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Lawyer: Gays And Lesbians Denied Right By California Marriage Ban

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - The landmark federal trial over the constitutionality of California's gay marriage ban resumed with a lawyer arguing that supporters of the ban were trying to deprive same-sex couples of a relationship the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized as a fundamental right, the AP reported on 365Gay.com.

Chief U.S. Judge Vaughn Walker set aside five hours to hear closing arguments in the closely watched case. Former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson argued for the two same-sex couples who sued to overturn voter-approved Proposition 8, claiming it was a violation of their civil rights.

Olson said the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized marriage as a fundamental right – one afforded to prisoners serving life sentences and child support scofflaws – while refusing to make procreation a precondition of marriage, as evidenced by laws allowing divorces and contraception.

"It is the right of individuals, not an indulgence to be dispensed by the state," Olson said. "The right to marry, to choose to marry, has never been tied to procreation."

He said sponsors of the proposition had failed to prove that the ability of heterosexual couples to procreate without reproductive technology provided justification for denying marriage to same-sex couples.

Judge Walker pressed Olson on the point. "They have identified a difference between opposite-sex and same-sex couples in that opposite-sex couples can procreate without the benefit of a third party. That is a difference," Walker said. "And why is that difference not one the Legislature or voters could rationally take into account in setting the marriage laws in California?"

The judge heard 12 days of testimony in January and could hand down his decision to uphold or strike down the voter-approved ban in a matter of weeks.

Closing arguments were previously delayed to give Walker time to review the evidence.

"The period of time from the presentation is not anything that I would have wished or hoped for," Walker said at the start of proceedings. "But it may be appropriate that the case is coming to closing argument right now. June is after all the month for weddings."

Plaintiff Jeffrey Zarrillo is suing to overturn Proposition 8 with his partner, Paul Katami, and a lesbian couple from Berkeley, Kristin Perry and Sandy Stier.

"All we are asking the court to do is ensure we are protected under our Constitution the way Americans are supposed to be," Zarrillo said as he entered court.

The judge gave lawyers on both sides a list of 39 questions he expects them to address during the hearing.

Walker gave lawyers for the plaintiffs the first 90 minutes to present their closing argument, and lawyers for the coalition of religious and conservative groups that sponsored Proposition 8 two hours and 15 minutes to make their presentation.

In between, Walker has set aside time to hear from lawyers for Attorney General Jerry Brown's office and for the city of San Francisco, which joined the case to argue that denying gays the right to wed has negative economic consequences for local governments.

Walker is being asked to overturn the 2008 ballot measure that outlawed same-sex marriages in California five months after the state Supreme Court legalized it and after an estimated 18,000 couples from around the nation had tied the knot.

The plaintiffs also are seeking an injunction that would prohibit the state from enforcing the measure and immediately allow gay marriage to resume in the state.

Depending on how he rules, Walker could decide the case in a way that leaves the gay marriage bans in 44 other states vulnerable to attacks under the U.S. Constitution.

The plaintiffs are arguing that such bans are based on unlawful bias, not legitimate societal aims, and therefore violate the civil rights of gay men and lesbians by denying them a basic civil right. That's the same argument that was used to persuade the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967 to strike down state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

Whatever the judge does likely will be reviewed by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and could well wind up before the Supreme Court.

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A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum (Pic)

In Memoriam

GARY NEAL CLARK
8/23/1954 - 6/15/2010

Gary Clark lost his courageous battle with cancer at University Medical Center last Tuesday, June 15. Clark was a very talented artist, political activist, and a popular individual.. His passing is a huge loss.

Gary was born in Chicago, Illinois, relocated to California at age nine prior to moving to Tucson in 1973. He was entertainment editor and co-publisher of the Tucson Observer since 1974.

He is survived by his life-long partner Bob Ellis, his mother Katherine (Clark) Stofferan (Layton, Utah), his sister Donna (Gary) Cordon (Layton, Utah) and many nieces and nephew. He is preceded in death by his father Milford (Al) Clark.

A private family viewing was held on June 18th, followed by his cremation. A 'Celebration of Life' will be held Sunday, July 11, at IBT's. Full details are forthcoming.

OUR FRIEND

by Ron Rose, Tucson

There is never a final moment
In the life of a dear old friend
It's really the beginning,
Not the final end.
Loving thoughts will find you
Your spirit will remain
You're special and we know it,
And now you're not in pain.
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Somewhere deep in space,
A party must be starting
Just in another place.

UPDATE

Man2Man Seminars June 26 - 27

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Attend a Free Weekend retreat, June 26-27, 8:30 to 5 p.m. at SAAF, 365 S. Euclid, for Gay, Bisexual, and Questioning Men.

You are invited to attend a two-day seminar providing education on sexuality and intimacy between men. All men who have sex with men or are attracted to men, and are 18 or older are invited.

Seminar Goals and Topics: Learning about healthy sexuality; Sexuality across the life span; Understanding effects of fear, violence and abuse; Sexual identity formation; Developing assertiveness and empowerment; Male intimacy and relationships; Breaking isolation and developing networks; Bisexuality and sexual diversity; Being sexual in the age of HIV/AIDS and, sexual functioning.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided both days! All participants will receive a $75 gift card and other incentives!

For more information visit azman2man.org, or contact Cesar at 520-628-7223, cegurrola@saaf.org.

EON Dinner & A Movie: Pride Week Event June 25

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Join us in The Lounge for a Tucson Pride Week Double Feature: "Too Wong Fu" and "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert," at Eon, 430 E. 7th., Friday, June 25, 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy pizza, wings, salad and soft drinks while you watch these LGBTQ film favorites! The Bike-Curious Bicycle Raffle will also take place during Intermission!

This event is open only to ages 13-23. For more information, contact Eon Staff, (520) 624-1779 or eonyouth@wingspan.org.

TIHAN To Host Fundraising Baseball Game

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will host TIHAN night at the Tucson Toros game July 7 at Hi Corbett Field at Reid Park, 900 S. Randolph Way.

