Observing Tucson And The Greater Arizona Community

OBSERVER

WEEKLY OBSERVER | MARCH 3, 2010 | ISSUE 1336

Tucson Observer Archives

New Arguments Advanced In Gay Marriage Trial

tucsonobserverarchives.org

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) – Lawyers in the first federal trial to examine whether state bans on same-sex marriages are constitutional have submitted new written arguments to the judge who will decide the issue.

Chief U.S. Judge Vaughn Walker requested the briefs summarizing the respective sides' evidence to help him prepare for closing arguments.

In papers filed, lawyers for the sponsors of California's gay marriage ban offered new twists on their claim that allowing gay men and lesbians to wed could undermine man-woman unions.

The potential harms they cited included giving bisexuals a legal basis for pursuing group marriages and unmarried fathers an incentive to abandon their children.

Lawyers for gay marriage supporters argued that no evidence existed to back those claims. Walker plans to schedule closing arguments in the case sometime soon.

Secret Hold On Gay EEOC Appointee

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - An unidentified U.S. senator appears to have placed a secret hold on the confirmation of openly gay law professor Chai Feldblum and four others to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), reported advocate.com.

All the nominations including Feldblum's were approved by a senate committee in December.

According to Lisa Keen of Keen News Service, "There is no indication in the Congressional Record or the Senate Calendar as to who has put the hold on the confirmation of Feldblum and the others. While the Congress recently enacted legislation to make it harder for senators to anonymously put such holds on confirmations and bills, there are still ways in which they can do so."

Keen reports that Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama put a hold on more than 70 nominations last month to leverage support for defense contracts for his state. However, he claims he removed all but a few of the holds, which remain unidentified but relate to national security, he says.

A spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid told Keen that Reid is "working to get an agreement" with Republicans on the nomination of Feldblum and other EEOC appointees.

Radcliffe Films Gay Teen Suicide Prevention PSA

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe filmed a public service announcement on Friday for The Trevor Project, an organization focused on preventing suicide among gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered adolescents through a 24-hour helpline service.

Radcliffe explained that because his parents were both actors, he was raised around many gay people and felt that he was in a unique position to speak out. "Straight people are incredibly interested and care a lot about [gay suicide prevention] as well," Radcliffe said. The PSA is set to air this spring.

The Trevor Project was founded in the late '90s by three filmmakers responsible for the 1994 Academy Award winning Trevor, a tragicomic short film about a gay 13-year-old boy that attempts suicide. It is currently the only American organization that offers a round-the-clock helpline for troubled LGBTQ youth. For more information visit thetrevorproject.org/.

Levin: Future Discharges A 'Dilema'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Following is a Q&A between reporters and Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, following the hearing with Navy secretary Raymond Mabus Jr., Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead, and Marine commandant Gen. James Conway. Levin did not ask the witnesses any specific questions about placing a moratorium on "don't ask, don't tell" discharges, which was a main point of inquiry for him during Tuesday's hearing with the Army secretary and service chiefs.

Question: Have you changed your mind on the moratorium? Levin: No, not at all.

Why did you ask Secretary Mabus if he knew about Secretary Gates's efforts to constrain the number of discharges even before the law is changed? Just curious to see how widely known those efforts are and what he can add to them.

Will there still be enough support for a moratorium now that some service chiefs have weighed in against it? Apparently, the issue of a moratorium has not been raised internally [inside the Pentagon] – Secretary Mabus said it was not raised. I think it will become more logical as the year goes on, as we see what the implications are of two things: one is the president's decision to try to end the program – as to whether that is weighed in courts and whether or not people are going to be discharged at the same time the program is being planned for termination.

It's kind of hard, it seems to me, to be discharging people once the commander in chief says the program ought to end. That's a very tough position to justify. That's why I think the moratorium is a great approach because it doesn't prejudge the outcome.

The commander in chief's decision is much more a prejudgment in outcome than a moratorium is, so I think it's a logical way to address the dilemma that you create if people are going to be discharged pending an assessment which is aimed at ending a program which discharges them.

So I think there's a real logic to it and the only thing we'll be waiting for is a legal opinion as to whether there's legal problems for pending cases with either the announcement of the president or the possibility of a moratorium. We need a legal assessment of that.

So to some extent you're saying that Secretary Gates is already trying to shrink down the discharges ... How they're able to do that, we'll have to wait and see, but that is their goal – to reduce the number of discharges. But it seems to me it's a real dilemma to be discharging people after the commander in chief says people shouldn't be discharged. And he's going to try to figure out with this assessment how you do that. It seems to me that creates a real dilemma for all of us as to how do you discharge people if the president has decided they shouldn't be discharged.

Some people are concerned that a vote on a moratorium would preclude a vote on repeal.

That's not my concern. My concern would be that the vote on ending "don't ask, don't tell" would be defeated. You've got an assessment under way, you've got a couple service chiefs opposed to it maybe altogether – I think there would be great difficulty in succeeding to repeal.

I don't favor going to vote if it's going to be defeated. I think that would be a setback for those of us who think the program should be repealed. It's a setback if we lose the vote.

I would much prefer if we could get a moratorium. It's just logical to me – once the commander in chief says people shouldn't be discharged for simply being gay, I think there's a real dilemma there. And as we think about that during these coming months before the markup, hopefully we'll lead people to see that the moratorium is an attractive position because it doesn't prejudge the outcome of the assessment. If there's going to be discharges, it delays them. Hopefully they won't take place. But at least it's not a setback.

One thing I want to do is advance the cause and not set it back.

UPDATE

2nd Annual Oscar Gala Featuring "Reveille Reaches Out" Awards

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Join Reveille Men-s Chorus for the 2nd Annual Oscar Awards Gala on Sunday March 7, 6 -10 P.M.! We will be rolling out the red carpet, and watching the telecast on big screen televisions in a lovely downtown location (Casa Chadwick, 227 S. 4th Ave.).

This year Reveille is proud to honor Joel Meister and Allen Kinzey with the -Reveille Reaches Out Award- for their tremendous work in the Tucson LGBT community. Featuring performances by Reveille Men-s Chorus, a silent auction of glamorous items, fine food and drink, door prizes, raffles - all hosted in Reveille-s unmatched style!

Tickets are $10 per person and are available online (http://reveillechorus.pmailus.com/pmaiweb/ct?d=LB1cqwGhAAEAAAWSAAOlZw) ! Tickets may be also be purchased at the door, from any Reveille member, or by calling (520) 304-1758.

TGLBTCC Meeting March 18

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The March March Breakfast Meeting of the Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber of Commerce will take place Thursday, March 18, 7:30 A.M., at the Hotel Tucson City Center Conference Suite Resort, 475 N. Granada.

"Big changes may be in store for health care in AZ; get the skinny at our March Breakfast Meeting"

The featured speaker will be Dr. Matt Heinz, Arizona District 29 member, Arizona State House of Representatives. Matt will speak on several current initiatives including his efforts to propose and pass in Arizona a health care bill that would enable most Arizona citizens to purchase health insurance on the same basis as state employees.

$20 members/ $25 guests. $5 discount for members and guests who RSVP by Monday, March 15, 520-615-6436 or info@TucsonGLBTChamber.org.

LGBT Lobby Day March 9

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Have you signed up for LGBT Lobby Day? We invite community members to join us as we come together on the lawn of the Arizona Capitol, Tuesday, March 9 from 10:00 AM till 2 PM.

