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Huge Message Of Hope In Winterhaven Festival

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TUCSON - Each Christmas holiday season residents of the Winterhaven neighborhood always made their area a magnificent 'Festival of Lights'. This year, Winterhaven resident Jeffrey Scott Brown went a step further with the display in front of his home at 3354 North Christmas Avenue, at the intersection of Kleindale and Christmas Avenue.

Brown utilized the large red AIDS Ribbon Tucson to stand with 8 foot tall letters of HOPE - "a symbolic gesture to send as much hope (for anything positive we personally choose) into the world as we can - beginning with ourselves," Brown said, "and using the red ribbon to promote AIDS awareness".

Local photographers, videographers and historians were invited to document the moment on Sunday, December 28. Neighbors, friends, family and strangers were also in attendance.

Although the 58th annual Winterhaven holiday event concluded Saturday, December 27, the Brown Family intends to keep the huge 'HOPE' sign up through the New Year and the Presidential Inauguration for the public to drive by and see.

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An Apology -

As a result of our main computer crashing at 1:15 a.m. last Wednesday morning, we were unable to transmit our 'New Year's Issue' to the printer and get it delivered on Wednesday, December 31, as would be done normally. And, because of the holiday, the printer could not get the paper printed until Friday! It was decided not to publish two papers with less that a week in between so we cancelled the New Year's issue altogether.

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum

This is one of a very few times in the past thirty-some years that we were late in our weekly Wednesday delivery.

With this issue number 1276 begins another string of Observer issues each week and hopefully this digital world of modern electronics will not interrupt us again. Thank you readers and advertisers for your patience.

Many Suffered From Anti-Gay Violence In 2008

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) From a series of street bashings in Seattle to the baseball bat murder of an Ecuadorean immigrant in New York, episodes of anti-Gay violence punctuated a year now ending with police investigating the alleged gang rape of a Lesbian near San Francisco, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Advocates said they do not know whether the threats, beatings and murders reflect a true rise in attacks or increased reporting of hate-based crimes that persist even as Gays gain greater visibility and legal protections.

"When you are talking about hate crimes, people think someone is likely to report it, but in some communities the message is not always clear that our society has accepted LGBT folks," said Sarah Tofte, a researcher at New York-based Human Rights Watch.

In Richmond, the crime-ravaged Bay Area city where the 28-year-old Lesbian reported being assaulted by four men, police received so many calls from community members wanting to help that they asked the local rape crisis center to set up a fund to aid her.

FBI statistics show there were 1,265 hate crimes based on sexual orientation in 2007, up from 1,017 two years earlier and 1,239 in 2003. That compares to 3,820 racially motivated incidents in 2007 and 1,400 in which the victim's religion was a factor.

Because not all states allow attacks motivated by anti-Gay bias to be charged as hate crimes and because some victims are reluctant to reveal their sexual orientations to police, Gay and Transgender rights advocates suspect the numbers to be much higher.

The vast majority of brutality against Gays is carried out by young men, usually acting in groups, said Riki Wilchins, executive director of Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, a Washington nonprofit that works in schools to address discrimination.

Their victims most often are other young men with feminine demeanors or Transgender women, said Wilchins. "These assailants are looking to eradicate and exterminate something that enrages them, and that is what makes them hate crimes," he said.

GenderPAC published a report in 2006 cataloguing the murders of 50 such victims under 30 years old over a 10-year period. The group has identified another 20 murders of "gender nonconforming youth" that have taken place in the two years since, although FBI statistics for the same period show only five hate crime slayings linked to the victim's sexual orientation.

"There has definitely been a huge spike. I don't think anybody knows why," Wilchins said.

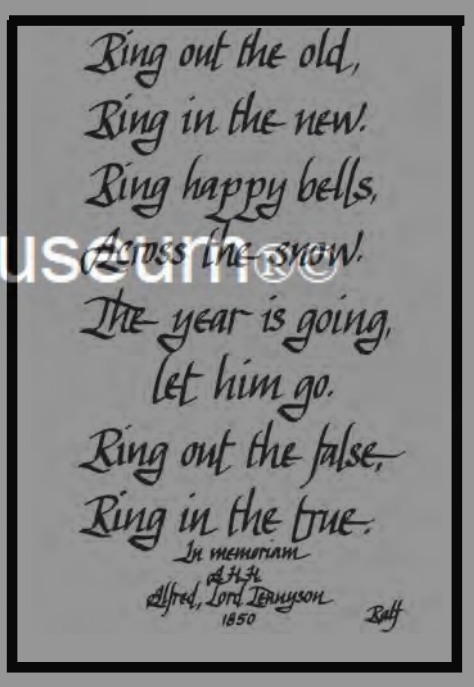
Many of the incidents that have captured headlines this year – from the February shooting death of a Gay teenager at his Southern California middle school to this month's slaying of a Brooklyn man who was fatally beaten while walking arm-and-arm with his brother – fit Wilchins' profile.

Larry King, the 15-year-old shot by a classmate, wore feminine clothing and makeup. Jose Sucuzhanay, 31, was beaten with a baseball bat in Brooklyn and kicked by three men who jumped out of a car yelling anti-Gay and anti-Hispanic slurs.

The unidentified woman who was sexually assaulted in Richmond on Dec. 13 also was jumped by a group. Detectives say she was attacked after she got out of her car, which bore a rainbow Gay pride sticker.

After one of the four men struck her, the group dragged the woman into the street, assaulted her, forced her back into her car and took her to a burned-out apartment building, where she was raped again. Authorities are still searching for the suspects.

The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, a network of organizations working to address Gay-related violence, has tracked numerous other anti-Gay crimes this year. They include the deaths of Transgender women in Tennessee and Colorado; an arson that destroyed the home of a 65-year-old Gay man in New York, and a spate of street beatings in Seattle's Gay district.



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Desert Voices 'Spectacular'

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "It was spectacular... amazing! We laughed... we cried.... So professional... the blend of sounds was beautiful! I saw you perform Silent Night two years ago...what you achieved was amazing... you could have heard a pin drop! We're now lifetime season ticket holders!"

This is just a small sampling of audience reaction to Desert Voices' 20th Season holiday opener, "Down the Chimney." The concert played on consecutive nights to near-capacity audiences that made many first-time Desert Voices concert attendees–converts for life. Special Guest Star, Namoli Brennet's elegant, wistful performance blended seamlessly with Desert Voices' nearly 50 member chorus.

Not wanting to stand on their laurels, Desert Voices has begun preparation for their Annual Cabaret & Fundraiser, February 7 at the Historic Y. Special Guest Stars, Lisa Otey and Diane Van Deurzen will join Desert Voices for "In the Basement", a risqué, slightly bawdy and totally entertaining evening of music and comedy as Lesbian coffee house meets Gay piano bar.

Auction action on an excellent assortment of items begins at 6:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grille with wine and champagne provided by Barefoot Wine & Bubbly. A limited number of tickets are still available for this once a year event and may be purchased by calling (520) 791-9662. All proceeds will help Desert Voices to sustain its artistic and community mission.

Desert Voices is Arizona's premier GLBTS Chorus. Our abiding mission is to unite our community through our music and provide a voice for those who may have no voice. Each year Desert Voices, under the artistic direction of Chris Tackett, extends a musical invitation to our community to join with us as we celebrate with programs that inspire while providing laughter and lasting memories.

For more information, please contact Jeffrey Scotland, General Manager of Desert Voices (520) 908-8740, Jeffreyscotland@desertvoices.org online at desertvoices.org.

Country Club Road and one block south of Speedway Boulevard. We have no program scheduled for this meeting.

If you need help, please call our hotline at (520) 360-3795 or e-mail us at pflagtuc@pflagtucson.org. We will connect you with a PFLAG member who has been where you are and who understands.

Rodeo Volunteers Needed

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - As a founding member of the International Gay Rodeo Association, the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) is proud to host 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.

AGRA is looking for volunteers to assist for a few hours on Saturday or Sunday. Opportunities include assisting with ticket sales, ticket taking, security, and parking etc. This 24th anniversary rodeo will take place at Rawhide at Wild Horse Pass on the Gila River Indian Community, 5700 W North Loop Rd, Chandler, Arizona.

To volunteer, please visit the website at agravolunteers.org or contact our Rodeo Director, Ron Trusley, at rtrusley@cox.net or (602) 510-9671.

Lisa Geduldig's Kung Pao Kosher Comedy Tour & TJFF Opening Night

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 2009 18th Annual Tucson Jewish Film Festival opens on January 10, 7:30 p.m., Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 E. River Road, with a special guest, Lisa Geduldig of San Francisco Kung Pao Kosher Comedy fame.

The opening night film is "Noodle." The cost of admission includes the comedy opener, the film and a dessert reception. $18.

For more information, call (520) 299-3000, or go online to tucsonjewishfilmfestival.org/schedule.html.

SAAF Annual Report Available

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), the only community-based organization in Southern Arizona that provides case management and ancillary support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families, has posted their annual financial report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

The 32 page financial report covers all aspects of SAAF's fundraising, expenditures and details how the various programs and services have worked for the past fiscal year. What follows is SAAF's Income and Expense Report (from page 6):

REVENUE - Grants/Contracts $3,669,916, Community Based Revenue $873,417, Buyers Club $58,509, Rental Property Income $416,969, Management Fees $25,500, Investment Income $5,000, TOTAL REVENUE $5,049,31.

EXPENSE - Client Services $2,839,153, Prevention $1,302,674, Volunteer Resources $120,876, Development $426,228, Administration $363,385, TOTAL EXPENSE $5,049,312.

SAAF's entire annual report is available online at saaf.org/AboutSAAF/documents/AnnualReportFY2007-2008.pdf. For more information, call (520) 628-7223 or go online to SAAF's website, saaf.org.

First Step To Volunteering In 2009

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Go beyond "feel-good volunteering" and volunteer with the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). Really make a difference in the lives of our CarePartners, people living with HIV/AIDS. Your first step to volunteering is attending one of our Volunteer Orientations, the first one in 2009 will take place Thursday, Jan. 15, at the First Congregation Church, 1350 N. Arcadia, 5:15 - 9:15 p.m.

In just one evening or afternoon, you will experience an HIV 101 presentation, be inspired by a panel discussion of persons living with HIV, and hear an overview of TIHAN's programs, services and volunteer opportunities. Six times a year, TIHAN offers Volunteer Orientations, and January 15 is your next chance.

If you are interested in volunteering at TIHAN or you just want to know more about HIV/AIDS and related issues, please join us. Your cost is only $17 which includes a light meal and printed materials. Feel free to pass this information on to your friends, family, coworkers and congregations. For more information about volunteer opportunities contact Kim Talerico, Volunteer Coordinator, at (520) 299-6647 or email her at kim@tihan.org.

Tucson Pride Meeting January 14

TUCSON (Observer Update) -Tucson Pride Inc. meets on the second Wednesday of each month (January's meeting on the 14th) at Braun P.C., 6125 E Grant Road at 6:00 p.m.

Tucson Pride produces the following events each year: Pride Week, Pride in the Desert, and Pride on Parade.

For more information please call (520) 622-3200 or visit their website at tucsonpride.org.

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Prop 102 Opponent Says Ariz. Secretary Of State Turns Blind Eye To Campaign Finance Compliance

FLAGSTAFF (Observer Update) - Despite the fact that less than 25 percent of donors to YesforMarriage.com listed their occupations on campaign finance reports, the Arizona Secretary of State's office says that the political committee behind Prop. 102 made its "best effort" to comply with a state law requiring political committees to list the occupations of campaign donors on campaign finance reports.