Tickets for the baseball game against the Chico Outlaws will cost $5, with the organization receiving half the proceeds from its ticket sales. To buy tickets, call 299-6647 or stop by the TIHAN offices at 1011 N. Craycroft Road, Suite 301, during business hours.

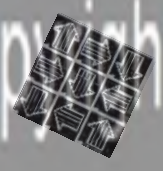
TIHAN's hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday.

Patrols To Increase Near Gay Bars In Portland

PORTLAND (Observer Update) - Portland police will increase patrols and take other action to prevent anti-bias crime downtown, reported advocate.com.

The steps announced by Mayor Sam Adams and Police Chief Mike Reese follow a pair of incidents in which gay men were allegedly assaulted by people who uttered anti-gay slurs. The mayor and chief say police patrols will be boosted near gay bars, and officers assigned to those areas will get additional training. The bureau also is helping volunteers form a Neighborhood Watch-style program called the "Q Patrol."

When a bias crime is reported, an advocate for the victim will respond along with investigators. The bureau already does this for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



Border Patrol Parent Reaches Out To LGBT At Diversity Event

TUCSON (Observer Update) - U.S. Customs and Border Protection formally recognized the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community for the first time ever during a diversity event, reported the Arizona Daily Star.

A room full of agents listened to presentations from two members of Wingspan. Oscar Jimenez, the anti-violence programs manager at Wingspan, delivered a speech about the history of the GLBT movement. He covered from the Stonewall riots of 1969 in New York that launched the movement to recent efforts to repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell policy."

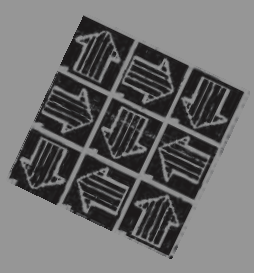
Linda Thomas, program director at Wingspan, talked about her experience as a lesbian in the military and how a person's sexual orientation doesn't affect performance. She recalled what Barry Goldwater once said about gays in the military, "You don't have to be straight to be in the military; you just have to be able to shoot straight."

"I would like to think that he would say the same thing about the Border Patrol," she said.

The event was part of Customs and Border Protection's (the parent agency of Border Patrol) special-emphasis program. The program has been honoring ethnic and diverse groups for years such as Hispanics, Asian-Pacific Islanders and African-Americans. This year, a day was added for the GLBT community along with four other issues, said Larry White, assistant director of CBP's Southwest office of diversity and civil rights. The other additions were days for Martin Luther King Jr., bring your child to work day, women's equality and disability mentoring day, he said.

In late May, President Obama declared June GLBT month. "It emphasizes the fact that we as an agency go beyond wanting to seek diversity," White said. "We are accepting, we are valuing, we want to make sure people can serve openly, that they don't feel like there is a reason they need to be hiding." Both Jimenez and Thomas applauded the agency for taking the first step toward recognizing and accepting gays, lesbians and bisexual and transgender people.

"You can't necessarily change the way people think or feel, certainly not overnight," Thomas said. "But you can say, this is how you will behave in the work environment." Jimenez said he's heard from friends that the Border Patrol treats GLBT members pretty well but there's still plenty to be done. "There's still a lot of mistrust on behalf of LGBT people with law enforcement and government entities because of the history," he said. "The first move in any movement is to be visible. It's incredibly damaging to our psyches to be invisible members of society."



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Rolling Back The Discrimination

Fernando Gallardo

LAS VEGAS (Observer Update) - An 18-year-old temporary worker in Las Vegas is taking on the world's biggest retailer after feeling "embarrassed and humiliated" during his two months of employment, reported advocate.com.

Back in March, 18-year-old Fernando Gallardo got a seasonal job at a Las Vegas Walmart, hoping to make a few extra dollars. But a few weeks into the job, Gallardo says, his immediate supervisor asked him "point-blank" in front of four of his coworkers if he was gay, and from then on alienated him from the 50 other associates at that location.

"I told her yes, and after that she was very rude and short with me," he tells The Advocate.

Gallardo says that soon after the incident, he was stripped of many of his daily duties and asked to wear a yellow vest and walk around the store. By mid May his supervisor and two other managers stopped talking to him completely.

"I was completely ignored and shunned," he wrote in a complaint to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. "I had nothing to do all day but wander around the store wearing a yellow vest no one else had to wear, much like Jews had to wear a yellow star of David in Hitler's Germany."

Gallardo says he went to a human resources manager and filed a report, but to no avail. He also accuses the store's management of attempting to bribe some of his temporary coworkers with permanent positions, in exchange for saying he volunteered the information about his sexual orientation. However, Gallardo says he felt pressured into telling his boss that he is gay, by the pointed way in which she asked.

"It shouldn't even matter what my personal life is, but what was I supposed to say, other than the truth?" he says. "I didn't want to lie. This is who I am."

COMMENTARY. . . .

by James Withers

Why Do News Organizations Still Turn To The Family Research Council?

Question for the day: why is Politico.com, a respectable place for news and opinion, giving op-ed space to Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council? This week Perkins and John Sheehan, a retired four-star general of the U.S. Marine Corps, co-authored an editorial in support of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The piece had nothing to do with the real world, but no one is perfect. Check out this line.

"Homosexuality is not about civil rights but conduct detrimental to the discipline, trust and combat readiness of what has been – and still is – the world's finest military."

Perkins and Sheehan conviently disregard the gays and lesbians who openly serve in countries all over the world. If "homosexually is conduct detrimental to discipline" please explain how the armed forces of Israel, Australia, Great Britain and the Netherlands get along fine with gay troops. Well let's forget the Netherlands. Sheehan once blamed the Bosnia massacre on gay Dutch troops.

But let's not argue DADT this morning. Perkins heads an organization that supports the "kill the gays legislation" in Uganda. Sure, FRC issued a press release denying it. Even said the group loves gays (when we are straight), but never fully explained why it paid lobbyists $25,000 to work the House and Senate halls when pols were writing resolutions against Uganda's proposed legislation.

