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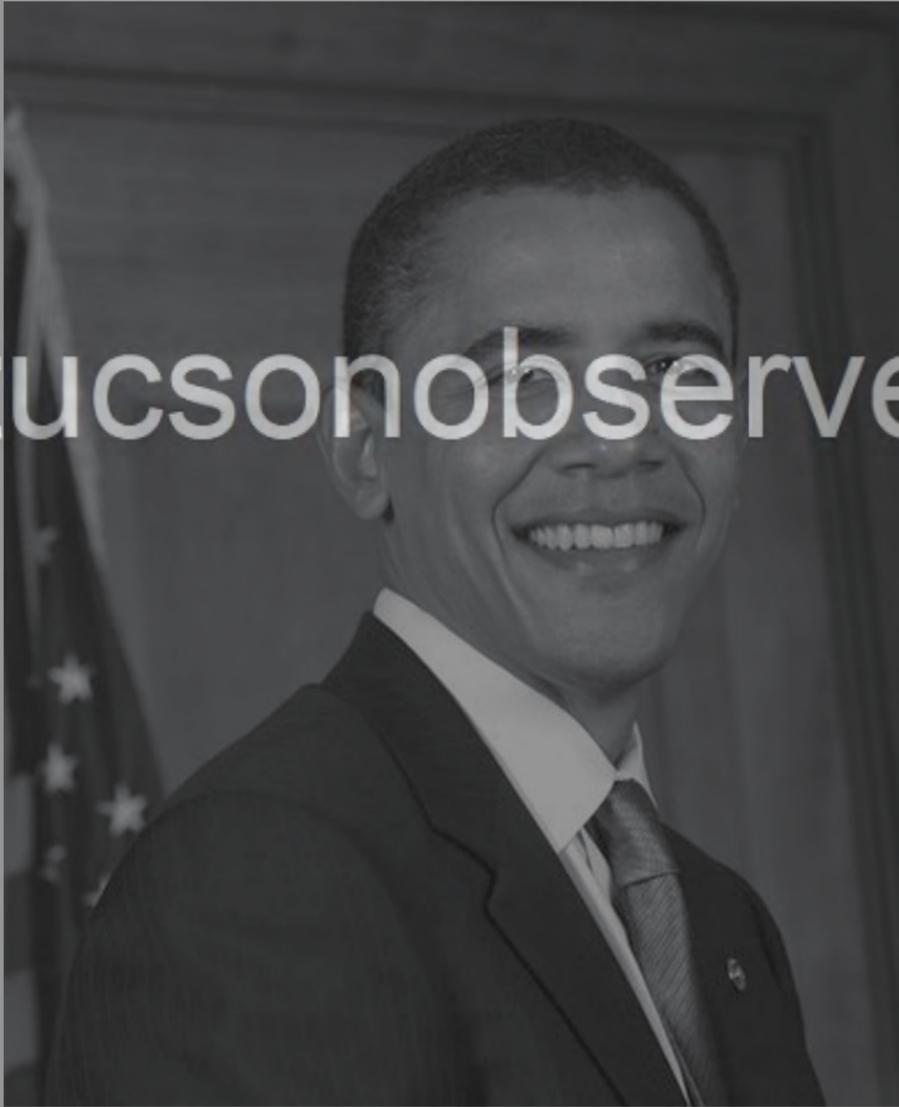
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## Obama Picks Up Major LGBT Endorsement Vows To Stand By Community



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - America's largest LGBT advocacy organization has put its support behind Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) in his run for the presidency as he pledges his support for LGBT citizens, pageoneq.com reported.

"The Human Rights Campaign has been at the forefront of the fight for GLBT equality and opportunity, and I am proud to have its endorsement," Senator Obama said. "Too often, the issue of GLBT rights is exploited by those seeking to divide us. But at its core, this issue is about who we are as Americans. I look forward to working with HRC to end discrimination against GLBT Americans and to ensure that all of our citizens are treated with dignity and respect."

"HRC is proud to throw our full support behind Senator Obama's presidential campaign," said president Joe Solomonese today. "We have just witnessed a historic primary contest in which two champions of our community demonstrated that they hear our voices and share our dreams. For millions across this country, their candidacies—as the first woman and the first African American to be top contenders for the nomination of a major party—have already been life-changing, inspiring, and groundbreaking."

"They are, quite simply, heroes to anyone fighting for equality."

Senator Obama, while not a supporter of civil marriage for same-sex couples in name, has spoken in support

of federal benefits and protections for same-sex couples. He also supports a fully inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act and repealing the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Obama, as well, opposes the Federal Marriage Amendment.

"I've been consistently impressed by Senator Obama's willingness to speak about GLBT issues in front of diverse audiences," Solomonese added. "Matters of life and livelihood for GLBT Americans are on the line in this election and after eight years of an anti-Gay stranglehold on the presidency, Sen. Obama's message of fairness and acceptance is a breath of fresh air."

Senator Obama also issued an open letter to the LGBT community today, pledging "real change for all LGBT Americans."

"It's wrong to have millions of Americans living as second-class citizens in this nation," he said. The Senator also touted his efforts during his time in the Illinois State Senate to protect LGBT citizens from discrimination, and to equalize federal tax and immigration law for same-sex spouses.

Senator Obama also supports repeal of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as exclusively heterosexual on a federal level. He prefers civil unions with equal benefits, but says he won't

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## Study Examines Factors In LGBT Teen Suicides

TUCSON (Observer Update) - A University of Arizona professor is embarking on a major study to determine the root causes of the high rate of suicide among LGBT youth, reported 365Gay.com. It is widely known that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth face discrimination, but less is known about the factors that make them twice as likely to attempt suicide.

University of Arizona professor Stephen T. Russell's study will use information gathered about students from their teenage years through young adulthood.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has provided Russell with a two-year "distinguished investigator" grant totaling nearly \$100,000 to conduct the study.

Russell, a John and Doris Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences professor, is one of the few researchers who has studied the experience of LGBT youth in school. He published the first national results showing LGBT youth are more than twice as likely to attempt suicide.

In his proposal for the grant, Russell wrote that his study will attempt to explain "the sexual orientation disparity in suicide ideation and suicide attempts among U.S. adolescents through the examination of risk and protective factors that characterize the important contexts of adolescents' lives: individual emotional and behavioral health and risk, family and peer relations and the school environment."

Russell, whose project is titled "Explaining the Sexual Orientation Disparity in Adolescent Suicide Risk," will use a large national survey that contains information from more than 20,000 students who were surveyed in seventh through 12th grades and followed over six years, the university said in a statement.

The data will be pulled from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, the only study in the United States that includes sexual orientation, suicidal tendencies and information about what shapes adolescent development, said Russell, an expert on adolescent ethnic and sexual identities and sexual health.

