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New York Times Slams 'Disturbing' DOMA Brief



NEW YORK CITY, NY - The New York Times published an editorial on Tuesday (June 16) that is highly critical of the Obama administration for allowing the Department of Justice to file what the newspaper calls a "disturbing" brief in support of the Defense of Marriage Act last week. DOMA allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages, and denies federal benefits to married same-sex couples, reported advocate.com.

The editorial – "A Bad Call on Gay Rights" – slams the brief, which was filed in response to a federal lawsuit from a gay couple married in California, for defending DOMA in a "hurtful way." The brief makes its case at points by comparing same-sex marriages to

unions between cousins, or an uncle and a niece. The editorial quotes a letter that HRC president Joe Solmonese sent to President Obama on Monday to express the pain and disappointment the brief's arguments have caused in the LGBT community.

While recognizing that the Department of Justice usually, "but not necessarily, defends the current laws, the editorial suggests that the brief fails to leave a clear impression that the administration supports progress on gay rights, whether through repeal of DOMA, or action to eliminate "don't ask, don't tell" and pass an employment nondiscrimination law. It concludes by saying that "busy calendars and political expediency" are no excuse for the apparent inaction.

U.S. Condemns Anti-Gay Violence In Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The United States has condemned alleged violence and abuse against homosexuals in Iraq, adding the US embassy in Baghdad has raised the issue with Iraqi government officials, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

"In general, we absolutely condemn acts of violence and human rights violations committed against individuals in Iraq because of their sexual orientation or gender identity," State Department spokesman Ian Kelly said. "This is an issue that we've been following very closely since we have been made aware of these allegations, and we are aware of the allegations," Kelly told reporters when asked about anti-Gay violence in Iraq. "Our training for Iraqi security forces includes instruction on the proper observance of human rights," Kelly said.

"Human rights training is also a very important part of our and other international donors' civilian capacity-building efforts in Iraq," the spokesman said. "And the US embassy in Baghdad has raised, and will continue to raise, the

issue with senior officials from the government of Iraq, and has urged them to respond appropriately to all credible reports of violence against Gay and lesbian Iraqis," Kelly said. Kelly did not respond directly when asked about recent remarks by radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr who, his spokesman said, ordered the "depravity" of homosexuality be eradicated while warning against anti-Gay violence.

London-based Amnesty International wrote a letter to Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in April urging government protection for homosexuals. It said that as many as 25 boys and men have been killed in Baghdad alone because they were either Gay or believed to be amid concerns that religious leaders may be inciting violence against Iraq's Gay community. Homosexuality is forbidden in Islam, frowned upon in Arab society and illegal in many Middle Eastern countries. Iraq has no law against homosexuality but prominent religious authorities have harshly condemned it.

Stonewall: Forty Years Later (First In A Series)

NEW YORK CITY, NY (Observer Update) - It was 1969, on a hot New York City summer night-the hottest June night in history. The police had just raided one of the only places in New York City where same-sex couples could dance together, a crappy Mafia club with watered-down booze and a sideline in blackmail, 365Gay.com reported.

The cops didn't expect any resistance at all. It's not like this was the first time they'd raided a Gay club or even this particular club; this was their second raid on the Stonewall Inn that week. Their normal procedure was to check IDs, make a few token arrests, and send people whose gender they weren't certain of into the restroom for examination by a policewoman.

No one ever objected or resisted, and the lucky ones who were allowed to leave got out of the area as quickly as they could, grateful not to have been arrested.

But not that night.

June 28, 1969 was the night the patrons of the Stonewall Inn didn't just get quietly in the police trucks or slink in grateful silence into the shadows. They gathered on the Greenwich Village streets outside the bar, attracting dozens and then hundreds of onlookers from the neighborhood, along with a couple of reporters from the nearby offices of the Village Voice.

Who threw the first brick or bottle, and why, is something we'll never know. There are, after all, about as many accounts of what happened at Stonewall as there are people who were there.

Over time, it's all become a tangle of history, myth and apocrypha that's hard to unravel, although David Carter's book *Stonewall: The riots that sparked the Gay revolution* (St. Martin's Press, 2004) finally compiled dozens of oral and written descriptions, giving us the first well-documented and cohesive account of the chronology of that night.

The basic outline Carter gives is this: The New York City police frequently raided the city's Gay bars, with the cooperation of most city politicians, including Mayor John Lindsay.

The bars, which were almost all owned by members of the Mafia, usually had advance notice of the raids, mostly because they paid off local cops. The people who didn't get any warning, of course, were the bars' patrons, many of whom found their lives destroyed either by being arrested, by their homosexuality becoming public, or, if they were wealthy or prominent, by Mafia blackmail.

The Stonewall Inn's clientele included just about everyone who frequented Greenwich's Village's Bohe-

mian streets, shops, and restaurants. Dancing and drinking in its two rooms were Gay men of color, white Gay men, hippies, Wall Street businessmen, hustlers, under-aged guys with fake IDs, and a huge variety of gender transgressors including very butch dykes, cross-dressers (illegal in New York at the time unless you were wearing a minimum of three "gender-appropriate" garments), transsexuals, drag queens, and effeminate men.

Once the raid was under way, the police noticed that the people they were arresting were acting much feistier than usual. Quite a few actually got away from the cops. There's one account, possibly apocryphal, of a butch dyke being wrestled into a police car in handcuffs, angrily asking the men in the crowd why they weren't doing anything.

People who were there describe men doing a Rockettes kick line while taunting the police, and pretty soon, bottles and bricks were being lobbed at the cops.

(Next: A new phrase appeared: Gay Power!)



Pride Marked In Tucson

TUCSON (Observer Update) - June 26 will mark the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the beginning of the modern LGBT rights movement. Cities and towns across the globe will be holding events and festivals to mark this important occasion.

In the Old Pueblo, a series of events are being held to mark LGBT Pride in Southern Arizona, being overseen by Tucson Pride, and they are scheduled from June 17-27.

For more information, see the Tucson Pride Committee's advertisement on page Seven of this issue of the Observer or visit tucsonpride.org.

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UPDATE

Observer Fundraiser June 28

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Despite the economic downturn and troubles, the Observer, Tucson's LGBT newsweekly is still producing a print edition, as well as their internet edition which not only carries this week's paper but every paper it has published since 1976!

Winding up Pride Week, on Sunday, June 28 starting at 2:00 p.m., IBT's, 616 N. Fourth Avenue, will be holding a fund raiser, for the Observer in which all of the proceeds will go help the Observer continue serving Tucson and Southern Arizona's LGBT community. The extravaganza will last all afternoon and evening and will feature a silent art auction, raffles, on-stage entertainment and a special pictorial on their big screens featuring photos from the Observer archives of personalities from the 70s, 80s, 90s as well as the current decade. You don't want to miss this cause you might be in one of the photos. Along with this, the DJs will be featuring music from the same eras.

Look for more details in upcoming issues. This will be winding up Pride Week which marks the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the modern rights movement as well as the 33rd year of the existence of the country's oldest LGBT weekly newspaper, still proud, still free and still going! See you there.

Bisbee Pride

BISBEE (Observer Update) - On Father's Day Weekend, June 19-21, Bisbee will be hosting its annual Pride Weekend of Activities.

This annual event is sponsored, hosted and organized by Bisbee Pride, whose mission is to encourage the expression and celebrate, champion, and support the rights and freedoms of the southeastern Arizona Pride Community (meaning Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, other same sex attracted people and those that support them), as well as provide educational outreach to the community at large.

There are many events scheduled for this week, to get the schedule, other information or get questions answered, go online to bisbeepride.com.

Desert Voices 'Thank You' Concert and Stonewall Commemoration

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Desert Voices "Thank You Concert and Stonewall Commemoration," will take place Sunday, June 28, 6:00 p.m., at Saguaro Christian Church - 8302 E. Broadway Blvd.