Guided by the need for greater unity in our community, Equality Arizona, Arizona Stonewall Democrats, Arizona Log Cabin Republicans, and the Human Rights Campaign have formed the Arizona LGBT Political Coalition. This coalition is sponsoring Lobby Day and coming together in an effort for our community to finally speak with one voice. They are working with the support of other local, statewide and national LGBT organizations.

Whether it trickles down or percolates up, we want our voices to be heard by our elected officials. Our overarching HEROIC GOAL is simple and all inclusive - Equal Means Equal in all civil law...NOW! Add your voice to ours next Tuesday. RSVP at eqfed.org/ahrf/events/lobbyday2010.

Mexican-American Gay And Lesbian Authors Panel March 14

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Moderator Bob Diaz will direct a panel discussion from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Sunday March 14 at the Integrated Learning Center - Room 150 with:

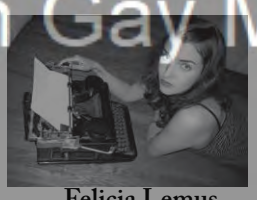
* Rigoberto Gonzalez is the author of two poetry books, "So Often the Pitcher Goes to Water Until It Breaks" and "Other Fugitives and Other Strangers"; two children's books, "Soledad Sigh-Sighs" and "Antonio's Card"; the novels "Crossing Vines" and "The Mariposa Club"; and the memoir "Butterfly Boy."

* Felicia Luna Lemus is the author of the novels "Like Son" and "Trace Elements of Random Tea Parties." Her writing has appeared in anthologies including "Lengua Fresca: Latinos Writing on the Edge" and "Fifteen Candles: 15 Tales of Taffeta, Hairspray, Drunk Uncles, and other Quinceañera Stories."

* Manuel Munoz is the author of two collections of short stories, "The Faith Healer of Olive Avenue" and "Zigzagger." He received the Whiting Writers Award in 2008, a National Endowment for the Arts literature fellowship, a New York Foundation for the Arts fellowship and a 2009 O. Henry Prize for a short story.

Tucson Festival of Books at the University of Arizona Campus is open to the public. Events take place Saturday and Sunday March 13-14, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Parking and admission are free. This program is part of the library's Nuestras Raices: Celebrating Mexican-American Authors, Arts and Culture. For additional information please see tucsonfestivalofbooks.org , the Library's website at library.pima.gov, or call 520-791-4010.

Rigoberto Gonzales



Felicia Lemus

Manuel Munoz

In Memoriam

Ron "Granny" Jordan
8-25-35 - 3-1-10

"It's been a pretty interesting trip, but I got over it. So will you. Bye Everybody"

(Memorial Service will be announced later)

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

If you are interested in offering peer support to clients, educating on HIV/AIDS and more, contact Volunteer Resources at 628-7223 or volcoord@saaf.org

SAAF.org
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation

OBSERVER
Observing Tucson And The Greater Arizona Community
http://www.tucsonobserver.com

P.O. BOX 50733,
TUCSON, AZ 85703
(520) 622-7176 (Voice)

Office Hours: 9a.m.-6p.m.
Monday thru Friday

Office Closed Thursdays

EDITOR/PUBLISHER:
Bob Ellis
ARTS & GRAPHICS:
Gary Clark
MANAGING EDITOR:
Mark Kerr
Special Events Photos:
Bill Morrow
Hunter Johnson
Amanda Irvin
Contributing Columnists
Mark R. Kerr
Jack Melichar

Publication of names or photos of any person or organization in the OBSERVER is not to be construed as indication of the sexual orientation of such person, organization or advertisers or any employees thereof.

Opinions that are expressed in Letters to the Editor or columns by contributors are not necessarily those of the OBSERVER, its staff or advertisers. OBSERVER assumes responsibility for its own editorial policy only.

Although OBSERVER has many fine advertisers, we do not accept responsibility for any claims made pertaining to their products and/or services.

*

Permission to reprint (except for separately copyrighted material) is granted when credit is given to the OBSERVER.

*

Informing the Community
The Observer

Coyote Moon Pub
sports pub & dance club
SATURDAY
A family member
MARCH 6
KOYOTE KINGZ
9:30 PM
myspace.com/koyotekingz

Tucson Observer Archives
tucsonobserverarchives.org
Registered & Protected All Rights Reserved
A family member of the Tucson Gay Mus

EDITORIAL. . . . . .

Support Your LGBT Elected Officials

As we are so painfully aware, Arizona's Legislature is in session, with the Republicans diddling away taxpayer dollars in passing political feel-good measures while the budget deficit grows and Arizonans suffer due to the inaction due to ideological zealots controlling the process.

This year's gathering at the State Capitol is no exception. Gay and Lesbian adoption, divorce, abortion, guns in bars, immigration have been at the forefront due to the elephantine leadership searching for the issue to win them another two years in office to continue their "practices."

Progressives and LGBT Arizonans have been fighting the good fight and so during an election year, one would expect these individuals to be challenged by the conservative extremists who seek to expand their majorities in both chambers.

Something that wouldn't be expected is a challenge to these individuals by those purported to be progressive and supporting, but that is the case in Legislative District 28, encompassing central Tucson, for the state Senate seat.

Paula Aboud, appointed in 2006 to the seat is being challenged this year by her primary opponent in that election, former state Representative Ted Downing.

Aboud, an out and proud Lesbian elected official, has served Tucson, Southern Arizona and the state's LGBT community well and now is facing a political challenge from an individual who is running solely to promote an idea not of his own making.

What follows is a letter sent out by Senator Paula Aboud and one that every LGBT Arizonan should read, take to heart and act on.

Hello Folks:

I hope you & your family are all doing well in these difficult economic times. The Republican legislature continues to embarrass the entire state by forcing their outrageous budget solutions & legislation onto our backs and into our private lives.

I continue to defend our way of life and our community's best interests.

The campaign season is upon us and I had been totally involved in electing Terry Goddard. Vera Berkman said that I have collected more $5 contributions for him than probably any other volunteer in the state, to date.

Then, lo and behold Ted Downing decided to run against me for my Senate seat. And you might have heard about the tone he's bringing to the race. We had a forum just last Sunday and you can watch all of LD 28 candidates' 10 minute speech at youtube.com/cdutiel#p/u/5/s7-fF3Ma8hw. Anyone who knows me will recognize the misrepresentations being made against my record in the Senate and against my character.

We're gearing up my Senate campaign now and I'm gratified to see how excited people are to stand up for me. Thank you all for your support!

In 10 days, (because I'm still up at the Legislature 4 days a week) we have collected over half of our campaign signatures and 1/4 of our $5 Clean Election petitions! We're on a roll.

Can you help me get to the finish line? I need more $5 Clean Election contributions (the form is attached). Please ask a neighbor or spouse to fill a form out for me, as well. (LD 28 residents only)

I'm also including a "Seed Money" contribution form. This contribution enables me to have start up funds until I qualify for Clean Elections. Any amount up to $140 per person would be gratefully appreciated. (This contribution can come from any US citizen).

The return mailing address is included or if you'd prefer us to pick up your $5 donation(s), drop an email to our campaign address, AboudforSenate@gmail.com or call 520-323-7264.

As always, if you'd like volunteer to help me, please email or call me. I'd love to work together again with you. And know that when my primary is over Aug. 24th, we must continue the effort together to elect Terry Goddard as our next governor.

Thanks again for any way that you can help me.