Responding to a complaint from Flagstaff resident Dan Frazier, the Secretary of State's office requested additional information from YesforMarriage.com about its efforts to obtain the occupations of its donors. John LeSueur, treasurer forYesforMarriage.com, apparently responded to the Secretary of State's inquiry. In a letter to LeSueur dated Dec. 22, 2008, State Election Director Joseph Kanefield wrote, "Based upon the information provided in your letter, we have determined that the Committee has established that it made its 'best effort' to obtain the required information. Consequently, there is an insufficient basis to find reasonable cause to believe the committee violated A.R.S. §§ 16-915(A), 16-901(13) or 16-904(D). We therefore consider this matter closed." A copy of Kanefield's letter to LeSueur was sent to Frazier by the Secretary of State's office.

With his response to the Secretary of State, Lesueur apparently also made a request for "all correspondence in 2008 to, from or within the Arizona Secretary of State's office relating to the compliance of any political committee with the campaign finance reporting requirements." Kanefield responded by writing, "We have reviewed our files and have found no records that match your request." Frazier, a Gay-rights supporter, got involved when he learned from a newspaper article that about 60 members of his community of Flagstaff had donated about $339,000 to YesforMarriage.com. He noticed that most Flagstaff donors did not list their occupations on campaign finance reports. "Only 17 percent of Flagstaff donors listed their occupations. Statewide, the figure is more like 23 percent. This is a very low rate of compliance. But apparently, the Secretary of State's office is not concerned about the rate of compliance," said Frazier in a prepared statement. "That's shocking," added Frazier. "But I am even more shocked to learn that the Secretary of State's office has no record of any correspondence with anyone about compliance with the campaign finance laws. That is just unbelievable! What do they do at the Secretary of State's office if they don't communicate about campaign finance compliance? Isn't that a big part of their job?"

Frazier originally contacted the Arizona Attorney General's office with his concern about missing occupational data. The Attorney General's office directed him to the Secretary of State's office, saying that the Attorney General would investigate only if the Secretary of State indicated an investigation was warranted. However, ARS §§ 16-904(i) seems to say that the Attorney General is entrusted with enforcing campaign finance rules. The statute says, "On request of the attorney general, the county, city or town attorney or the filing officer, the treasurer shall provide any of the records required to be kept pursuant to this section." This section of the law, related to the duties of the treasurer of a political committee, goes on to say, "A person who violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed as prescribed in section 16-924 of three times the amount of money that has been received, expended or promised in violation of this section."

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Campbell Stands Behind Advocate Ads, Doesn't Cave To AFA

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Despite demands from the American Family Association (AFA) calling for e-mails to Campbell Soup Co. urging the company to stop "pushing the Gay agenda," the icon of all things American is standing behind a decision to advertise in the Gay and Lesbian market, reported advocate.com.

The two-page spreads for the Swanson division represent Campbell's first foray into the Gay market. One ad, which appears in the December 2 issue of The Advocate, features two women and a young boy enjoying soup made with Swanson Chicken Broth. Accompanying text identifies the women as a couple. On the opposite page is a chef, Christopher Lee, who is not identified as Gay or straight. The second, in the January 13 issue, has Lee on one page and another chef, Wil Crutchley, on the other. Neither man's sexual orientation is identified. Upon seeing the ads, the AFA immediately took it its website, urging Campbell to "remain neutral in the culture war."

Campbell rep Anthony Sanzio said the company stands behind the ads. "Our position on this is pretty straightforward. Inclusion and diversity play an important role in our business, and that fact is reflected in our marketing plan," he said. "For more than a century people from all walks for life have enjoyed Campbell's products, and we will continue to try to communicate in ways that are meaningful and relevant to them."

Sanzio said plans for the Swanson brand include further placements in The Advocate. AFA has long called for boycotts of companies that place ads in Gay publications. The organization waged a multiyear war against Ford Motor Co. for its outreach to Gay consumers.

To thank Campbell for its Gay-supportive stance, consumers can contact company president Douglas R. Conant at Campbell Soup Co, Campbell Place, Camden, NJ 08103, (800) 442-7684 or (800) 257-8443, douglas_r_conant@campbellsoup.com. There is also a feedback form on the Campbell corporate website, CampbellSoupCompany.com.

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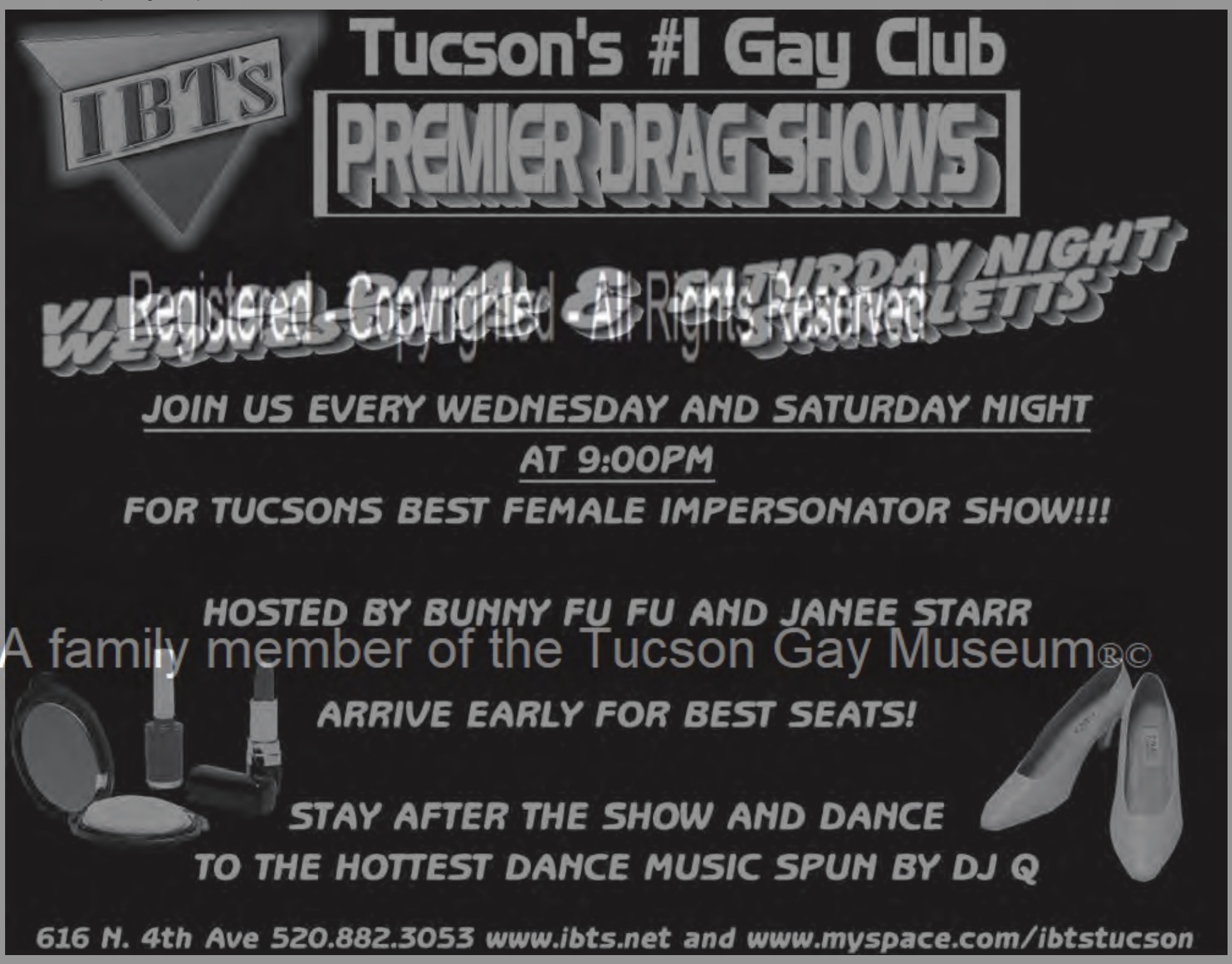

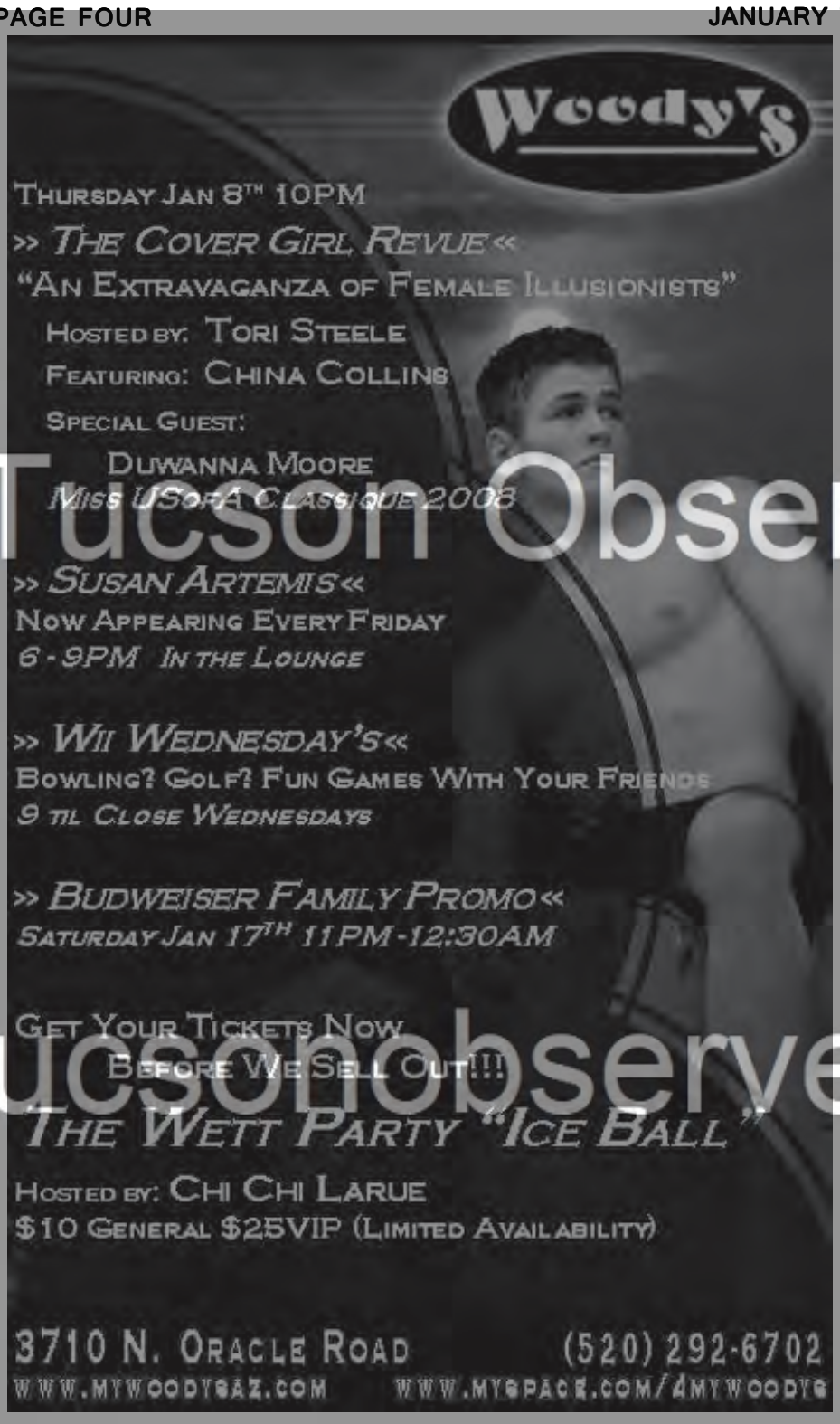

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New Year's Resolutions For The LGBT Community

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - 'Tis the season to make promises to yourself. Whether it's losing weight, taking up scuba diving or calling your mother, the new year is a time to resolve to do new things and be a better person, queerty.com reported. We've got the personal covered, but what about the Gay community as a whole?