So Perkins and his ilk do their best to get gays killed in Uganda (Yes, Tony. We know you "really" don't want that to happen), but he still gets to spout on a mainstream news site? Couldn't Politico find someone against DADT whose hands weren't dripping in blood?

(Withers is a contributing editor to the 365Gay.com blog, from which this is reprinted from.)

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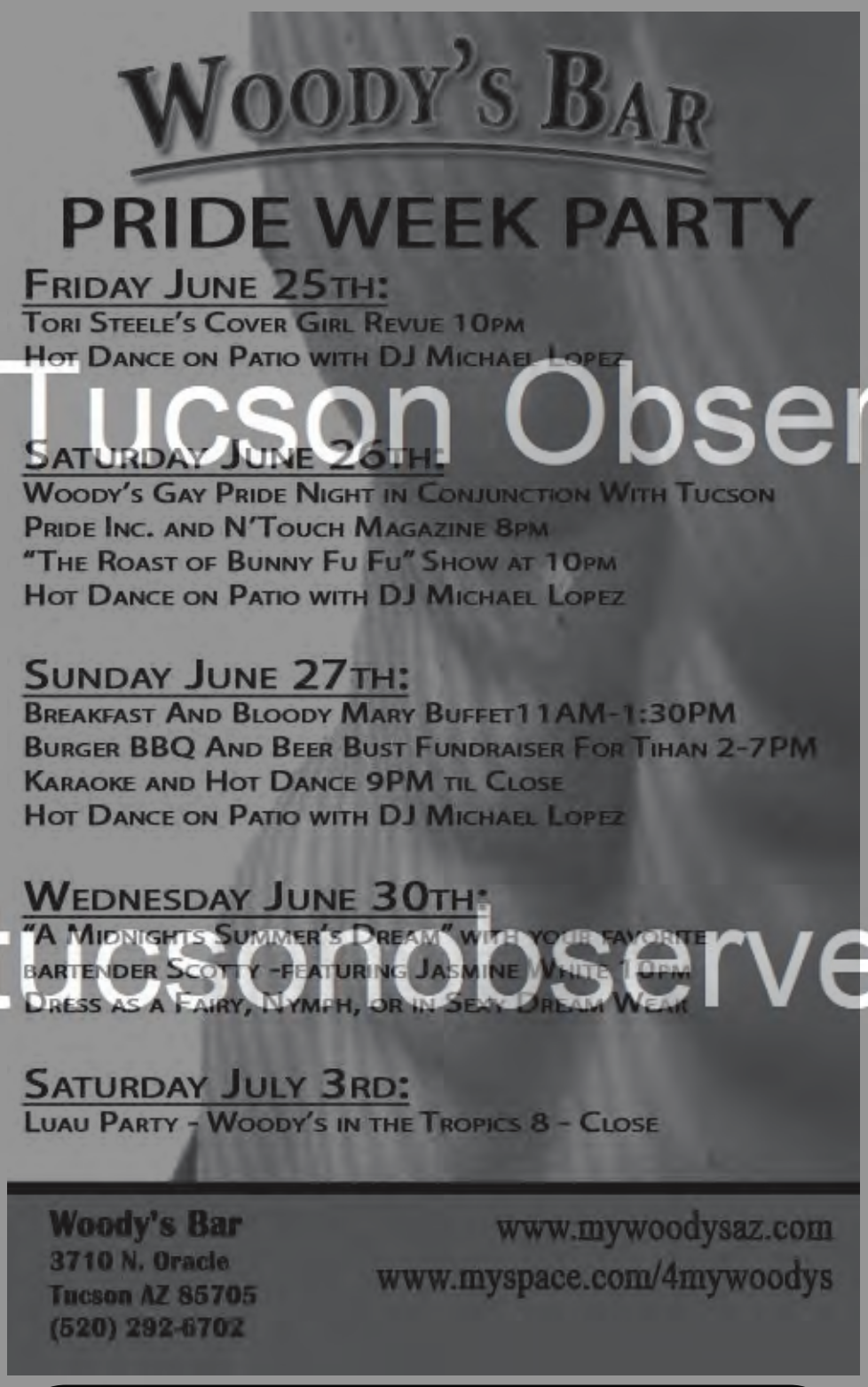

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COMMENTARY. . . .

by Mark Kerr

As I Saw Him

A demi-blond, wearing provocative glasses, fetching suit coat and adorned with a tie made from movie film, strolled into the Pearly Gates restaurant and piano bar, dragging a mink stolle in one hand and a martini glass in the other and asked the bartender, first name Peter, who was saintly, "who the hell is in charge here?!"

With that attempt at humor aside a confession, this is one of the most unexpected and hardest things I have ever had to write for this publication in my 22 years of having the honor and privilege of contributing items.

This past week, Tucson's LGBT community suffered a big loss with the passing of Gary Clark.

Gary was one of the co-founders of this publication, started in 1976, as the Arizona Gay News, in the wake of the Richard Heakin murder and the effort to deal with that tragedy and the work for civil rights and passage of the City's Anti-Discrimination ordinance in 1977.

His intent was to be here for only six months, but that lasted for more than thirty years, thanks to his partner Bob Ellis and a thankful LGBT community.

Over time, through his artwork and his cartoon in the Observer, "As I See It," Gary chronicled the foibles, follies and frivolities of Tucson's LGBT community, reminding people about HIV/AIDS and commenting from his perspective, a visual one.

But Gary's work and commitment for the Tucson LGBT community wasn't just through pen and paper alone.

Gary was part of the first LGBT Pride Committee, known as the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance when the event was celebrated in Himmel Park in June, through the effort and donations of the community.

He helped the then AIDS Service Organizations: Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti Foundation and the People With AIDS Coalition for Tucson (PACT for Life), in their efforts to help those with HIV and AIDS when it was known as the Gay Cancer and would get no help from the government or the general population.