Warm regards,

Paula Aboud

Paula Aboud

Tucson Observer Archives
tucsonobserverarchives.org

FOLLOW US ON myspace.com
AT www.myspace.com/ibtstucson
AND ON
AT http://twitter.com/IBTs

IBT's

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR & KARAOKE

5PM-9PM

*$2.00 WELL COCKTAILS
*$2.00 DOMESTIC BEERS

FOLLOWED BY

"I'M A *SEXY BITCH* NIGHT"

*DJ HURRICANE SPINNING INSIDE

*DJ MIKE LOPEZ' PARTY ON THE PATIO

SUNDAY KARAOKE

4:30PM-8:30PM-*KARAOKE ON THE PATIO*

*HAPPY HOUR TILL 8PM

9PM-CLOSE-*KARAOKE INSIDE*

*CHEAP ASS DRINK NIGHT

*$1.50 WELL COCKTAILS
*$1.50 DOMESTIC BEER
*$2.50 CALL COCKTAILS
*$2.50 PREMIUM BEERS

*SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®©

Lesbian Speed Skater Wins Gold, Again

VANCOUVER (Observer Update) - Dutch speed skater and out lesbian Ireen Wust is leaving Vancouver with a gold medal.

Wust, who won gold in 3,000-meter and bronze in 1,500-meter in Turin four years ago, will be adding another gold to her collection with a win in the 1,500, 365Gay.com reported.

"Pulling all the pieces together, I'm so proud and happy. I can't describe how happy I am. I don't have words for it," Wust told The Washington Post. "I think I'm the happiest person on Earth right now." According to Afterellen.com, Wust came out a few months ago, telling TVM Helden magazine she has a girlfriend and is very happy.

Tucson Observer Archives
tucsonobserverarchives.org

Beverly Hills Disowns Anti-Gay Miss California Contestant

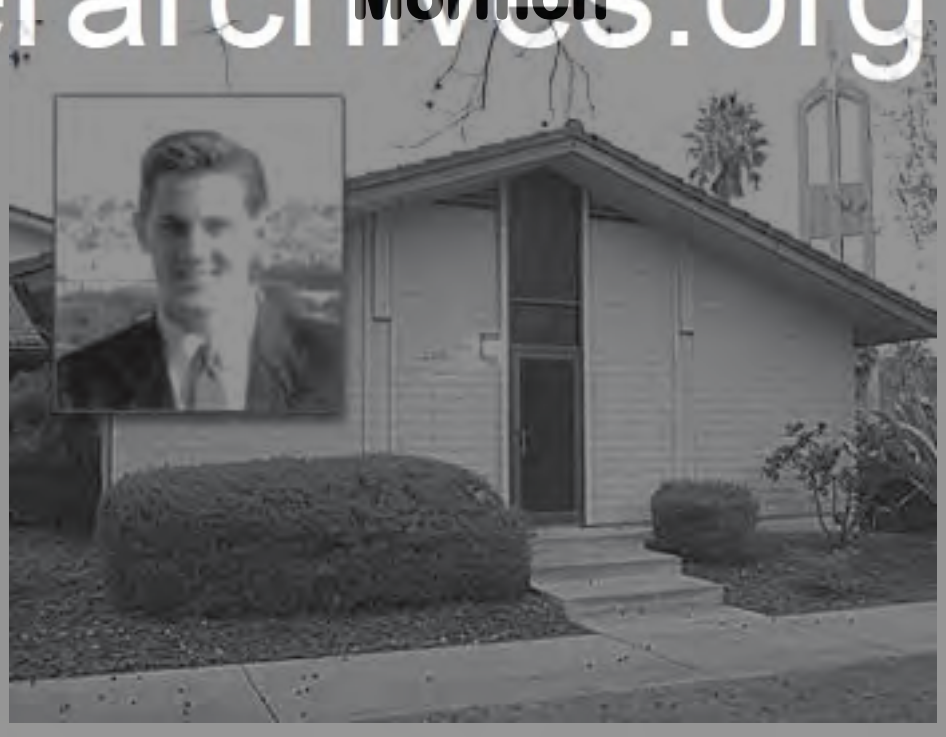
BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Observer Update) - Less than a year after dethroned Miss California USA Carrie Prejean stirred up controversy with her remarks against gay marriage, a similar war of words is brewing in Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills Mayor Nancy Krasne said she is outraged over a Miss California USA contestant who is claiming to represent the city in the upcoming pageant and who spoke out against same-sex marriage in recent media interviews. Krasne said in a statement that 23-year-old Lauren Ashley does not live in Beverly Hills or represent the city in any capacity. Krasne said she was shocked to see statements made by a beauty pageant contestant under the name of Beverly Hills, "which has a long history of tolerance and respect." Ashley recently told Fox News and other media outlets that same-sex marriage goes against God and the Bible.

Keith Lewis, a K2 Productions stage director for the Miss California USA pageant, told the Los Angeles Times that contestants choose the area they represent and Ashley chose to compete as Miss Beverly Hills in November 2010. A phone listing for Ashley could not be found. Krasne said the city has contacted Miss California USA pageant officials to determine ways to formally prevent any beauty contestants from claiming the title of Miss Beverly Hills in the future.

Ashley's comments came just months after Prejean, the former Miss California USA 2009, reached a confidential settlement with pageant organizers on dueling lawsuits over her outspoken stance against gay marriage.

Memorial Honors Life Of Gay Mormon



LOS ALTOS (Observer Update) - Mormons and LGBT supporters gathered to honor the memory of Henry Stuart Matis, a gay Mormon who committed suicide at a regional Mormon center in the city 10 years ago. Matis, who shot himself outside the center on February 25, 2000, left a note explaining that "for the first time in over 20 years, I am free from my pains, reported advocate.com.

"As I believed that I was a Christian, I believed that I could never be gay," he wrote. "Perhaps my death ... might become the catalyst for much good ... Your actions might help to save many young people's lives."

Aabout 20 mourners marched with candles and roses up the road to the center, ending at the site of his death, the Mercury News reported. They set up a memorial display featuring an image of Matis's tombstone along with stories about his death and the tragic fates of other gay Mormons.

"The best way to honor Stuart, and avoid causing further hurt and grief to his family, is to take the time and effort to understand the difficult struggle the men and women who deal with this issue are going through, one by one, one person at a time," Matis's parents wrote in a statement. "As those who knew Stuart best, we can say with confidence that this is what Stuart would truly have wanted."

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved
A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum©

COMMENTARY. . . .

by Lisa Neff

Let Gay Men Give Blood

By Lisa Neff, columnist,
365gay.com

Each year, in mid-June, I cover an event for the local paper called the Islandwide Blood Drive, which raises money for Anna Maria Island, Fla., nonprofits and helps stock the blood supply.

Each year, people at the drive ask me whether I'm donating, and I tell them, "No, I can't." I don't meet the eligibility requirements, which state that a person must weight at least 110 pounds. That requirement exists to protect me, the donor.

There are other requirements, most of them mandated by federal regulation and said to exist to protect a recipient of donated blood. One of those requirements, the ban against gay and bisexual men donating blood, is antiquated. And it is harmful to the men turned away and for a medical system that relies heavily on donor supply.

In 1985, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration instituted a rule banning any man who has had sex with other man from donating blood since 1977. That's a lifetime ban, regardless of HIV status, regardless of one's relationship status, regardless of one's frequency of sexual activity or the believed exposure risk in the sexual activity.

In late February, the Gay Men's Health Crisis released "A Drive for Change: Reforming U.S. Blood Policies," which offers a history of the rule, efforts to change the rule and an analysis of its impact.