"The potential is not only to study the adolescent years, but also the transition into the young adult years," said Russell, who holds the Fitch Nesbitt Endowed Chair in Family and Consumer Sciences, in a statement.

"The study will allow me to follow kids into the young adult years and do a better job of understanding factors - school, family life, faith, friends and peers - that contribute to or ameliorate the risk for suicide and other mental health problems," he added.

The National Adolescent Health Information Center reports that suicide is the third leading cause of death among those age 10 to 24, yet little information is available that is specific to LGBT youth.

Russell said he wants to be able to identify risk factors for suicide and will also try to determine what roles prejudice, discrimination, victimization, depression and anxiety play in suicidal behavior. His results also will inform suicide prevention and intervention programs and efforts designed specifically for LGBT youth.

"For example, some people say we need to create support systems so kids who might be Gay will have access to other people who are like them, but we've never really tested that," said Russell. "We don't really know whether that works. So, one hope is that my study will be able to at least determine if that might be a promising area of study for future research," he said.

## Oklahoma Governor Vetoes Discriminatory Student Bill

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma (Observer Update) - Governor Brad Henry vetoed a controversial measure co-sponsored by homophobic state senator Sally Kern, which would protect religious students from discrimination for expressing their views. The Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act, also sponsored by Sen. James Williamson, states that students may express their religious beliefs in homework, artwork, and other assignments without facing penalization.

Critics of the measure were worried that the bill would allow students to disregard science and history lessons because of conflicting religious teachings. Students are currently allowed to express their faith through prayer and other activities during school, Henry wrote in his veto

message.

He also said that the vague language of the measure "may trigger a number of unintended consequences that actually impede rather than enhance such expression." The bill could open up a litany of litigation, Henry said, because of educators determining what constitutes legitimate religious expression. "For example, under this legislation, schools could be forced to provide equal time to fringe organizations that masquerade as religions and advocate behaviors, such as drug use or hate speech, that are dangerous or offensive to students and the general public."

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## Bisbee Pride Festival June 13-15

BISBEE - On June 13-15, Bisbee Pride will be hosting the fourth annual Bisbee Pride Festival. Held in a number of venues in Olde Town Bisbee, the festival promises an array of entertainment including music, stage, cuisine, booth vendors and more.

Bisbee Pride has been named one of the top five rural Pride Celebrations in the country in 2007 by a number of highly recognized web-sites and publications.

Bisbee, "Queen of the Copper Camps," located approximately 90 miles southeast of Tucson, offers old-world charm, new-world charisma and is Arizona's premier destination for arts and culture, western mining heritage and serves as a gateway to nature and recreation. For more information, contact Adam Lamb, (520) 236-3699, 432-2216 or online at bisbeepride.com.

## Gay West Rides Again

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Yee-haw! Slap on your spurs and saddle up for Gay West '08 on June 21 at Old Tucson Studios. Hold on to your hat because this year's event features an exclusive Old Tucson Studios performance by Grammy legend Thelma Houston to perform her #1 Dance/Pop hit Don't Leave Me This Way And songs from her newest CD "A Woman's Touch."

Great food and drink! Famous Jakes BBQ / Chuck Wagon Grill, inside and outside bars all over the park. Rides and attractions! Ride the Sabino Canyon Train, tour the Haunted Mine, pan for Gold, drive the famous antique cars, and ride on the carousel. City Slicker Rodeo! Test your skill on the Mechanical Bull, Quick Draw, Rope-A-Steer and many other great western games!

Enjoy Miss Kitty and her Girls in an all new musical revue at the Grand Palace Hotel & Saloon! Someone is looking to rob the bank in town square - you'd better keep an eye out for the bad guys! Enjoy high flying stunts with pyrotechnics at the Three Amigos mission set.

Later in the evening join Lucinda Holliday for the Lipstick and Lashes show as well as Tucson's own great talents. Grand Palace: Dance Mix with DJ Blade and Ken Carr. Dance the night away with the best club mix in town. After the concert, Lucinda Holliday hosts Madonna, Cher, Beyonce, Michael Jackson! Who else will show up?

All this for less than \$20 a person to benefit Wingspan! Come out and enjoy Old Tucson Studios, in Tucson since 1939 and proud member of the GLBT Chamber of Commerce. Special VIP meet and greet with diva Legend Thelma Houston (VIP Tickets on sale now at Woody's) Reception with hors d'oeuvres and bar, autographed photo and her new CD "A Woman's Touch" Special VIP seating for concert and more! Visit Old Tucson's website, oldtucson.com, for tickets.

## Wingspan Anti-Violence Project Volunteer Training June 27 - 29

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Help your community by attending a free volunteer training for Wingspan's Anti-Violence Project, Friday June 27, 6 - 9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and learn how to advocate for individuals and communities impacted by violence.

This training is a great opportunity for social work students, social workers, social service providers, and generally anyone who is interested in learning more about the effects of violence within and against the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community. The Wingspan Anti-Violence Project provides 24-hour advocacy, crisis intervention, and referral services to LGBT survivors and their allies who are affected by violence and discrimination.

Everyone can take part in the training plus you don't have to commit to volunteering with the program. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Madeline Porta, mporta@wingpan.org or (520) 624-1779x128.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Garland L. Chapin**  
11/17/51 - 5/19/08

"Thank God his suffering is over" from severe pain and complications of rheumatoid arthritis. Survived by life-partner of 30 years, David Hensley, 'Angel' dog Gracie, SweatPea & Bougie the cats, parents Jim & Violet, (7) brothers, (2) sisters, their families, and lots of friends. Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, June 15, 2:00pm, at Church of the Painted Hills, 3295 W. Speedway, Pastor Lee Milligan celebrating. In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible remembrances may be made to Reveille Men's Chorus, GALA Scholarship Fund, c/o PO Box 42611, Tucson, AZ 85733-2611.

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Mike Ball, dark haired, sometimes colored hair, 5'9", 31 year old tattoo artist, tattooed, and all around lover of life, passed away June 1, 2008. He was a fun guy, wore - crazy clothes, leopard shorts, checked shorts, and always danced his fanny off.

I called him Mikey. He was my baby son. Our hardcore tattoo shop closed in 2006. Mikey was too gorgeous inside and out to be dead. If you loved him too, please call his mom, Debi at 520-908-1441.

His my space is pokedbyapro@myspace.com. Ignore his profile, I changed it. Thank you to all who love him as I do, and he loved much and loved life. Call Please. The funeral will be this week,  
Love, Mike's Mom, Debi

## Obama Endorsement

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stand in the way of the states' choices on how to recognize same-sex spouses. "As your President," Obama said, "I will use the bully pulpit to urge states to treat same-sex couples with full equality in their family and adoption laws."