The formation of a LGBT center, the creation of a new group for LGBT Tucsonans, the opening of an art show or gallery and gracing an LGBT nightclub or restaurant, Gary was always present with Bob, giving support, encouragement and publicity through the Observer.

Gary helped those in need, those wanting to learn, inspiring others, encouraging young LGBT people to fulfill their dreams and aspirations. This writer is part of that too when I approached Bob and Gary at the Joshua Tree Bar in June of 1988 asking to write for the paper.

When there was a rally, protest, a monument to be built and the funds raised, an event to help a group or individual out, he was always present because he cared about Tucson's LGBT community.

Is this a complete picture of Gary? Not by any means, since Gary the artist creatively inspired many. This is one small perspective of a brilliant individual as I saw him.

Gary may not be present physically, since he's now having cocktails with Dorothy Parker, Talullah Bankhead, Marilyn Monroe and Andy Warhol, but he will always be with the Tucson's LGBT

Sunday, July 11, a celebration of Gary's wonderful life will take place at IBT's. More details to be announced.

Goodbye my friend. I will miss you so much.

Mormon Prop. 8 Documentary Opens

SALT LAKE CITY (Observer Updated) - 365Gay.com reports that before researching a documentary on something else entirely, Reed Cowan had no idea how influential the Mormon Church was in the Prop 8 elections.

But while speaking to homeless teens in Salt Lake City, he learned that most of them had been kicked out of their homes for being gay because the Church of Latter Day Saints preached to their families that homosexuality was wrong.

And when Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage, was voted into law, Cowan realized that the church was not only affecting the lives of the thousands of homeless youth in Utah, but also millions of voters in California.

He decided to shift his focus and concentrate on Prop 8, which according to Cowan was a symptom of the same "hatred spilling out from the pulpit" that was leading to gay youth homelessness in Utah. In an interview with 365gay.com last week, he made it clear that his film was a comment on the organization and leadership of the Mormon Church, not necessarily the individuals who are a part of it.

Cowan and his team uncovered hundreds of documents from the leadership of the church, exposing its influence on the proposition debate. Letters from Mormon leaders explained that because the national public had a very negative impression of the Mormon Church, they would have to run their campaign through front groups, such as The National Organization for Marriage.

The Church flooded these front groups with funding and volunteers, sending mailings and canvassers all over California to persuade voters to vote for Proposition 8, the ballot measure that would amend the California constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Prop 8 passed in the November 2008 election – in large part, says Cowan, because of the behind-the-scenes contributions from the Mormon Church.

"Only 3 percent of Californians are Mormon, yet three-quarters of the money put into Prop 8 came from Mormons," said Cowan. "Proposition 8 was the most expensive ballot measure in the history of the United States. Voters have a right to know who is behind a measure when it picks up uncommon speed and heat and money three months before they cast that sacred, sacred vote, not three months after."

In the film, Cowan interviews ex-Mormons who explain how the church pressured them and their families to donate to the campaign for Prop 8. He found that gathering Mormons and ex-Mormons for interviews was easy.

"They came out of the woodwork. They lined up around the corner, people coming in crying telling their stories. They wanted to go on the record that they were hurt and they were hurting," Cowan said.

Getting them to leave was the hard part.

"About halfway through the day, people wouldn't leave after their interview. They wanted to pull up a chair and listen to the other interviews. It was like a family was born that day. There was a commonality that was quite remarkable."

Cowan was guided in making the film by his own personal story.

"I knew what it was like to be that 14-year-old kid sitting in the pews and hearing homosexuality being compared to the sin of murder, and I knew what it's like to go home and think, 'How can I commit suicide in a way that won't hurt and how can I do it in a way that will look like an accident so it won't hurt my mom and dad,' and I know that there are a lot of other kids who are like that."

"Look, there's a body count to the bigotry," said Cowan, referring to the high rates of gay teen suicide within the Mormon community, "and we're heartbroken over it."

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Mormon Prop. 8 Documentary

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While this group of Mormon-affiliated individuals who opposed the Latter Day Saints' views on homosexuality gathered to testify in Cowan's film, few stood up to the church directly. A small group of Mormons organized to send petitions to Church leadership demanding that the church stop intervening in Proposition 8.

Cowan's family did not join these petition organizers.

"I have one sister who said to me, 'It was the prophet who did Proposition 8 because the prophet speaks for God and if he told me to paint myself orange and cut my arm off, I would,'" said Cowan.

While Cowan's mother accepted his homosexuality to some extent, she could not accept his film criticizing her religion, especially after the repeated harassment she and Cowan's other relatives faced from the Mormon Church and members of the community.

"This film dropped a nuclear bomb on my family relationships. I felt like they got us, and then the minute we got critical of their religion, they completely saw us as the enemy and that's heartbreaking," he said, "but they'll come around. I hope."

Other Mormon responses to the film referred to the personal tragedy Cowan faced when his son died in a deadly accident four years ago at a relative's house.

"I have heard from Mormons who have shocked me by going for the jugular and saying your son was taken from you because you chose to be a faggot. You will never see him again, burn in hell."

But Cowan said responses to the film haven't been all negative.

"We have also had Mormons stand up in the audience, enlightened, saying, 'I didn't know the extent to which my church was involved and I am going to join the chorus of Mormons who are going to call for change.' I am thankful for that, those are victories."

For more information, go online to mormonproposition.com/.

White House Does Diplomacy With LGBT Rights Community

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Sam Stein with the Huffington Post reports that The Obama administration is making a series of diplomatic and political gestures of good will this week to the gay rights community with which it has occasionally clashed.

Attorney General Eric Holder was cheered by a crowd of gay and lesbian employees at the Department of Justice after he pledged to use newly enacted laws to protect their presence in the workplace.

"The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which the president signed into law last October, finally protects our nation's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals from the most brutal forms of bias-motivated violence," Holder said.

The remarks were part of a broader outreach by the administration to LGBT employees. The White House hosted an event celebrating LGBT Pride Month.

One activist emailed that he expects there to be a "look back" at what the White House has accomplished. But there is more that the president can do in address with respect to future activity.

