

LGBT Organizations, Bloggers React To Death Of Sen. Kennedy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Sen. Edward Kennedy died August 25, at 77, after a year-long struggle with brain cancer. This morning, several Gay organizations released statements and a few bloggers commented.

Human Rights Campaign Statement on the Passing of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy - WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender civil rights organization, issued the following statement today on the passing of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA). "The nation has lost its greatest champion and strongest voice for justice, fairness, and compassion," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "The loss to our community is immeasurable. There was no greater hero for advocates of LGBT equality than Senator Ted Kennedy. From the early days of the AIDS epidemic, to our current struggle for marriage equality he has been our protector, our leader, our friend. He has been the core of the unfinished quest for civil rights in this country and there is now a very painful void. Our hearts go out to the Kennedy family."

From AfterElton: Senator Edward M. Kennedy died late Tuesday night at the age of 77. His death is a particular sad loss for the GLBT community, because he was throughout his career a strong supporter of civil rights, including Gay civil rights. He fought DOMA, declaring his view that the legislation was unconstitu-



tional. This year he introduced and fought for a Transgender-inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Bill (ENDA). He was known as the "Lion of the Senate" and was certainly the most influential liberal politician of our times. Arguably, his endorsement of Barack Obama was what allowed the President to defeat Hilary Clinton in the Democratic primary. But he leaves with his greatest cause, the one for universal health care, still not answered. Just my guess, but whatever health care legislation results this year, it will most likely be called the "Edward M. Kennedy Health Care Act."

From the Victory Fund: Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund President and CEO Chuck Wolfe issued the following statement today on the death of

Senator Edward M. Kennedy: "Good men serve others but great men take care to serve the least fortunate. Senator Kennedy was a great man. He made a career of fighting for the poor, for women, for racial minorities, and for basic human rights for LGBT Americans. Senator Kennedy's life was marked by generosity and a legendary tenacity that earned him the respect of his colleagues and the affection of the public he served. But he will always occupy a special place in the hearts of LGBT Americans, who saw in him a fierce champion for their full equality. Senator Kennedy was a strong supporter of the work of the Victory Fund, offering his time and endorsing our mission to elect LGBT candidates to public office. We mourn

the loss of our friend and patron, and we urge good men and women who possess the passion and commitment of people like Senator Kennedy to follow him into public service and emulate his intense dedication to that profession."

From Law Dork: Tonight is a sad moment for progressive action in America. . . I remember, more than a decade ago, working at various D.C. entities, and feeling the remarkable presence of Senator Kennedy throughout Democratic and liberal causes. It always appeared that he or his spirit were motivating much if not all liberal successes of the day. I later learned that it was not just the day, it was Kennedy. He was not a perfect politician or a perfect person, but he taught – and often reminded – much of today's Democratic party about our ideals – and the worthwhile struggles we all face to reach toward them.

One of the 14 Senators who voted against the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, Sen. Kennedy was a strong supporter of Lesbian and Gay equality before it was even vaguely popular – in any crowd – to do so. Even earlier, in 1993, Kennedy replaced the retired California Democratic Sen. Alan Cranston as the chief sponsor of the "Gay rights bill" that was then being introduced in the Senate. Ted Kennedy was one of the stalwart – and much needed – voices of equality in our nation, and I particularly mourn for this loss.... In his struggle to do good by his brothers, and for our nation, Ted Kennedy has done well.

New Chief For Obama HIV/AIDS Council

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Dr. Helene Gayle, the president and CEO of CARE USA, a humanitarian organization that fights global poverty, is likely to get the nod to lead the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, which is tasked with studying and making recommendations on HIV/AIDS prevention and research, and distribution of services for people living with AIDS, reported advocate.com.

Health and Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced at the 2009 National HIV Prevention Conference that she intended to appoint Gayle to chair President Obama's council. Once the nomination is made, no confirmation hearing will be required.

"Dr. Gayle is an internationally acclaimed leader with a long history of working to end the epidemic both around the world and here at home in the United States," said Secretary Sebelius. "We are hopeful that the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, under her leadership, will serve as a platform to share our plans and insights with the public health community and the public and serve as a vehicle to carry their ideas and input

back to the Administration."

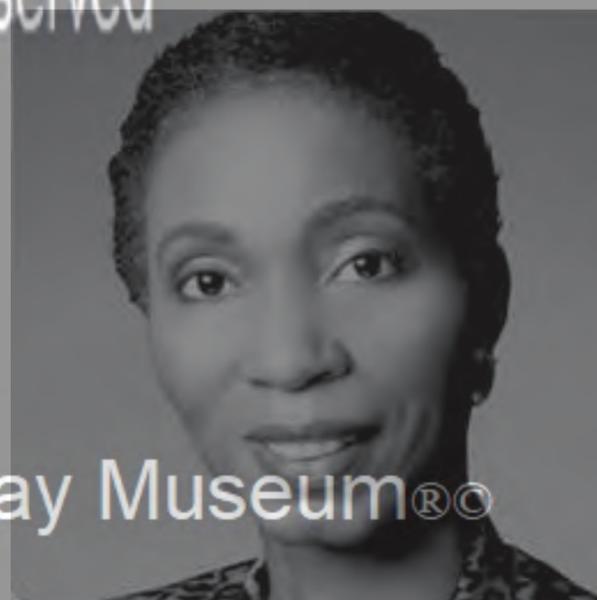
The White House issued the following biographical information on Dr. Gayle:

Helene D. Gayle is president and CEO of CARE USA, and is an internationally recognized expert on health, global development, and humanitarian issues. Dr. Gayle spent 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), focused primarily on combating HIV/AIDS, in a variety of roles involving research, programs, and policy.

She was appointed as the first director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention and achieved the rank of Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service. On assignment from the CDC, Dr. Gayle also served as the AIDS coordinator and chief of the HIV/AIDS division for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Dr. Gayle then directed the HIV, TB, and Reproductive Health Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she was responsible for programs related to HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, reproductive health issues, and tuberculosis.

In April 2006, she joined CARE, an international humanitarian organization with programs in nearly 70 countries to end poverty. Dr. Gayle earned a B.A. in psychology at Barnard College, an M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.P.H. from Johns Hopkins University. She is board certified in pediatrics, completing a residency in pediatric medicine at the Children's Hospital National Medical Center in Washington, DC. She has been honored with

awards from Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University, Cable Positive, the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health, and the U.S. Public Health Service, among others. She holds faculty appointments at the University of Washington School of Public Health and Emory University School of Medicine.