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In anticipation of author Armistead Maupin's visit to the Loft on June 25, come enjoy a free screening, Saturday June 21, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone in the Lower Level Meeting Room, of the original TV mini-series Tales of the City based on his work! Free popcorn will be provided. Then on Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Loft Cinema, 3233 East Speedway, Join the Pima County Public Library and the Library's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Committee in welcoming Armistead Maupin, author of Tales of the City, The Night Listener, and Michael Tolliver Lives to Tucson! Maupin will talk about and read from his books. A book sale and signing will follow. For more information go online to library.pima.gov/spotlight/maupin/ or loftcinema.com/node/299.

Wingspan's new and improved CyberCenter is now open for use! Thank you for your patience during the transition time. Wingspan would like to extend its collective thanks to the David Bohnett Foundation for the new computers and printer. If you have any

questions, contact Geovanna De La Ree at (520)624-1779 ext. 119 or email gdelaree@wingspan.org.

Please join us for an event at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave., Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. In honor of World Refugee Day, join us in celebrating and learning about our Tucson neighbors from the central African country of Burundi. The World Refugee Speaker Series was created to provide the newest refugee groups in town the opportunity to teach Tucsonans about their culture and history. World Refugee Day is a salute to the incredible tenacity and strength of the world's refugees, not just in enduring the dangers and violence of the crises that made them refugees, but also in the fortitude they display in rebuilding their lives and contributing to their society. For more information, call (520) 792-3715.

## Pride In The Pines, June 20 - 22

FLAGSTAFF - Northern Arizona's Pride Association (NAPA) will be presenting the 2008 Pride in the Pines, June 20 - 22, the twelfth annual event.

Ce-Ce Peniston, Frenchie Davis and Jason and DeMarco will headline the entertainment at Wheeler Park in downtown Flagstaff.

For more information, go online to the NAPA website at flagstaffpride.org/.

## Become A TIHAN Team Member

TUCSON (Observer Update) - TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) is seeking a diverse group of volunteers that represent a cross section of our community to join existing volunteers in meeting the program and

service needs of our CarePartners, people living with HIV/AIDS.

TIHAN's goal is to have our Volunteers reflect the ethnic diversity of the people we serve, our CarePartners. With your help, we will continue to grow - not to become bigger, but as a result of getting better.

TIHAN has have a variety of Volunteer opportunities that will allow you to give as much, or as little as time will allow (quarterly, monthly, or weekly). We are seeking both professional and non-professional volunteers who have a sincere interest in making life better for a sometimes forgotten group of special people, our CarePartners. Please join us, and make a difference! TIHAN has a daytime Orientation scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and an evening Orientation on Thursday, September 11, 5:15 - 9:15 p.m. Please call the TIHAN office to sign up for our next Orientation today, (520) 299-6647. For information about Volunteer opportunities, email our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Talerico, kim@tihan.org.

## School's Gay Prom King Teaching Tolerance

MESA - It was the proudest moment of Kyle Hutchinson's life. As he stood before the crowd at Villa Siena in Mesa on May 3 and was crowned king of the Red Mountain High School prom, he couldn't stop smiling. The velvet hat that read "Prom King 2008." The matching cape. It was all so perfect, reported the Associated Press in the East Valley Tribune. Then the boos came.

It wasn't from everyone, but the dissent rose up from a small, but loud, group of people who were upset, not just because their favorite hadn't been

chosen, but because the boy who did win had done something that had never before happened at Red Mountain. He was prom king and he is openly Gay. His mother and father, who were in the audience to root for their son, described feeling sick at the sound of the jeering.

"He kept telling me he was going to win and he had convinced me," said his mother, Doreen Hutchinson. "When they called his name, we heard the cheering, but then we immediately heard the boos. My heart went into my stomach. It was so awful. My husband said he was expecting it, but I wasn't prepared. It was so sad."

Hutchinson said he felt bad that his parents had to hear his classmates who weren't supporting him. But he also said that their reaction is something he has known his whole life, and he wasn't about to let it ruin his moment. "I'm always trying to be a good role model for other people. To tell them, 'It's OK to be Gay. Just because you're Gay doesn't mean you have to be the lowest person, treated the worst,'" he said. "But this is something I wanted to do for myself - to prove something to me."

The king and queen titles have long represented archetypal male and female roles. But Gay and lesbian students have been in the news more in recent years for asserting their right to run for their place on the royal court, too, so Hutchinson is not the first and likely won't be the last. But according to several teachers with long tenures at the school, he, by all accounts, is the very first to be king at Red Mountain in its 20-year history, at least the first to be open about his sexuality.

Hutchinson was aware of that  
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# Federal Appeals Court Upholds Don't Ask, Don't Tell

BOSTON, Massachusetts (Observer Update) - A federal appeals court has upheld a lower court ruling that the military did not violate the constitutional rights of 12 Gay and Lesbian servicemembers when it discharged them, 365Gay.com reported. The First Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Boston, had been told that under the landmark Supreme Court sodomy ruling that said Gays are entitled to equal protection under the law the 12 should be reinstated.

The former servicemembers, all of whom had served during the current war on terror, were represented by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell punishes Gay, Lesbian and bisexual service members . . . for their sexual orientation and for their private, constitutionally protected conduct," SLDN (Servicemembers Legal Defense Network) told the court when it heard arguments in the case last year. "As a result, it has denied and continues to deny them several Constitutional rights, including the right of privacy, equal protection of the law, and freedom of speech."

But lawyers for the Bush administration argued that the sodomy ruling had no bearing on the case because the 12 could abstain from sexual activity and not reveal their sexuality. Writing for the appellate court Judge Jeffrey Howard said that while some people may question the wisdom of the policy, the court had to defer to congressional decision making.

"[W]hile we are disappointed that the appeals court upheld the lower court ruling, we are encouraged to see judicial recognition that Lawrence v. Texas requires an intermediate level of scrutiny," SLDN executive director Aubrey Sarvis said in a statement.

Last month, in a separate case, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the military cannot automatically discharge people because they're Gay in the case of a decorated flight nurse who sued the Air Force over her dismissal. The three judge panel did not strike down the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. But the court reinstated Maj. Margaret Witt's lawsuit, saying the Air Force must prove that her dismissal furthered the military's goals of troop readiness and unit cohesion.

Under DADT two people every day are dropped from the military for being Gay. In the 10 years that DADT has been in force more than 10,000 personnel have been discharged as a result of the policy, including 800 with skills deemed mission critical, such as pilots, combat engineers, and linguists. The number of Gay men and Lesbians turned away by military recruiters is unknown. A study conducted last year for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network concluded that the U.S. military could attract as many as 41,000 new recruits if Gays and Lesbians in the military were able to be open about their sexual orientation.