Top off Pride Week in Tucson with a concert of music, comedy and costumes! How about a no-admission-charged concert at the end of June?

Not only will we be thanking our fans, old and new, we'll also be commemorating the 40th anniversary of Stonewall. Free refreshments, too! Donations accepted. Please visit desertvoices.org or call (520) 791-9662 for additional information.

TIHAN Financial Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - TIHAN sent out by E-mail an Update on their financial states and the impact on their programs and clientele:

The current state of the economy has put many individuals and social service agencies at risk. Now, the impact of the economic downturn—and the decrease in donations to TIHAN—is becoming even more serious for the people living with HIV whom we serve, people who count on TIHAN and our programs and services.

Unfortunately, TIHAN is experiencing a decline in income from congregations, foundations, fundraising events, and—most critically—individuals, who have been the heart and soul of our support over the past 15 years. We are not alone—you may have seen the Associated Press article in last week's Arizona Daily Star ("Social-Service Charities Feel Pinch" – "Particularly hard hit were social-service charities, which suffered a 12.7 percent drop in donations at a time when most of them were reporting increased demand for their services." <http://www.azstarnet.com/news/296407>). TIHAN has acted in a fiscally responsible manner and over the last two years we have reduced our

already-bare bones expenses in every area possible—without substantially impacting our programs and services. However, the decrease in contributions has forced TIHAN's Board of Directors to make the difficult decision that our reduced income requires that we must now reduce staffing levels, which will necessarily have a negative impact upon the programs and services that we provide to our CarePartners.

We are now reducing the hours of some TIHAN staff, and implementing an additional across-the-board 10% reduction in hours and pay for ALL TIHAN employees. While we will make every effort possible to minimize the impact of reduced donations and reduced staffing, the reality is that these reductions will have a negative impact upon those we serve. TIHAN's programs and services need your support now more than ever.

To donate, go to TIHAN's website, located at tihan.org.

'Gaystock' June 19

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Feel the love! Come out, June 19, for a community celebration of peace, love and understanding that spans generations.

Gaystock will take place at The Biz, 2900 E. Broadway.

For more information, go online to: myspace.com/thebiztucson.

Wingspan Seeking Nominations For The Godat Award

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Wingspan Annual Dinner is just a few months away, which means it's time to gather nominations for the Godat Award so help Wingspan recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to Southern Arizona's LGBT community.

Please nominate someone for Wingspan's Godat award by completing a Nomination Form. Nominees do not need to be connected to Wingspan. The Godat Award, named after the first recipient, Ken Godat, was inaugurated in 1998 as a way to recognize annually one person who has made outstanding long-term contributions to Southern Arizona's LGBT community. It is the most prestigious award and highest honor granted each year at the Wingspan Annual Benefit Dinner. Past Godat Award winners include: Ken Godat (1998), Jean Baker (1999), Colette Barajas (2000), Ana "Bertie" Lozano (2001), Bob Ellis (2002), Alexander John Goodrum (2003), Alan Storm (2004), Mae Krueger (2005), Craig Snow (2006), Noel Matkin (2008). No award in 2007.

Now, Wingspan is accepting nominations for the award for 2009, with winners to be honored at Wingspan's 12th Annual Benefit Dinner, on Saturday, September 26, the Tucson Convention Center. (Watch www.WingspanDinner.com for more information.)

Members of the Wingspan Board of Directors or Selection Committee are not eligible to be nominated. Wingspan Board of Directors - Paula Aboud, Kathy Altman, Carol Bradsen, David H. Braun, Leslie Carlson, Rebecca Corran, Roger Funk, Carol Galper, Cynthia Garcia, Yvette Jackson, Sean Kurysh, Brenda Limon, Kevin Maxey, Nicholas McClain, Scott Morris, Laura Penny, Karyn Prechtel, and Alan P. Taylor. Award Selection Committee - Elizabeth Burden, Carol Galper, Andrew Held, Laura Penny, Karyn Prechtel, and Alan Taylor.

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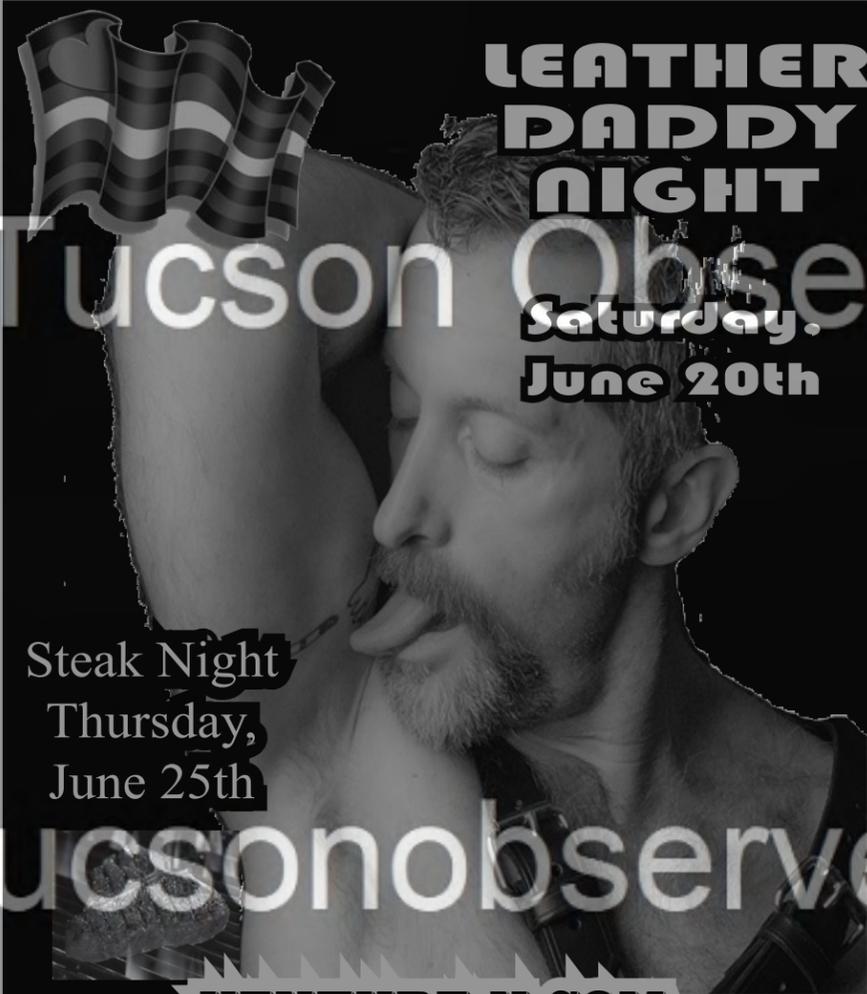
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UPDATE

SAAF Outreach Testing At Venture-N, June 19

TUCSON - MSHAPE will be doing HIV and syphilis testing through their mobile outreach program, which will be at the Venture-N, June 19, 1239 N. 6th, 8:00 - 11:00p.m.

This program is a collaborative effort between the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). Results are given the next business day for HIV and within seven days for syphilis.

for More Information Contact Dave Martinez (520)628-7223

AGRA Announcement Party June 26

TEMPE (Observer Update) - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (A.G.R.A.) is pleased to announce its next rodeo fundraiser and party. A.G.R.A. has partnered with the Door in Tempe to host its Announcement Party.

On Friday, June 26, 7:00 p.m., the rodeo association is having a special event to announce the location for its 2010 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo (RRRR). This will be the 25th year of rodeo for the RRRR, and the association invites you now to start celebrating its Silver Anniversary rodeo.

The Door is offering a generous drink special for the party. In addition to all the cowboy fun and horsin' around, RRRR will be raising funds during this event. It's time to kick it up, then cool it off at the Door, located at 1126 N Scottsdale Rd in Tempe. See you June 26!