Dr. Helene Gayle

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TUCSON - If you are new in town or have recently moved, you need to register to vote for the Tucson City Council November election. October 3 is the deadline. Forms are available at Antigone Books or at Wingspan. Also, you can call 740-4330 for more information.

The City Council is important. Your vote counts.

Turnabout For TIHAN This Sunday,

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "Turnabout for TIHAN" is an annual show put on by Tucson's GLBT clubs and their bar staff. Each club and bar's staff request donations from their friends and customers in order to do a "turnabout" from male to female (or vice versa) and put on a fabulous show to benefit the work of TIHAN, the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (tihan.org)

So get ready for the glitz and glamour, the pumps and passion for this year's "Turnabout for TIHAN" benefit show, one of the biggest drag shows of the year, and takes place on Sunday, September 6 at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park (445 South Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona). The doors open at 5:00 p.m., and the show starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. The evening also features a raffle with some great prizes.

Join us for Turnabout, featuring emcees Bunny Fufu and Janee Starr, along with your favorite bar staff in drag from your favorite participating bars: Woody's, IBT's, Coyote Moon and Colors. Tickets are on sale now through the TIHAN office (credit card orders can be taken - (520) 299-6647), or at participating bars. For more information about the event, or to volunteer, contact Scott Blades at scott@tihan.org.

Learn To Organize Your Most Important Papers

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is hosting a free workshop,

Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, is open to the public called: "Organize Your Most Important Papers".

The Workshop will be presented by Janet Munson, a Professional Organizer. "Organize Your Most Important Papers" will teach you how to get your personal, medical and financial records together- those life sustaining documents organized for benefit of your future - in the case of death, preparing for your loved ones in advance, or in case of emergency. The workshop comes with lists and handouts, information on where and how to store your documents, and discussion on documents that you should be reviewing annually.

This free and Open to the Public Workshop is a must do! The workshop will teach you to take a fresh look at the types of records and papers you should be keeping and be aware of at the beginning of each new stage or change in your life. You will also learn how to treat your household like a mini-business since many of the functions such as planning, purchasing, and record keeping are similar to other types of business.

An RSVP is required, please call (520) 628-7223 and ask for Michele or Tara. Each year SAAF provides services to nearly 1,200 people and delivers targeted prevention outreach and education programs to over 20,000 people who are at risk for infection. For more information about the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) or to schedule a tour of SAAF, please visit www.sAAF.org or call (520) 628-7223.

Call To Fill Out ADAP Survey Made

PTUCSON (Observer Update) - As many in the community are already aware, the state funding for ADAP medication to Pima county residents living with HIV/AIDS has been cut. The biggest impact will be felt by those whose doctors have prescribed medication to control side effects, address behavioral health needs, and pain management; as the cost of these drugs will no longer be paid by ADAP.

Also, the MAP co-pay coverage has been eliminated for many medications. The Pima County HIV/

AIDS Consortium is seeking input from the community about the effects of these changes on finances, health, lifestyle and general welfare of HIV/AIDS persons in the form of a brief survey. It can be taken online at <http://surveyMonkey.com/consortium2009> or it can be filled out on paper. Local health care providers have made space available for the distribution and collection of the paper surveys. They include: SAAF, El Rio-SIA, UMC, and COPE. We will also have drop boxes at the COPE, CODAC, and HOPE center methadone clinics.

The survey is open right now until Monday, September 14. The results will be forwarded to the state health department in Phoenix to assist in planning for future policy, and used here in Tucson by the Consortium and the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona to improve assistance for HIV/AIDS persons.

Welcome To OZ Starting Sept. 10

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Welcome to OZ, Tucson's newest LGBT/LGBT-friendly mixed bowling league had a wonderful inaugural summer season with 39 bowlers (thirteen teams), and are looking to carry the momentum forward and expand for the upcoming winter season.

Welcome to OZ is housed at Tucson Bowl, 7020 E. 21st Street (22nd & Kolb Rd) and will bowl on Thursday nights, practice at 6:45 p.m. and bowling at 7:00 p.m. The Winter league will begin on Thursday, September 10 and is a 34 week leaguer ending on Thursday, May 20, 2010 with a banquet held on Thursday, May 27, 2010.

A league meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 6:00 p.m. with our season beginning at 7:00 pm. Teams will consist of three bowlers each. Come as a team of three, a double or a single, we will assist in making teams. Let's continue the fun, so for more information contact us at: welcometoOZ09@gmail.com.

An Evening Of Art And Cuisine

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Last November, Courtney Kelly a local artist donated an art piece to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's Festival for Life event not knowing what to expect but hoping that her piece would help raise money for SAAF. Her style was different, colorful, and hugely popular with guests. Courtney's piece was such a big hit that her piece of colorful greyhounds started an auction bidding war and raised more than \$2,000 that evening.

Now almost a year later, Courtney Kelly is still supporting SAAF through her art. With each art sale she gives back a % of her proceeds to help support SAAF's programs and services. "Her art has been a big hit. Her style is fun, colorful, and often includes pets - who can't relate to that?" says Wendell Hicks, Executive Director of SAAF, "her art just makes you smile!". Courtney has offered to put together an evening of art and cuisine thanks to support from Vila Thai Cuisine on East University Blvd. The event is taking \$5.00 donations at the door. Complimentary appetizers will be provided by Vila Thai and the evening includes \$5 wine tasting.

An Evening of Art and Cuisine, Sunday, September 20, beginning at 3:30 p.m., at Vila Thai Cuisine, 972 E. University Blvd. An RSVP is not required. For more information visit facebook.com/event.php?eid=108716594363 or call 520-628-7223 and speak with Tara.

Calling for friendly and reliable people to join SAAF's Client Services Team as volunteer Peer Counselors.



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Slow Start: No Rush For Same-Sex Weddings In Vermont

MONTPELIER, VT (Observer Update) - Bed-and-breakfast owner Jeff Connor was hoping for a boom in business once Vermont opened the door for same-sex couples to marry, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The law has taken effect, but he's still waiting. So far, he has only one wedding celebration planned at the 11-unit Grunberg Haus, in Duxbury. It's for Sept. 8. "I guess the word's still getting around out there," said Connor, who runs the inn with wife Linda.

Unlike the rush that followed Vermont's adoption of civil unions in 2000, the state's adoption of full marriage rights for same-sex couples hasn't turned it into a Gay marriage mecca. And it may not. City and town clerks around Vermont have issued only a handful of licenses. The adoption of Gay marriage in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Iowa has diluted what was once Vermont's monopoly - and a tourism draw. "It's not like what it was when civil unions went into effect," said Manchester Town Clerk Linda Spence, a Justice of the Peace who officiated at some. "Of course, we were the first state, so that made the draw much bigger."