"This Administration has taken small but significant steps in advancing LGBT equality (namely hospital visitation rights)," said Kevin Nix, Director of Communications at Family Equality Council. "But much more is left to do when it comes to the one million LGBT families raising two million kids in this country–like repealing DOMA and passing the Every Child Deserves a Family Act, which would swing open the doors for LGBT people to adopt. We look to this White House and Congress for leadership on these key issues that directly impact families."

Obama Appoints Record Number Of Gay, Trans Staffers

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - President Barack Obama has appointed more openly gay staffers than the administrations of George W. Bush and Bill Clinton combined.

Shin Inouye, a White House spokesman, noted the landmark during a panel discussion on LGBT presidential appointees at the National Press Club sponsored by the National Gay & Lesbian Journalist Association and gay weekly the Washington Blade.

The panel also included Elaine Kaplan, general counsel at the Office of Personnel Management, and Matt Nosanchuk, senior counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Kaplan, who also served in the Clinton administration, said LGBT appointments were present in greater numbers and at higher levels than previous administrations. Policy decisions are more gay-inclusive as a result, the panelists said.

The Presidential Appointments Project, a community driven effort coordinated by the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, was responsible for bringing many of the appointees to the attention of administration officials.

"This has always been the point of the project - to make sure LGBT voices and their perspectives are heard at the highest levels of the U.S. government," George Walker, a vice president at the Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute, said.

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"Nothing beautiful in this world
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Gary Clark

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You made us think.
You made us care.
You made us act.
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Tulsa Approves Non-Discrimination Policy

TULSA (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that following a decades-long battle by gay rights advocates, the city council of Tulsa, Okla., voted to add protections for sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination policy for city employees.

According to News on 6, the measure passed by a vote of 6-3. It adds sexual orientation to a list of protected classes, including race, sex, religion, ancestry, age, and disability.

"Before a packed house, the Tulsa city council approved a new employment policy prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation," reported News on 6. "The policy applies to city employees in every aspect of employment."

Tulsa World reports that the mood was celebratory at the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center after the vote.

"Oklahomans for Equality released a statement saying the vote marked a 35-year journey to equality, beginning with a 1975 report commissioned by then-mayor Robert LaFortune," reported Tulsa World. "That report recommended that the city adopt the nondiscrimination policy."

Denny's Under Fire For Discrimination

AUGUSTA (Observer Update) - A transgender woman is suing a Denny's restaurant in Maine, saying she was barred from using its restroom in October 2007.

Brianna Freeman, 45, said she is not suing for monetary compensation but simply the right to use the bathroom, according to Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

Freeman said she had been using the women's bathroom for about a year until a restaurant manager told her that she had to stop using it. Her attorney, Jennifer Levi, said that most other restaurants have been accommodating toward her client. An attorney representing Realty Resources Hospitality, the company that owns the Denny's franchise in Auburn, said that some women had complained that Freeman was using the bathroom.

"The obvious concern with a business like Denny's is the safety of its patrons," attorney Patrick Mellor told MPBN. "And we're not suggesting the plaintiff would take any inappropriate actions when using the woman's restroom and have never suggested that this plaintiff has done anything inappropriate. The problem is that another individual with inappropriate motives could abuse the policy that permitted a male to use the woman's restroom."

Obama Includes Gay Dads In Proclamation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that President Obama issued a Father's Day Proclamation that includes gay dads. Read an excerpt below.

From the president's proclamation: "Nurturing families come in many forms, and children may be raised by a father and mother, single father, two fathers, a step father, a grandfather, or caring guardian. We owe a special debt of gratitude for those parents serving in the United States Armed Forces and their families, whose sacrifices protect the lives and liberties of all American children. For the character they build, the doors, they open, and the love they provide over our lifetimes, all our fathers deserve our unending appreciation and admiration."

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A Lot To Take Pride In

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Wingspan works to make a safe and supportive community for all of us. It's because we stand together that we are strong together. Since moving to a smaller location almost a year ago, Wingspan has continued to serve our community in big ways.

In July 2009, Wingspan took bold and decisive steps to ensure that our community would continue to have an LGBT center for years to come. Like the proud LGBT community members who stood strong together at the Stonewall riots 41 years ago this month, Wingspan declared that we weren't going to go away. And we didn't. Thanks to you, and the tremendous effort and leadership of Wingspan's staff and volunteers, Wingspan remains an advocate and leader for the LGBT community in Southern Arizona.

Every June as our community remembers the Stonewall riots that started the LGBT movement, we look back to the pride and courage that began our movement. This June, I also want to introduce you to some of our next generation of LGBT leaders. We can be proud of our youth. Record numbers of youth are participating at Wingspan. Since July of 2009, more than 800 young people have attended workshops and events at the Eon Youth Lounge. In May alone, 160 youth participated in activities. I want you to meet Dale (not his real name).

Dale has attended Eon events and groups since he was 16. Now 21, Dale has emerged as a peer leader both in and out of the Lounge. Until recently, Dale was homeless and sleeping on friends' couches. However, through assistance from Eon staff and the Homeless Youth Project, he was approved for a transitional-housing program. Now that he feels the supportive community around him at Eon and is in stable housing, Dale is flourishing. He led the Eon Prom Planning Committee this spring. He encourages others to get involved and has facilitated groups at Eon for other youth. He's a great role model. His upbeat, respectful and positive presence at the Lounge makes a difference to everyone there.

Dale is just one of many young leaders at Eon. It's important that young adults like Dale have a safe place to be themselves, use their talents and have opportunities to develop as leaders. Wingspan makes that possible for Dale and the more than 100 youth who come regularly to Eon.

Our schools and communities are not always supportive places for LGBT youth. Recently, a transgender high school student found support through Wingspan after a teacher harassed him in front of the class, saying he needed to use his "real" gender. At Wingspan he was able to talk directly with the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance coordinator, who helped him strategize about next steps and find support and resources.