In 1985, when the rule was enacted, it was a response to a virus that doctors and researchers knew little about or certainly not enough about, a virus that was relatively new and frightening and proving deadly. The rule was, in those early years of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, a public health effort to protect patients refusing blood transfusions from contracting HIV.

But much has changed since then with regard to HIV and AIDS, and advances in the screening of blood supplies make the chance of receiving a unit of HIV infected blood one in 1.5 million, according to GMHC. All blood is tested after donation – the labs don't rely on a donor's response to a 48-question questionnaire.

So what does that mean?

That means federal authorities have decided it is OK for a heterosexual person who engaged in sexual activity with an HIV-positive person 366 days ago to donate blood today.

That means that a man who paid a woman for sex a year ago can donate blood today, just as a woman who paid a man for sex a year ago can donate – provided she's 110 pounds or more.

But authorities resist lifting the ban against a gay donor, even if he last engaged in sexual activity with an HIV-negative man 3,666 days ago or 7,320 days ago.

GHMC called for change – not its first call – with its 51-page report that presents a convincing argument that the only reason the rule remains is because of a bias against gay and bisexual men.

"It is time for the FDA to join the growing consensus favoring reform of blood donation policies for gay and bisexual men, and implement reforms that allow gay and bisexual men to donate blood while improving the overall safety of the American blood supply," the report states.

GHMC proposed a framework for reforming donor policy that it summarized as DONATE:

• Decreased risk to blood donation recipients of accidental HIV transmission.

• Objective risk factors as primary basis for blood donor policies.

• Non-discriminatory impact on gay/bisexual men and other groups.

• Awareness-raising of HIV prevention and transmission risks.

• Technology-driven donor screening and blood screening procedures.

• Expansion of safe, eligible blood donor pool.

With this framework, with a different administration and with calls for change coming from HIV specialists, public health experts and a number of organizations that exist to respond to public crisis (including the influential American Red Cross), maybe change is ahead, perhaps a lifetime ban will be no more.

In 2011 – 2010 seems too soon for government action – maybe I'll walk into the hall where the Islandwide Blood Drive takes place to interview donors. And maybe to the first person who asks me, "Are you donating?" I'll reply, "I can't. Don't weigh enough. But my gay buddy here has his sleeve rolled up."

Then again, I'll be another year closer to 50, and maybe exceeding that 110-pound minimum. So ...

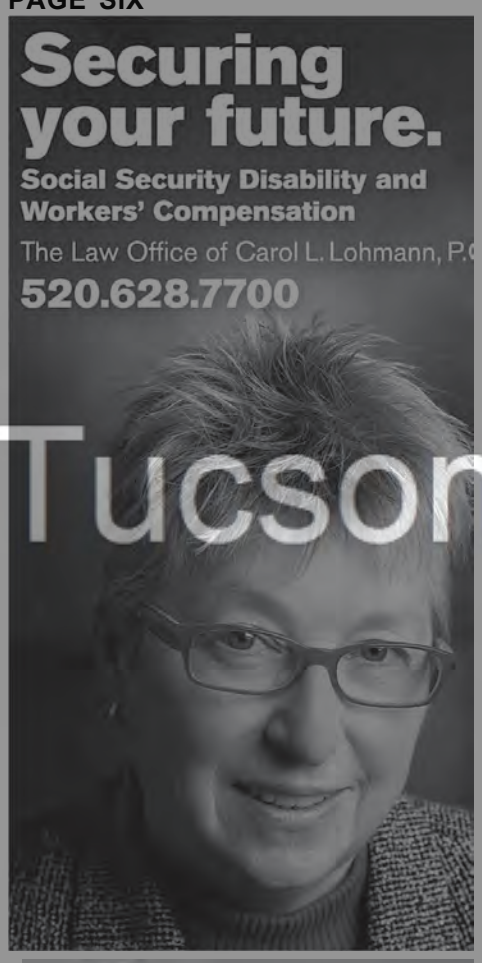
(Reprinted from 365gay.com)

What do you do when you can't afford health insurance?
Get PCAP!
Pima Community Access Program (PCAP)
The advantages are:
■ No monthly premiums
■ Pay only for services used (at highly discounted/affordable rates)
■ Low membership fee
■ Easy Eligibility/Enrollment
■ Doctor visits
■ Hospitalization, Lab & X-Ray
■ On site at Wingspan every Monday 12pm-2pm
PCAP Pima Community Access Program
alliancefour
2501 E. Elm St. ♦ Tucson, AZ 85716 ♦ 520-694-0418 ♦ www.mypcap.org

WOODY'S BAR
WEDNESDAY - MARCH 3RD
TROJAN INDULGENCE
A TOGA PARTY WITH A TWIST
COME DRESSED UP OR WE'LL DRESS YOU
9:00PM
FRIDAY - MARCH 5TH
TORI STEELE'S COVER GIRL REVUE AT 9:00PM
COME SEE THIS DRAG SHOW WITH SPECIAL GUEST
BARBRA SEVILLE
SATURDAY - MARCH 6TH
THE MONSTER BALL
ITS TIME TO GOGO FOR GAGA - DRESS UP AS ANY LADY GAGA - DRINK
SPECIALS - PRIZES - DONATIONS GO TO WINGSPAN - 9:00PM TO CLOSE
SUNDAY - MARCH 7TH
START THE MORNING RIGHT WITH
PETER'S FAMOUS BLOODY MARY'S 11:00AM TO 1:30PM
KARAOKE 9:00 TO CLOSE
NEXT WEEK:
FRIDAY MARCH 12TH - TORI STEELE'S COVER GIRL REVUE
SATURDAY MARCH 13TH - MEOW MIX
SUNDAY MARCH 14TH - WOODY'S FIRST LOCK-UP
Woody's Bar
3710 N. Oracle
Tucson AZ 85705
(520) 292-6702
www.mywoodysaz.com
www.myspace.com/4mywoodys
LIFE OFF 4TH AVE

Tucson Observer Archives
tucsonobserverarchives.org
Reproduced - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved
A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®©

Securing your future.
Social Security Disability and Workers' Compensation
The Law Office of Carol L. Lohmann, P.C.
520.628.7700



Tim Brown
Insurance Services
- Auto
- Home
- Life
- Business
- IRAs
- 401ks
- Simples
- Health Plans
- Mexico Insurance
520.322.3924
pimainsurance.com
Arizona's Premier Choice
FARMERS

Washington BladeAssets Bought For $15,000

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The people behind the new gay newspaper DC Agenda have acquired the assets of the now-defunct Washington Blade for $15,000, including trademark rights, name usage, and a 40-year archive, advocate.com reported.

"We are relieved that the Blade's long history of quality, award-winning journalism will be preserved and accessible to the public," Lynne Brown, an official of Brown Naff Pitts Omnimedia and publisher of DC Agenda, said in a press release.

Brown Naff Pitts Omnimedia owns the DC Agenda and is run by Brown, Kevin Naff, the Blade's former publisher, and Brian Pitts, the Blade's former senior sales executive. As far as DC Agenda retaking the Washington Blade name, Naff says, "We haven't decided yet." After the Blade ceased publication in November 2009 over financial issues related to its owner, Window Media, the three executives launched DC Agenda, which began publishing that same month on a weekly basis. Brown Naff Pitts Omnimedia purchased the Blade's assets from a bankruptcy court representing Window Media's properties.

Tucson Observer Archives

PA Court Rethinks View On Gays In Custody Cases

HARRISBURG (Observer Update) - A Pennsylvania appellate court has rejected a 25-year-old legal precedent and ruled that a parent's homosexual relationship cannot be used against the parent in determining child custody, the AP reported.