2008 will be remembered as a big year for the Gays–we won rights, then lost them and then caught the world's attention by making our voices heard. At the same time, the world of Gay media continues to shrink, LGBT folks continue to be beaten and killed both at home and abroad, Gay leadership often seems missing in action and, if you're a Gay minority, you're getting the short end of two already pretty-damn-short sticks. We can't control Obama or Congress or the homophobes who will call us names, deny us our rights or, in far too many cases, still turn to physical violence. But the best way of controlling our destiny is to start with ourselves. Here are 10 new year's resolutions we'd like to see the Gay community keep:

Build an army. You can blame Gay organizations for not achieving goals faster than they have, or for only asking you to open your wallet, but let's face facts: If you only have a limited pool of people actually willing to work for equal rights, your best bet is to make sure they're well funded and to pass the heavy lifting over to professional experts. We lost marriage equality in California partly because we handed the reins of the campaign over to paid professionals. Sure, we should take advice from political experts, but you can't buy equal rights. You have to work for it. Let's see the Gay community take a page from the Obama campaign and organize grassroots activists; let's see meetings of 10 or 15 people at a time talking about what they can do on their block, street or town to make a difference. Multiply that across the globe and talk to one another, and there's nothing we can not achieve.

Don't fear visibility. The most important thing the Gay community can do to help itself out is to continue to be present and vocal. We should use every opportunity that we can to make the case that denying Gays and Lesbians the right to marry, the right to serve our country and the right to live without fear of retribution is an attack on civil rights. That means when a transexual woman is beaten and killed, her death can't pass into the night forgotten; that means when a priest who compares Gays and Lesbians to pedophiles is invited to speak before the whole country, we speak up too; that means talking to your friends and family about the issues that are important to you. Harvey Milk was right: There is no downside to being visible.
"You're not being a good friend if you let someone go on doing something that's stupid, ineffective or dangerous..."

Realize that equal rights is not a popularity contest. More than a few well-meaning Gays and Lesbians seem to think that if only homophobes could see what nice people we are, they would step aside and allow us our rights. Join the Impact's series of increasingly silent and passive protests are a step in the right direction (there's only so many times you can march back and forth and still be effective), but the attitude that by being the best little boy or girl in the world will confer upon you a gold seal of approval is so last century. Stop asking for equal rights and start demanding them. This doesn't mean simply yelling louder than the opposition, but it does mean making the case for equality forcefully, and remembering that there's nothing wrong with you–it's the homophobes who need to change.

Treat the Gays just like straights. We need to stop giving a special pass to Gay and Lesbian organizations, be they charities, media or businesses. The charge that you're being "divisive" when criticizing the Gay and Lesbian community is foolish. We should hold ourselves to the same standards we hold the rest of the world. This isn't just a nice principle, it has real benefits. If Gay and Lesbian groups aren't scrutinized, questioned or criticized, they risk being loved to death. You're not being a good friend if you let someone go on doing something that's stupid, ineffective or dangerous simply because you don't want to hurt their feelings.

Make allies everywhere. Here's another fact that has to be faced: Gays and Lesbians will always be in the minority, no matter how much Baptist ministers would have you believe that we're going to turn all the children Gay. The good news is that more people are willing to stand up for equality–some because they have friends or family who are Gay and some because they think it's wrong to treat any group of people like second-class citizens. The biggest challenge now is reaching and engaging both communities of color and religious groups. It's prejudiced to think that people in these groups can't have their hearts turned, and the truth is, we haven't tried all that hard to reach them.

Define the agenda. As long as the Gay community is unclear about its goals, homophobes will continue to define them for us. All they have going for them is fear and they'll continue to tell people who don't know any better that the goal of the Gay community is to teach homosexuality to children, force churches to marry Gays and Lesbians and any number of other ridiculous lies. Yes, there's a Gay agenda, but there's no reason it should be a secret. We need to find a clear way to articulate what it is we believe to be full, fair and equal treatment under the law, and then we need to tell everybody.

Get a winning attitude. I remember standing on the street in L.A. with a few hundred other Prop. 8 protesters and talking to a slightly older guy, who had joined us as he saw us marching on the street. He told me and a few others that the thing we need to realize is that "in the scheme of things, this will only take a minute." He's right. The plain and simple truth is that we've come a long way in a short time and that a lot of the impatience we have now is because, at long last, there's a finish line in sight. Even though we lose ballot initiative after ballot initiative, we should remember that these initiatives are a response to our success. The story of America, the thrust of our history, is toward more equality and freedom. Be angry, be outraged, but don't lose sight that you're on the winning team. "We should remember that these initiatives are a response to our success."

Hate the bigotry, love the bigot. No matter how virulent, homophobia always comes down to ignorance. This means nobody should be written off, but it also means that no matter how good or decent or kind a person is in their other walks of life, their homophobia still deserves to be called out. I'm talking about Rev. Warren, obviously. The truth is, Warren's done a lot of good for the world and I believe he's a decent man, but when it comes to his views on Gays and Lesbians, and the extent to which he's gone to deny Gays and Lesbians their rights, he is fundamentally wrong.

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Eartha Kitt - A Friend To The G/L Community

NEW YORK CITY - Sexy and sultry Eartha Kitt died on Christmas Day in her Connecticut home at the age of 81. The singer, dancer and actress succumbed to colon cancer, Andrew Freedman, a family spokesman said. Kitt was a champion of civil rights, including Gay and Lesbian equality.

With a career that spanned six decades of Emmy-winning and Tony- and Grammy-nominated performances, Kitt did it all. She started as a dancer in Vaudeville and found fame in movies and on television. Living in the South, the product of a mixed-race marriage, she battled an unhappy childhood that included being left to live with relatives after her mother's new husband objected to taking her in. As an adult, Kitt would say the risqué stage persona that made her famous was all an act. She described herself as shy; traumatized by her family's abandonment.

"I'm an orphan," she told the Post online. "But the public has adopted me and that has been my only family. The biggest family in the world is my fans." Kitt's childhood explains the fierce loyalty she had to her fans and her devotion to equality. "I feel very close to the Gay crowd because we know what it feels like to be rejected," she told the Chicago-based Gay weekly Windy City Times in 2005.

In her Gay media interview, Kitt agreed with proponents of Gay marriage, calling the issue a civil right. "We were not allowed to go through certain doors because of race, our color. It was so stupid that we were not able to sit at the counter of a restaurant because it was only for Anglo-Saxons. It's stupid when this country says it was born on 'freedom for all', but it's 'freedom for some'!" she said. "I support it [Gay marriage] because we're asking for the same thing. If I have a partner and something happens to me, I want that partner to enjoy the benefits of what we have reaped together."

"It's a civil-rights thing, isn't it?" she added. Kitt is survived by a daughter, Kitt Shapiro, and two grandchildren, Jason and Rachel.

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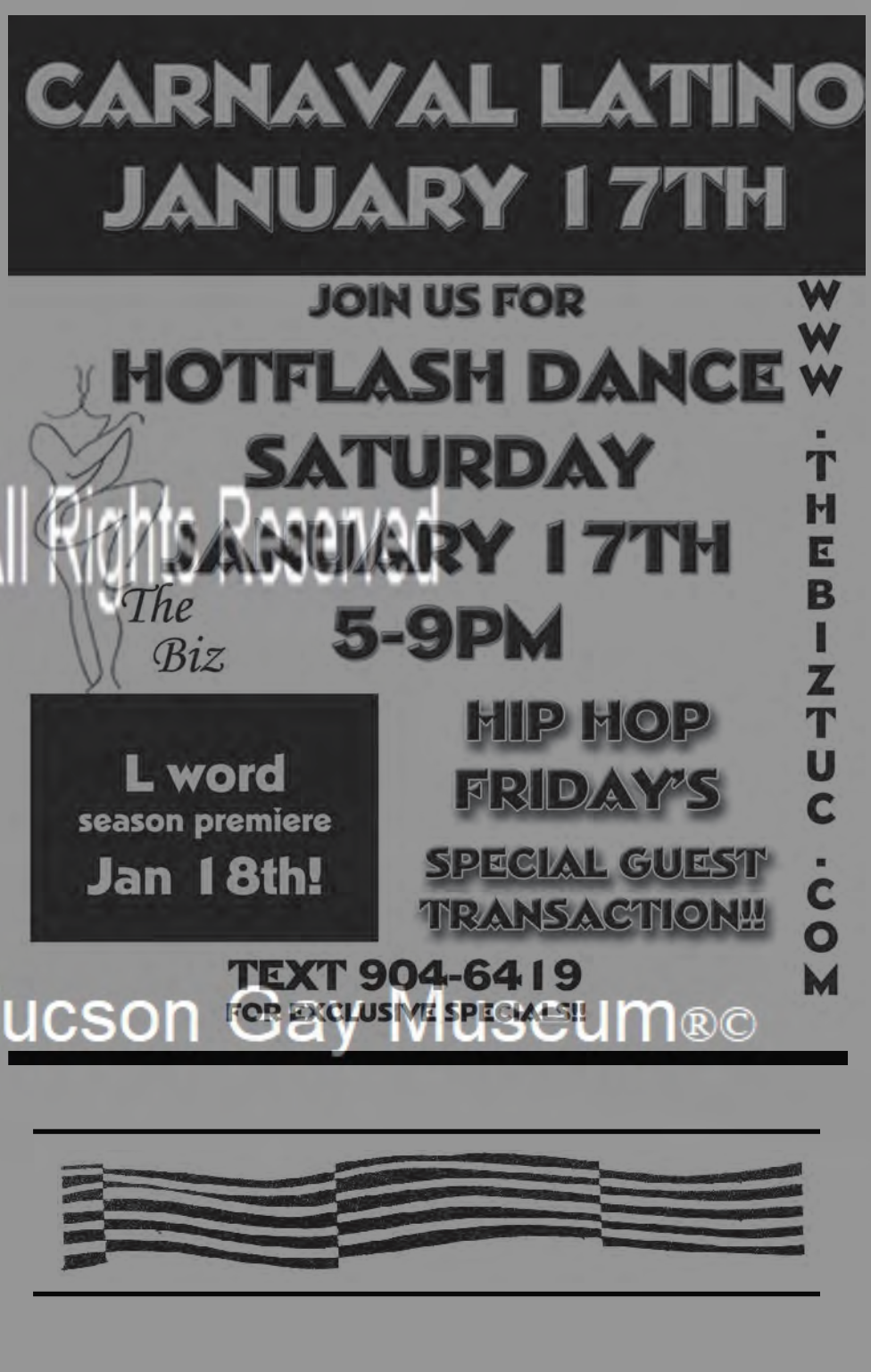
We should do our best, even when they're fighting against us (even more so when they're fighting against us), to help people who are letting hate and fear control them.

Remember that it's not all about you. Just as the fight for LGBT rights doesn't boil down to overturning a Gay marriage ban in California, there's more to equality and fairness than just the needs of Gays and Lesbians. You can practice your politics in whatever way you choose, but if you support full and equal protection for Gays and Lesbians, you owe it to yourself and your fellow citizens to looks at the many other gross inequalities around the globe and do something about them as well. It's easy to be self-serving, but if you expect straight people to care about you, you should try caring about something that doesn't directly effect you as well. And don't just empathize, do something tangible.

You can have your cake *ahem* and eat it, too.

Finally, let's resolve to be diverse. The argument over whether we should be "mainstream" or "radical" is tedious. We can be both. We can be Democrat and Republican. We can forcefully advocate change through civil disobedience while also working within the system for change. Of all the groups of people in the world, it seems that ours has the greatest capacity for being able to hold two ideas in our head at the same time. We're a better, stronger and more interesting community when we are both the loud-mouthed flamboyant hairdresser and the buttoned-down country club preppy. We wouldn't be fabulous if we all did it in the exact same way. It's a big community and no one single person or group gets to own it. That's why we all own it.