Antigone Books Hosting Readings

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Please join us for an event at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave., Friday, June 19, 7:00 p.m., Lavinia Spalding will discuss her new book, *Writing Away: A Creative Guide to Awakening the Journal-Writing Traveler* (Travelers' Tales, \$14.95).

In this engaging and witty book, the author puts forth her belief that journaling while traveling is the world's most valuable writing exercise. She believes that the journal can be a cornerstone of growth and a catalyst for great work. She'll show you how to slow down and commit to the present moment, and how to motivate your inner artist to discover creative material every step of the way. Using a variety of writing exercises, she shows us how to embrace mishaps, overcome procrastination, and tackle the discipline, structure, and momentum that are crucial to the creative process. Her definition of travel is loose, so even if your travel is simply around town, she has ideas for you! The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

Please join us for an event at Antigone Books on Friday, June 26, 7:00 p.m., when Max Cannon, author of *Red Meat Gold* (St. Martin's Griffin, \$11.95) and Ted Rall, author of *America Gone Wild!* (Andrews McMeel, \$12.95) will discuss their books.

Come hear two nationally known cartoonists discuss their lives in the world of cartooning. Both regulars in the Tucson Weekly, Cannon and Rall will be in town to share their work via powerpoint and give us behind-the-scenes details of their art. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

COMMENTARY...

Do 63% Of Americans Support Marriage Equality? Maybe Not

By Jenna Lowenstein

During the 2008 Presidential election, one man emerged head and shoulders above his peers. He was unquestionably hailed as the best in his field, and all his competitors faded away in comparison. Barack Obama? Yea, him too.

But I meant Nate Silver, the blogger behind fivethirtyeight.com, whose sophisticated statistical analysis accurately predicted election results throughout the primaries and the general, and often blew more established polling houses out of the water.

So when Nate talks, I tend to listen.

And yesterday, he started talking (or, rather, writing) about how questions are phrased in polling and how that phrasing impacts poll results. In particular, he examined polls that ask Americans their views on Gay marriage, and noted that they are overwhelmingly phrased in a positive direction (ex. "Should the government permit a same-sex couple to get married?").

What Nate observed was that in a recent Gallup/USA Today poll that switched the language around, poll results were markedly different.

When asked if the government "has the right to prohibit or allow such marriages," 63% of respondents answered that it should be a private decision, and only 33% of respondents thought the government had the right to interfere.

While Nate concludes that changing language around can only have so much impact, these results are illustrative. If we start framing the debate over marriage in dramatically different terms, will people respond dramatically differently?

(Lowenstein is a blogger for 365Gay.com, from which this post of June 12 is reprinted.)



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G/L Couples Forced To Flee U.S. Over Immigration Law

SAN ANGELO, TX (Observer Update) - The mayor of this West Texas sheep ranching town offered a stunning explanation when he suddenly resigned: He was in love with a man who was an illegal immigrant and had gone to Mexico, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. They had to move, he said, because there was no legal way for them to remain together in the United States.

"It wasn't a decision that any U.S. citizen should have to make," former Mayor J.W. Lown said in an interview from Mexico. "I left a home. I left a ranch. I left a promising political career." His local prominence and his run for the border on the day he was supposed to be sworn in for a fourth term caused jaws to drop, but it also became a high-profile example of the thousands of Americans who face a similar choice - separate or move abroad - because they can't secure green cards for their partners like heterosexual spouses can.

An estimated 36,000 Americans are in this situation, said U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-NY, citing information from the advocacy group Immigration Equality. Bills have been introduced in Congress to treat same-sex partners like heterosexual spouses for the purposes of immigration but are likely to face a strong fight, both from Gay marriage opponents and anti-immigration groups. The 1996 Defense of Marriage Act prevents immigration officials from recognizing Gay marriages, even from states where they are now legal.

Proponents see the issue as a basic rights question, and Steve Ralls, a spokesman for Immigration Equality, said he believes the best chance for the legislation is as part of a larger immigration bill. But other immigration advocates want to keep the issues separate, fearful of bogging down an already tough fight. Kevin Appleby, migration policy director for U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the push for same-sex partners in immigration is about getting recognition in federal law for Gay marriage - which he opposes. "It's an unholy marriage of the immigration debate and the same-sex marriage debate," he said. "It's very combustible."

Lown's decision last month brought the issue to an unlikely place, a town of 90,000 where ranchers and roughnecks from the vast open lands come to do their banking and send their kids to the regional state college. The town's only other recent brush with national fame came last year when it housed the hundreds of children taken from a polygamist sect's ranch in nearby

Eldorado. Before his May 19 resignation, Lown (pronounced "lawn") was considered a political rising star. The 32-year-old Republican, first elected at age 26, won his fourth term with about 89 percent of the vote.

During his tenure, Lown transformed the \$600-a-year, part-time job from a mostly ceremonial position to a hands-on office. He actively appeared at thousands of community functions and went to Washington to lobby for the West Texas town - spending his own money after a few residents complained about taxpayers footing the bill. "That's devotion and dedication," Councilwoman Charlotte Farmer said. "He would have gone far in the political arena in the state of Texas and perhaps farther."

Lown's sexuality never really came up. Some people didn't know. Lown's godfather, Mario Castillo, said most who knew didn't care. "San Angelo has a live-and-let-live attitude. As long as you don't go around waving your boxer shorts in Sunday school, people leave it alone," said Castillo, a longtime resident who is now a Washington lobbyist. But Lown, who worked as a real estate agent, said his prominence meant his two-month-old relationship would be scrutinized and his 20-year-old partner might be subject to deportation. "My heart was torn, and I had to make a decision," he said in a conference call with local reporters shortly after his resignation.

Lown has declined to identify his partner but said the man came across the Rio Grande as a teenager and attended high school and college in San Angelo. They went to Mexico - Lown won't say exactly where - so that his partner can apply for legal residency in the United States, generally a lengthy process for Mexicans without a U.S. citizen spouse, child or parent. "I did not want to consciously violate the law," Lown said. "We want to make a life together and do it in the right way and follow the law."

Lown, whose mother was Mexican, holds dual citizenship allowing him to live legally in Mexico, he said. San Angelo, meanwhile, will be without a mayor until the City Council decides whether to appoint someone or schedule a special election. Lown hopes to eventually return here with his partner. "I don't know how long this is going to take. It could take months. It could take years, but I'm prepared to wait as long as it takes," he said. "I hope I'll have some shred of my good name left when this is resolved."

Miami Unanimously Adopts Domestic Partnership Ordinance

MIAMI, FL (Observer Update) - The City of Miami Commission voted unanimously in a 5-0 decision to adopt a Domestic Partnership Ordinance. The City of Miami will now extend the same health benefits to the declared domestic partners and children of city employees that are granted to heterosexual employees of the city.

"Providing employment benefits, including healthcare, to the domestic partners of our City of Miami employees is a common sense idea that has been far too long in coming. This

is nothing more than treating people equally," said Commissioner Marc Sarnoff. "I am proud to say our City is doing the right thing."

Miami is now the third municipality in Miami-Dade County to pass this Ordinance, which was previously adopted by the City of Miami Beach and the City of North Miami. County employees in Miami-Dade County also receive similar benefits thanks to the work of Safeguarding American Values for Everyone (SAVE) Dade, who pushed for the most recent City of Miami Ordinance.

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POLITICS 2009

by Mark R. Kerr

This Is Why?

Dear Mr. President:

Last year, millions of Americans, such as myself and other Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) citizens came together for a great purpose, assembling a grassroots movement that shocked the political establishment and changed the course of our nation and when Washington insiders counted this effort out, putting it all on the line and changed our democracy from the bottom up but that's not why we all did it.

Political pundits stated it was impossible – that the donations working people could afford and the hours volunteers could give would never loosen the vise grip of big money and powerful special interests but we all proved them wrong, and as important as that was, that's not why LGBT citizens did it.