In Manchester, a southern Vermont town whose picturesque old buildings, mountain vistas and upscale shopping make it a wedding destination (there were 101 last year), no Gay couples have plunked down the \$45 fee for the marriage licenses, which are good for 60 days from the date of issue. Ditto for Brattleboro and for Montpelier, the state capital. "I haven't given out any yet, but I've heard from three couples who are going to be coming in," Spence said. "Two of the couples - one of them is



Bill Slimback and Bob Sullivan, one of the first Vermont couples to utilize the new Law.

from Australia - got civil unions from me and they're coming back for a marriage. It makes me feel good."

The wedding preparations have been slow elsewhere, too. In Burlington, the state's largest city, only three licenses have been issued for post-Sept. 1 weddings involving Gay or Lesbian couples. In Rutland, four licenses have been issued, said City Clerk Henry Heck. "I know the ladies here have received phone calls inquiring, thinking it was a done deal now," Heck said. "We tell them it doesn't take effect until Sept. 1. There's interest out there. I think more will apply shortly thereafter, but I'm not sure how big the turnout will be." It's a sharp contrast to 2000. After the civil unions law took effect July 1, 2000, there were 1,704 civil unions established in the next six months, including 405 in July alone. Out-of-state resi-

dents accounted for 78 percent of them - with most involving people from New York, Massachusetts and California, according to state vital records. Nearly 69 percent were between female partners.

The slow start to the same-sex marriage law may also be rooted in timing. When the Legislature adopted the law in April, it set Sept. 1 as the effective date, thereby missing out on the summer wedding season. Too, the five-month gap between the adoption of Gay marriage and its effective date have kept it out of the spotlight. "My guess is that members of the Gay community are assuming that on Sept. 1, they can come in to get the license so that they can have a fall marriage," said Secretary of State Deborah L. Markowitz. "I expect that after Sept. 1, it's going to pick up." Beth Robinson, a Middlebury attorney who spearheaded

the pushes for civil unions and then Gay marriage in Vermont, says there isn't the "pent-up demand" for same-sex marriage that there was for civil unions. In the intervening years, people have obtained civil unions here or marriages in other states.

Still, there are plans being made. One couple isn't wasting any time. Two men from Whitehall, N.Y., plan a midnight wedding Monday at the Moose Meadow Lodge in Duxbury, standing in front of a great room fireplace. Lodge co-owner Greg Truison - a Justice of the Peace - will perform the ceremony, pronouncing them married in the first minutes of Sept 1. The 30-member Vermont Gay Tourism Association, meanwhile, plans a "Small State, Big Heart" marriage equality wedding reception and dance party Tuesday night at The Essex resort in Essex, offering hors d'oeuvres, wedding cake and DJ dancing for \$34 per person. Meanwhile, Vermont-based Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream is marking the occasion in typically sweet fashion. They're re-naming their "Chubby Hubby" flavor "Hubby Hubby" for the month.

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Tucson Latin Gay Pride Seeks Artists



TUCSON (Observer Update) - Organizers of the Tucson Latin Gay Pride 2009 festival are seeking artists to perform or exhibit their creations at a cultural showcase Oct. 3.

The free event will highlight the contributions of local Latino Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender artists.

"LGBT poets, a short film, dancers, music and visual artists will all come together in one place and show their works and celebrate," says Oscar Jimenez, chairman of the festival planning committee. "We'd like to get the word out to visual artists, poets, filmmakers and musicians to contact me to be part of this event."

For more information, call Jimenez at (520) 954-2343 or e-mail him at ojimenez@wingspan.org. Coordinated by Wingspan, the showcase will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lost Barrio as part of the festival Sept. 30-Oct. 4.

Bash Back! : The New LGBT Activism

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Details magazine offers a provocative, if at times strained, feature on the "fearsome Gay gangsters of Bash Back!" the "elusive band of transgender anarchists, radical sex workers, and queer troublemakers" who explicitly reference violence as an answer to oppression. The group has gained notoriety in the past year for in-your-face protest tactics that leave some members of the LGBT establishment feeling deeply uncomfortable, advocate.com.

Journalist David France travels to the "end of a dead-end street" and passes "restless dogs and rusty cars on cinder blocks" to reach the railroad tracks in Lansing Mich., where he meets leaders of the "most notorious" chapter of Bash Back! The fast-growing group claims chapters in 15 cities, with actions that have included gluing shut the doors of a Mormon church in response to the church's financial support for Proposition 8 in California. "Founded just over a year ago," France writes, "the group adamantly opposes what it calls the 'gender binary system' that classifies people as either male or female. Most members consider themselves neither or both. It's anti-establishment, anti-military, and anti-marriage - or anyone. What Bash Back! supports is gender self-determination, lots of sex and pornography, and confrontation as a first resort - a necessary response to violence."

France focuses on the Lansing chapter, whose members staged a high-profile demonstration at their city's Mount Hope Church shortly after Prop. 8 passed in November. They chanted "Jesus was a homo," flung condoms, and kissed at the church altar. The action resulted in a lawsuit brought by the church, which claims that Bash Back! blocked access to a house of worship and thereby violated parishioners' constitutional rights. The feature positions Bash Back! in the confrontational vein of Gay liberation groups from the era of Stonewall and Harvey Milk. It also discusses how their club-wielding approach and overt references to violence seem to have "struck a chord" with more mainstream LGBT rights organizations.

Override Of Anchorage Veto Likely

ANCHORAGE, AK (Observer Update) -The Anchorage assembly took no action to override the mayor's veto of an LGBT rights ordinance, missing its first opportunity to reverse what appears to be the likely defeat of the measure, reports the Anchorage Daily News. Mayor Dan Sullivan vetoed the non-discrimination ordinance, saying that he believed it was unnecessary and that most constituents had expressed opposition to it.

The ordinance, which passed by a vote of 7 to 4 on August 11 after an emotional debate, would ban discrimination against LGBT people in employment, housing, finance, and public accommodations. Eight votes are needed in the assembly to override the mayor's veto, and there is no indication that any legislator has changed his or her mind. Legislators have 21 days from the veto date of August 17 to accomplish the override.

Assembly chairwoman Debbie Ossiander, who is considered a possible swing vote, said she has received hundreds of e-mails and phone calls each day from all over the country. However, she continues to oppose the measure as written because of the compliance requirements she believes it may impose on businesses.