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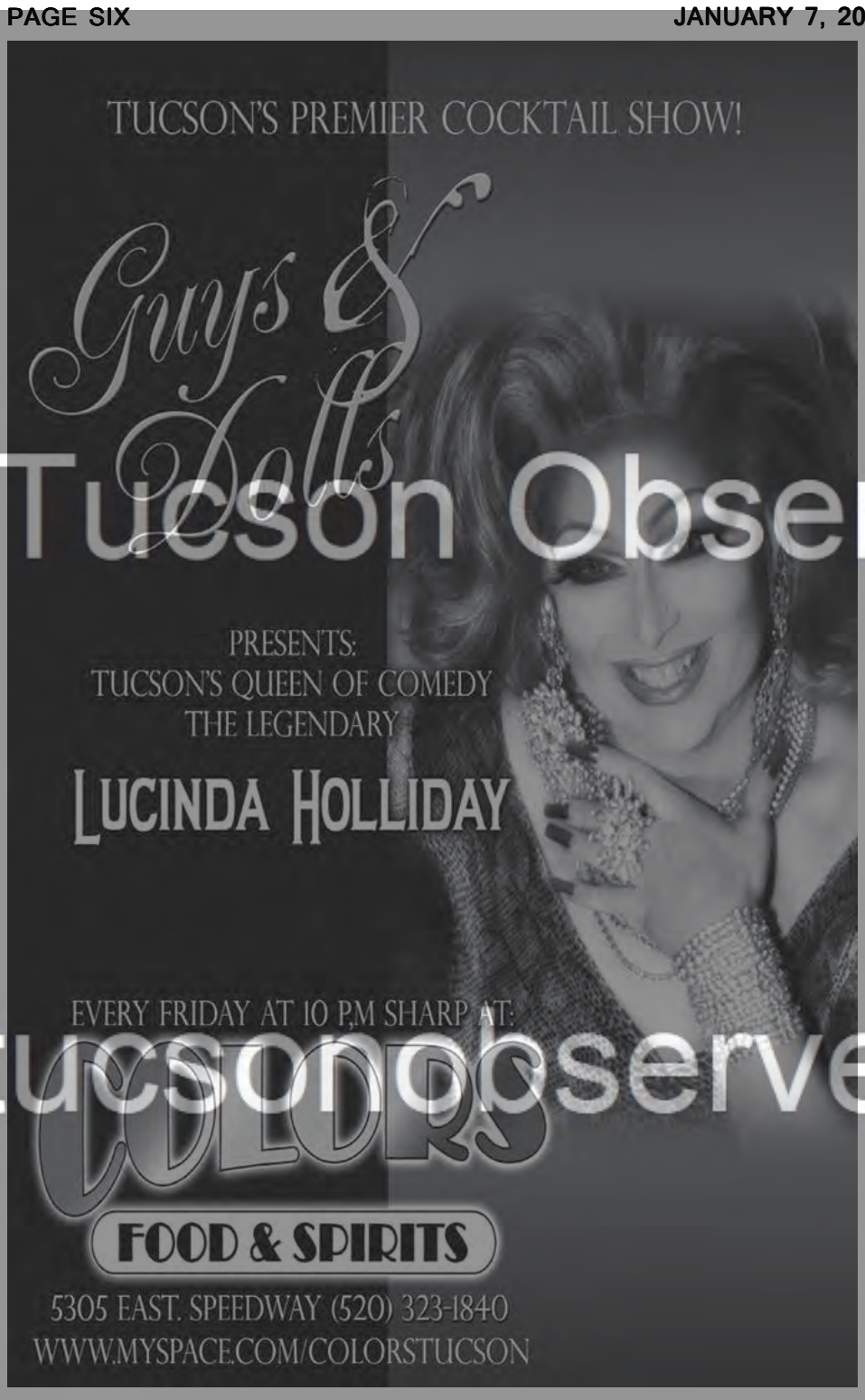

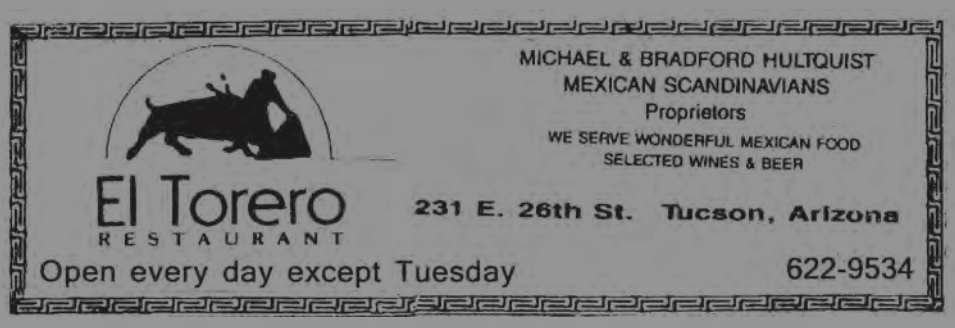

'Tell Me On A Sunday' January 2-11

TUCSON - Tell Me on a Sunday, a musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber will run for 7 performances, starting January 2, at the Cabaret Space at the Temple of Music and Art, 331 S. Scott.

Set in 1979, this is the journey of Emma (Kriste Belt), a hopeful fashion designer who comes from a small town in England to NYC to find success, inspiration, and love. Andrew Lloyd Webber created Tell Me on a Sunday after writing Jesus Christ Superstar and before beginning work on Evita. "I wanted to do something different, something intimate and raw" says Webber, who is known for mega-musicals with falling chandeliers and dancers dressed as cats. "I wanted the audience to care about one person and to be able to focus directly on that person and their emotions..."

Why would Arizona Onstage Productions, known for its successful productions of tricky and challenging musicals of William Finn and Stephen Sondheim, choose this show? "I know that this decision has puzzled some of our loyal audience members. One of our goals is to think outside of the box, bring people to material that they have not had access to and stretch our boundaries of what we 'think we 'like' in musical theater," says founding Artistic Director Kevin Johnson. "I saw this piece performed in a pub in a small English town with just a piano and cello and an amazing singer/actor. I came in slightly late and did not honestly know anything about the show, including who wrote it. When I found out, I was surprised, honestly, because I am not a huge Webber fan, though I respect his work and his marketing skills. I was moved to tears and cared about the central character in the play. I felt her joy in her accomplishments and the total devastation in her losses. As I grow older, I am becoming more careful about prejudging an artist - quite often I am wrong in my initial thoughts. I think that TELL ME ON A SUNDAY will thrill fans of Webber and surprise those who think that this is 'not their thing.' I have always loved this piece, but never thought of mounting it unless I had the perfect performer to hold the stage 'alone' for the entire show, and who could not only sing the difficult material, but act and live the character of Emma. When I met Kriste' Belt during "Sunday in the Park with George," I knew I found that special dynamic the show needed. She will blow the audience away."

Preview, all tickets, $20. Student/senior, $22.50, general admission, $25. For more information, please call (520) 882-6574. For 24/7 ticket purchase using a credit card, call 1-800-838-3006, or to go arizonaonstage.org and click "tickets." There is no service charge.

'Deserrt Coyotes Seeking Bowlers; Chuzapalooza January 16-18

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Tucson's Desert Coyotes, the city's LGBT and straight supportive bowling league that bowls on Wednesday's, 7:00 p.m. at Santa Cruz Lanes, 3665 S. 16th Ave., has openings on teams.

A roster for each team consists of three persons, who in turn will bowl three games each week of the Desert Coyotes League. Average is not important but having fun is, so if interested, show up a few minutes early before the league start time. There is a weekly fee and for new bowlers a sanctioning fee charge to participate.

For more information, call (520) 622-2186 or E-mail pkatona3@aol.com.

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Chuzapalooza (CHUZA), Tucson's LGBT bowling tournament will take place January 16-18 at Tucson Bowl, 7021 E. 21st St. For more information, contact Kevin Wheeler, Tournament Director, zonafd1@aol.com or go online to chuzapalooza.com.

Both Gay Dads Get Names On Louisiana Birth Certificate

SAN DIEGO, California (Observer Update) - A Gay couple in California have won a federal court ruling that orders Louisiana to put the names of both men on their adopted son's birth certificate despite state law against unmarried adoption.

The facts are so clear that no trial is needed, wrote U.S. District Judge Jay Zainey. Louisiana's Office of Vital Records must give full faith and credit to the New York state court in which Oren Adar and Mickey Ray Smith adopted the boy, the judge ruled last week. The two Gay men lived in New York at the time of the 2006 adoption, but have since moved to San Diego.

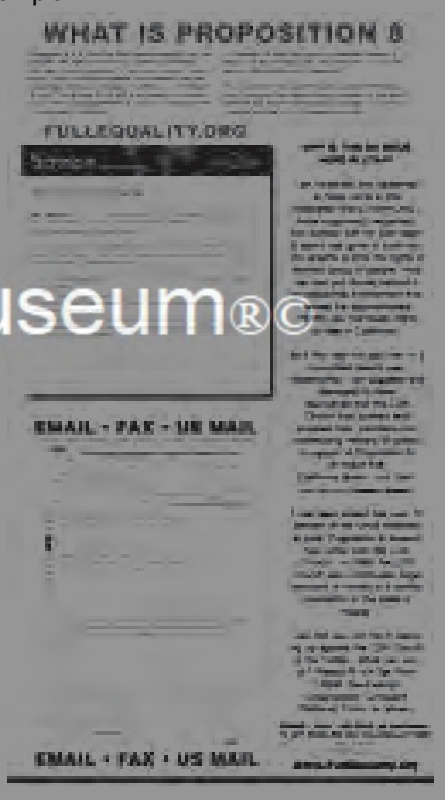
The boy was born in Louisiana. The Louisiana office had refused to issue a birth certificate listing both as the boy's legal parents. Louisiana law does not let two unmarried people adopt a child together, regardless of sex, wrote Carol L. Haynes, representing the state health department and registrar Darlene W. Smith.

Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News Pull Ad Ctiticizing LDS Stance On Prop 8

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (Observer Update) - Gay Rights Watch Blog reported that the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News have pulled a full page ad placed by Utah businessman, Bruce Palenske, that criticized the Mormon Church (LDS) over its role in funding Proposition 8, a measure that bans Gay and Lesbian marriage in California.

"We have a signed contract, and the newspapers had already accepted payment for the ad when it was pulled literally 5 minutes before the production deadline," said Palenske. "This is clearly political," Palenske continued. "I've placed millions of dollars worth of ads with these two papers over the years, and this is the first time something like this has ever happened. I can't help but think that the LDS came in and put the brakes on this."

The ads, which were scheduled to run on Dec. 28, had previously run in the Park City Record. They point out that approximately 70 percent of the funding for Prop 8 – more than $25 million – came through the efforts of the LDS Church, and asks people to contact the Internal Revenue Service to lodge a complaint.



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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

Thank You Steve

Recently, Tucson City Councilmember Steve Leal (D-Ward 5) surprised Tucson with his announced that he would not be seeking another term on the City Council in 2009.

Since 1989, Leal has been a constant fixture on Tucson's City Council, serving his constituents and community well during his tenure but it is the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) and HIV/AIDS communities which has benefitted tremendously with Steve Leal representing Tucson's Ward 5 on the Mayor and Council dais.

Leal's initial run for the Ward 5 Council seat, defeating Republican incumbent Roy Laos, set the stage for this relationship because of Laos' actions, outing a member of the then, Tucson Women's Commission, Kathleen Mayer of the Pima County Attorney's office and alleging that the Women's Commission was promoting "overt Lesbianism." His race and candidacy helped to create one of the first LGBT political organizations - the Lambda Democratic Caucus that was recognized by the Pima County Democratic Party and Arizona Democratic Party respectively.