# Rosie's Waiting To Remarry Kelli



NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - Ellen DeGeneres is doing it. So is George Takei. But Rosie O'Donnell isn't jumping at the chance to walk down the aisle, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. O'Donnell and her girlfriend, Kelli Carpenter, were married four years ago when the mayor of San Francisco allowed same-sex marriages. The California supreme court later declared same marriages invalid.

Now the state's highest court has ruled that denying same-sex marriages was discriminatory, and many Gay and Lesbian couples, including DeGeneres and girlfriend Portia de Rossi and Takei and his partner, Brad Altman, are planning to tie the knot.

O'Donnell told AP Radio that she and Carpenter are "going to wait until it's legal everywhere, because otherwise, I said to Kelli, we'll be going around touring the country on the marriage tour every state by state." "Once it gets to be at the federal level, once every state recognizes the

marriages of every other state, I think that'll be the time we would do it," the 46-year-old comedian said. Asked if she thought that time was near, O'Donnell replied, "Yes." "The same way it was illegal for black and white people to marry at one point and people couldn't conceive of that ever being different, I do think that two consenting, law-abiding adults who want to share their life together should be allowed to do that," she said.



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# Fueled By Petrol

by Jimmy Petrol

## Legislature Stymied By Governor

Recently, the Arizona Legislature attempted to legalize gunplay. Not gun-firing, just waving and brandishing...as we reported in this column some weeks ago. The state's governor vetoed the measure just the other day, to the relief of this reporter, who's supply of ammunition has run low in anticipation of the passage of this odd law.

I knew that the boys in the capitol would be burning with chagrin at having the Little Lady Governor stop the fun, so I called a lobbyist I know to get the scoop on the next round of legislation; in short, what would the boys do now? I rang him up and got the rundown.

"You're dead on, this time, Jimbo." The voice had a hint of amusement to it, a bit of wonder. He went on; "The guys are hopping mad about the Little Lady not understanding what it is to be a man in the Old West. Why, some of them have taken to wearing their six-shooters right on the hip, just to keep her going. But some of them are smarter, and have hired a think-tank to get a handle on what went wrong. There's a lot of talk in the capitol about the governor's soundness of mind....whether she could be of sound mind and still veto a bill thought by so many to be just right and hot stuff. The smarter boys aren't going with this; they're the ones that have gone to the Think-Tank for answers. Getting the rights of Arizonans legislated up right and proper is the first priority of the boys in the capitol, see, and they mean to get around the Little Lady somehow, even if it means swallowing a heap of pride and asking 'smart' guys for a little help."

There wasn't much more my friend, who's name I cannot remember at this moment, could tell me. The think tanks that Arizona legislators would condescend to are few. The elite minds of the Rand Corporation or the political scientists of the Universities would never do, I knew, as they have a frame of reference several centuries later than the one the Arizona Legislature is stuck in. I knew of only one group that would suit; the guys that used to work for the tobacco companies; the men (formerly) of the Tobacco Institute.

Finding them turned out to be a snap. A few choice words to my mother on my cell phone, and they rang me right up. Having at long last had to give up with the tobacco "smoke-screen", they had moved right into a steady gig for the Feds. All I had to do was intimate to my mother over the airwaves that I had a genuine Eskimo that was willing to go public and say that the weather in the Far North was colder now than when he was a boy.....presto. My phone rang. The voice on the other end sounded like it was deep in a cave...an "undisclosed location", no doubt.

"Jimmy," came the faint, hollow voice over the airwaves, "we got it from your mom that you have Nanook of the North in your pocket and won't let him tell the truth about global warming." There was a pause, heavy with menace. She went on, "Jimmy," now the voice was sweeter, almost warm, "we know you journalists would rather have a sensational story than the boring truth that global warming is a hoax, but I want to appeal directly to your manhood on this one. Give up Nanook or I personally take off your balls." The voice was still warmer,

more friendly. I knew instantly who I was up against.

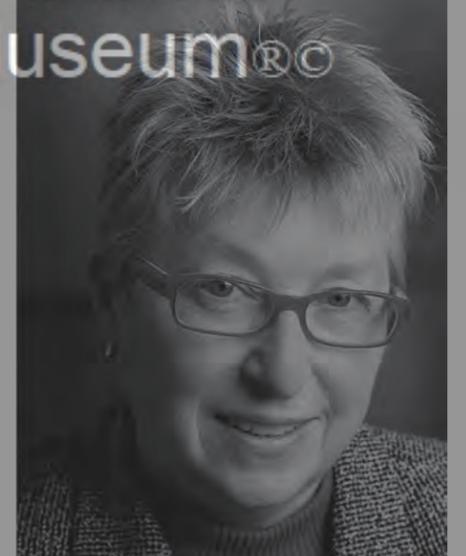
"Ms. Coulter," I ventured, and there was an audible gasp in my earpiece, "I don't have Nanook, exactly, but I know a fellow that knows a lady that knows a guy. I can get him anytime. But it will cost."

"You bastard traitor, son of a Greek donkey!" she fumed. I had hit it just right. "You turncoats are all about money. How much for Nanook.?" I was smooth, my voice like honey, "Oh, my, Ms. Coulter. May I call you Ann? No? Well, no matter, I feel I know you so intimately anyway. What I want is a line on the Arizona Law boys. What's next? The Little Lady in the capitol has vetoed the latest "weapons rights for the wealthy" bill and they are mad as little hornets. I need to know what they are planning...or rather, what you guys are recommending, since we know they have called in the "brains" on this one." I knew this would flatter her.

She mused. "Look you putrid foreigner," I knew she would deal now, as her tone was warming. "We've gotta admit, we are helping your boys out down there in Arizona. That "lady" governor of yours just can't get her head around the rights and privileges that go naturally to the wealthy. We have them fixed up though. We figure they have to fly a little "rights for the working class" stuff for her, just to prime her to the line of reasoning we are on. So we have a little law coming up that will allow tradesmen to commandeer trucks from people who are just driving around in them to compensate for small brains or penises."

This was a surprise; I didn't think the boys in the Arizona Legislature would do anything for the working man even as a ruse; it would set bad precedent. I said so. "Don't be silly, Petrol. Nobody will enforce it. Toothless laws for the working man have always been quite good enough to placate them. But if the governor sees that we are willing to give extraordinary rights to the working stiff, she may begin to see the wisdom in giving special rights to the wealthy. That's the plan." I was impressed, and said so. "Well you might be, Petrol. We are going to take the governor to the mat with this one." There was a confidence in her voice that was almost frightening. Thank goodness it is impossible to be frightened by the mentally negligible.