A middle school student found encouragement at Wingspan this spring when she called the Anti-Violence Program's 24-hour crisis hotline. She was frustrated that her teachers and principal were not enforcing the no-bullying rules at her school when students picked on youth they perceived were gay. Wingspan was able to follow up with her, and her school, to begin to bring about changes. Because of you, our youth can be proud. Because of you, our youth know how to stand up for themselves and one another.

Every time someone comes out, it helps create a world where all people are celebrated in their full diversity. Every time someone speaks up, it helps create a community where all are treated with dignity and respect. Our youth are freer to live openly because of the courage of the generations before that have paved the way. Here in Southern Arizona we can be proud that together we have created an organized, supportive and strong LGBT community over the last two decades.

But it still isn't easy. And our work isn't done. At least 30 percent of the youth who come to Eon are homeless or in unstable economic circumstances. It is still difficult for LGBT people to come out, no matter their age or circumstances. Our community still faces harassment and violence in the rural communities of Southern Arizona and the streets of Tucson. Wingspan's Anti-Violence Program staff serves, on average, more than 50 people each month.

We've also recently learned of LGBT elders who are choosing to go back in the closet when they need the help of family or housing facilities to assist them as their health and bank accounts decline. We need each other.

The only hopeful way into the uncertain future that we all face is to go together. Truly, together we are Wingspan and together we are part of a powerful community in Southern Arizona. If we work together, we can continue to provide housing and resources for our homeless LGBT youth, continue to be advocates for those who have experienced violence, and even begin to address the growing concerns of our elders, who have led the way for generations before us. But it will take all of us doing what we can.

Together we are Wingspan, and together we are strong. Thanks to this community, Wingspan continues to serve and lead. Over the past year volunteers have given thousands of hours of time to keep the programs, building and computers and data bases running smoothly. Even in the midst of transition, Wingspan staff has proudly and effectively pressed forward. In 2009 the Tucson Weekly voted Wingspan "Best Advocacy Group." It wasn't the first time Wingspan won the award and it won't be the last.

This Pride Month, we are reminded that it is when we rise up together that we are strong. When we work together, we can create a community where all have the opportunity to live with pride, freedom and dignity. Your donations to Wingspan help make this a community for all of us. Wingspan depends on gifts from individuals like you to continue serving and leading our community. Grant funds are down for all non-profits, including Wingspan. However, over the last year, Wingspan has demonstrated that even with dwindling resources, we know how to do a lot with a little.

Your donations remain greatly needed and deeply appreciated as we continue to serve the growing and changing needs of our community. You can be proud of Wingspan. I invite you to give a gift today that makes you feel proud. You can donate online at wingspan.org Thank you for your support. And thank you for proving this year that truly, together we are Wingspan, and together we are strong.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Garcia
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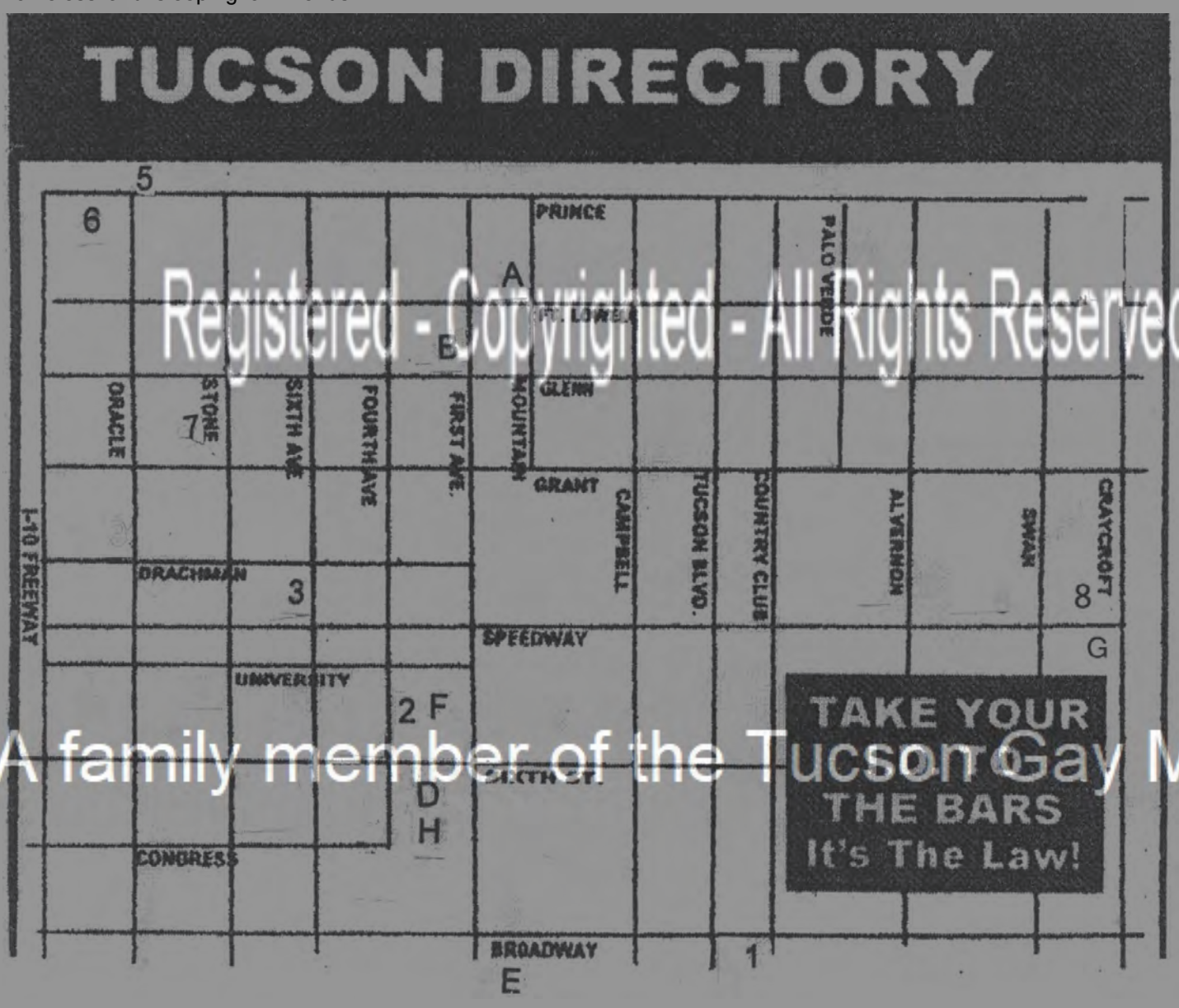