By his defeat of Laos in 1989, Steve Leal's victory was the beginning for which he attended Pride events (then known as the Pride Picnic) during his time as a Councilmember to thank the community for its support. Steve Leal though took it a step further, by helping LGBT non-profit groups, such as Wingspan and HIV/AIDS service organizations obtain funding from the city's grants and financial plans.

Thanks to Councilmember Leal's actions, in 1995, Tucson became the first governmental entity in Arizona to have laws on its books covering hate crimes, with full criminal penalties.

In 1997, Tucson was the first governmental entity to extend medical and dental benefits to the same sex domestic partners (and their families) of city employees. Councilmember Leal was a fervent supporter of the extension of benefits since he felt all loving, committed relationships should be treated equally under the law but he was concerned about the potential ramifications of this proposal and whether it would leave open the potential legal challenge to the then, 20-year-old anti-discrimination ordinance that ensured Tucsonans rights to employment, housing and public accommodation (regardless of sexual orientation). Leal did not vote, leaving the table as an act of voting "present," the only option possible under the city codes but an act of bravery but an important reminder of never forgetting the past.

LGBT Tucsonans gained a voice in its government in 1999, with the approval of the formation of the City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, something Councilmember Leal supported publicly and voted for enthusiastically.

When a young Gay man was the victim of a brutal assault and hate crime in 2002 by an off duty Tucson Firefighter, it was Councilmember Leal (along with then Councilmember Jose Ibarra) who stood up to the "good old boy network" and called for an investigation and termination of employment but when the Council did not go along with proposals by Leal for further inquiry, he called for further action to be taken so that the Firefighter could not have contact with other citizens. It was Councilmember Leal, who brought to the Mayor and Council, a resolution to support proposed legislation before the Arizona Legislature to expand the states' hate crimes statute to cover misdemeanor offenses.

When Tucson's Mayor and Council voted unanimously to create a domestic partners registry, it was Councilmember Steve Leal who was thanked, for helping to spearhead the effort to recognize same-sex and opposite-sex committed relationships who could not or chose not to get married.

In 2006, Proposition 107 was on the ballot, a measure that would have banned same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships, Councilmember Steve Leal supported a measure putting the Tucson Mayor and Council on record as opposed. Leal supported a similar measure this year for Proposition 102, the measure banning same-sex marriages. Tucson's Mayor and Council was one of the few governmental entities to take a stand.

For 20 years, Steve Leal has served on the Tucson City Council with distinction and honor, controversy and commendation. Tucson's LGBT, HIV/AIDS and other minority groups owe him a big debt of gratitude for his service to the community.

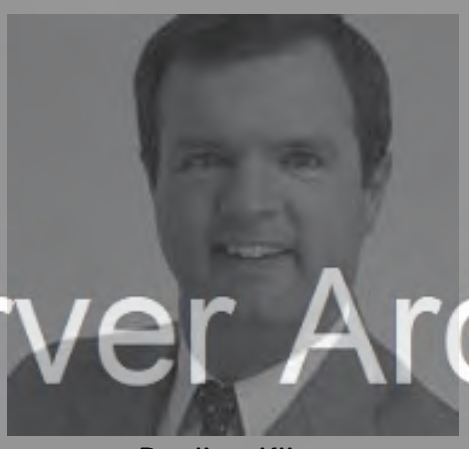
Divorced Tenn. Mother Appeals Night Ban On Partner

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (Observer Update) - A same-sex couple is asking the Tennessee Court of Appeals to lift a judge's restriction in a child custody agreement that prevents the divorced mother's partner of nine years from staying overnight, reported the Associated Press. The Tennessean reports The American Civil Liberties Union filed a brief with the Court of Appeals in Jackson on behalf of Angel Chandler, a divorced mother with two kids.

Chandler said Chancellor George Ellis of the 28th Judicial District in West Tennessee imposed the restriction, called a paramour clause, in May without a request from her ex-husband and despite an evaluation that showed the children were not in harm's way from their mother's relationship. Ellis cited local law and precedent for the paramour clause, according to the appeal. "This decision has been disruptive to our family," Chandler said. "We lived together in a stable, functioning family, and this was rather shocking to all of us. This is about the person we choose to be with. The judge decided to interfere, and it's had a very negative affect in our lives."

After Ellis imposed the restriction, Chandler's partner moved into a duplex near Asheville, N.C. Chandler and her daughter, now 13, moved into the opposite side of the same duplex. Chandler's ex-husband has custody of their 15-year-old son and has remarried. ACLU spokesman Paul Cates said the clause primarily affects Lesbians and Gays with children because same-sex civil unions are not recognized in Tennessee. Heterosexual couples can circumvent the paramour clause by getting married, Cates said. "Unfortunately, this case is an all-too-familiar example of how unfairly Lesbian and Gay parents are treated in custody and visitation proceedings," said Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the ACLU of Tennessee. "All the children's health and welfare organizations have long recognized that Lesbian and Gay parents are just as capable of being good parents as straight couples, and their children are just as well adjusted. "We're hopeful the Tennessee courts will come to that realization, too."

Obama Names Openly Gay Man To Senior Position In Administration



Bradley Kiley

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - President-elect Barack Obama on Monday (Jan 5.) named Bradley Kiley, who is Gay, as director of the Office of Management and Administration. Kiley has been serving as director of Operations for the Obama-Biden Transition Project and previously served as vice president of finance and operations at the Center for American Progress.

"He's an incredibly sharp and strategic manager when it comes to finance, operations, administration and overall management," says Winnie Stachelberg, senior vice president of external affairs at the center, where she has worked with Kiley. "The Center for American Progress and the Action Fund is an incredibly complex entity with numerous financial moving parts – money, donors, tax law, IRS reporting requirements – and his ability to navigate through those complex financial waters is beyond reproach."

Stachelberg says Kiley has been a terrific colleague with a great sense of humor and an uncanny ability to juggle multiple tasks at once. While he was contending with his own heavy workload, Stachelberg remembers calling him up a number of times with urgent budget requests for potential donors. "Literally within hours, he had that budget done, I sent it off to the donor, and we were able to secure a grant," she says. "His ability to be in the weeds and yet see the larger picture is something essential that he brings to the White House operations."

Kiley served as deputy assistant to the president for management and administration at the White House under President Bill Clinton. He was responsible for all aspects of White House operations, including the travel office, the visitors office, and White House administration, which included finance, human resources, and facilities. Kiley has also held posts at the Democratic National Committee, where he served as director of finance and administration for the 1996 Democratic National Convention, NARAL, and the International AIDS Trust, reported advocate.com.

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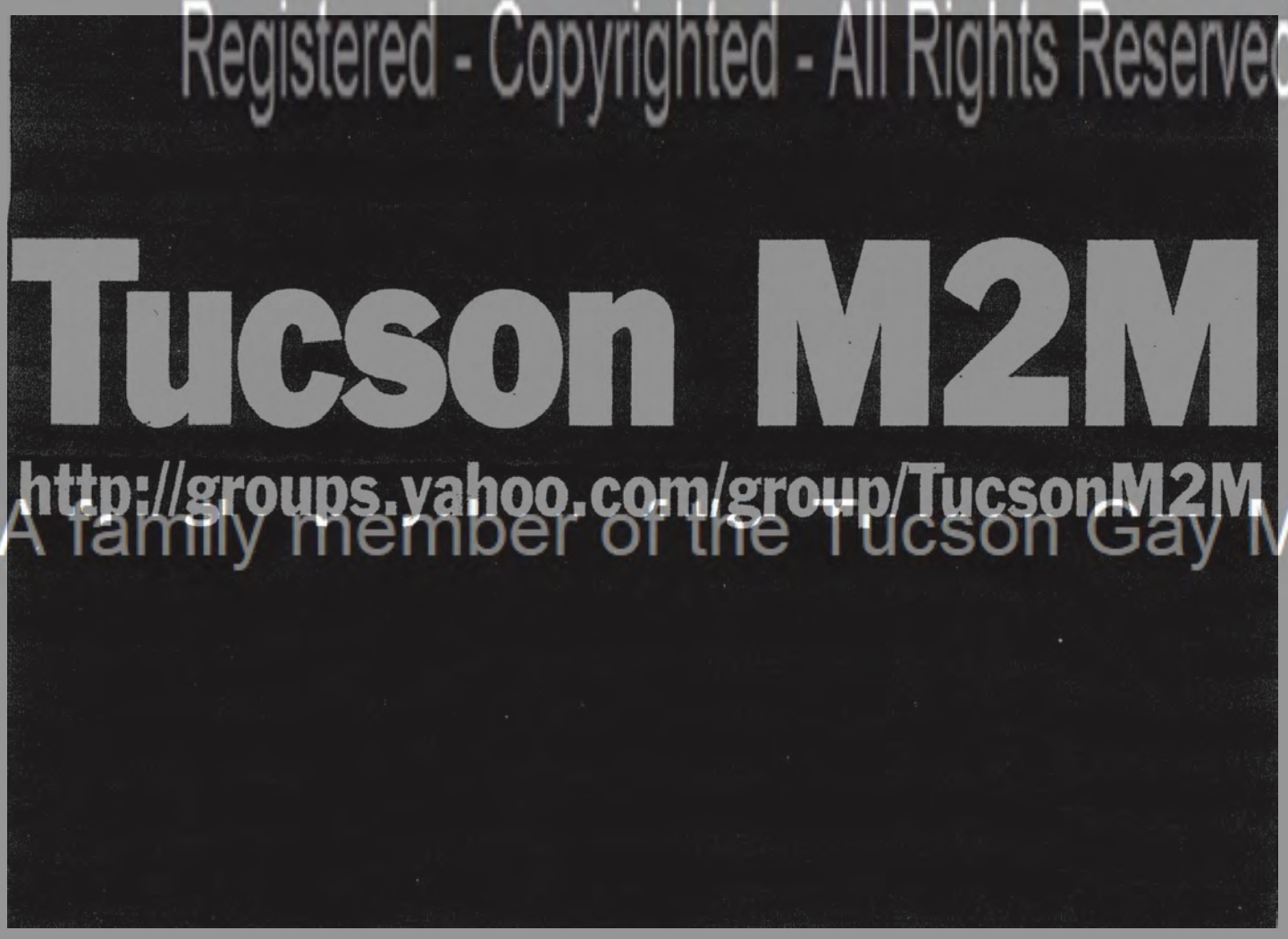

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It's been a bumpy ride kids, but hold on a little longer and be patient. 2009 may finally delivery a soft landing. Pluto moves into practical Capricorn and makes sterling aspects to Saturn and Uranus. Wisdom has come dearly but now we can catapult to the next big thing. Just watch out for low ceilings....

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Your career figures prominently through 2009, Gay Ram. It is not just that you are able to carve out a strong professional reputation for yourself. You also have to roll up your sleeves and tackle the messy and surprising recriminations that result from your swift and certain advancement. Will you stomp on a few suits who stand in your way? Stomp away.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

2009 is the year to expand your horizons, maximize your global reach and expand your empire. Are you tired just thinking about it? Queer Bulls must not rest on their laurels. There is too much to do and too many people to meet to waste time worrying about the details. Your year is filled with friendship and fun. Gluttony is one sin you can ignore ... for now.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Expect to be swept off your feet by a brand new or refreshingly updated love this year. Flirty pink Twins who flit from date to date may find themselves hovering over a particular bud longer than usual. Spice up and recharge your love style. You will need something special to entice a certain someone to work less at the office and work more at home.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Relationships are in for a reevaluation and the transformation will prove to be heavenly. It is just want was needed and just in time! For those Gay Crabs who are waiting for the right connection, 2009 will give you the best lines and ample personal electricity. Plug into a few new sockets and see who lights up your life. Will you be zapped or charged?