The eight-judge Superior Court panel issued its decision last month in a custody battle between a mother and father who were identified only by their initials.

It also reversed the lower court ruling that awarded the father primary custody of their daughter, and granted the appeal of the mother to continue shared custody. In doing so, the judges said a 1985 Superior Court decision that said a parent must prove that their gay relationship is not detrimental to the child.

That presumption "is based upon unsupported preconceptions and prejudices _ including that the sexual orientation of a parent will have an adverse effect on the child, and that the traditional heterosexual household is superior to that of the household of a parent involved in a same sex relationship," Judge Christine Donohue wrote in the Jan. 21 opinion.

The state Supreme Court also advises against relying on presumptions in deciding child custody cases between the parents, Donohue wrote. The trial judge _ who was not identified _ had relied, in part, on the 1985 case. In it, the Superior Court rejected a woman's contention that sexual orientation should not be a consideration in a custody determination, Donohue wrote.

A three-member panel, voting 2-1, dismissed the notion that a "homosexual relationship could ever be the equal of the traditional family as a suitable family arrangement, and indicated that it was 'inconceivable' that a child could be exposed to a homosexual relationship 'and not suffer some emotional disturbance, perhaps severe,'" Donohue wrote. The father is a sergeant in a police department in suburban Harrisburg and the mother is a state police lieutenant, according to the court.

tucsonobserverarchives.org

Douglas J. Newman, P.C.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Corporations · Limited Liability Companies · General Business
Wills · Trusts · Estate & Estate Tax Planning · Probate
2650 North Country Club Road · Tucson, Arizona 85716
Phone 520-325-2053 · Fax 520-325-2274 · dougnewmanlaw.com

Registered, Copyrighted All Rights Reserved

Hundreds Rally Against Hate In Austin

AUSTIN (Observer Update) - Hundreds of people in Austin, Texas marched behind a banner that read "Austin March Against Hate" as they walked from a downtown gay bar to city hall, the Austin Statesman reports.

The march route retraced the path two gay men, Emmanuel Winston and Matthew Morgan, took last weekend when they were attacked in what appears to be an antigay assault. The men said they were wearing jerseys from the "Shady Ladies" gay softball team and that the attackers used slurs about their sexual orientation, reported advocate.com.

"Ignorance is not the way. Fear is not the answer. Love will conquer hate, Winton told the crowd . "Hate will not be tolerated, and we will not be silenced." Police chief Art Acevedo, who attended the rally, said it was up to prosecutors to decide whether there was enough evidence to charge the four suspects with a hate crime. No arrests have yet been made.

Hair By Hunter
A Mobile Hair Service
Why leave the house! We come to you!
Hunter Johnson (520) 370-1625

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®©

El Torero RESTAURANT
MICHAEL & BRADFORD HULTQUIST
MEXICAN SCANDINAVIANS
Proprietors
WE SERVE WONDERFUL MEXICAN FOOD
SELECTED WINES & BEER
231 E. 26th St. Tucson, Arizona
Open every day except Tuesday 622-9534

'Out' Nominee For U.S. Attorney

SAN DIEGO (Observer Update) - Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura E. Duffy is the nominee to be the next U.S. attorney for San Diego and Imperial counties, reported the San Diego Tribune.

More than a year after taking office, President Barack Obama picked a nominee to be the next U.S. attorney in San Diego – and he didn't go outside the office to do so. Obama nominated Laura E. Duffy, an assistant U.S. attorney who is perhaps best known for leading the prosecution team that secured the guilty pleas of Francisco Javier Arellano Félix and several other members of the Arellano Félix drug cartel.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Duffy would replace current U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt, who took over the job when Carol Lam was abruptly dismissed in a controversial wave of firings in late 2006 by the Justice Department led by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales during the George W. Bush administration.

Laura Duffy

Of the 94 federal prosecutor's offices, San Diego's is one of the busiest, with about 120 full-time prosecutors. In 2008 there were more than 4,000 felony cases filed by the office, making it the third-busiest in the nation.

Tucson Observer Archives

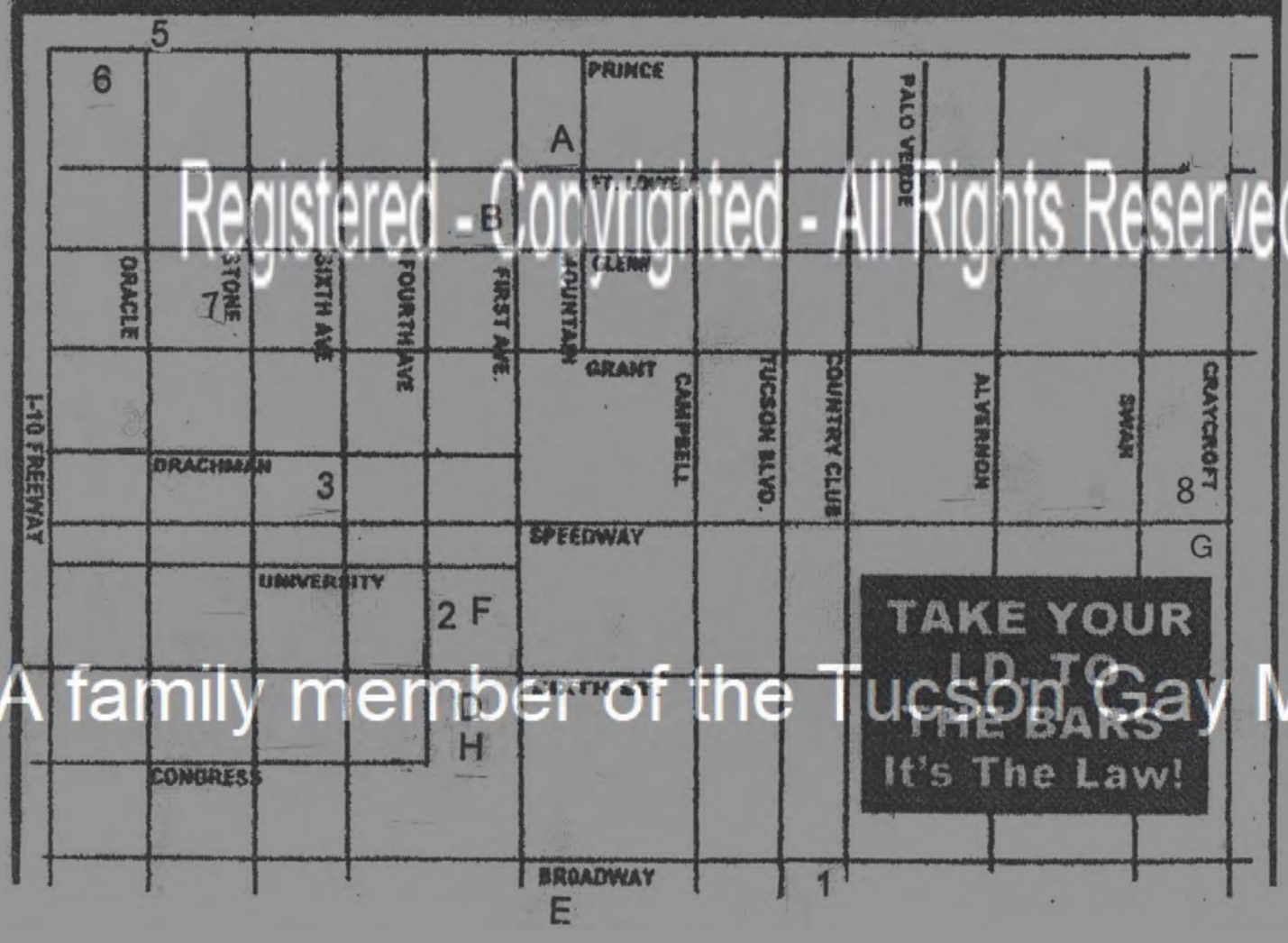
WILLS TRUSTS POWERS OF ATTORNEY
Laura G. Schoenfeld PLLC
PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES
520.514.8383
845 S. Craycroft Rd. • Tucson AZ 85711
lgs@tucsonlaw.us
PROBATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