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Lawyer Picked To Defend Wisconsin Domestic Partners Law

MADISON, WI (Observer Update) - Wisconsin governor Jim Doyle announced that Madison attorney Lester Pines has been selected to defend the domestic-partnership law that attorney general J.B. Van Hollen said he would not defend against a court challenge, reports the La Crosse Tribune. Doyle said that Pines, of the law firm Cullen Weston Pines & Bach, is "uniquely qualified" to handle the case. The 34-year legal veteran is already involved with a separate state supreme court case challenging the 2006 constitutional ban on same-sex marriage and civil unions. That case, which argues the amendment was improperly put to voters, is set for oral arguments in November.

Pines expressed his confidence in the "overwhelmingly strong case for the constitutionality" of the domestic-partner registry, which went into effect this month. The registry grants same-sex couples about one fourth of the benefits afforded through marriage, including hospital visitation and inheritance rights. Board members of Wisconsin Family Action filed a lawsuit against the new domestic-partnership law, saying that it violated the voter-approved ban on same-sex marriages and civil unions.

Attorney General Van Hollen, a Republican, cited the 2006 ban last week when he announced that he would not defend the domestic-partnership registry. In a reversal of earlier statements, he said that domestic partnerships are substantially similar to marriage, and therefore not legally recognized by the state, reported advocate.com. As outside counsel hired by the state, Pines will be paid a rate of \$175 per hour - to be paid by taxpayers. His contract will be reviewed after his fees reach \$20,000.

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by Mark R. Kerr

'The Hope Does Live, That Dream Endures And The Cause Rises Anew'

On Tuesday, August 25, the nation lost one of its leaders with the passing of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' senior Senator, Edward Kennedy, at the age of 77 due to brain cancer.

For 47 years, Senator Kennedy served the residents of the Bay State as well as those downtrodden and oppressed across the nation, including the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community.

According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Senator Kennedy has received a perfect 100% on issues of concern, through statements, votes or by sponsoring legislation.

His actions on Capitol Hill alone on LGBT issues spokeed volumes, during his time on Capitol Hill, Senator Kennedy:

Was a long-standing co-sponsor of the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA), which would provide states the option of expanding Medicaid coverage to low-income people living with HIV.

Co-sponsored the Ryan White CARE Act. Passed in 1990 and reauthorized in 2006, the CARE Act is the largest federally funded program for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Co-sponsored a 1996 bill to reverse the discharge of HIV-positive members of the Armed Forces.

Opposed a 1995 amendment to the CARE Act to cut off funding to local gay community health centers that provide care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. In 1994, took the lead defeating a proposed amendment requiring written parental consent before unemancipated minors could receive condoms or other contraceptives through any program that receives federal funds. Opposed a 1991 amendment to allow health care professionals to test patients for HIV without their consent before invasive medical procedures. Opposed a 1991 amendment providing for criminal penalties for health care providers who know they have HIV and perform invasive medical procedures without notifying patients. Opposed a 1990 amendment to criminalize blood donation by HIV-positive individuals. Opposed a 1990 amendment prohibiting needle exchange programs. Opposed a 1990 amendment to the Americans with Disabilities Act, which would have allowed HIV-infected people to be removed from food-handling positions. Supported passage of a bill to modify the 1990 Budget Agreement to shift funds from defense to domestic spending, including HIV/AIDS research. Supported the Americans with Disabilities Act which bars discrimination on the basis of disability, including HIV status.

on a number of characteristics, including sexual orientation. Opposed an amendment to the Hate Crimes Statistics Act that would have stated that "the homosexual movement threatens the strength and survival of the American family" and "state sodomy laws should be enforced."

Was a long-standing co-sponsor of the Uniting American Families Act (UAFA), which would eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents.

Co-sponsored of the Tax Equity for Domestic Partner and Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, which would end the unequal taxation of benefits provided for domestic partners and other non-spouse beneficiaries under employers' health plans. Opposed attempts in 1992 to restrict funding for the implementation of the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Expansion Act. The Act provides District government employees the opportunity to purchase health coverage for their domestic partners.

Supported repeal of the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" statute. Supported an amendment in 1993 to prevent codification of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

Opposed the 2004 Federal Marriage Amendment and the 2006 Marriage Protection Amendment. Opposed the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Had been the lead sponsor of each Employment Non-Discrimination Act introduced in the Senate. Voted for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act when it was considered by the Senate in 1996. Co-sponsored a 2003 resolution adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination provisions of the Senate Rules (S. Res. 294). Voluntarily adopted a written policy for his Senate office in 1995 indicating that sexual orientation is not a factor in employment decisions, and added gender identity to that policy in 2004. Opposed a 1990 amendment to allow organizations that work with children in the District of Columbia to lawfully discriminate against individuals based on sexual orientation.

Opposed a 1994 amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to prohibit any federal money from going to a school with "any program or activity, which directly or indirectly, has the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative." Opposed a 1989 amendment which sought to restrict schools from using materials that "promote homosexuality" or state that homosexuality is "normal, natural, or healthy."

Had been a co-sponsor of every piece of hate crimes legislation covering sexual orientation or gender identity considered by the Senate, including the 2009 Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Co-sponsored the 1990 Hate Crime Statistics Act, which requires the Department of Justice to acquire data on crimes that show evidence of prejudice based

This reporter had the honor of attending to the 1992 Democratic National Convention in New York City, as a delegate (one of seven openly LGBT delegates - making Arizona the state with the highest percentage of such), and had the honor of hearing Senator Edward Kennedy speak, at a

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New Impetus For Enda

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Momentum is building for Congress to pass the first major civil rights act protecting Gays and Transgender people, supporters say, and one of the stars in the debate is a barrier-breaking Transgender staffer on Capitol Hill, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, would prohibit workplace discrimination - including decisions about hiring, firing and wages - based on sexual orientation or gender identity. It would exempt religious organizations, the military and businesses with less than 15 workers. The driving force behind the bill has been Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the longest-serving of the three openly Gay members of Congress. He expects hearings on the measure to be held this fall.

Frank pushed ENDA in 2007, but it foundered because of insufficient backing in the Senate and a split within the Gay and Transgender communities. Many activists were irate because Frank - seeking support from wavering colleagues - was open to covering sexual orientation but not gender identity, excluding Transgender people from protection.

This time around, several factors have changed: Barack Obama is now president, and is on record supporting ENDA. A veto was considered possible if the 2007 bill had reached then-President George W. Bush. ENDA's core supporters, including Frank, have agreed they will push only for a bill that includes gender identity. The bill has picked up key support in the Senate, where it was introduced earlier this month by Oregon Democrat Jeff Merkley and Maine Republicans Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe. Even without other GOP senators, Merkley believes it has a good chance of obtaining the 60 votes that likely will be needed to pass the Senate. The main Senate champion of ENDA in the past had been Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, who died Tuesday (August 25). That role was passed on to Merkley earlier this year.