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### CDC Misses Mark With HIV Prevention Programs, Critics Say

ATLANTA - Gay and Bisexual men have been at the epicenter of the domestic AIDS crisis since the first cases were reported in 1981, reported the Southern Voice. But over the past few years the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention created funding structures that dramatically reduced the number of HIV/AIDS prevention programs targeting the population that has always been and continues to be at highest risk for contracting HIV in America.

In 1999, the CDC established the "Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Interventions," which are scientifically supported prevention programs, and are the only type of interventions funded directly by CDC to community-based AID organizations. Of the 16 DEBIs the CDC funded last year, five were geared toward Gay and Bisexual men.

In an effort to fund broader HIV prevention initiatives, the CDC restructured its DEBI system in 2007, replacing it with a "Compendium of Evidence-Based Interventions." The new funding structure categorizes interventions into four tiers based on how much scientific evidence supports their effectiveness, with Tiers I and II having a higher scientific standard and a higher likelihood of receiving CDC funding.

The CDC's compendium currently includes only Tier I and II interventions, with only four of the 49 interventions targeting Gay and Bisexual men. "It's clearly a need for more intervention research and expanded HIV prevention efforts for [Gay and Bisexual] men," said Richard Wolitski, acting director of the CDC's division of HIV/AIDS prevention.

Like DEBIs, the Tier I and Tier II interventions were tested in controlled scientific studies, and their results were published in a peer-reviewed journal. After the CDC implemented such a high scientific threshold, many of the HIV prevention efforts organically created by Gay men and AIDS organizations during the 1980s and 1990s were no longer eligible for CDC funding.

"I think there was a misperception that there was a sufficient amount of research that had been done on [Gay and Bisexual] men earlier in the epidemic," Wolitski said. "The main concerns are that we meet the needs of persons who are at greatest risk of HIV infection, and that we meet those needs with the most effective interventions possible."

'GLARING OMISSION'?

With a recent surge in HIV cases among Gay men, critics said the CDC's compendium reveals "a real lack of focus."

"This is a glaring, glaring omission and it needs to be corrected," said Carl Schmid, director of federal affairs for The AIDS Institute, an advocacy group that criticized the CDC's compendium in an analysis last month.

"Why did they let this happen over all these years? And what are they going to do about it, because something is completely wrong here," Schmid said.

The CDC is exploring new interventions for black and Latino Gay men, transgender individuals and Gay substance abusers, with each of those

interventions at different stages of development, Wolitski said.

The years of scientific investment required for an intervention to be included in the compendium means CDC lacks flexibility in its fight against a rapidly spreading disease, said A. Cornelius Baker, national policy advisor for the National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition.

"Until that research has been conducted, we have a large gap," Baker said. "We really are in an emergency situation and we need to move forward."

Baker was part of a group of black Gay leaders who met with CDC officials in April to stress the need for more prevention programs for black Gay men, a population that some studies have shown to have a HIV infection rate of 46 percent.

Some Tier I and Tier II interventions have been successfully adapted to target certain Gay populations, Wolitski said. The CDC also funds state and local health departments, which have the discretion to fund HIV prevention programs that are not included in the CDC's compendium, Wolitski added.

But many health departments adhere to the CDC's standards, making it difficult for creative new interventions to receive funding, Baker said.

Although Gay and Bisexual men account for 50 percent of HIV cases in the U.S., health departments across the country on average spend 20 percent of their budgets targeting that population, according to an analysis by The AIDS Institute.

"It's not only that the number of interventions [offered by the CDC] is obviously lacking, but the money is not being spent" targeting Gay and Bisexual men at the state level, Schmid said.

### Gene Robinson Joins With Partner In Civil Union



Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson

CONCORD, NH (Observer Update) - The first openly Gay Episcopal bishop and his partner of 20 years have been united in a private civil union, reported the Associated Press on advocate.com. The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson was legally joined to Mark Andrew, his partner of 20 years, in a civil ceremony Saturday, the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire announced. Civil unions became legal in New Hampshire this year.

The union was performed five years to the day after New Hampshire Episcopalians elected him as their bishop. The civil and a following religious service of thanksgiving were both held at St. Paul's Church in Concord. Robinson had made public his intention to join his partner, but had kept the date secret out of concern about security. Spokesman Mike Barwell said the ceremony was intentionally private.

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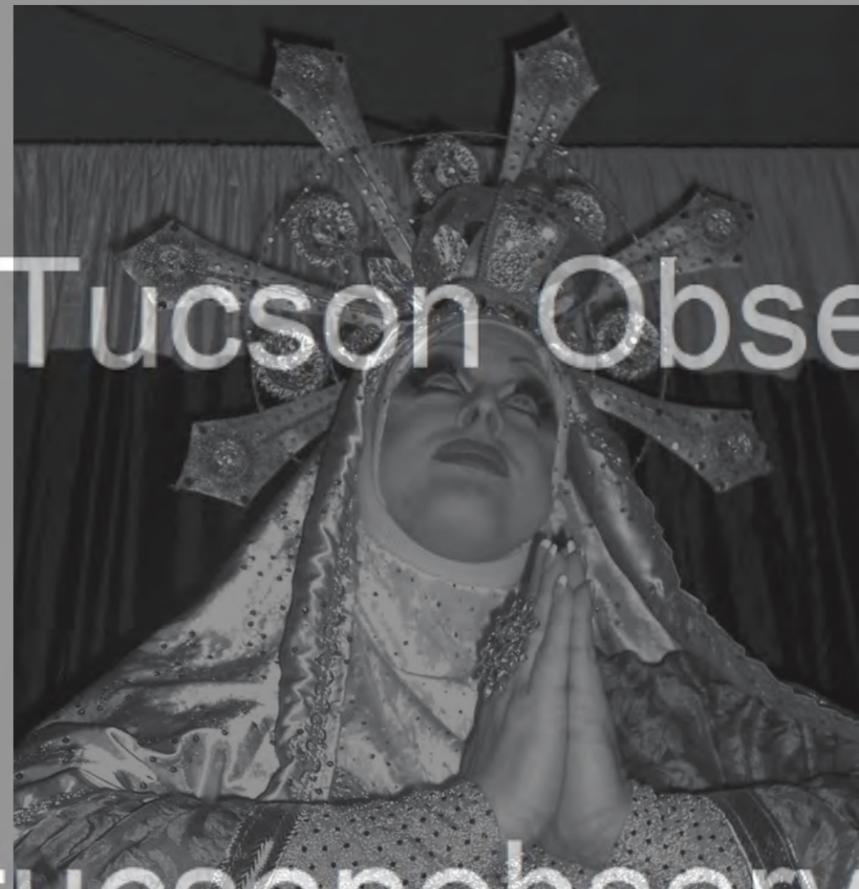
# Poll: 63% Believe Same-Sex Marriage Is A Privatge Decision

ARLINGTON, Virginia (Observer Update) - A USA Today/Gallup Poll found that 63% of adults say same-sex marriage is "strictly a private decision" between two people; 33% believe the government has the right "to prohibit or allow" such marriages, while 4% had no opinion, reported advocate.com.

percentage of participants who believe that same-sex marriage is "strictly a private" matter decreased as the age of the respondents increased: 79% of 18- to 29-year-olds, 65% of 30- to 49-year-olds, 62% of 50- to 64-year-olds, and 44% of those 65 and older.

