington for nearly three decades, Cizik has played a key role in bringing evangelical Christian concerns to the political table. But in recent years, he earned enemies in the movement for pushing to broaden the evangelical agenda. His strongest focus was on "creation care," arguing that evangelicals have a biblical responsibility to the environment that includes combatting global warming.

The Rev. Leith Anderson, a Minneapolis-area pastor who serves as NAE president, said the group is not backing away from its environmental stances. Cizik's resignation was necessary, he said, because some of his answers in the radio interview did not reflect NAE values and convictions.



# COMMENTARY....

by Steve Ralls

It could have been a political earthquake that, in the end, was more of a subtle shift on the ground.

On CNN's Situation Room began promoting an interview with General Colin Powell that promised the "strongest statement yet" from the retired Chairman of the Joint Chiefs about "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the federal law that prohibits Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Americans from serving openly in our armed forces. And while that may have technically been true, it was hardly the ringing endorsement for repeal that Powell's colleague, General John Shalikashvili, offered up more than two years ago in The New York Times.

"We definitely should reevaluate [the law]," Powell told Fareed Zakaria. "It's been 15 years since we put in 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' which was a policy that became a law. I didn't want it to become a law but it became a law. Congress felt that strongly about it. But it's been 15 years and attitudes have changed and so I think it is time for the Congress, since it is their law, to have a full review of it, and I'm quite sure that's what President-elect Obama will want to do."

The step forward for Powell came down to one word: "should."

In other interviews prior to the sit-down with Zakaria, the General, who is widely regarded as the magic bullet that could considerably speed up repeal efforts on Capitol Hill, went with a different analysis of Congress' role: "could."

Earlier this year in Aspen, Powell joined former Senator Sam Nunn - the other person widely regarded as responsible for the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" fiasco - and reminded the country that Congress could, if it chose, re-visit the law. And in an interview in October 2007 with GQ, he

took another step forward, reiterated yesterday, in saying that our country, and our military, have changed since the law was implemented in 1993. But what Powell has consistently declined to say is what, when Congress does seriously re-visit the law, they should conclude about its future.

In answering inquiries about the military's ban, General Powell has raised more questions than he has offered answers about where he stands on the issue.

There is little question, for example, that Congressional leaders would very much like to hear from Powell as they contemplate legislation, now pending in the House, to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." And, as a trusted voice on military issues, there is a strong likelihood that, as future hearings on the matter are planned, he will receive an invitation to offer his insight. But if asked by lawmakers whether he supports ending the law - and whether he believes the time do so is now - what will his answer be?

And what, precisely, did Powell mean in his statement to CNN that he "didn't want it to become a law?"

It was, in fact, Powell's 1993 testimony to Congress that helped get "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" onto the books. Prior to that move, Congress had never intervened in the matter, and largely left decisions regarding who can and cannot serve up to military leaders and the commander-in-chief. Encouraged by Powell and Nunn to block attempts by then-President Bill Clinton to welcome Gay Americans into the services, however, lawmakers did just that, and stripped the president of any ability to single-handedly determine whether sexual orientation should be a bar to serving in the armed forces.

Did General Powell believe that his testimony before Congress would not, in fact, tempt Congress to take action and steer the issue into their domain? Or does he simply believe that, in retrospect, it was a mistake for Congress to do so?

Those are big questions that require more than "baby step answers" from General Powell.

The answers to those questions could, in fact, determine the timeline for the demise of "Don't Ask." Because, as long as Powell plays on the peripheral of particulars, lawmakers can continue to use him as cover as they avoid tackling the issue. And another two service members will continue to be fired - simply because of who they are - every single day.

And while no one doubts that Powell could answer with specifics about what he believes, the question is: does he understand why now is the time that he should?

And the issue - one of national security and respect for our troops - is too important to be wrapped up in a debate about what the definition of "should" should be.

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## It Was A Monster Ball!!!



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