There is another difference from 2007. Frank now has a policy adviser who is a female-to-male transsexual. Diego Sanchez is the first Transgender person hired for a senior congressional staff position on Capitol Hill. Sanchez has done extensive face-to-face lobbying for ENDA, and Frank says that's enabled some members of Congress to get to know a transsexual for the first time. "He interacts with a lot of people," Frank said. "Prejudice is literally ignorance." Frank says he now doubts votes will be cast against ENDA solely because it extends to Transgender people.

Sanchez is a longtime activist who worked for the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention last year before joining Frank's staff. Back in 2007, he was among a minority of Transgender activists who accepted Frank's tactical decision to drop gender identity from that version of ENDA. "He's called on the entire community since then to lobby, work - and the community has said, 'OK, we've got one game plan, and it's Barney,'" Sanchez said. "There's broader support this time."

Opponents of ENDA - led by several national conservative groups - concede that the bill has enough

support to clear the House, and expect a closely fought battle in the Senate. Ashley Horne, federal issues analyst for Focus on the Family, promised that her conservative Christian ministry would encourage tough opposition. "It's definitely a bill we will put a lot of resources toward fighting," she said. "Our primary concern is the chipping away of religious liberties."

Twenty-one states already have laws prohibiting workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and 12 extend those laws to gender identity - California, Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. Several other states protect public employees who are Gay or Transgender. The experience of these states shows that passage a federal law is unlikely to unleash a flood of litigation and conflict, Frank and Merkley say.

Minnesota, for example, has had a non-discrimination law covering Transgender people since 1993 that rarely triggers controversies. Oregon passed a comparable bill in 2007. "There were concerns there'd be a huge number of lawsuits - it simply didn't materialize," Merkley said.

National Gay-rights groups will be watching ENDA closely this year. "We're further than we've ever been, but there is certainly still work to be done," said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "It is frustrating sometimes, having to explain to the community that there are so many procedural hurdles in our way."

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meeting of the LGBT caucus of delegates.

Senator Kennedy entered the room, with little fan fare, but to a huge round of applause and then proceeded to give a talk about the issues of concern, speaking with commitment, a passion for change, using words and rhetoric to inspire and motivate. Kennedy's appearance may have been short for many in the room, the few words expressed by him spoke volumes, as does his record and commitment to LGBT issues.

On August 25, Senator Kennedy may have passed but hope lives, dreams endure and the cause is arising anew again. Thank you Ted for being there for the LGBT community and those others who have been downtrodden by the system.

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Lawsuit Filed Against Secretary of State Over Washington DP Initiative

OLYMPIA, WA (Observer Update) - A lawsuit has been filed in King County Superior Court by Washington Families Standing Together requesting a Temporary Restraining Order to prevent the Secretary of State from certifying Referendum 71 to the ballot. The Secretary of State is the defendant in the lawsuit. The Attorney General's Office and Deputy Solicitor General Jeff Even will represent the Secretary of State in the lawsuit.

The attorneys are scheduling hearings for early next week in King County Superior Court. The case has been assigned to King County Superior Court Judge Julie Spector. The R-71 signature check is almost finished. State Elections Director Nick Handy announced that the Elections Division expects to have the signature check completed by September 1 and to be in a position at that time to either certify or reject the petition based upon the results of the signature check. The law requires 120,577 valid Washington voter signatures for the referendum to be placed on the November statewide ballot.

The lawsuit plaintiffs support Senate Bill 5688, the "everything but marriage" law that was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Gregoire this year. The measure expands state rights and responsibilities to state-registered domestic partners so that they equal those granted to married couples.

COMMENTARY...

by Rick Jacobs

Why We're Mad At The Mormon Church

Leading up to the November 4th vote last Fall, the Courage Campaign Issues Committee bought time on cable television to air an advertisement against Proposition 8 entitled "Home Invasion". The hard-hitting ad depicted two arrogant Mormon missionaries invading the home of a Lesbian couple, stripping them of their wedding rings, and shredding their marriage license.

The dramatic visuals were designed to call attention to two issues; Proposition 8 sought to take away the legal rights of same-sex couples all across California, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) had contributed an enormous amount of money and manpower to the campaign.

Since the election, this ad has drawn the ire of religious groups and pundits across the country including Times Op-Ed columnist Jonah Goldberg ("An Ugly Attack on Mormons," Dec.3). But amid the uproar over the ad, there was very little discussion about something very important: The truth.

And the truth is very simple: Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints campaigned vigorously to strip rights from Gays and Lesbians. They contributed a staggering amount of money to pass Proposition 8 - a figure estimated to be at least \$20 million (and potentially much higher) to fund a fear-mongering, truth-distorting campaign whose only objective was to outlaw same-sex couples from getting a marriage license. Proposition 8 now threatens to invalidate the same-sex marriages already in existence, pending future ruling from the California Supreme Court. There is an old saying: Truth can't be libel.

Goldberg claims that the ad focused on the Mormons because they were an easier target, one of many faiths that supported Proposition 8. In reality, the Yes on 8 campaign might as well have been a wholly owned subsidiary of the LDS Church. Many estimate that members of the LDS Church gave more than half of the total amount raised by the Yes On 8 campaign. In addition, the LDS Church ran large call centers supporting Proposition 8 and encouraged its members to travel to California to support the campaign. These efforts were only scaled back after California voters started to become more aware of the massive role that the LDS Church was playing in the campaign. They may also be putting the LDS Church into some legal peril as well: it is being investigated by the California Fair Political Practices Commission for failure to report expenses related to these, as well as other, campaign activities on behalf of Proposition 8.

Unfortunately, this failure to take public responsibility for leading the fight against same-sex marriage as well as the masking of its efforts behind the shroud of an interfaith coalition, is nothing new for the LDS Church.

from 1997 regarding strategies to oppose same-sex marriage explains that although the LDS Church may be able to put together the funding for a citizen referendum in California, "The public image of the Catholic Church (is) higher than our Church. In other words, if we get into this, they are the ones with which to join." This is exactly the strategy the LDS Church used to mask its involvement in Proposition 8 until the final weeks before the election.

The LDS Church or any other organization has every right to use its power to influence elections to any extent that is legal. What it doesn't have a right to do is claim persecution when other organizations do nothing but expose the church's forays into the political arena before a discerning public.