The greatest support for no government intervention regarding same-sex marriages was in the East (71%), followed by the West (64%), Midwest (63%), and South (56%). The

The strongest support for government regulation of same-sex marriage came from people who say they attend religious services weekly (56%), are Republicans (56%), or are politically conservative (54%).



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# POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

## More Than A Vice Chair

On Wednesday, June 4, a press conference was held on Capital Hill to announce the formation of the Congressional LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Equality Caucus.



Rep. Raul Grijalva

Representative Barney Frank, D-MA and Representative Tammy Baldwin, D-WI, stated the mission of this new Congressional Caucus is: achieving the extension of equal rights, the repeal of discriminatory laws, eliminating hate-motivated violence, and improving the health and well being for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in U.S. domestic policies and in the nation's foreign policy to safeguard the human rights of LGBT people in all parts of the world.

Both Representative Frank and Baldwin will serve as the Caucus' co-chairs and one of the Caucus' vice-chairs will be Representative Raul Grijalva, from Arizona's Congressional District 7.

On issues of concern to the LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities, Representative Raul Grijalva has been more than "just a vice-chair."

During his tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives, beginning in 2003, Grijalva has:

Cosponsored legislation to protect the rights of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Americans from discrimination in employment because of whom they are, perceived or otherwise;

Voted against the proposed Federal Marriage Amendment, opposing subsequent efforts to amend the U.S. Constitution to define "marriage";

Called for and supported attempts to increase funding for HIV/AIDS programs and research in the federal budget and to end federal dollars going to abstinence only projects;

Cosponsored legislation to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy preventing Gay and Lesbian citizens from serving honestly and openly in the armed services;

Supported efforts to extend benefits to the domestic partners (both same and opposite sex) and their families of federal employees;

Cosponsored legislation that would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide same-sex partners of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents the same immigration benefits legal spouses of U.S. residents enjoy and,

Voted for and cosponsored legislation to expand the current federal hate crimes' statutes to cover sexual orientation and gender identity, just to name a few of Grijalva's highlights of his legislative record.

With his work in Congress, actions and support of many measures on the federal level, the Human Rights Campaign, the national LGBT rights organization has given Raul Grijalva a perfect score of 100%, getting a better rating than former openly Gay Republican Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe.

Grijalva's work for LGBT and HIV/AIDS issues, concerns and constituents didn't just start at the federal level, its been a continuation of his long, distinguished record as a public servant, just to name a few of the many examples:

In 2006, Congressman Grijalva and his campaign staff and volunteers got out the vote in Congressional District 7 to help defeat Arizona's

Proposition 107, the proposed state constitutional amendment banning governmental and legal recognition of same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships;

Grijalva, from 2002 to the present, has publicly supported the efforts in Arizona to expand the state's hate crimes statutes to cover misdemeanor offenses;

As a Pima County Supervisor, Grijalva has made sure the County's budget has included funding for its HIV/AIDS programs and services, as well as included funding for the local AIDS Service Organizations and,

Most importantly, it was through Grijalva's efforts, then as a Pima County Supervisor in 1997, that Gay and Lesbian committed, loving relationships were recognized when Grijalva brought the proposal to extend medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and their families of Pima County employees.

Raul Grijalva had to fight in court for a year to the legal challenge filed against the motion made and approved by the Board of Supervisors and was triumphant in 1998.

Arizona Gays and Lesbians owe a huge debt of gratitude to Raul Grijalva for this since it was the first governmental entity in the state to formally recognize such relationships.

So Raul Grijalva is more than just a "vice-chair," he is a friend, supporter and public official Arizona's LGBT and HIV/AIDS communities can count on and one that the community must say and give thanks to by helping, through financial contribution, volunteering or otherwise to help his efforts this year during this election campaign.

Grijalva's campaign office is located 452 S. Stone in Tucson, (520) 629-0050, on the web: [grijalvaforcongress.com/](http://grijalvaforcongress.com/).

He ask given so much to us its time to return the favor once again.

## LGBT Groups Granted U.N. Representation

UNITED NATIONS (Observer Update) - Two European LGBT rights organization have been recommended for consultative status at the United Nations, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). COC Netherlands and the Spanish Federacion Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales, y Bisexuales will be able to voice their opinions to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) at its meeting in New York next month.

Both groups had been denied a recommendation at a January meeting of the Non-Governmental Organization Committee. The ECOSOC is made up of 19 countries and assists in providing information to the General Assembly. Colombia, Dominica, Israel, Peru, Romania, the United Kingdom, and the United States voted in favor of granting the consultative status. China, Egypt, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, and Sudan voted against the measure. Six nations abstained: Angola, Burundi, Guinea, India, Turkey, and Cuba were not present for the vote.

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Mercury retrogrades and makes our well chosen words a little less so. If you think your opinion should count, wait a couple of weeks before you share your thoughts. In the meantime, stew and slowly boil.

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**

Proud Rams usually think they have all the right answers. Well, maybe you do but you will find few who will agree with you now. Mercury retrogrades and fouls up your communication, your thought process and intent. If you need to make waves, prepare to stir up the waters after the 19th. In the meantime, loll in your dingy and see if you can navigate around some buoys.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**

If you are preparing to dance with the bulls and bears, start your music late next week. Retro Mercury makes your best investment strategies shrouded in mystery and false hopes. Queer Bulls can do substantive fiscal research and make some small advances in their portfolio but for the full effect, watch, wait, look and carefully listen.

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**

You think that you can make a grand first impression but it might be better to hold off on any important meetings until after the 19th. You want to mean what you say and say what you mean but your words can miss their mark. Try to stay on the sidelines and look confident. There will be time to state your case while you "habeus your corpus" soon enough.