LGBT citizens did it because of your statements from the campaign (online at barackobama.com) and now posted on the White House website (whitehouse.gov):

Supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and believes that anti-discrimination employment laws should be expanded to include sexual orientation and gender identity;

Granting the 1,538 federal rights and benefits given to opposite sex couples by the government, to committed, loving LGBT couples and their families and opposing a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and

Repealing Don't Ask Don't Tell in a sensible way that strengthens our armed forces and our national security, and also believes that we must ensure adoption rights for all couples and individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation.

You stated in your proclamation of LGBT Pride Month, issued June 1, that:

"My Administration has partnered with the LGBT community to advance a wide range of initiatives. At the international level, I have joined

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A Letter To The Community

Hi, This is Natalie Perry, a member of the Observer Benefit committee and an active member of the Tucson gay community for over 28 years. If you've been around as long as some of us, I would like to solicit your help for about 15 minutes. It will take your physical presence on 6/28/09.

The Weekly Observer's owners/publishers, Bob Ellis and Gary Clark are "hanging on by their fingernails" to continue to publish the oldest, weekly gay publication in Arizona. I am challenging/beseeking each of you to make a physical appearance in the "Parade of History", to donate \$1.00 (or more), with many other representatives of Tucson's gay community who have benefitted in their businesses/ adventures/ fundraisers from the exposure through the Observer over the past 30+ years.

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Seattle LGBT City Employees Fight To Block Release Of Their Identities

SEATTLE, WA (Observer Update) - Several City of Seattle workers have sued to prevent the release of names and membership lists of a Gay and Lesbian employee organization, reported the Seattle Post Intelligencer. At issue, according to a complaint filed in King County Superior Court, is a request by Seattle City Light employee affiliated with a conservative Christian organization who claims the city has opposed his efforts to launch a group for formerly homosexual workers.

documents. Rather than to harass group members, Irvin said he intends to use the documentation to show that the city has allowed the group to operate. He also said he intends to attend the group's meetings, and will use the identifying information in a civil rights complaint should he be barred from doing so. Irvin said he believes the city is extending privileges to the employees' group that were denied him during an earlier effort to launch a group for formerly homosexual workers. The city did so, he contends, because organizations such as his are "politically inconvenient," and, in doing so, violated civil rights law. "Some people would say that I'm a civil rights leader," Irvin said. "I'm asking for equal rights, and, to that end, I'm attacking the internal inconsistency of Gay rights laws."

The City Light employee - Philip Irvin, 58 - wants the city to release the names of organizers of city employee groups, specifically those of a Seattle Public Utilities "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Friends" group. According to court documents, Irvin has also requested the names and city departments of those who are members of the group, or who have attended the group's meetings, as well as copies of the group's sign-in sheets, minutes and agendas. Speaking to seattlepi.com Thursday, Irvin said the city has previously opposed his efforts to start a group for employees who had identified as homosexuals but have since become heterosexual. "They are the most vilified sexual minority, and I'm sorry to say that they're not really welcomed in the religious community either," Irvin said. "This is something where they are vilified on the right or the left."

On the Web site of the Bellevue-based Faith and Freedom Network, group president Gary Randall republished a memo apparently sent to the organization by Irvin. In it, Irvin complains that LGBTQ&F group members have used the city e-mail system and meeting rooms for the organization's functions. "Curious to find out who was using City resources, I, a City Light employee, filed a public disclosure request seeking the names and attendees of their meeting," Irvin wrote, according to the Faith and Freedom Network site. "Call me a homophobe if you want to," he added, "but I don't think the city should fund a secret Gay employees group." Irvin went on to accuse the employees of hypocrisy for fighting the release of their identifying information. Gay-rights groups have announced plans to publish the names of voters who sign Referendum 71, a Faith and Freedom Network-backed effort to repeal a state law expanding the rights of registered domestic partners. That effort was announced earlier this month, weeks after Irvin filed his public-information request.

After receiving Irvin's request in early May, city public-disclosure officers notified employees whose identities would be released. In response, an unspecified number of employees have sued the city asserting that state public-records law demand their identities be withheld. Plaintiffs' attorney Cecilia Cordova said the issue, plainly, is the privacy of these city employees. "The information that we're talking about is personal information," said Cordova, who is representing the employees with noted Gay-rights attorney David Coffman. "The risk is privacy, and that's something that is taken very seriously by the court system."

Coffman and Cordova were able to secure a temporary restraining order blocking the city from releasing the documents until a more complete hearing is held later this month. At that time, the employees' attorneys will ask that the city delay release of the documents until a final ruling is made. Defending the city position that the documents are releasable, City Attorney Tom Carr said that, despite his personal view to the contrary, he believes state law mandates that the information be released. Carr argued that no relevant exemptions exist in the state open-records law to protect the identities of public employees participating in such groups. Earlier case law held that the courts could weigh the public good of release with the privacy concerns, but the Legislature has since revised the law to seriously limit such discretion. "This is a group of people who have historically been discriminated against and in some cases physically attacked, and I would prefer to protect their names," Carr said. "But my preferences aren't relevant here, and the law is clear. ... If the law's wrong, the people who can change it are in the Legislature."

Irvin said he has asked to become an intervenor in the complaint filed by the city employees, a position which would allow him to file pleadings in the case. He said he is preparing to file a brief demanding disclosure of the

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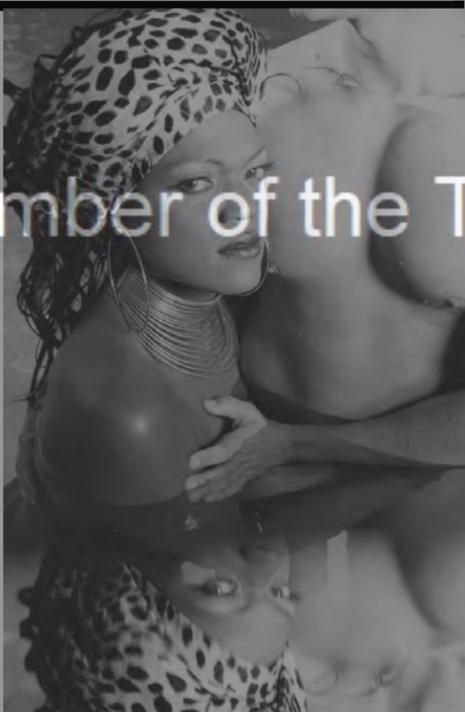
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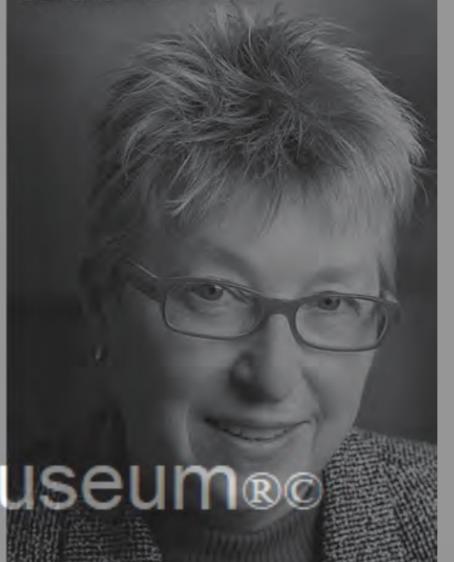
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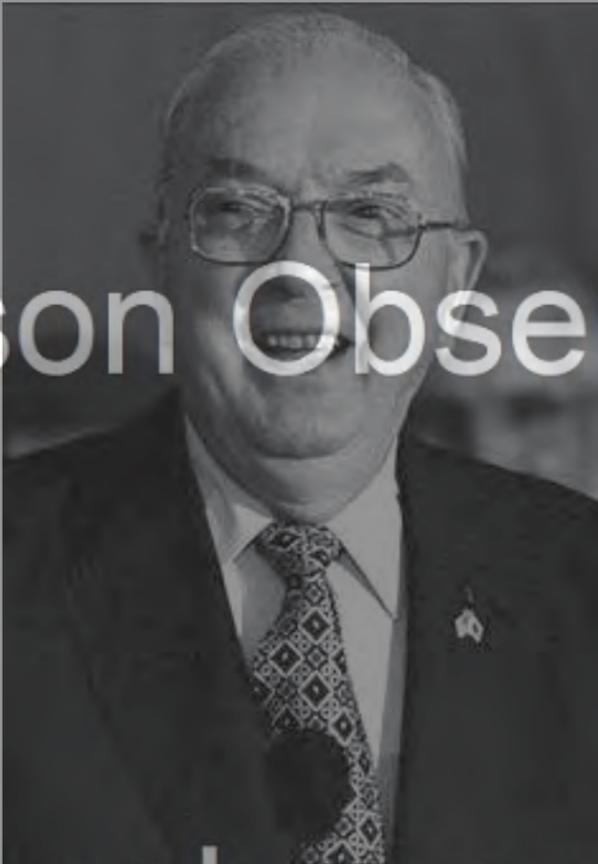
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26 N.C. Lawmakers Sit Out Of Helms Resolution Vote