While the backlash against the LDS Church has made some of its members uncomfortable, they have nobody to blame but their leadership who dragged them into this mess. In an effort to repair its public image, the church has said that it wants to begin a "healing process" and has claimed support for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians, except for using the word "marriage" to describe unions between same-sex partners. The church now has an opportunity to demonstrate that support: Utah State Senator Scott McCoy has introduced legislation that would provide Gays and Lesbians in his state with all rights that straight people enjoy except marriage.

If the LDS Church were to support McCoy, it would show that it really does believe in love, compassion and equal rights. If it does not, the church's supposedly conciliatory stance would simply be one more obfuscation in support of truly bigoted intentions.

(Rick Jacobs is the founder and chairman of the Courage Campaign, a progressive online organizing network. This oped was reprinted from the Dec. 8, 2008 edition of the Los Angeles Times).

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The National March's Price Tag



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The organizers of the National Equality March – which could bring tens of thousands to Washington, D.C., in the name of Gay rights – just released their budget, and in keeping with the times, it's a relatively frugal endeavor, advocate.com reported.

The entire event, which includes the October 11 march, related functions, and a wreath-laying at the tomb of the unknown soldier, is budgeted at \$199,550. The largest expense is for audio and visual equipment that will populate a main stage near the Capitol – that equipment and the labor needed to haul it to the National Mall will cost \$60,000. Printed materials and portable toilets also eat up a large portion of the event's budget.

The majority of funding for the National Equality March has come from donations – additional financial gifts can be made through a website set up by march organizers. Cleve Jones, creator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, is the lead organizer of the event. Jones says the event's sole, unified demand is "equal protection in all matters governed by civil law in all 50 states."

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Harvey Milk Shown Riding in a Pride Parade In San Francisco

SACRAMENTO, CA (Observer Update) - California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed a proposed Harvey Milk Day in California last year, but the slain Gay rights activist is apparently worthy of induction into the California Museum's Hall of Fame, advocate.com reported. The governor and first lady Maria Shriver announced that Milk will be among 13 honorees inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009. Milk joins inductees including comedian Carol Burnett, filmmaker George Lucas, and philanthropist Joan Kroc.

But the governor still hasn't budged on approving a day dedicated to Milk - instead saying that the politician had the most impact in San Francisco and therefore commemorations should take place there. On the heels of Milk being awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Obama, backers of a Harvey Milk Day are hoping to sway Schwarzenegger's opinion. "Today's announcement by First Lady Maria Shriver recognizes the important leadership role Harvey Milk played in our state and nation and further illustrates the historic and international nature of his legacy," Sen. Mark Leno said in a statement. "I appreciate the First Lady's support and admiration for Harvey's work to further equal civil rights for all people. He gave his life for what he believed in, and in doing so gave hope to generations of LGBT Californians who continue to struggle for full equality. This honor, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to Harvey by President Obama, should only underscore to the Governor the need for Harvey Milk Day in California, and I hope he will return our bill, SB 572, with his signature when it reaches his desk in the next few weeks."

Shriver noted each of the nominees commitment to making a mark on history in a statement. "Now more than ever, I see how the perseverance and passion of one person can have a lasting impact in the lives of people, not only in their community but across the world," said Shriver. "When talent and a relentless drive are matched, the efforts of a single individual can create a legacy of change, hope, and empowerment. Every individual inducted into the California Hall of Fame symbolize the biggest hearts, the greatest drive, and the deepest inspiration. It's an honor to induct these extraordinary individuals who have each made their own unique mark in history."

El Paso OKs Health Benefits

EL PASO, TX (Observer Update) - The El Paso City Council voted 7-1 to extend health benefits to the domestic partners of city employees, including

same-sex couples, reports KVIA-TV. The vote followed hours of public comments about whether to include health benefits for domestic partners in the city's 2010 budget. The proposal is expected to cover around 45 employees at a cost of up to \$390,000.

El Paso residents addressed the city council about the issue for the third time in three weeks. Heated debate touched on justice, morality, and religion at many points. Carl Robinson, the only city council member to vote against the domestic-partnership measure, cited economic concerns and suggested religious reasons.

"I've been called names. I've been called bigot," he said, according to KFOX-TV. "I'm not moved. I will not be moved, because I know at the end of the day someone is standing with me."

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COMMENTARY.....

by Lisa Neff

Come March For Equal Rights On October 11

Thirty years ago our community marched on Washington to demand equal rights. Again in 1987, 1993 and 2000 we marched on Washington to demand equal rights. The themes changed. The routes changed. The organizers changed. The speaker lists changed. The celebrity lineup changed. The priorities changed. The vocabulary changed. The heroes and the enemies changed – for the most part. And even the symbols changed. But with four marches and hundreds of thousands of citizen activists there was one constant demand – a demand for equal rights.

Now, on Oct. 11, our community again will march on Washington to demand equal rights. Participants in National Equality March will celebrate the strides over three decades, the leaps in 30 years. We certainly are not marching from the same place we were in 1979. But marchers also will make known that their governments treat them as second-class citizens and that they are challenging unconstitutional laws and questioning unacceptable policies for our military, our workplaces, our schools and our families.

You might hear arguments that the march being planned will divert resources from the fights in the states. I remember hearing similar arguments nine years ago and perhaps even repeated them before I arrived to the National Mall April 30, 2000, to be wowed by the crowd for the fourth march. The argument of limited resources is deeply flawed. We, as a movement and community, have not begun to tap our full potential. How can anyone seriously claim that if a person goes to Washington for a weekend in October that he or she is spent out and has nothing left to give a state Gay rights organization or a local GLBT center?

I would argue the opposite. Marches energize some, radicalize others and connect many to people and organizations and campaigns and causes. I would guess that few returned home from D.C. in 2000, 1993, 1987 or 1979 drained and tapped out. For all the feuding, fussing and misdirected focus on celebrity and flash, the 2000 march helped drive a community through eight long, hard years of painful losses and tremendous victories. In 1993, marchers left for home committed to meet the challenge issued by Urvashi Vaid, former director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "We have got to match the power of the Christian supremacists, member for member, vote for vote, dollar for dollar," Vaid had said. "I challenge each of you to not just buy a T-shirt, but to get involved in your movement. Get involved. Volunteer. Volunteer. Every local organization in this country needs you. Every clinic. Every hotline. Every youth program needs you, needs your time and your love."