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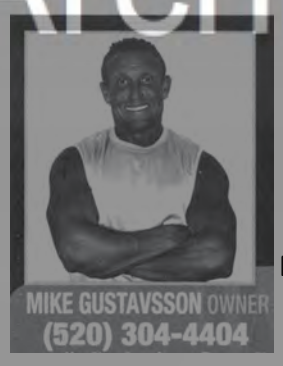
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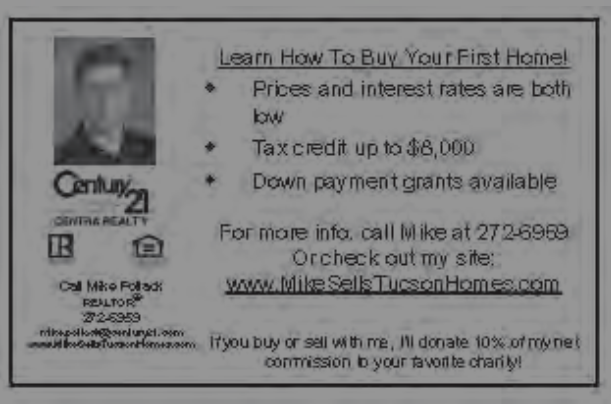
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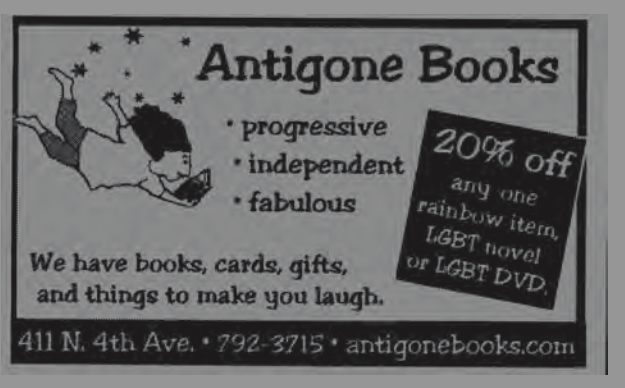
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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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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.

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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, 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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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.

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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

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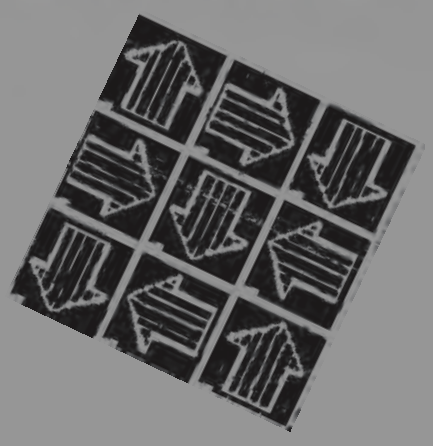

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Poet's Corner

OBAMA BLUES

by Ron Rose, Tucson

Obama's got the blues, he's as blue as he can be.
Trouble follows him, lined like oil rigs on the sea.
Unemployment lines, methane in the mines.
Job creation slow spells trouble, don't you know
Wall Street a mess, they're all greedy is our guess.
Don't ask, don't tell just more water down the well
The deficit is a scare, as we are quite aware.
The Tea Party's on the Right, spoiling for a fight.
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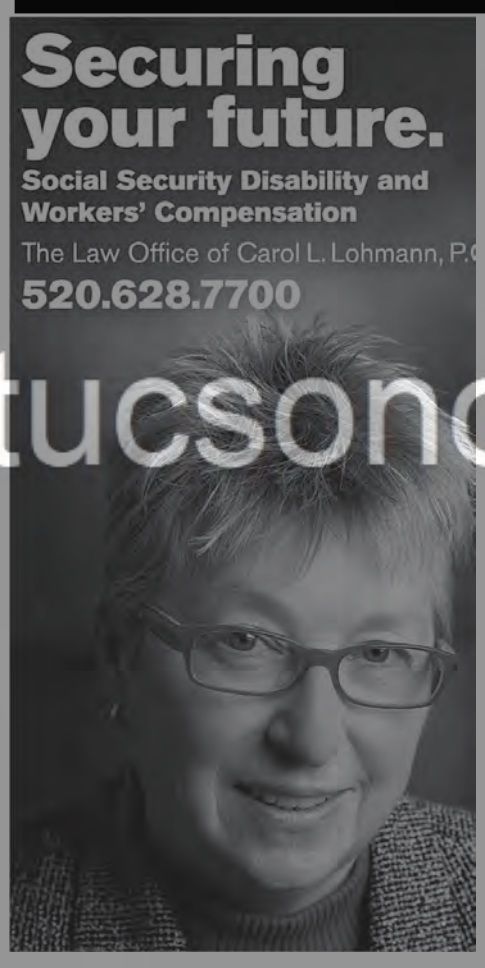

Counselors Could Drop Gay Patients Over Moral Objections

LINCOLN (Observer Update) - Towleroad.com reports that there's a debate raging in Nebraska over proposed regulations related to psychologists, therapists and counselors in that state who might soon be able to drop a patient simply due to religious or moral reasons. This includes a scenario where a counselor might disapprove of his/her patient's homosexuality.

According to the Fremont Tribune:

"'We believe that a therapist has the right to refuse service based upon religious or moral convictions,' said Terry Werner, director of the Nebraska chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. 'However, they absolutely must provide a thorough and comprehensive referral. Anything less than that, in our minds, is in violation of our code of ethics and is not in the best interest of the client.'"