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Health, diet and exercise is accentuated in 2009. Lions become the proud beasts they are billed to be and find that their animal magnetism sparks the amour of any flinty character they choose. But lethargy, procrastination and general sloth will not turn the trick. Pass on the assorted cookies and find your sugar without the calories. If you go for cake, make it beef or cheese.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

2009 will be a year of fun, frolic and merriment. How is that for a nice change of pace, queer Virgin? Everything that you have been working towards can come to fruition - often in surprising ways. Relationships can be made or lost if need be. No one and nothing should hold you back. So think about what you really want out of life. Now go forward and make it happen.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

2009 is the year to make changes and improvement in your home and in family interactions. Proud Libras will try to be diplomatic but sometimes hard decisions must be made. Not only do you gain confidence, you also upend any barriers that are keeping you from personal success and contentment. It is okay to be a bit selfish... at least this year.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

Not only can you get your point across, you do it in a way that makes everyone happy or at least somewhat accepting. Proud Scorps find ways to enhance their social standing in 2009. You have a lot to offer and should get involved in powerful organizations where you meet the power elite. Friends in high places give you more than mere cache. They give you access.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

If your best financial instincts are correct, 2009 could be the big payoff year. How carefully have you managed your portfolio Gay Archer? If your career appears stalled, you find the confidence to make a sharp and surprising change. (Or maybe it is done for you?) Stay centered and keep your options open so you have the freedom to come and go as you please.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

2009 can be a transformative year for you on several levels from appearance to communication. Experiment and see what works best for you. Try for a new "look" and go for the dramatic make-over so you can stop traffic and win hearts. The secret to your success is to spread yourself thin across many groups and situations. The more the merrier. Be extremely merry in fact.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

If things bubble up from behind the scenes, try to take it all in stride and don't lose your footing or confidence. 2009 will be a bellwether year for love and money when the hard learned lessons from the past come in handy. Consolidation and restructuring will enable you to conquer all. But Aqueerians may find that love costs more than expected. Hide the pocket change.

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies find themselves swimming in much bigger social ponds in 2009. Your ascendancy into the upper echelons of society will be surprising but swift. Will partners become jealous? Only if you allow yourself to be swept up in the excitement and start to believe your own press. Keep your feet on the ground while your head is in the stars. And hide the celeb magazines.

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EDITOR:

In response to the October 22nd editorial and "cartoon," as well as the most recent December 24th editorial, it seems there's a myth among the public or perhaps the publishers of the Observer that the Tucson Pride board is pulling in Enron-level profits from ticket and beverage sales. This couldn't be further from the truth. We work very hard with a small (but dedicated) staff and limited resources to make Pride Week, Pride on Parade, and Pride in the Desert a success year after year.

We do acknowledge the need to be more transparent to the community, which we will commit to doing. And all agree that we need to do a better job educating the public about many things, including where our money goes. These expenses include but are not limited to permits, tents, entertainment, security, and advertising, which makes up a considerable portion of overall operating costs. (And it's worth mentioning here that The Observer is a part of that advertising budget.) Tickets to the event and beverage sales do not even come close to covering the cost of the event. We are very fortunate to have some local and national publishers that offer us advertising as a part of their sponsorship of the event. We rely heavily on those sponsorships for the continued success of all Tucson Pride events, and we currently have several board members that actively seek new sponsors. We would love to have enough sponsorship revenue to be able to have a free event some day.

Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. This information is printed in The Observer every week and can also be found online. We are always looking for new members with ideas, and we encourage those with suggestions and/or an interest in volunteering to attend our monthly meetings or simply go to our website, tucsonpride.org, and enter your contact information. Those who do get involved have the opportunity to determine which groups receive funds. This is clearly outlined on our website under the "Get Involved" link. Some of the organizations benefitting this year were Spay & Neuter Solutions, Presidio Charter School, Delta Lambda Phi, Wingspan, Hope Animal Shelter, SAAF, Arizona Gay Rodeo Assoc., TIHAN, Humane Society of Southern AZ, Hermitage Cat Shelter, The Leukemia Foundation of AZ, and Aviva Childrens Services.

Moreover, it's simply not fair to criticize a 100%-volunteer LGBT non-profit organization in the only gay newspaper in Tucson without gathering all the facts– or at the very least contacting a board member. Each of us is more than happy to explain where the money goes and how much is needed to put on such a huge event every year. However, we feel an open censure in a news outlet like The Observer is unmerited considering the amount of time and energy we as a board and our gracious volunteers put into making sure the Tucson LGBT community has their day to shine.

Sincerely
Tucson Pride Inc.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It wasn't myths, profits, censure, advertising or whatever for the editorials mentioned by Tucson Pride Inc., but a question that had been posed by many in attendance at the event held at DeMeester about the proceeds raised and where they would be directed.

The Observer gives Tucson Pride full credit and salutes them and their volunteers for putting on the October Pride event at DeMeester but the event is only part of the picture since it is also a fund raiser for community organizations and non-profits as Tucson Pride Inc., had stated previously about the event.

Tucson Pride Inc., admission in their letter that they need " ... to be more transparent to the community, which we will commit to doing. And all agree that we need to do a better job educating the public about many things, including where our money goes ..." is heartily welcomed and was the intent of the two editorials.

The Observer exists solely to provide an outlet for the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities for news, opinion, statements and to answer questions about such events and enterprises occurring in Tucson and Southern Arizona, especially by 501©3 organizations who have to follow the letter of the law on the federal, state and local levels. That was the only intent of the editorials, to let readers and those who attended know where there fees for the tickets purchased was going to, nothing more, nothing less.

EDITOR:

On behalf of TIHAN and those we serve, I would like to thank Amanda Nicole and Desert Divas Productions for raising funds for those less fortunate this holiday season in a December benefit show at the Coyote Moon Pub.

I also want to thank Lucinda Holliday for emceeing the show and entertaining the crowd, along with Amanda Nicole, Jasmine Bouvier, Somora de Humi, Veronica Chase, Janee Starr, and Delila.

Additionally, this fundraiser wouldn't been a success without the help of Gary Frank, Dot, Marci, the Martinez Family, Robert Hernandez, BS West (Scottsdale), Fox Tucson Theatre, Midway Molinas Restaurant, Holiday Inn Palo Verde, Avalon Salon, HerbaLife, Fun Vacation, The Disposable Gallery, Eric Holm Photography, and Pat, Libby and the staff at Coyote Moon Pub.

The benefit show and auction has raised over $200, with more funds still coming in. We are very grateful to all in our community who helped make this event a success, and the holidays brighter for those living with HIV/AIDS.

With gratitude,
Scott Blades
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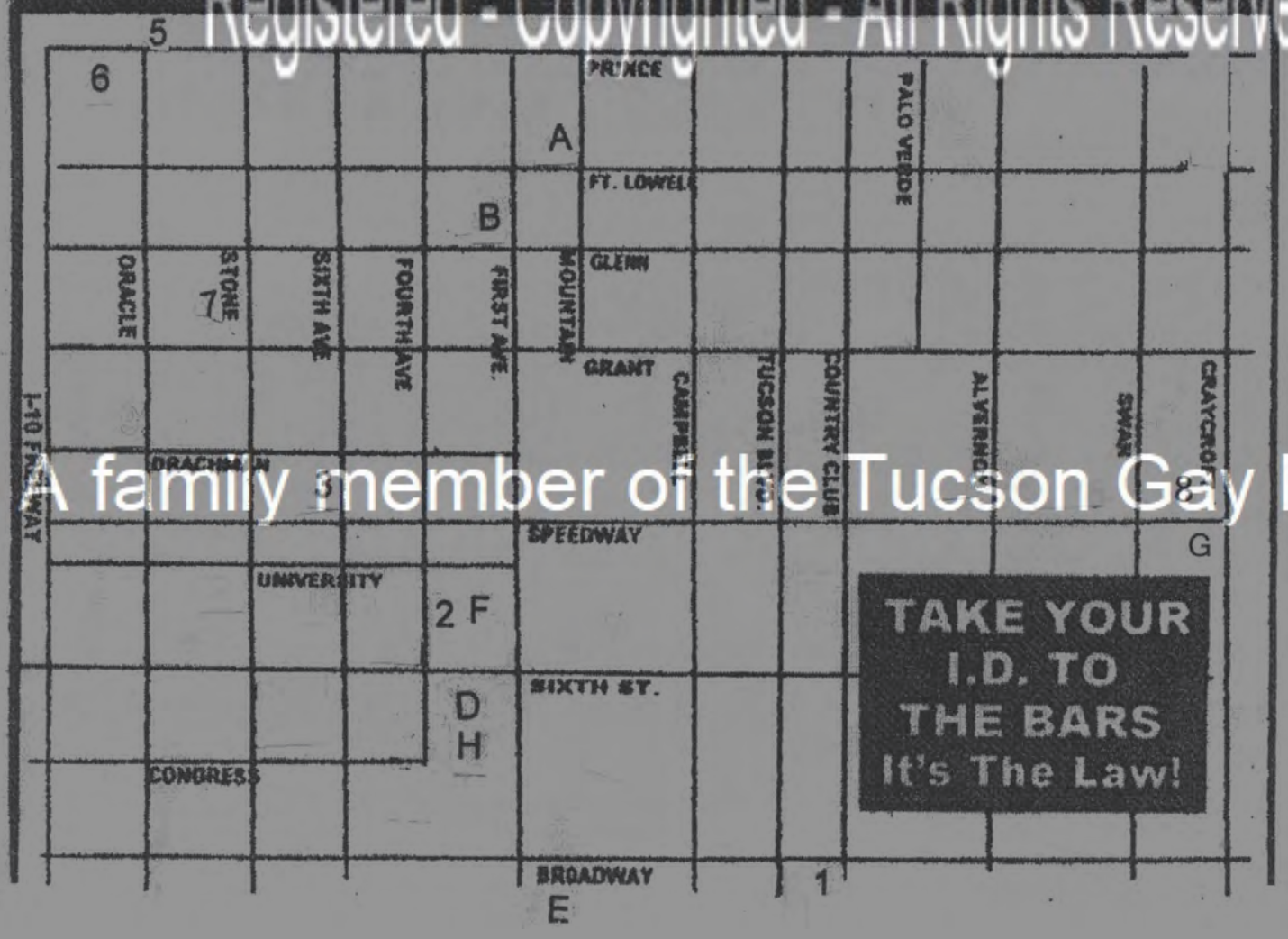

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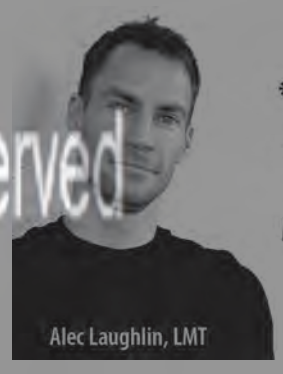
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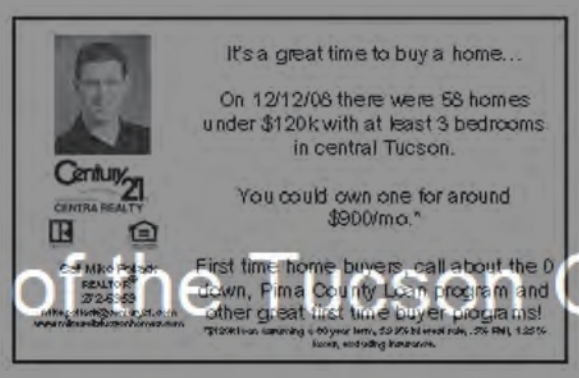
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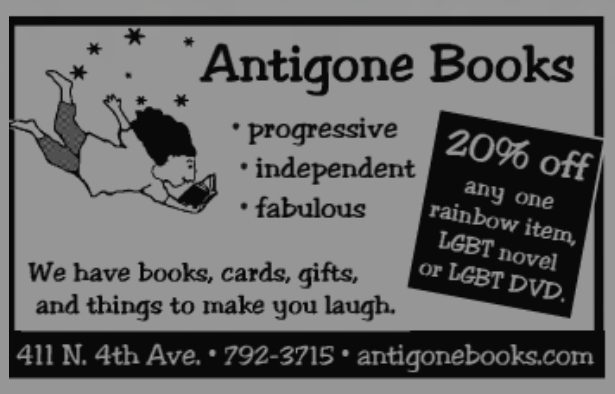
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by Jimmy Petrol

Is Anybody Home

I know a lot of people. Not that very many know me, but there it is....the interests of "modern" Americans are pretty much geared towards television and entertainment....the only place I am entertaining is right here.