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**

Your intuition is on the blink during retro Mercury. Gay Crabs think they know exactly what is going on behind the scenes. They are convinced of the motivations of others. They would bet on certain turn of events. But it is all fog and imagination. Take some time to rest and relax. Meditate, do some yoga, even study the tarot. Don't agitate.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**

Friends may get on your nerves and vice versa. They (or you) may say or do things that can be misinterpreted. Proud Lions seem to be out of step with the group dynamic. But all is not socially lost. You can enjoy any friendly get together as long as you don't try to commandeer the festivities. It will be difficult for you to hold back, I know. But it is advisable.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**

Do you think that you are the sugar of the corporate suite? Think again queer Virgin. Mercury retrogrades and makes your best professional moves a little out of step with the rest of the C-level. Instead of trying to get ahead, take some time off to recharge and re-examine your strategy. You may find that some of your plans need to change. Full speed ahead next week.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**

Proud Libras may find that travelling is more trouble than it is worth when Mercury retrogrades. Will your luggage get lost? Will you leave your toothbrush? Will your plans unexpectedly change? All is possible now. When in doubt, enjoy the comforts of your home until mid-month and have all exotic treats delivered. Hmm, anyone we know?

**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**

Words of love may not hit their mark with retro Mercury. Will this cramp your style? Probably not but it might not get you what or who you want when you want. So instead of making a speech, why not let your actions speak louder and prouder than your words. Either that or quietly contemplate your best moves

and wait until you can better make your intentions known.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**

Relationships may have their ups and downs when Mercury retrogrades. Chalk it up to miscommunication and find ways of pampering each other. When balm won't soothe the chaff, seek your separate corners and wait until next week. Single Gay Archers are better off being the strong silent types for the time being. Does heavy breathing count?

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**

As much as you would like to buckle down and accomplish a few assorted tasks, it will be difficult to hunker down and get things done. Maybe its because you are easily distracted. Or maybe its because you are unable to get the proper directions or instructions. Find any opportunity to do more of the things that you really enjoy ... like bossing others around.

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**

Fun can become more trouble than it is worth during the Mercury retrograde. Not only do Aqueerians seem to accidentally miss or forget about important festivities, they might also feel somewhat drained and uncreative. Don't give up the muse; this is a temporary snafu. Quietly recharge your batteries away from the conga line and prepare to jump back in next week.

**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**

Guppies think they can enjoy the comfort of their home but that might be more difficult this week. Little things go on the fritz around the house. Phone calls are missed, mail goes awry and little projects seem to stall and take a detour. Why ask why? Table your domestic agenda and seek your jollies further afield. Hey, any excuse to get Out and party!

## Nevada Moves To Give Public Workers Domestic Partner Benefits

CARSON CITY, Nevada (Observer Update) - The same-sex partners of workers in the civil service in Nevada could soon have health and insurance benefits, 365Gay.com reported. The board of the Nevada Public Employees Benefits Program has voted to expand coverage to unmarried couples and their dependents.

The measure, which includes same-and opposite-sex couples who live together, needs the final approval of the legislature. The plan will be submitted to Gov. Jim Gibbons for the 2009-11 budget. If he fails to include it the plan could be inserted by the legislature. Either way it must be approved in the 2009 session of the legislature or would die.

Under the proposal partners would need to sign an affidavit that they are 18 years of age or older, be in a sole committed relationship, not otherwise married and have lived together for at least six months. The cost of subsidizing those partners and dependents is estimated at about \$3 million. "This decision opens the door for Nevada to recruit and retain the most skilled and talented employees," said Candice Nichols of the Gay and Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada. "For too long, Nevada has not been able to offer the same benefits package options to current and prospective employees and compete with other states for the most qualified employees."

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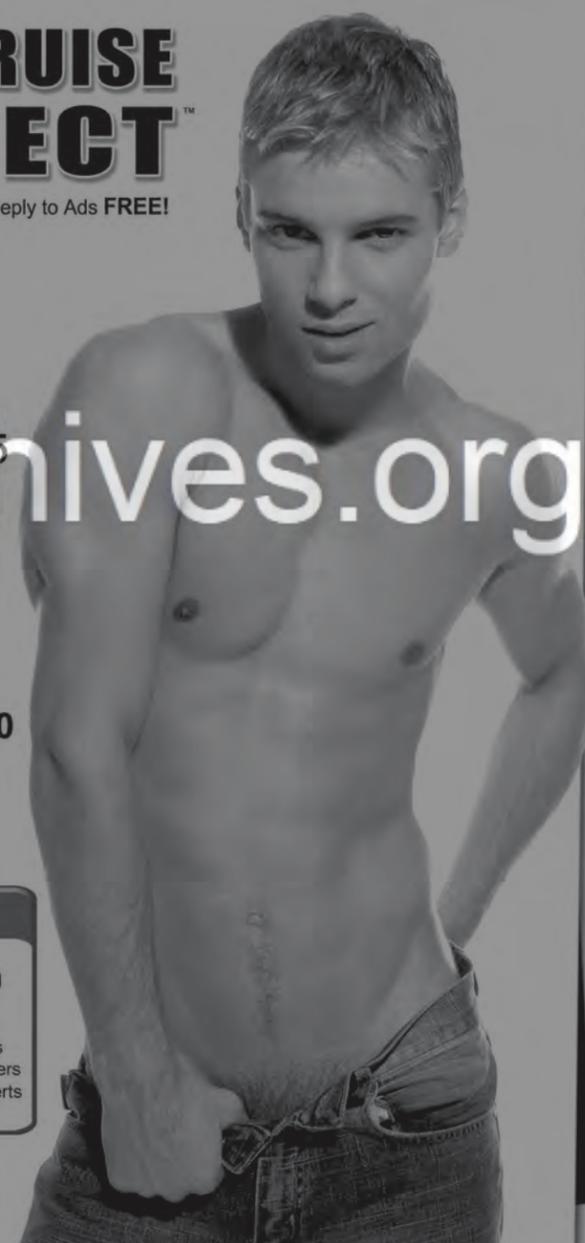
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## School's Gay Prom King Teaching Tolerance

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as he set his sights on the crown in January. He said he had always been picked on for being more feminine than other boys; for not being interested in sports, for example, or other activities it seemed all his male counterparts were doing. He came out to his parents on his 16th birthday, and the following school year – after moving from Basha High School in Chandler to Red Mountain in Mesa – he started off the first day being open about his sexuality.

He said Mesa is known for having a large population of conservative Christians who don't necessarily support homosexuality. So he was pleasantly surprised to find that he didn't have any problems until prom night. Now that he has graduated from high school, he hopes to continue working to promote awareness and acceptance by speaking to students who are studying to become teachers about how they can make schools a better place for students like himself.

Red Mountain student Maddy Cypert said she knows there is a lack of understanding at her school about what being Gay even means. She was disappointed that her classmates reacted the way they did to Hutchinson. "I

was hoping he would win. When he won and everyone started booing I was really frustrated by that. A lot of people at my school, they're really biased against Gay people," she said. "I don't necessarily think it's right either, but I don't think people should be bullied for what they believe."

Teacher Keiko Dilbeck said Hutchinson is a student to admire for his kindness and his ability to inspire. She was disappointed by the response at prom and wrote a letter for the school newspaper to tell students how she felt about the ones who spoiled a memorable moment.