The 1987 march, which introduced America to the AIDS Memorial Quilt and included the first mass marriage protest at the Internal Revenue Service, helped build a national coalition for civil rights. The Rev. Jesse

Jackson Jr., told marchers, "Let's find a common ground of humanity.... We share the desire for life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, equal protection under the law. Let's not dwell on distinctions." And the 1979 march – inspired by Harvey Milk who famously said "Rights are not won on paper. They are won only by those who make their voices heard" – moved so many to carry on through a decade of so much personal and community loss and hardship. And, on Oct. 12, marchers will return to their hometowns, their home states, the districts and territories, powered to campaign for the demand made on Oct. 11. The march will be the forum for issuing the demand for equal rights. The demand will not be won that day, but in the days that follow, with our community nourished for the fight.

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

State Dept. Settles, Changes HIV Policies

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A U.S. Army veteran settled out of court with a federal contractor after it denied him a job because he is HIV-positive, reported advocate.com. The U.S. State Department, which contracts with the company that denied employment to the man – whose name was withheld – has agreed to policy changes that will prevent people with HIV from being automatically barred from working under department contracts in the future, according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU filed the case in September 2008 against the State Department and one of its contractors, Triple Canopy Inc. The suit claimed that John Doe, as he is identified in court documents, was illegally fired, violating the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans With Disabilities Act. A day before he finished training for a job providing security for the Haitian embassy, Doe was told by a director for Triple Canopy that he could not be employed because the State Department would not allow workers with HIV to be deployed overseas. The department also mandated that all contractor personnel be free from communicable diseases.

Doe is a 20-year veteran of the military who was diagnosed with HIV in 2000. He retired in 2001, and did contract work with the U.S. Defense Department from 2004 to 2005, where he led security teams on military bases. According to the ACLU, both the Army and the Defense Department were aware of his HIV status and he was still able to serve as a contractor in Iraq. "I'm relieved that I can finally put this experience behind me and move on with my life," the veteran said in a statement. "I feel a lot better knowing that this kind of discrimination shouldn't happen again."

Poet's Corner

by Ron Rose - Tucson

HEALTHCARE

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Minnesota Home Hit With Anti-Gay Graffiti

AFTON, MN (Observer Update) - Homeowner Ross Sveback says he is still shaken after his home was vandalized with anti-Gay graffiti earlier this month, advocate.com reported. "To be honest, I am scared," Sveback told Advocate.com in a phone interview. "I have a hard time sleeping at night. If I see a car parked outside of the house, I'm in a panic. I'm scared but I don't want them to know I'm scared, you know what I mean?"

Sveback and his sister woke up on the morning of August 16 to discover large green scrawls of the words "HIV," "AIDS," "Gay," and "help" on the exterior of his house. Sveback, 40, said the vandalism is unprecedented in his quiet suburban neighborhood located about 25 miles from Minneapolis. Police have neither called any suspects for questioning nor charged anyone with the crime, although Sveback believes that there is a "person of interest" in the incident.

The Afton, Minn.-based entrepreneur owns a lifestyle and entertainment company called Kon-tent and has appeared on local television stations offering cooking and recipe tips. Sveback, who is developing a lifestyle television show in Minneapolis, was sidelined from speaking in public or to the press about the crime. "I didn't want to be bullied or threatened by other people, but my safety was called into question, and [that of] my daughters," Sveback said, adding that his 13-year-old daughter also lives with him. "I have to risk anything to stand up for what I believe in. People are not supposed to be treated this way. I just want people to know to stand up regardless of whether they are scared. Some people will need to shame you, but we cannot be shamed just because we're Gay."

Dallas Assault Brings 75-Year Sentence

DALLAS, TX (Observer Update) - A Dallas man has been sentenced to 75 years in prison for a vicious attack on a Gay man in July 2008, reported advocate.com. Bobby Singleton, 30, was convicted of aggravated robbery, according to The Dallas Morning News. He was found guilty of assaulting and robbing Jimmy Dean (pictured) at gunpoint in the Oak Lawn section of Dallas.

Singleton said he and his friend Jonathan Gunter did not attack Dean because he was Gay, but in his police confession, he said they went to the area to specifically target Gays. He also said using the word "faggot" was not homophobic but fair game for anyone in a fight. Singleton apologized to Dean while on the witness stand. He said he was ashamed of his actions but acted that way because he had problems at work, and his girlfriend left him and took their child, according to the News. The events, he said, made him start drinking and using drugs.

"I think about it every day," Singleton said to Dean. "And I am truly sorry and I would like to say to Mr. Dean that I'm sorry for what I did."

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School Protects Gay Student After Suit

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - A school district in Herkimer County, N.Y. has agreed to take immediate action to protect a gay student before the academic year begins in September, reported advocate.com.

The agreement is only a step in resolving a lawsuit that was filed on behalf of a 14-year-old student who was constantly harassed by students at his high school for his sexual orientation. A federal judge approved of the New York Civil Liberties Union's suggestions for the school district, the specifics of which cannot be disclosed. Jacob, a student at the Gregory B. Jarvis Junior/Senior High School in central New York, had been subjected to constant verbal abuse, and was regularly pushed or the target of thrown objects. Some of his personal property had also been vandalized, according to the statement by the legal organization. Jacob had sprained his ankle earlier this year after a student pushed him down a flight of stairs. Another student brought a knife to school, threatening to kill Jacob.

Though district officials like the superintendent and school principal were notified of the incidents, there was no discipline for the harassment. The NYCLU filed the case in August. "It shouldn't take a lawsuit to motivate school district officials to protect a student from vicious harassment," said NYCLU staff attorney Corey Stoughton, lead counsel on the case. "Our case will proceed until the district addresses the systemic failures that allowed it to ignore Jacob's plight for two years." NYCLU executive director Donna Lieberman added that the district must take steps to "ensure that all students are safe at school and treated with the dignity and respect they deserve."

Donors Must Be Disclosed

OLYMPIA, WA (Observer Update) - The names and other basic information about donors to Referendum 71, the effort to repeal an expanded domestic-partnership law that would give registered same-sex partners in Washington state benefits comparable to marriage, are not exempt from public disclosure, according to a decision by the state public disclosure commission, as reported by The Seattle Times .

Protect Marriage Washington, which supports the referendum that would put the domestic-partnership law to a public vote in November, had asked the commission to redact and seal the names, addresses, and occupations of donors, which were already made public as required by law, reported advocate.com. The commission said that Protect Marriage Washington failed to show that donors had received threats against their lives or property because of the disclosure.

Supporters of R-71 submitted 137,689 signatures seeking to place the measure on the ballot. At least 120,577 valid signatures are needed, and state election officials expect to complete the verification process after press time.

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, please contact Brenda Casey, LMSW 520-694-0247 or bcassey@umcaz.edu

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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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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, 426 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.

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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.