Everywhere else...I represent work. In fact, lovers have left because I just love to do stuff and am not too fond of being entertained...at least not in conventional ways. What I am getting at is that I am sitting here in Petrol Central, all warm, cozy and clean, with another day's excitement behind me....a day full of work.

While what I do during the day is limited strictly to whatever I want, it all involves work. Some physical, which I revel in as it provides me with a body that can leap tall buildings (or Scandinavians) in a single bound and makes throwing heavy stuff around kind of fun.....and some of what I do is mental. All of it is intriguing and rewarding. All of it is hard.

What puzzles me is this...where are all my playmates?! From the time I played in my sandbox, building imaginary castles to now, when I make whatever I want to, there has been a shortage of playmates. When I said to my peers, still in short pants and mommy's crewcut, "come and dig in the dirt, climb trees and fly to the moon!" they most often said....gotta go....my show is on.

So I am looking. Where are you? And remember...I don't judge...just observe....if you all want to watch tv, eat out and chatter like a band of monkeys about whatever it's fine with me...makes me feel all warm and fuzzy to watch...kind of like puppies, only not so cute.

What I have decided to do is to invite. I have a little extra glass....it is "greenhouse" type glass. For anybody that cares, it is tempered, low iron glass specially made for solar applications. Like greenhouses. I invite two people, or house-holds, or neighborhoods or whatever unit you make up in your quest for a greenhouse to email me. I will give you "enough" glass to get you a greenhouse.

There are, of course, provisos. Provided you have a house, lot or planet of your own to put this on. Provided you are going to grow food. You don't have to eat the food...you can sell it, give it away or eat it; I don't care. The property can be a neighborhood garden plot, provided you can get the "proper" paperwork out of the owner. Provided you are a "working" sort of person (people) who envision putting this thing up either by yourselves or with a little help from your friends (I will be your friend). Provided you sign documents holding me harmless in this endeavor. Provided we agree on how much greenhouse you need.

Obviously, I decide how much glass is "enough". I decide which of you are the first "two" to qualify. If all you want is a little, tiny, tee-pee of glass to run along above your rows of plants, that's fine. In fact, that is probably the best way to qualify...keep it simple. But if you are ambitious, have a track record with ambitious projects...and want to have a big, roomy place to grow lots and lots of really cool vegetables in...well, that's ok to.

Just write me. I have a "little" extra glass that I am not going to use in any current project and I want to use it to lure some of you daring darlings out of your caves and into the sunlight to do a little work. Really. Can little Jimmy come out and play?

Man Avoids Hate Crime Charge, Gets 5-1/2 years In Prison

ROCHESTER, New York (Observer Update) - A 25-year-old New York State man was sentenced to 5-1/2 years behind bars after pleading guilty to attacking a Gay man in March.

Judge Richard Keenan added a year and a half to the sentence that Jesse Parsons was originally expected to receive after he made a plea agreement in September, according to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. He pleaded guilty to second-degree assault, which, as a hate crime, would have landed him up to 15 years in prison. However, the four-year sentence was voided when Parsons said in open court in November that Lance Neve deserved the attack. Keenan threw out the plea deal, saying that Parsons would go to trial for the original charge of second-degree assault committed as a hate crime. Parsons then opted to stand by his plea but take a longer sentence. He was also ordered to pay $24,000 in medical expenses for 26-year-old Neve. Both men are Spencerport residents.

Neve told police that he and his partner were at Snuggery's Bar in Spencerport March 8 when Parsons taunted them with anti Gay remarks before he attacked Neve, who suffered bleeding on his brain as well as fractures to his skull, nose, left eye socket, and jaw, advocate.com.

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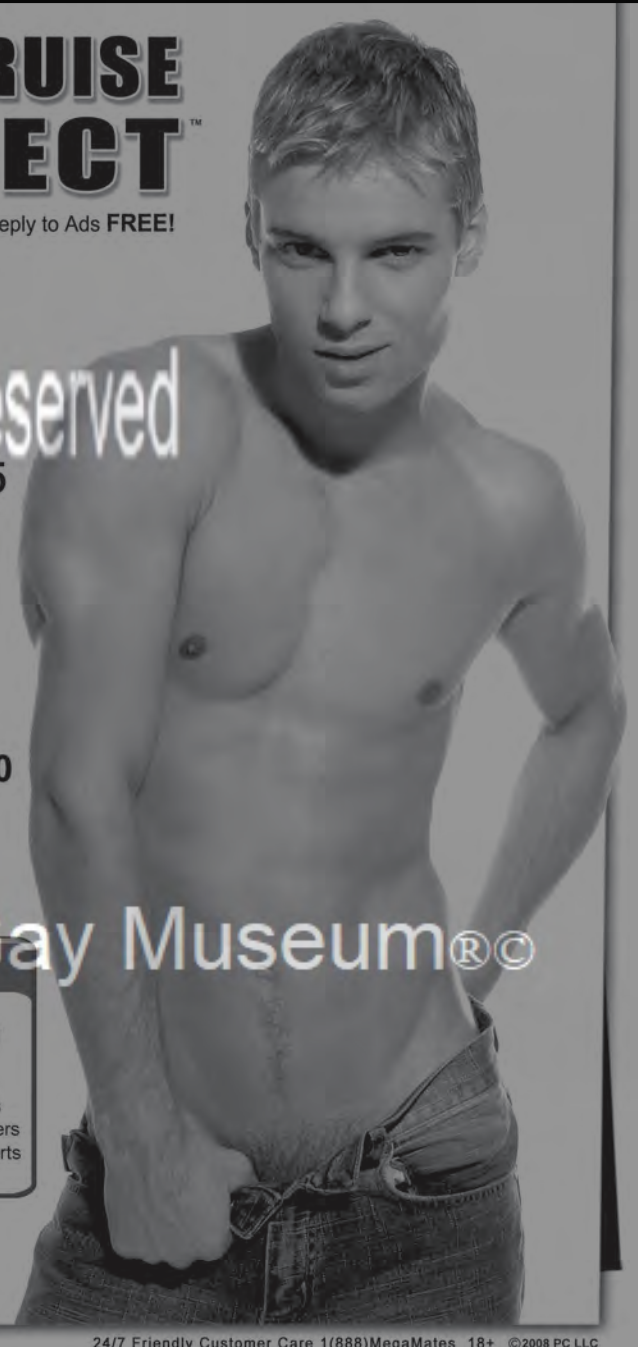

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COMMENTARY. . . .

Americans Are Ready For Gay-Friendly Politicians

By Deb Price

DETROIT, Michigan (Observer Update) - Gay Rep. Barney Frank likes to tell the tale of the mother who reacts with love and acceptance to the news that her son is Gay, but warns him: "Just don't tell your father. It would kill him!" Frank's story illuminates a widely held misimpression, even among Gay-friendly Americans – that other folks' internal thermometer toward Gay people and our rights is stuck close to freezing.

But as the nation prepares for a fresh start with a new year, a new Congress and a new president, a recent Newsweek poll indicates that if politicians want to be in step with most of the public, they shouldn't run from their own Gay-friendly feelings. What makes the Newsweek poll especially valuable at this turning point is that the responses to its wide range of questions underscore that, other than on same-sex marriage, most Americans would warmly embrace steps by political Washington to pass laws to treat those of us who're Gay equally.

A lot of that warming trend reflects how common it is now for Americans to know someone Gay: Today, 78 percent say they know someone Gay or Lesbian, Newsweek found. Early in Bill Clinton's presidency, 1994, just 53 percent did.

Newsweek found: By 87 percent to 10 percent, Americans favor "equal rights" for Gays "in terms of job opportunities." By 66 percent to 29 percent, Americans support allowing Gays to serve "openly" in the military. By 67 percent to 27 percent, Americans support Social Security benefits for Gay "domestic partners." By 73 percent to 23 percent, Americans favor "health insurance and other employee benefits" for Gay partners.

And even in the area of couple recognition, most Americans favor some type of legal recognition: By 55 percent to 36 percent, the majority supports "legally sanctioned Gay and Lesbian unions or partnerships."

Newsweek also asked fascinating questions about morality going to the heart of the assumptions of the mom in Frank's story.

People were asked what is "more morally objectionable" to them, with a series of heterosexual situations compared with a "Gay couple in a long-term, committed sexual relationship."

Viewed as more morally objectionable than the Gay couple were an adulterous heterosexual (55 percent to 18 percent); an "unmarried heterosexual who has sex with many different partners" (48 percent to 21 percent); a heterosexual who has divorced more than twice (37 percent to 26 percent); and a "heterosexual who suddenly decides to get married in Las Vegas, but has the marriage annulled one week later" (48 percent to 24 percent).

Newsweek's revealing snapshot comes as Gay leaders express concern that President-elect Barack Obama is getting off to a shaky start on Gay issues. Among positives: He invited a Gay band to march in the inaugural parade and banned anti-Gay or anti-transgender discrimination for appointment-level jobs. But Obama missed a timely opportunity to appoint an openly Gay person to his Cabinet. And he picked pastor Rick Warren – who lent his celebrity to helping strip away Gay couples' right to marry in California – to deliver his inaugural invocation.

Fresh starts are opportunities for big change. And on basic Gay issues, Americans are ready.

(Deb Price of The Detroit News writes the first nationally syndicated column on LGBT issues and this article is reprinted from pageoneq.com.)

Harvey Fierstein Bids 'Hairspray' A Grand Goodbye

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Harvey Fierstein isn't a guy who tends to fade into a crowd. Walking into a coffee shop before a performance of Hairspray, he's immediately approached by a grinning woman who's about to see the show for a second time, usatoday.com reported.

Fierstein receives her compliments graciously, then sits down with a look of mock dismay. "Well, I guess I can't suck tonight," he says, his gravelly voice recognizable even at a whisper. Fierstein introduced the high-spirited hausfrau Edna Turnblad to Broadway when Hairspray, the musical adaptation of John Waters' cult classic film, premiered at the Neil Simon Theatre in 2002. The actor/writer played the role for nearly two years, earning his fourth Tony Award, then reprised his part in 2006 for an abridged version of the show in Las Vegas.

Now Fierstein is back at the Neil Simon to bid Edna a fond farewell. He returned to Hairspray Nov. 11 and will be there when the celebrated musical comedy concludes its 6½-year run Sunday (January 4). "I'm back in my old dressing room," Fierstein says after ordering a bowl of matzo-ball soup. "No one ever redid it. I put in my contract that they had to clean it." He dons the same costumes and wigs to become Edna, who was played in Waters' 1988 movie by the late drag performer Divine.

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Gay Director Gus Van Sant Gets Personal On 'Milk'

LONDON, UK (Observer Update) - Harvey Milk, the San Francisco city supervisor who, in 1977, became America's first openly Gay elected official, kicked off many of his speeches with a rousing ice-breaker: "My name's Harvey Milk," he would say, "and I'm here to recruit you."