RALEIGH, NC (Observer Update) - Twenty-six North Carolina legislators sat out a vote on a resolution honoring the late U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, showing that the Republican remains a polarizing figure a year after his death, reported 365Gay.com. The state Legislature approves dozens of honorary resolutions each two-year session, and the body's bill drafting director, Gerry Cohen, said he could remember none of the others being avoided by so many lawmakers in his three-decade career.



None of about a dozen House members seated outside the chamber during the vote would say whether the effort was coordinated. But only one member each of the House and Senate registered an excused absence for the day. Most of the holdouts were black Democrats such as Sen. Floyd McKissick. Helms opposed the 1964 Civil Rights Act as a commentator and voted against its reauthorization once in the Senate.

"I could have never voted in favor of a resolution honoring Sen. Helms because of his divisive history and his anti-civil-rights principles," said McKissick, D-Durham. McKissick said he instead skipped the resolution's debate as a quiet protest. Helms' political career made him a lightning rod for controversy. He entered politics in helping elect segregationist candidate Willis Smith to the Senate in 1950 and his final campaign was in 1996. He led an unsuccessful filibuster in 1983 to stall the effort to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.

Sixteen out of the state House's 20 black members and five out of nine black senators skipped the vote that came after speeches praising Helms'

integrity, honesty and patriotism. They were joined by a handful of white Democrats and the only American Indian, a Democrat. The Senate voted 41-1 for the Helms resolution, and the House 98-0.

The single dissenting vote came from Sen. Julia Boseman, D-New Hanover, the Legislature's first openly Gay member.

Same-Sex Couple Deniee Family Admission Rate

BOISE, ID (Observer Update) - A same-sex couple were denied the discount family admission rate to a pool because the family does not fit Idaho's definition of a family.

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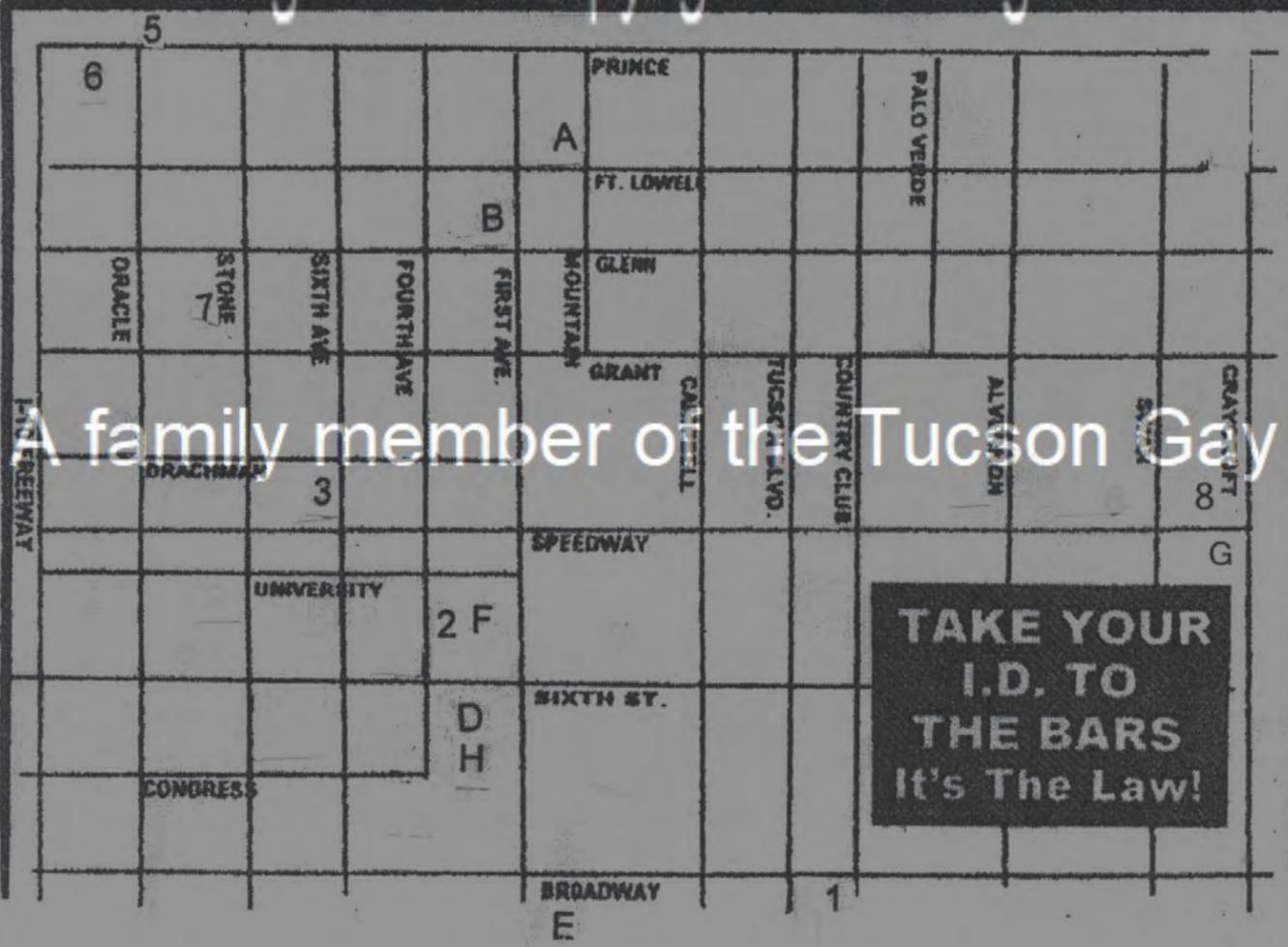
same-sex marriage and defines a family as between one man, one woman and children.

Mark Lowe, executive director for the Lava Hot Springs State Foundation, said that as a state institution, Idaho law must be followed, meaning the family would not be permitted to receive the family discount.