THE BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Garage Sundays. \$1 Well Drinks until Midnight. Bring your band and come rock with us.
 COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.75 Skyy Cocktails, \$3.00 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 1 & 4. 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 - Colors is closed on Mondays.
 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 \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.
 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's Day" - \$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. 5-9 Wild Wednesdays \$1 Hump Day Drinks DJ Hill. 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 4-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 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). 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.

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 5-9 \$3 glasses of wine. Y-NOT Karaoke starts @9:00pm to close. 2-4-1 starts 10;pm.
 COLORS - Open 4pm-11pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6pm. 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. Flirt Friday with Happy Hour extended to 9 p.m. and munchies. DJ Hill & guest DJs.
 COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers. 4-6 pm. Dinner served until 10pm. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! . "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. 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. \$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. LATINLICIOUS . \$3 Cuervo, \$2 Bud Lights all night. DJ Kool-A
 COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well, 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. 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 \$1Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starrlett'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.

Friday, September 4

WOODY'S - Celebrate the super Labor Day Weekend Party with the return of Susan Artemis from 6 to 9 p.m. every Friday again!!! Tis Friday at 9 p.m. Tori Steele's Cover Girl Revue and then DJ 2Snaps playing hot new dance music with the Boys from Woody's Dancers on stage.

Saturday, September 5

WOODY'S - The Imperial Court of Arizona Meet and Greet from 8 to 10 p.m. "Blue and Red" Welcome Back Students Party from 8:00 p.m. until closing. DJ 2Snaps hot dance with the 'Boys from Woody;s Dancers' 8p.m. until closing

VENTURE-N - It's that time again "Jungle Party 2009". Don't miss this big annual event

Monday, September 7 - LABOR DAY

WOODY'S - \$1.50 Bloody Marys from 11 a.m. until 2p.m. Patio Bar opens at 1p.m. Burger Beer Bust 2-6 plm.m Karaoke at 9p.m.

YARD DOG SALOON - Celebrate Labor Day here with Bill's Hot Wings with all the fixin's and drink specials. Food begins at 4:00 p.m

Wednesday, September 9

WOODY'S - Play Twister with Brock and Ronny only at Woody's!

Saturday, September 12

COYOTE MOON - Classic rock, folk, blues, rockabilly and more with the Spurloafers..

WOODY'S - Pete and Rob's excellent Steak Dinner served from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 26

COYOTE MOON- Tea Dance from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come on by. It's fun!

Non-Bar Calendar

Sunday, September 6
 "Turnabout for TIHAN' an annual fundraising show put on by Tucson's LGBT clubs and their bar staff. Each club and bar staff requests donations from their friends and customers in order to do a "turn-about" from male to female (or vice versa). The show begins at 6:00 p.m. Doors will open at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park (445 South Alvernon Way) at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 in dvance or \$15 at the door. The evening features a raffle with some great prizes. For more information contact Scott Blades at 299-6647,

Thursday, September 10
 Welcome To OZ, Tucson's newest LGBT/ LGBT-Friendly mixed bowling league will begin the fall season tonight with a meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the season beginning every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The team bowls at Tucson Bowl, 7020 E. 21st Street (22nd and Kolb). Come to the mmeeting as a team of three, a double or single. Contact the team at welcometoOZ09@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 12
 SAAF is hosting a free workshop today sstarting at 10:00 a.m., 375 S. Euclid - open to the public called "Organize your most important papers." The program will teach you how to get your personal, medical and financial records together. A RSVP is required. Cll 628-7223 and ask for Michele or Tara.

Saturday, October 3
 Organizers of the Tucson Latin Gay Pride 2009 Festival are seeking artists to perform or exhibit their creations at a cultural showcase. For more information call Jimenez at (520) 954-2343. Coordinated by Wingspan, the showcase will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lost Barrio as part of the festival Sept. 30 - October 3.

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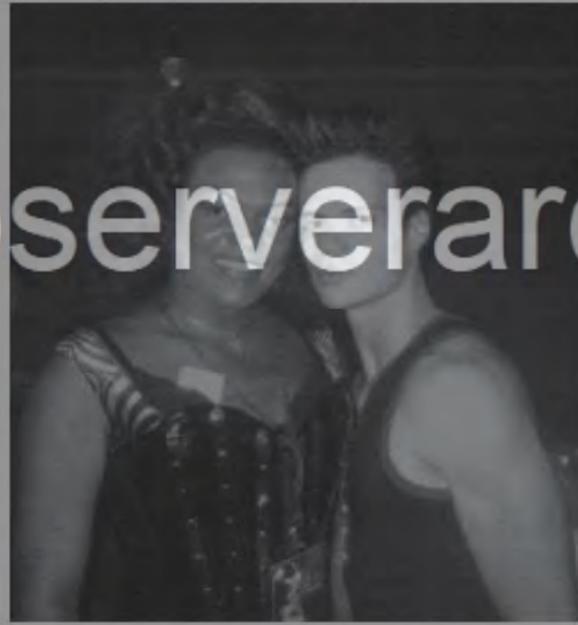



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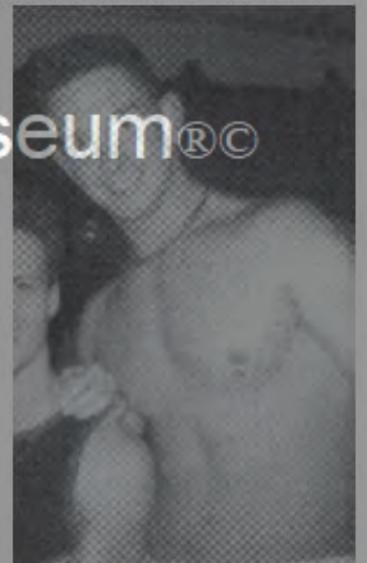
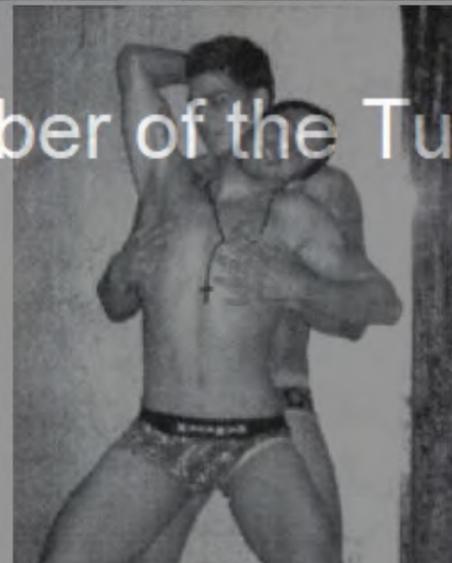
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