Joann Schaefer, Chief Medical Officer at State of Nebraska, gives the Tribune a hypothetical situation of how this could potentially play out.

"A patient seeks help for depression, then later reveals he or she is gay and wants counseling for a same-sex relationship. A counselor with a moral or religious conviction against gays or same-sex relationships could refer the patient elsewhere for treatment of depression, without having to provide a referral for the relationship counseling."

Several state boards are amidst discussions on whether to approve the rules.

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GLAAD Reacts To Rejected Tampa Pride Ads

TAMPA (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) released a "call to action" in response to the rejection by Clear Channel Outdoor advertising firm of two Tampa gay pride ads, the Miami Herald reports.

The ads, intended to market St. Petersburg's Pride celebration on June 26, were stopped from running in the company's Tampa Bay, Florida market. One ad showed a gay couple with the caption: "my family is FUN" while the other featured a lesbian couple with the caption: "my family is FREE." The firm did, however approve two alternative ads.

According to WTSP-TV in Tampa, St. Pete Pride Executive Director Chris Rudsidill contacted Clear Channel Outdoor denouncing the decision. "I am almost certain that you have billboards in the market which display men and women in both friendly and romantic ways," he wrote in an email. "I can't seem to understand where these images would be any different, except for the fact that they portray two men and two women, respectively."

In response, Tom O'Neil, Clear Channel Outdoor's local vice president for real estate and public affairs, issued this statement. "As a matter of policy we don't discuss creative decisions about signage. We do think it's important to refute suggestions that CCO is not willing to display images of LGBT couples showing affection. Previous years' campaigns for St. Pete Pride prove that is not the case." St. Pete Pride has since canceled its contract with the firm.

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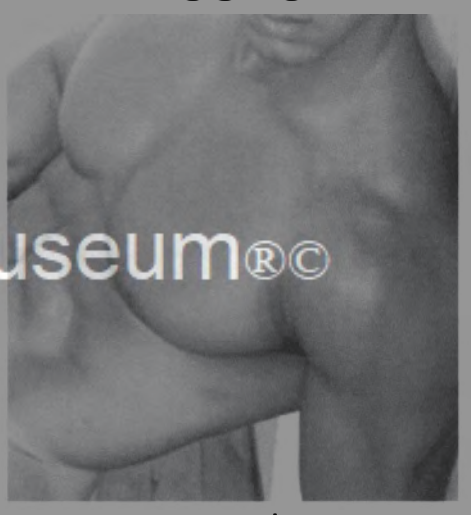

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

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. Hair of dog special $1.50 well bloody mary, screwdriver,,Cape Cod, salty dog or margarita.

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. Girlz Nite .75 for your favorite well drink or domestic drafts 6-8pm. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m. Y-Not Karaoke with Anna at 8pm. - Drink specials during karaoke $1 Michelob Ultra or Bud Light.

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.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.75 Skyy cocktails, $3.00 Domestics and Well. ½ 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. Boyz Night - .75 for your favorite well drink or domestic draft beer for men 6-8pm. Karaoke with Anna at 8pm drink specials during karaoke $1 Michelob Ultra or Bud Light..

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. Latin Thursday: Latin music 8pm to close. $2,50 well margaritas. $3 Mexican beers, $3.50 Jose Cuervo.

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 Cosmos.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. Shots shot specials 8-close.. Dance lessons with Lawrence 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!

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 cheese-burger & 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.

Bar Specials

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

COYOTE MOON - Help get Vivika D'Angelo to Miss USofA at Large! 9:30 p.m. with guest stars Koyote Kingz, Regine Rochelle, Desirayee DiMarco, Veronica Chase, Bianca Solei and Miss Honey.

SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS HAVE BEEN CHAGED AT IBT'S. On Sundys from noon to 9 p.m. is happy hour with a BBQ Beer Bust for the Reveille Mens Chorus and 4p.m. karaoke on the patio, followed with dancing on the patio with DJ Hill and Karaoke on the inside. 9p.m. to closing it's $1.50 well and domestic beer and $2.,50 call and import beer.

On Mondays the bar opens at noon with happy hour until 8 p.m. 8 p.m. to closing it's $5 Smirnoff Martinis and Mojito specials. and at 9 p.m all request music with DJ Hurricane.

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Gates: Obama May Veto DADT Repeal

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Defense Secretary Robert Gates says President Obama might end up vetoing legislation that would lift the ban on openly gay servicemembers, the Associated Press reports.

Obama's veto wouldn't be based on his feelings about "don't ask, don't tell"–he supports repealing the antigay law–but on the fact that DADT is tied to a military spending bill that might end up including projects Gates calls wasteful.

He told "Fox News Sunday" that he wants to get rid of an aircraft engine and additional transport aircraft, but there are some congressmen fighting to make sure funding for those projects stay in the bill.

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Oldest U.S. Gay Bar To Close

WESTPORT (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that the 71-year-old Cedar Brook Café, said to be the oldest gay bar in the United States, will close June 26, according to the Westport News.

The historic bar, located in Westport, Conn., will close for financial reasons, according to owner Clem Bellairs.

"The landlord died and the people who bought it doubled my rent," he says. "I can't afford it anymore."

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No Expulsion For AntiGay Graffiti

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PORTLAND (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that two students who vandalized a Southern Oregon University dorm with antigay slurs will not face expulsion, according to Fox 12 Oregon.

Blake Adkins and Kevin Novotny must do community service and live off campus as punishment for defacing a gender-neutral dorm building's hallway with antigay phrases. Although the gender-neutral floor is not specifically for gay students, many gay students live on the floor that was vandalized.

The pair will do volunteer service at the Queer Resource Center, Women's Resource Center, and Multicultural Center at SOU. They will also have to attend a gay rights meeting.

When Adkins and Novotny were arrested in April, the students claimed the antigay graffiti was not intended to harass gay students because they did not know gay students lived on the dorm floor they vandalized. They later apologized for defacing the hallways.

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