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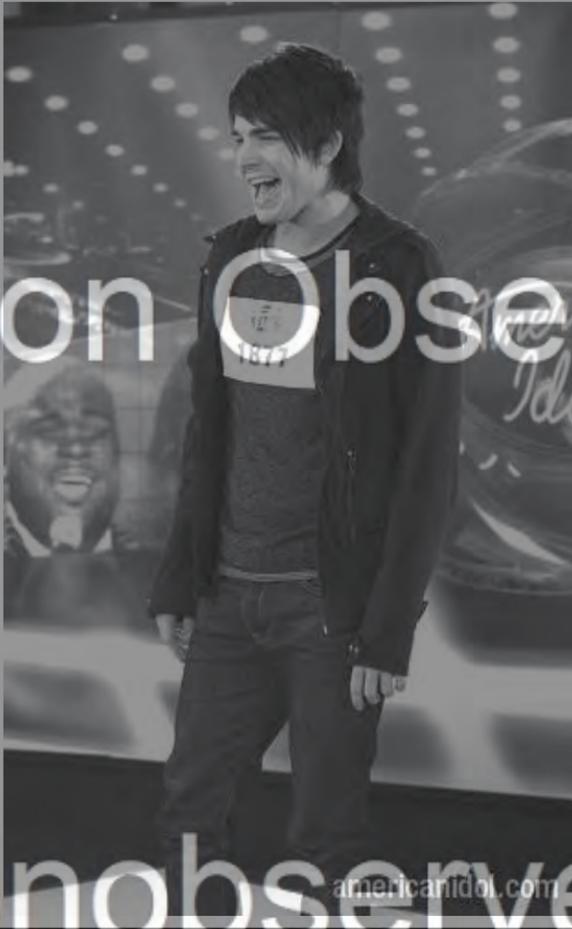
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Lambert On Sex, Drugs and 'Idol'

NEW YORK CITY - "American Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert has landed the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, where he talks about sex, drugs and his "Idol" experiences, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.



The 27-year-old singer from San Diego acknowledges in an interview that he's Gay, and says it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. Says Lambert: "I'm proud of my sexuality. I embrace it. It's just another part of me." Lambert says he was inspired to audition for the Fox network singing competition after having a "psychedelic experience" at the Burning Man festival in Nevada.

Lambert says he knew "American Idol" was his "only shot to be taken seriously in the recording industry, because it's fast and broad."

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Chastity Bono Announces Sex Change



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LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - Chastity Bono is having a sex change to become a man. A spokesman for Bono, born a girl to Sonny and Cher, says he "has made the courageous decision to honor his true identity" and began the sex-change process earlier this year. Publicist Howard Bragman said Bono is proud of his decision and hopes "that his choice to transition will open the hearts and minds of the public regarding this issue."

The 40-year-old writer, activist and reality-TV star came out as gay 20 years ago, Bragman said. In the book "Family Outing: A Guide to the Coming-

Out Process for Gays, Lesbians, & Their Families," Bono describes the realization of being "somehow different - specifically different from who my mom expected me to be." A message left with Cher's representatives was not immediately returned, reported 365Gay.com.

Bono's second book, "The End of Innocence: A Memoir," details how relationships with Joan, a lover, and Sonny and Cher changed after coming out. In 1995, Bono posed for the cover of the Gay magazine The Advocate and began working for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

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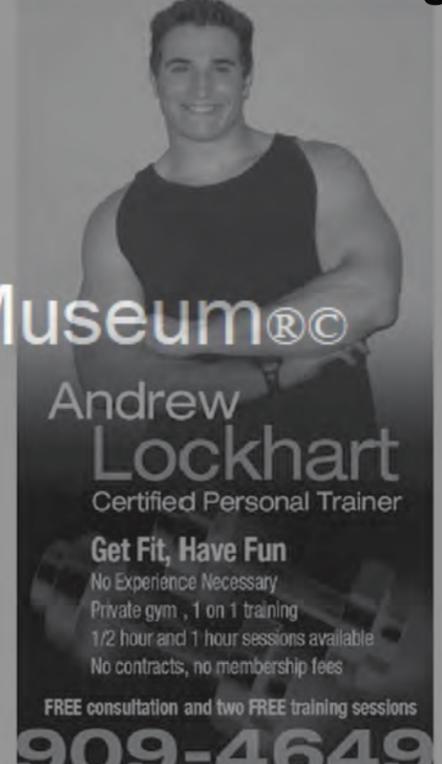
Man Accused Of Pissing Pride Away

FERNDALE, MI (Observer Update) - A 31-year-old Detroit man faces a misdemeanor assault and battery charge after allegedly urinating on several people during an annual Gay pride event. The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak reported the man had been drinking and was upset that he was splashed with water aimed at street dancers Sunday during the Motor City Pride Festival.

Lt. William Wilson said "he may have wanted to take revenge," turned and urinated on the leg of a man standing next to him.

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Trump issued a statement saying he sacked Prejean for failing to honor her commitments as Miss California USA. Pageant officials say Tami Farrell, the first runner-up to Prejean in the Miss California USA competition, will take over those responsibilities.

Prejean created controversy during the Miss USA competition, where she was first runner-up, when she answered a judge's question about Gay marriage by saying marriage should be reserved for men and women.

New Survey Shows Gays And Lesbians More Likely To Read Blogs

NEW YORK, NY (Observer Update) - A national survey by Harris Interactive shows that Gays and Lesbian adults are more likely to read blogs and be members of social networking sites than heterosexual adults are, reported 365Gay.com. The survey found that 55% of adult Gays and Lesbians read some kind of blog, compared to 38% of adult heterosexuals.

The survey from Harris Interactive comprised 3,000 U.S. adults, of whom 404 self identified as Gay or Lesbian. Similar results were found regarding social networking sites. Fifty-five percent of the Gay and Lesbian adults surveyed said they were members of Facebook, compared to 46% of heterosexual adults who are on the site. Results for MySpace were similar as well, with 43% of Gay and Lesbian adults being members compared to just 30% of heterosexuals.

"In several years capturing trends, we see again that Gays and Lesbians are not only looking to stay well informed but also to expand their key social, professional and personal connections online", said Bob Witeck, CEO of Witeck-Combs Communications. "As companies work to make the most of their advertising budgets in the current economic climate, blogs and social networking sites are an even more powerful cross-section of opportunities today when reaching out to this market."

Nation's Mayors Support Freedom To Marry

NEW YORK CITY, NY - The U.S. Conference of Mayors today passed a resolution in support of ending the exclusion of Gay and Lesbian couples from marriage.

The resolution, titled "Equality and Civil Rights for Gay and Lesbian Americans," included support for the freedom to marry along with endorsement of federal bills such as Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, the Uniting American Families Act, and the Matthew Shepard Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act. "By passing this resolution, America's mayors spoke for the families they know and serve in communities across the country, and said that excluding those families from the freedom to marry must stop," said Evan Wolfson, executive director of Freedom to Marry and author of Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality and Gay People's Right to Marry. "The mayors have their fingers on the pulse of the country, and their voices today said loud and clear that ending discrimination in marriage is the way to go."

The resolution stated, "The U.S. Conference of Mayors supports marriage equality for same-sex couples, and the recognition and extension of full equal rights to such unions, including family and medical leave, tax equity, and insurance and retirement benefits, and opposes the enshrinement of discrimination in the federal or state constitutions."

"The nation's mayors are proud to take the lead in recognizing the importance of protecting all our citizens equally. It is now time for state legislatures and our federal government to enact the same protections for all our nation's citizens," said U.S. Conference of Mayors President Greg Nickels, Mayor of Seattle.

"The mayors' leadership reaffirms that the freedom to marry should not be partisan or political, but rather is part of the security and respect all couples who've made a commitment to care for one another and who are dealing with life's ups and downs should have, especially in these challenging economic times," said Wolfson. "Now the New York State Senate should be the next to lead the nation on the path to equality by swiftly passing the freedom to marry bill into law."

POET'S CORNER

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by Ron Rose - Tucson

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Feds Move To Dismiss First Federal Marriage Suit; Gay Couple's Wedding Not Affected By Prop. 8

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - The U.S. Justice Department has moved to dismiss the first gay marriage case filed in federal court, saying it is not the right venue to tackle legal questions raised by a couple already married in California, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The motion argues that the case of Arthur Smelt and Christopher Hammer does not address the right of gay couples to marry but rather questions whether their marriage must be recognized nationwide by states that have not approved gay marriage. "This case does not call upon the Court to pass judgment... on the legal or moral right of same-sex couples, such as plaintiffs here, to be married," the motion states. "Plaintiffs are married, and their challenge to the federal Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA") poses a different set of questions."