ON-SITE COMPUTER REPAIR
Mighty Mouse Computer Consulting, Inc.
WE FIX PCs AND MACs!
Repair - Maintenance - Networking - Upgrades- Webhosting - Web design
Computer running slow? Popups? Virus? Adware or Spyware? New hardware? Want to share your internet connection?
(520) 312-2630
We'll save you time, money and frustration!
We come to you!
A+ Certified
7 years experience!

tucsonobserverarchives.org

Tell Our Advertisers That You Saw Their Ad In The OBSERVER

TUCSON DIRECTORY



Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum ©®

Community Bars

1. **THE BIZ** 2900 E. Broadway 318-4838
2. **IBT'S** 616 N. 4th Ave. 882-3053
3. **VENTURE-N** 1239 N. 6th Ave. 882-8224
5. **WOODY'S** 3710 N. Oracle Rd, 292-6702
6. **COYOTE MOON PUB** 915 W. Prince Rd. 293-7339
8. **COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS** 5305 E. Speedway 323-1840

Organizations

A. **MCC - METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH** 3269 N. Mountain - 292-9151

B. **CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP** 2902 N. Geronimo - 622-4626

D. **WINGSPAN** 430 E. 7th Street - 624-1779

E. **S.A.A.F.** - 375 S. Euclid 628-7223

G. **TIHAN** - Tucson Interfaith HIV-AIDS Network - 1101 N. Craycroft Suite 301 - 299-6647

H. **EON YOUTH CENTER** 620-6245

tucsonobserver.com
It's More Than You Think. . . . .

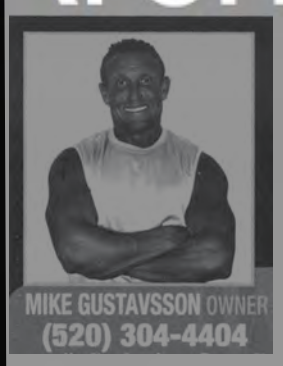
TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES

Tucson Observer Archives
tucsonobserverarchives.org

Candy Storez
'Find Your Fantasy'
www.candystorez.com

Steve Wagner, MSW, LCSW
Individual & Couple Psychotherapy
5210 E. Pima, #105
Tucson, Arizona 85712
520-629-9166

Tucson LGBT©®
'Your Tucson Connection'
http://www.tucsonlgbt.com



PERSONAL TRAINING

* Certified Trainer
FREE CONSULTATION
* Body Work

Accurate Accounting & Business Solutions
Specializing In Small Business, Tax, Accounting & Bookeeping
20% Discount on 2009 Tax Service
Free Consultation
520-490-2421

Tucson Gay©®
Your Best Tucson Resource!
www.tucsongay.org

Presidio
Hair and Nail Salon
Ed Thibeault
985 N. Alvernon
Tucson, AZ 85711
(520) 321-9626

A. Michael Hutchins, Ph.D.
Counseling - Psychotherapy - Consulting
6812 North Oracle Rd. Suite 100
Tucson, Arizona 85704 520-797-2117

DUI SR-22
MIKE PIERCE INSURANCE
FREE QUOTES
888-8888
AUTO, LIFE, HOME, MEDICAL
COMMERCIAL, PROPERTIES, CONTRACTORS BONDINGS

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

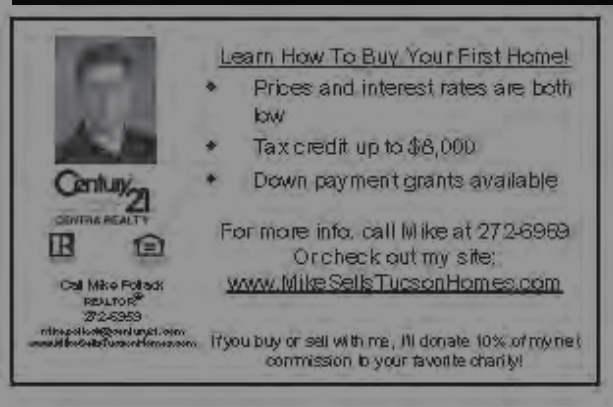
RICH MUSZYNSKI Ph.D.
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST
520.906.7048 Phone | 5956 E. Pima, Suite 130
520.296.8157 Fax | Tucson, AZ 85712

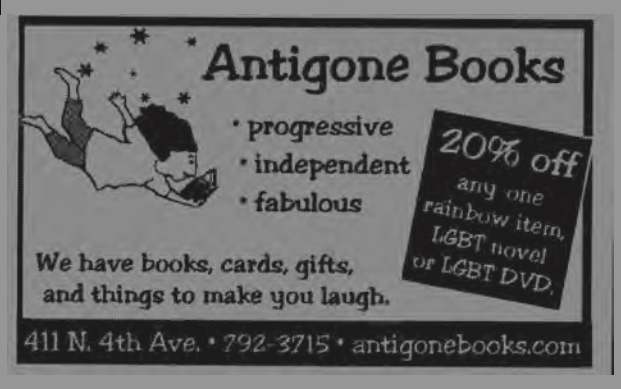
Speedway Veterinary Hospital, Inc
Kayla R. Boyer, DVM
Small Animal Veterinarian
(520) 321-4235
3736 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716
www.speedwayvet.com

In a blink, your world could change.
For help with LGBT domestic violence, sexual violence, hate crime, harassment, and discrimination issues call the
Wingspan Anti-Violence Project
24-Hour Crisis Line
624-0348
1-800-553-9387
www.wingspan.org

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum©®

TUCSON 420©®
'Bringing Sanity To The Medical & Other 420 Laws'
WWW.TUCSON420.ORG





TUCSON GLBT
Chamber Of Commerce
Inclusive ▼ Engaged ▼ Professional
P. O. Box13312
Tucson, AZ 85732
www.tucsonglbtchamber.org
info@tucsonglbtchamber.org

TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES

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

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

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. -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

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 520-743-9514 Visit our website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.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

INNER WISDOM _ Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579_9020

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 of 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, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian square dance club, dances Tuesdays 6:30_9 pm at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Ave (Northwest of 1st Ave & Glenn St). No experience needed, no partner required! For more information contact Barb at 886-0716, 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.

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

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

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

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Wednesday at Braun P.C. located at 6125 E. Grant Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride produces the following events each year: Pride Week; Pride In The Desert and Pride On Parade. For more information please call 622-3200 or visit their website at www.tucsonpride.org

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.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 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 Monday evenings 7_10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

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 toSAGE-Tucson-subscribe @yahoogroups.com. See you on the trails.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion,org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.
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.: 406-0740

TUCSON LATINO M2M - http://groups.yahoo.com.TucsonM2M A social group for Tucson and Sonora Latinos, and those who appreciate them.