Watching the film Milk, a lucid account of how this middle-aged man of no fixed ambition transformed the civil-rights landscape before his death at the hands of a colleague, you can feel the movie's director making a statement of a similar stripe. Yes, his name is Gus Van Sant, and he's here to recruit you. I ask if it would be fair to see the new movie as a way of Van Sant sending a message to his younger, closeted self. "Yeah," he nods. "I guess that could be it. I never thought of it like that."

He makes no secret now of his sexuality, and seems to be the first port of call for any Gay-themed project. (He came within a cowboy's lasso of making Brokeback Mountain.) Yet Milk is his first movie with a Gay hero since 1991's My Own Private Idaho, and only the third in his entire career.

Tourism Drops At Idaho Senators Gay Sex Sting Stall

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (Observer Update) - The men's room at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport where Republican Sen. Larry Craig was arrested in a sex sting is losing it appeal as a tourist stop, an official said.

"We're getting there," said Patrick Hogan, director of public affairs for the Metropolitan Airports Commission. "I think we'll all be glad when there's no special interest in that restroom." Craig was accused of soliciting sex in the bathroom in June 2007 and pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in August 2007.

One person had offered to buy the restroom stall for $5,000, Hogan said, but airport officials "don't sell fixtures for novelty purposes." Though tourist interest has withered, the surge of publicity from Craig's arrest helped end the type of activity in the restroom that had prompted lewd-conduct complaints, he said.

Another Transgender Woman Attacked In Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (Observer Update) - Another Transgender woman was shot in the face in Memphis, Tenn., December 23 and is in critical condition, reports Tennessee's ABC24 News.

Leeneshia Edwards was shot around 5 a.m. in south Memphis at close range, the TV station reports. She has injuries to her jaw, side, and back and is undergoing multiple surgeries. There were no witnesses to the shooting of Edwards, who is reportedly a prostitute. Edwards not the only recent Transgender crime victim in Memphis.

Duana Johnson was shot to death in Memphis a little more than a month ago. Johnson first made headlines earlier this year when a video circulated of the 43-year-old sex worker being beaten in jail by Memphis cops. Two of the officers were subsequently fired, and one is awaiting trial on a civil rights charge. Police say there are no leads in Johnson's murder case. Another Transgender woman, Tiffany Berry, was killed in south Memphis in 2006, advocate.com reported.

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Sopranos Actor John 'Johnny Cakes' Costelloe Dead In Suicide

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - The front door to John Costelloe's Sunset Park home was still sealed with police stickers, more than a week after the rugged 47-year-old actor committed suicide. Costelloe, a former FDNY firefighter, shot himself in the head in his basement bedroom on Dec. 16, cops and pals said, reported towleroad.com.

"It's beyond me. This is too much for me to handle right now," the actor's dad, Michael Costelloe, 77, said. Firefighter and former colleague Matt Dwyer couldn't believe his friend was gone. "He was a great guy. Everyone's completely in shock," said Dwyer, 37, at Ladder 110 in Brooklyn. "I saw him three weeks ago when he stopped by, and he seemed to be in good spirits."

Costelloe had a crucial four-episode arc on 'The Sopranos' in 2006, playing short-order cook Jim 'Johnny Cakes' Witowski. In the hit HBO series, actor Joseph Gannascoli - a longtime friend of Costelloe's - played mobster and closeted homosexual Vito Spatafore, who fled New Jersey after he was outed. While on the run in New Hampshire, Vito met Witowski, whose specialty was Johnny cakes, a cornmeal pancake. 'Sopranos' writers seemed to take a page from Costelloe's firefighting past and included it in the storyline. In the show, Vito became attracted to Johnny Cakes once he learned the short-order cook was a volunteer firefighter, before being whacked by his homophobic rivals." At the time of his suicide, Costelloe was acting in the off-off-Broadway production of Gang of Seven, which, according to the Post: "had received sterling reviews - including two printed the day after he died."

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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 256-8723.

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 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@yahoogroups.com. See you on the trails.

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

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

NA MEETING WITH GLBT FOCUS meets Mondays, 6:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. This is an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous - all are welcome. For more info call Bernie W.:

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

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

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well. Appetizers ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10;m. Nightly dinner specials.

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers ½ price 4-6m. Full menu served until 10pm.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Beer Bust, 8pm-11pm $2.50/Pitcher.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am..

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

HOWL AT THE MOON – Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. $2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. 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 Sysan Artemis In The Lounge 6-9pm, Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 2nd Friday Night of the month.

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

SATURDAY

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

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

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

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

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

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

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BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 8
VENTURE-N - New here - Thursday Night Dart Tournament. Sign up at 7 p.m. Samll Entry Fee. Drink Specials for players.

WOODY'S - "The Cover Girl Revue" an extravaganza of female illusionists hostsedby Tori Steele and featuring China Collins with special guest Duwanna Moore, Miss UsofA Classsique 2008.

Friday, January 9
COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS - presents Tucson's premier Cocktail Show 'Guys & Dolls' with the Queen of Comedy, the legendary Lucinda Holliday. Every Friday at10:00 p.m. SHARP!

WOODY'S - Susan Artemis is now appearing every Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Lounge.

Saturday, January 10
COYOTE MOON PUB - 'Koyote Kingz' show starts at 9:30 p.m. featuring Johnny D., Patch U-Down, Aidin N. Abeddin, Aaryn Boi and Queen-E. The show is hosted by Deanna Campos

Tuesday, January 13
YARD DOG - Dart Tourney at 8:00 p.m. Every Tuesday

Friday, January 16
THE BIZ - WinK...erotic entertainment pre-teaser 11:00 p.m.

YARD DOG - Karaoke at 9:00 p.m. Every Friday

Saturday, January 17
THE BIZ - Hotflash Dance for women who love women 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Carnaval Latino guest DJ's 9:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - Budwseisesr Family Promo fro 11:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YARD DOG - Dart Tourney at 11:00 a.m. Then Arizona Leather Party in the Dog Pound from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Leather/Levi dress required.

Sunday, January 18
THE BIZ - Season premiere of the "L Word"

Saturday, January 24
WOODY'S - The Wet Party "Ice Ball" with special guest Chi Chi Larue and also featuring Blake Riley, Nash Lawler, Jason Sechrest & Sister Roma. Limited tickets available exclusively at Woody's. $10 general, $25 VIP

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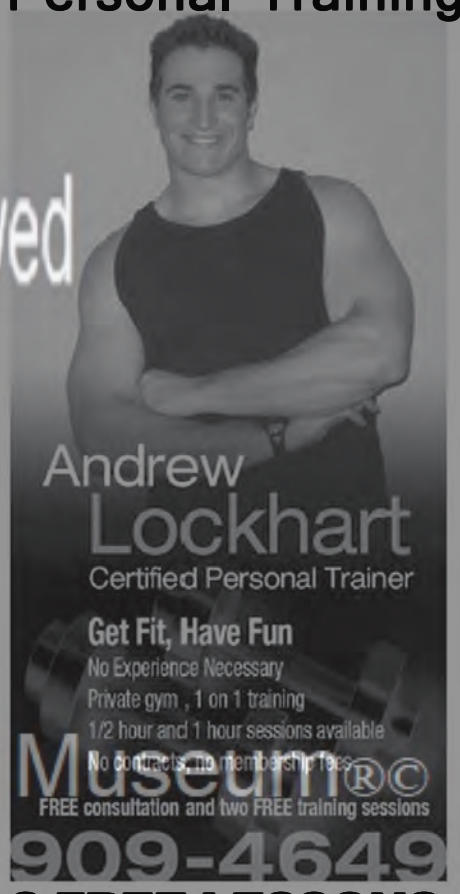

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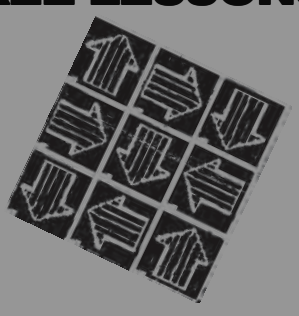

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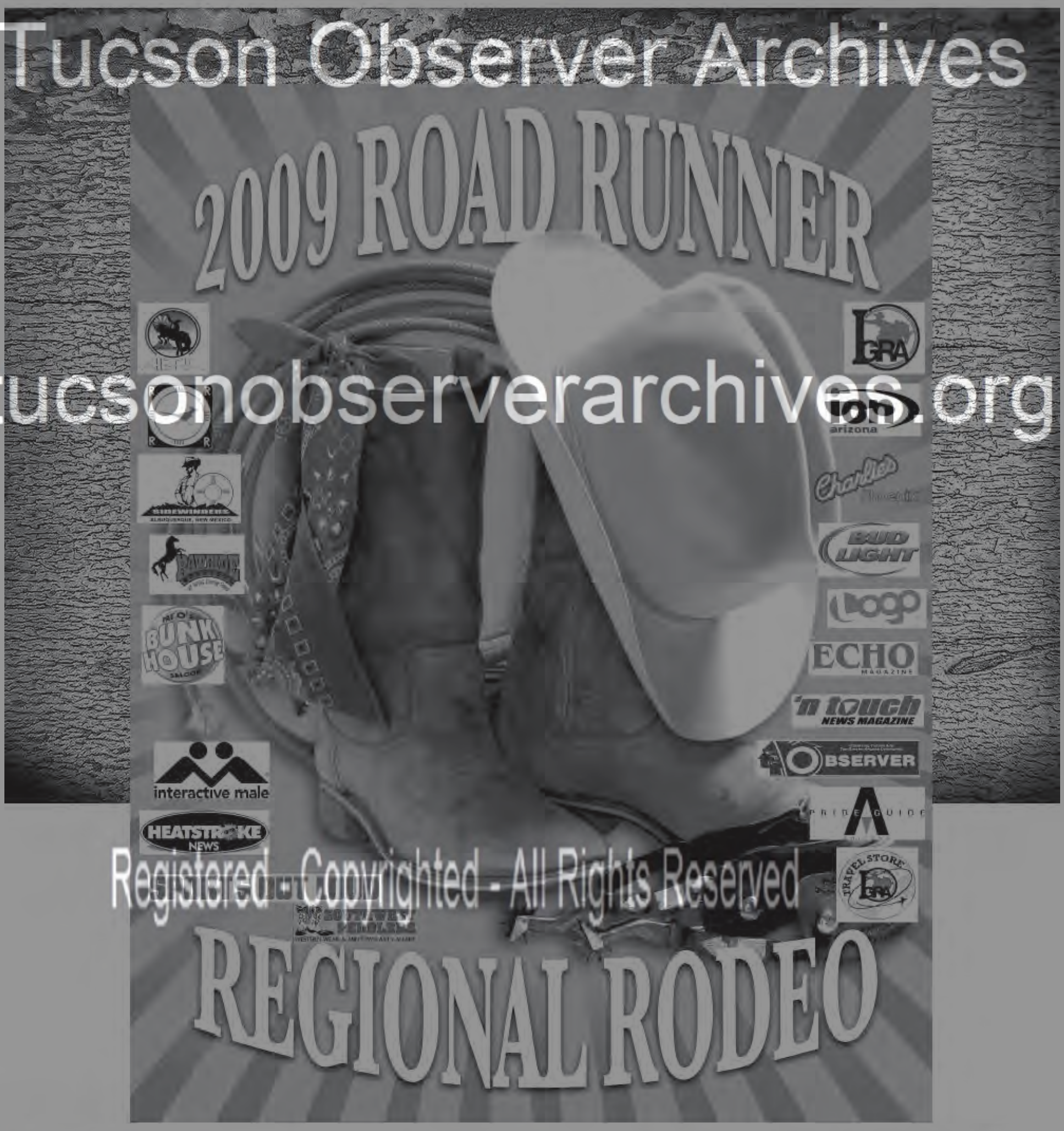

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