It's a different case from a recent federal lawsuit by two unmarried gay couples in California who claim a civil right to marry under the U.S. Constitution. The government said Smelt and Hammer seek a ruling on "whether by virtue of their marital status they are constitutionally entitled to acknowledgment of their union by states that do not recognize same-sex marriage, and whether they are similarly entitled to certain federal benefits. "Under the law binding on this Court, the answer to these questions must be no," the motion states.

The 54-page document traces the history of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) passed by Congress in 1996 at a time when states and their citizens were just beginning to address the legal status of same-sex marriage. The case was originally filed last year in California State Court before heading to federal court. It claims violation of a number of federal rights including the right to privacy, the right to travel and the right of free expression under the First Amendment.

The government's filing said the suit would fail under each of those grounds. While it addressed each argument, it claimed the suit should be dismissed for lack of standing by the plaintiffs to bring the claim in federal court. In a separate filing, the California

attorney general moved to dismiss the state lawsuit by the same couple, saying Hammer and Smelt lack standing to sue because their marriage was unaffected in any way by the passage of Proposition 8, the voter-approved gay marriage ban. The attorney general's motion noted there are likely to be more federal suits and referred to "at least one highly publicized challenge (that) has already been filed." On May 26, the California Supreme Court upheld Proposition 8. In a 6-1 decision written by Chief Justice Ron George, the court rejected arguments that the ban approved by the voters last fall was such a fundamental change in the California Constitution that it first needed the Legislature's approval.

Prison Segregated Lesbian Inmates

TROY, VA (Observer Update) - The largest women's prison in Virginia segregated dozens of masculine-looking Lesbian and straight inmates from the rest of the population, inmates and corrections officers told the Associated Press (AP), reported advocate.com. They say that what began as an effort to break up couples and stop sexual activity at the Fluvanna Correctional Center in Troy turned into a practice of sending women to a unit called the "butch wing" based on their appearance.

Women sent to wing 5D - also called the "little boys wing," "locker room wing," and "studs wing" - told the AP they were verbally harassed by staff there, and taken to the cafeteria first or last to keep them separated from other inmates. Three guards confirmed the charges. Former guard William Drumheller said that manager Timothy Back started the practice, which lasted for over one year, as a way to separate couples. The 60-inmate wing eventually filled with women targeted because of their appearance, such as short hair or loose-fitting clothes. "I heard him say, 'We're going to break up some of these relationships, start a boys wing, and we're going to take all these studs and put them together and see how they like looking at nothing but each other all day instead of their girlfriends,'" Drumheller said.

Warden Barbara Wheeler denied that housing decisions were ever made based on sexual orientation or appearance. The practice stopped recently after the AP questioned it.

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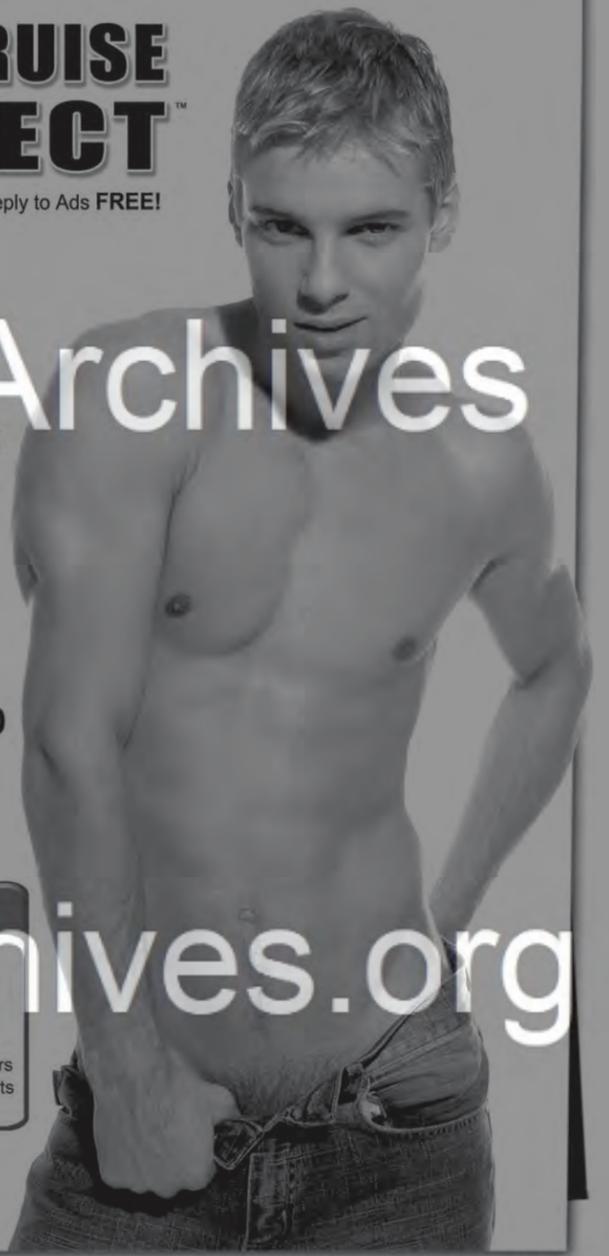
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Across The Q Globe

Organizers of China's first Gay pride week were struggling to find new venues for their events after police in Shanghai warned clubs and bars against joining the planned festival. Drag queens perform at the Variation Bar, which provides entertainment for Gay men October 18, 2005... Drag queens perform at the Variation Bar, which provides entertainment for Gay men October 18, 2005 in Chengdu of Sichuan Province, China. The Variation Bar is famous for its cross-dressing male dancers, whose stories are filmed as the documentary movie 'Beautiful Men' by Chinese director Du Haibin. Gay bars have sprung up in China's metropolises, as homosexuals of the country are emerging from the shadows.

The Chinese government agencies published a report last year that put the number of Gay men in China who are 'of a sexually active age' at 5-10 million. Experts said the actual figure could be much higher than that and they estimated that there are around 30-40 million homosexual men and women in total, according to state media. The crack-down came even as China's state-run English-language daily was hailing the celebration as "a good showcase of the country's social progress" and "an event of profound significance." Police and commercial bureau officials warned a local restaurant of "very severe" consequences if it screened films as part of the festival, says an organizer who asked not to be identified. A photo studio called off a theater performance after a similar visit. Gay activists said the official interference illustrated official Chinese policy toward homosexual gatherings: low-key events in private spaces are tolerated; public activities are banned.

An American has lost his court battle in Switzerland with a member of the ruling United Arab Emirates' family who whipped him in the face with a belt in a Geneva hotel bar. The Swiss supreme

court upheld a lower court's quashing of the criminal conviction of Sheik Falah bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, 38, according to a copy of the ruling seen by The Associated Press.

The number of new HIV infections among South African teens has dropped significantly, prompting hope that national efforts to tackle the epidemic have finally turned a corner after years of denial and delay. A report by the Human Sciences Research Council released Tuesday said that although young people continue to have multiple sexual partners - which drives South Africa's epidemic - they are increasingly heeding advice to use a condom. "There is clearly light at the end of the tunnel," said Health Minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi. "There is real light." Motsoaledi, a respected medical doctor, became health minister last month. He must overcome the legacy of former President Thabo Mbeki, who denied the link between HIV and AIDS, and his health minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, who mistrusted conventional anti-AIDS drugs and promoted beetroot and lemon.



NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

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

TUCSON KNIGHT OWLS (T.K.O)
We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month at 11:00a.m., Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at the Yard Dog.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.sAAF.org>. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.**

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

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

Start getting more out of life with **TUCSON PRIME TIMERS**. We're the local chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, the preeminent social organization for mature gay and bi men as well as younger (21+) men who enjoy their company. Each month we sponsor a wide range of dining events, cultural enrichment activities, parties, meetings, bowling, day trips, picnics, tours and much more. Visitors are always welcome. For info call our message phone 520 742-1271. Visit our website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

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

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpggcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)829-0117 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian,

Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. 743-4800.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED ___ Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 5:30 p.m. each month at Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 5102 N. Craycroft Rd. For information visit www.lctucson.org or write: Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40702, Tucson, AZ 85717-0702.

REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! For info call 304-1758

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@yahoo.com. See you on the trails.

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

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.: (520)406-0740.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - 'L' Word showing 7pm & 9:30pm (Progressive drink specials) - First: \$3 Well; Second: \$1.50 pints. Last Special is 2-4-1. Following L Word, Out Loud Open Mic. If you have talent join our open night mic - Starts 10:45 pm.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. Karaoke on the Patio 4-8:30pm. Burger BBQ 5-8pm + \$1 pint draft. 9pm-close Karaoke inside with Troy & \$1.50 Well or Domestic Beer, \$2.50 Call or Premium Beer. DJ Hurricane on the Patio.

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 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. EDAN...Exotic dancer appreciation night. DJ spins Hip Hop & R&B and all request dance. \$5.25 drink specials.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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 and microbrews (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 \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close \$5 Scratch Long Island Varieties. 9pm-close DJ Hurricane with "All Request Music".

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. SKYY Martinis \$3 ea., 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 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. PHAT Tuesday's 50 cent Pabst cans 9pm-close Come play our Wii gaming system. Beer Pong Tournament w/cash prizes starts 9pm.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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). Girlz Nite Out. Girlz pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close "2'sDay" - \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. DJ Q 9pm-close.

and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays College Night. 18 to party - 21 to drink. \$7 Cover 18+ No Cover 21+. DJ Spins Hip Hop, R&B Top 40 remix dance.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Karaoke with Ynot Entertainment at 9pm.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. "Diva-Licious" show w/Bunny FuFu. 11pm - close "Reverse Happy Hour". DJ Q Inside & DJ Mike Lopez playing 80s music on the Patio.

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

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm excl. special events). Full 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 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. Y-NOT Karaoke starts @9:00pm to close. 2-4-1 starts 10;pm. 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..

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Boyz Nite Out - boys pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Bicardi Thursdays - \$3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 10pm-close "Boyz Nite Out" w/ Bartenders in their underwear. DJ Hurricane spinning Top 40 & DJ Mike Lopez on the patio. \$1.75 Long Island, \$1.50 Tequila Shots, \$3 Dkyy Cape Cods and \$4 Skyy Cosmos.

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 5pm-2am. Happy Hour UNTIL 8. Hip Hop & R&B. Drink Specials all night called out by DJs. Special Performances.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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. Dance lessons at 7pm \$5 per person, Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 9pm -close DJ Hurricane inside. 10pm-close DJ Mike Lopez with "I'm a Sexy Bitch Night" on the patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar Open 7pm-2m Cuervo Margaritas \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live Blues/Motown/Soul sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 2nd Friday Night of the month. YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Starting Feb. 13th Escandalo Saturdays w/Carnival Latino. Latin Hip Hop, Top 40s & Reggaeton music will be spun. Guest DJs. \$5 Cover. oGo dancers male and female. Shot specials allnight. .

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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, \$2 Well or Domestic. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio \$1 Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starlett's" w/Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Q spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".

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.

Fresno Hospital Bars Lesbian From Visiting Partner

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - After a Lesbian was barred from visiting her partner and giving advice about her treatment at a Fresno hospital, the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Center for Lesbian Rights sent a letter to the hospital urging that it adopt policy changes respecting same-sex relationships, 365Gay.com reported. "We just couldn't believe this was happening to us. This was the nightmare that we hoped we'd never have to live through," said Teresa Rowe, who grew up in Clovis, California, but now lives in the Bay Area with her partner of four years, Kristin Orbin.

"Unfortunately, because Kristin suffers from epilepsy, trips to the hospital are pretty common for us, which is why we filled out the legal paper work to make sure I would be able to be with her and make emergency decisions about her care. But the hospital wouldn't let me see Kristen and ignored my advice

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Friday, June 19

THE BIZ - Tucson Gaystock . No cover. \$1.00 8 oz Bud Lights all nite. Pride Kick-Off party at the Biz. Resident DJ Hill spinning the best of the 60s thru today from 6p.m. until 2a.m.

Saturday, June 20

THE BIZ - Hot Flash 5:30 to 9:30.

COYOTE MOON- Benefit Show with Amanda Nicole and guests. 9pm

Sunday, June 21

COLORS - 4-9 p.m. Dinner and Fundraiser for TIHAN. Colors will donanate 10% of your pre-tax food and beverage order to TIHAN.

Thursday, June 25

VENTURE-N - Steak Night.

Friday, June 26

COYOTE MOON - A fundraiser tto assist the Observer in continued service. It's a night of country music, dancing, performances and raffles.

Saturday, June 27

WOODY'S -Wett Party. Check their website and MySpace page for updates..

about her treatment. They ended up giving her the exact medication I repeatedly asked them not to give her." On May 29, Rowe and Orbin attended the "Meet in the Middle" rally in support of marriage for same-sex couples in Fresno. After the couple completed a 14-mile march in 90 degree heat, Orbin collapsed in a seizure. The couple experienced hostility from the ambulance driver, but Rowe was ultimately allowed to accompany Orbin to Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno. However, when the couple got the hospital, the driver would not allow Rowe to accompany Orbin into the emergency room even though Orbin had been in and out of consciousness, and Rowe was familiar with her medical history and care.

Rowe repeatedly asked hospital employees to allow her to see Orbin and talk to a physician about her care but was refused. She volunteered to have Orbin's legal paperwork naming Rowe as her health care agent faxed to the hospital but was told that it wouldn't do any good. When she asked that she at least be allowed to pass along the message that Orbin not be given the drug Ativan, she was told the message would be conveyed. If the message was given to those treating Orbin, it was ignored because Orbin was given the drug, which she didn't need and which causes her unnecessary pain. Meanwhile, when she was awake, Orbin was also asking to be allowed to see Rowe. Although they were both told that no visitors were allowed in the area where Orbin was being treated, other patients were receiving guests. After being separated for several hours, Orbin finally saw her doctor. She complained to him, and Rowe was eventually allowed to be with her.

"Until the California Supreme Court upheld Prop 8, Kristen and Teresa were planning to get married. In this climate, hospitals must be especially diligent to protect same-sex couples from discrimination," said Elizabeth Gill, a staff attorney with the ACLU of Northern California. "As these events so painfully demonstrate, no matter what hoops same-sex couples jump through to protect their relationships, these kinds of horrible things will continue to happen as long as couples are denied the recognition and respect that only comes with marriage." The letter sent by the ACLU and NCLR charges that it was a violation of state law for the hospital to discriminate against the couple based on their sexual orientation, as well as to refuse to recognize Rowe's legal authority, which was authorized by Orbin's advance health care directive.

The letter also notes that hospitals must post and follow a patient's bill of rights that bars discrimination based on sexual orientation and grants patients the ability to designate visitors of their choosing and to decide who is able to make emergency decision about their care. The letter urges Community Medical Centers immediately to affirm their commitment to inclusive and sensitive medical care for LGBT patients, and to take a number of steps to carry out that commitment. "Discrimination in healthcare settings is still far too common for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people," said Jason Schneider, MD, President of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). "No one is served when partners are barred from visitation and kept from participating in conversations about their loved one's care. It's bad for doctors who are kept from potentially life threatening information, it's bad for partners who are left waiting hopelessly in the waiting rooms and it's especially traumatic for patients who need the love and support that only their partners can provide to help them through health care emergencies." The hospital has until June 22 to respond.

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