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Sponsored by TMC Hospice and Valor Hospice Care. 1st & 3rd Thursdays 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson. Located one quarter mile east of Swan on 22nd St. For more information please contact Steve Ross- Valor Hospice 615-3996; Karla Brockie - TMC Hospice 269-9573 or karla.brockie@tmcaz.com

Tucson Observer Archive
tucsonobserverarchive.org
Registered, Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved
A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum

Much Ado About Nothing

by Jack Melichar

Coming Events

The next weeks promises to be interesting ones for entertainment. First, The Rogue Theatre is presenting 3 one act plays by Samuel Beckett. Beckett is an icon of 20th century theatre. He was awarded the 1969 Nobel Prize for Literature for a worldview that reaches "the utmost bounds of suffering to discover that compassion has no bounds." This evening of short plays offers three darkly comic journeys into the poetic and ironic world of one of Ireland's greatest writers.

Samuel Beckett is a feast for the mind. But not the reasoning mind that we use to steer us through the everyday world. He touches something in us more primal, more mysterious, more wonderful. Exploring his world of eccentric characters, absurd situations and darkly comic words has been quite a powerful experience for members of the Rogue Theatre's cast. Though the dilemmas in which his characters find themselves embroiled are often extreme and ridiculous, they represent very real questions for us as human beings and make us empathize with their struggles - often as we're laughing at their situation.

It will play at the Rogue Theatre 300 East University Boulevard, until March 14. For ticket information call 520-551-2053,

Tennessee William's play THE GLASS MENAGERIE will open at The Arizona Theatre Company on March 5 at the Temple of Music and Art 330 S. Scott Avenue.

In the 1930s in a small tenement apartment in St. Louis, the Wingfield family awaits your visit. The mother Amanda lives in an illusion of recapturing her faded Southern Belle glory, her daughter Laura lives in a fantasy world of delicate glass figurines, and her son Tom dreams poetically of a world beyond the back stoop. When Tom brings home a Gentleman Caller to meet his sister, The Glass Menagerie weaves these lives into a heart-stopping dance of hopes pursued and dreams betrayed. For ticket information call (520) 622-2823.

On March 6, the Tucson Knight Owls will hold their monthly meeting at the Venture'N beginning at 12:00 (noon). Everyone is welcomed to join them. The meeting will be followed by a dart tournament.

Finally, a group of people will be attending the Gay Day at the Renaissance Festival in Apache Junction. For more information, call Tim (A.K.A. Vanna) at Woody's 520-292-6702.

If you are bored this weekend, its your own fault!

Tucson Observer Archives

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25¢ PER WORD, $5.00 MINIMUM

FOR RENT

ROOMMATE WANTED/ FURNISHED ROOM FOR RENT. Includes Private bathroom, utilities, cable-TV, garage, home gym, pool-spa access. Northwest Tucson. 15 minutes from downtown. Call 991-8782 1341

FOR SALE

LEATHER ITEMS FOR SALE. Large chest harness - Armbands - Large Vest - Studded Belt - XL Leather Sport Jacket NEW (Never worn) - Asking $200 or best offer takes all. Chuck, 520-207-2833 MELICHAR.1336 1335

PERSONALS

NICE, AFFECTIONATE, PLAYFUL, healthy, fifty-something HIV- bottom, enjoys being seduced, non-tobacco smoker, looking for nece 18+ HIV- top friend. E-mail: 42405@live.com 1343

ROOMMATE

CHARMING 3 BEDROOM HOUSE TO SHARE. Master bedroom, private bath, shared kitchen, living space. Cable/Internet access. Seeking mature responsible individual. $450/mo. Utilities included. Call Richard 520-867-8582 1334

MASSAGE

TERRIFIC Professional MASSAGE. Sensual TANTRIC SESSIONS! My masculine touch gives you the an awesome experience! Creating a sacred space, for 28 years. Marc - 881-4582 (8 AM - 8 PM) Touching Tucson men since 1981. Discounts available. 1338

MATURE MASSEUR OFFERS PAIN RELIEF, STRESS RELIEF MASSAGE. Quiet setting, professional table. 10 years experience. Near downtown and UofA. $50/hour. 9m-9pm daily. Dick. New phone 520-208-1698 1336

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE FOR MEN Trained and certified by Body Electric School. Offering a complete full body massage to provide a relaxing and rejuvenating experience. Steve - CMT 520-247-8139. www.gaymanmassage.com 1333

SERVICES

GAY MALE CAREGIVER Very open-minded and understanding. Available short term, long term. Prefer Sierra Vista, Bisbee area. Call Don Hill 520-971-5884 1336

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good rrepair. Experienced - Economical - Prompt. Merle Hudson, (520)888-7264 in Tucson. 1340

tucsonobserverarchives.com

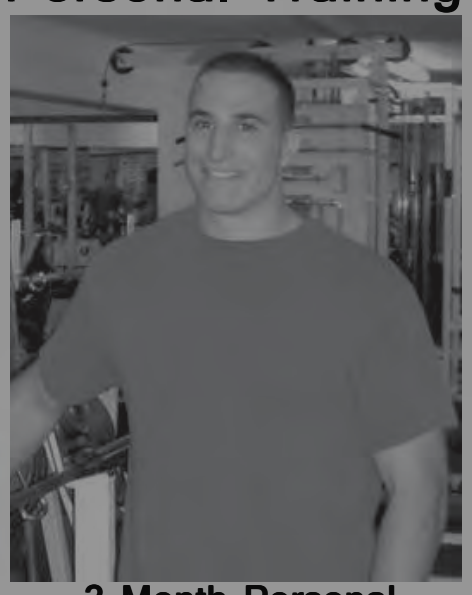
Humane Society of Southern Arizona
3450 North Kelvin Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85716
(520) 327-6088

http://www.humane-so-arizona.org

CHILL WITH A SUMMER MASSAGE

Starting @ $49.00
Outcall only 24/7
Friendly & Courteous Guy
TONY 520-390-0330

Personal Training



3 Month Personal Training Package
Only $20 per hour!
Includes a FREE 3 month gym membership
Call Andrew
520-909-4649

TELL OUR ADVERTISERS YOU SAW THEIR AD IN THE OBSERVER

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®©

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am It's Latin Sunday like the good ol' days. Catch DJ Dmenace spinning the best Cumbias. Get your Bucket of Beer ... 5 Bud Bottles for $5!

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - $1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; $2.25 domestic long necks.

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.

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

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Closed for employee training.

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).

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".

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.

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8 and Game Night all night long. Play Wii, beer pong and pool with the staff.

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. Y-Not Karaoke with Anna at 8pm

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.

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

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8pm. Wild Wednesday 18+ Party with DJ White Shadow spinning the hottest Hip Hop, R&B and top 40 remix dance of today. 21+ NO COVER. 18+ $8 Cover.

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 Domestics. "Diva-Licious" show w/Bunny FuFu. 11pm - -close "Reverse Happy Hour". DJ Q Inside & DJ Mike Lopez playing 80s music on the Patio.

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..

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8pm. Y-NOT Karaoke 9pm-2am with Meco pouring the best drinks in town. Come out and play.

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 Domestics. 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 Skyy Cape Cods and $4 Skyy Cosos.

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..

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8 pm. GoGo Fridays with 2-4-1 drinks for the ladies til midnight. Catch Shorty spinning the hottest Hip Hop, R&B and Top 40 remix dance of today.

. COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.75 Skyy cocktails, $3.00 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. 4-6 pm. Dinner served until 10pm. Finlandia martinis $5.50 open to close! . "Guys & Dolls" comedy 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 Domestics. 9pm -close DJ Hurricane inside. 10pm-close DJ Mike Lopez with "I'm a Sexy Bitch Night" on the patio.

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.

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Latin night with Latin Drag Show the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month. DJ Dmenace spinnin' the best Cumbias, Salsa & Merengue. $3 pitchers and $2 Tequila shotz all night long!

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.75 Skyy cocktails, $3.00 Domestics and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Dinner 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 Domestics. 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".

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

Poet's Corner

HOLD THAT TIGER

Sponsors all are bailing,
prostitutes all wailing
Since Tiger picked his balls off
golfing greens.
While Tiger sank his lengthy putts
On rolling greens, in "easy" sluts,
The tabloids all were spilling
Tiger's beans.
The Idol, now quite shattered
Proved fame to him mattered,
Failing lessons on golf's most
famous tees.
So, Tiger, no more straying
You'll just start the wolves a-
baying
No more shacking with your
favorite sleaze.

Bar Calendar Special Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

WOODY'S - Trojan Indulgence - A Toga Party with a twist. Come dressed up or we'll dress you. 9:00p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

WOODY'S - Tori Steele's Cover Girl Revue 9:00 p.m. and every Friday. Come see this week's show with special guest Barbra Seville.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

COYOTE MOON - 9:30 p.m. the Koyote Kingz in another fun performance. Check it out!

WOODY'S - The Monster Ball. It's time to GoGo for GaGa - dress up as any Lady GaGa. Drink specials, prizes, donations go to Wingspan. 9:00 p.m. to closing.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

WOODY'S - Peter's famous Bloody Mary's 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Karaoke 9:00p.m. to closing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

WOODY'S - Meow Mix ... Check it out!

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

WOODY'S - Woody's First Lock Up.!!!

Water of Life
Metropolitan Community Church

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little." Sydney Smith, (1771-1845)

Sunday Worship: 10:15am Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

3269 North Mountain Avenue
Tucson AZ 85719
(Just North of Ft. Lowell)
292-9151
www.wolmcc.org

Tucson Obscurer Archives
tucsonobscurer.org
Registered - Copyright Laws - All Rights Reserved
A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®©

Citibank Backpedals On Shutting Down Account For Gay Site

NEW YORK, NY (Observer Update) - Citibank has backpedaled, apologizing for blocking an account for a Web business that employees claimed had "objectionable content."

Jason Goldberg discovered he was blocked from accessing an account for his Web site, fabulis.com. According to a blog on his site, he was told by a Citibank employee that a review of his site determined the "content was not in compliance with Citibank's standard policies." Goldberg notes on his blog he is unsure what part of his site is offensive. His site says it is a "network that connects gay men with amazing experiences down the block and around the world." It contains videos of gay men sharing why they think they are "fabulis."

Goldberg received an e-mail apology from Citibank. In the letter posted on Goldberg's blog, a Citibank executive wrote, "I truly regret any unintended message that my employees may have conveyed about your new business venture. I place great value on your business and assure you that Citi is committed to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities."

Goldberg is currently mulling whether to stay with Citibank, according to his blog.

Doctor Sees Potential End To AIDS Epidemic

CAPE TOWN (Observer Update) - A doctor in South Africa is pushing a radical new idea that he believes will wipe out the AIDS epidemic in 40 years, reported advocate.com. Brian Williams of the South African Centre for Epidemiological Modeling and Analysis believes that by testing every person at risk of HIV/AIDS and prescribing antiretroviral treatment (ART) for all patients with HIV will stop the spread of new infections in five years. In the next few decades, Williams believes the treatment will wipe out the epidemic.

"Our immediate best hope is to use ART not only to save lives but also to reduce transmission of HIV. I believe if we used ART drugs we could effectively stop transmission of HIV within five years," Dr Williams said. "It may be possible to stop HIV transmission and halve AIDS-related TB within 10 years and eliminate both infections within 40 years," he told the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Diego, California, according to an article in The Independent.

Using anti-retroviral treatment "dramatically lower the concentration of HIV within a person's bloodstream," according to the article. It protects patients from AIDS and reduces the ability to spread the virus to other people.

"The problem is that we are using the drugs to save lives, but we are not using them to stop transmission," Williams said. "The concentration of the virus drops 10,000 times [with ART] ... This probably translates into a 25-fold reduction in infectiousness. But if you did this it would be enough essentially to stop transmission."

Maryland May Recognize Out-Of-State Gay Marriages

ANNAPOLIS (Observer Update) - Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler anounced that Maryland could recognize gay marriages performed in other jurisdictions – like Washington, DC – where they were legal.

The announcement doesn't make the recognition of gay marriages a reality, however. That would only come if the Maryland General Assembly enacted legislation; the Court of appeals ruled to allow it; or through the regulations of state agencies. If Maryland enacted such legislation, it would join New York as states that give full legal rights to gay couples married elsewhere, but don't allow couples to marry within their own borders.

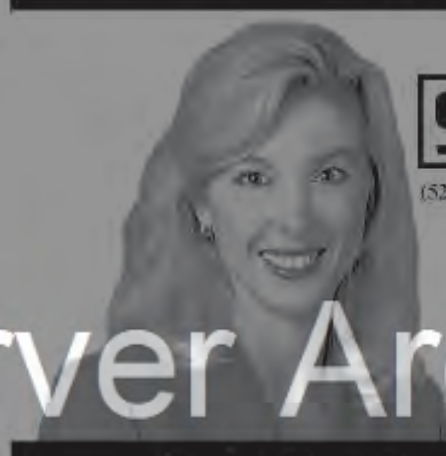
"Although today's long-awaited opinion by Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler won't erase many of the inequalities same-sex couples in Maryland face, it is certainly a positive development on the road to marriage equality," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "Today's opinion by the Maryland Attorney General only continues to further highlight the burdensome patchwork of unequal laws same-sex couples face across the country. With every step that is taken in the progress towards full equality, it becomes more and more obvious that separate is not equal and marriage by any other name is not marriage."

With Washington, D.C. poised to begin accepting marriage applications from same-sex couples on March 3, 2010, when the Congressional review period ends, recognition of same-sex marriages would have a significant practical meaning for many same-sex couples in Maryland.

Five states recognize marriage for same-sex couples under state law: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Five states–California, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington, and Nevada–plus Washington, D.C. provide same-sex couples with access to the state level benefits and responsibilities of marriage, through either civil unions or domestic partnerships.

Hawaii, Colorado, Maine, Maryland and Wisconsin provide same-sex couples with limited rights and benefits. New York, and Washington, D.C. recognize marriages of same-sex couples validly entered into outside of the jurisdiction. California recognized marriage by same-sex couples between June and November of 2008, before voters approved Proposition 8. Couples married during that window remain married under California law,

Tucson Observer Archives
tucsonobserverarchives.org
Published Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved
A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®©

Personal Injury?

SHOWARD Law Firm
(520) 622-3344 • toll free (866) 307-2147 • fax (520) 327-1667
Auto Injury
Medical Malpractice
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Sarah J. Showard
Attorney at Law
Bank of America Building
33 North Stone, Suite 1430
Tucson, Arizona 85701

COMMUNITY FRIENDLY
Free Inspection
with mention of this ad
GALLO AUTOMOTIVE
520-622-3500 or 520-623-0644
Fax 520-624-6574
2208 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705
COMPLETE CAR CARE