But Hutchinson said it's not what he will choose to remember most about his senior prom. Instead he'll remember that he set a goal that, to some, might have seemed unachievable, and reached it with ease and marginal opposition. "The people who booed me, I forgive them. But, I guess there's really nothing to forgive," he said. "I refuse the idea that 'being Gay' is a reason to hate someone. I refuse to accept it, it has become obsolete. Those who do hold that hate in their hearts, well, after my crowning it is obvious they are now the minorities."

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# Bill-O Attributes LGBT Anti-Award To His Reporting On 'Transvestite Nuns'

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - Mikayla Connell, president of San Francisco Pride, handed Fox News' Bill O'Reilly a "Pink Brick Award" for negatively portraying the LGBT community through inaccurate reporting, pageoneq.com reported. O'Reilly contended that the real reason he got the award was because he angered the community by reporting on "transvestite nuns."



Particular honor was given to a June 21, 2007 segment, also condemned by GLAAD, about a "Lesbian gang epidemic," which O'Reilly generously estimated was aired "five or six years ago." On that episode, the "epidemic" was attributed to the August 2006 beating and stabbing of 28-year-old "Lesbian attack victim" Wayne Buckle by a group of women after witnesses and police say he spat on and slurred one of them for rejecting his sexual advances. O'Reilly and Fox News "crime analyst" Rod Wheeler spoke of a national network of "Lesbian gangs" committing violent crimes and recruiting children, who would be "indoctrinated into homosexuality" and possibly forced to commit Gay sex acts.

"You associate homosexuality more with a social movement, not a criminal movement," O'Reilly said. "But

you're saying that this is all over the country, Detective?" "It's all over the country—and it's mainly in your larger cities," Wheeler said. "You go from New York to California to wherever you want to name, you can see these organizations. Now, the other thing, too, that our viewers are going to find very interesting is the fact that they actually carry—some of these groups—carry pink pistols. They call themselves the 'Pink Pistol Packing Group'—and these are Lesbians that actually carry pink pistols. That's 9mm Glocks. They use these, they commit crimes, and they cause a lot of hurt to a lot of people."



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# Brokeback Mountain To Be Made Into An Opera

NEW YORK CITY - The New York City opera has commissioned a work by Charles Wuorinen based on the 1997 Annie Proulx short story Brokeback Mountain, which, of course, became perhaps the most groundbreaking Gay film of all time:

"The opera is scheduled to premiere in spring 2013, City Opera said.

It will be City Opera's second Wuorinen premiere, following "Haroun and the Sea of Stories," which was based on a Salman Rushdie novel and opened in October 2004. "Ever since encountering Annie Proulx's extraordinary story I have wanted to make an opera on it, and it gives me great joy that Gerard Mortier and New York City Opera have given me the opportunity to do so," Wuorinen said in a statement.

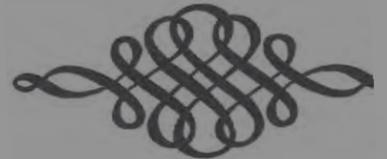
# Wisc. Supreme Court Calls Lawsuit Against Gay Rights Group Frivolous

MADISON, Wisconsin (Observer Update) - The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ordered a conservative pastor to pay \$87,000 in legal fees to a Gay rights group he accused of defaming him, 365Gay.com reported. Grant Storms of the Reformer Ministries in Marrero, La., claimed in the lawsuit that Action Wisconsin defamed him by saying remarks he made at a 2003 anti-Gay conference in Milwaukee advocated the murder of Gays.

Storms was one of several speakers at the "International Conference on Homo-Fascism," a gathering of people who railed against Gays. Action Wisconsin obtained an audio recording of the conference and publicized remarks that the group said incited violence and hatred. In his speech, Storms said Gay rights' opponents should "start taking it to the streets." He mimicked gun fire: "Boom, boom, boom, boom. There's twenty! Ca-ching," according to a transcript.

group claiming it had defamed him by suggesting he was advocating murdering Gays. In 2006 Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Patricia McMahon said the group's interpretation of the remarks was reasonable and the lawsuit lacked merit from the day it was filed. McMahon awarded Action Wisconsin \$87,000 in legal fees. Following the verdict called the judge "liberal" and "insane," and filed an immediate appeal.

The appeals court reversed the ruling and Action Wisconsin took the case to the state Supreme Court. In a 4-3 ruling the high court overturned the appellate ruling, allowing the original decision to stand. In the majority decision the court said that Storms should have known the lawsuit was frivolous.



After Action Wisconsin widely distributed the tape Storms sued the



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**NON-BAR CALENDAR**

Wednesday, June 11th  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot with Marv and Steve. 745-0304

Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join us for a visit to the beloved Di Grazia Gallery with a Luncheon to Follow. RSVP 731-3485. www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, June 12th  
 #1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for time.

#2 Men's Social Network. Bridge Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Contact Dick at 296-4392 for location and directions

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Friday-Saturday-Sunday June 13-15  
 4th Annual Bisbee Pride Festival held in a number of venues in Olde Town Bisbee. The festival promises an array of entertainment including music, stage, cuisine, booth vendors and more. For more info call Adam Lamb, (520)236-3699; 432-2216 or online at bisbeepride.com

Saturday, June 14th  
 #1 Men's Social Network Coffee at the Crave Coffee Shop 4530 E Broadway at 1pm.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday. Contact Marvin at 745-0304 for directions and information.

Sunday, June 15th  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Dinner Out at China Phoenix. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com.

1:00 p.m. meet in front of the Center for Creative Photography, 1030 N. Olive Road, located on the UA campus, then have a personal guided tour with retired art professor, Maurice Grossman. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more info (520) 624-1779 x122. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. pstarr@wingspan.org

Monday, June 16th  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday. Contact Stephen at 241-7854 to add yourself to their e-mail list.

Wednesday, June 18th  
 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Jack at 887-3736.

Thursday, June 19th  
 #1Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for time.

#2 Men's Social Network. Mexican Dominoes. Open to men of all ages. 6:30pm. Call Tom at 591-2828 for directions.

Friday June 20th  
 Tucson Pride and Wingspan's Reel Pride join up to present "A Four Letter Word" at the Loft. Come out with the community to enjoy 'A Four Letter Word' and give Pride Week and great start. For more info go online to loftcinema.com/node/288

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. MSN Pizza Night! Did you phone in your reservation on time? Then join Tom for a great MSN Pizza Night! You need to call Tom at 744-9036 by Thursday for reservations.

Saturday June 21st  
 Gay West '08 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Old Tucson Studios. Thelma Houston will be performing. Gay West is a western-themed festive fundraising event for Wingspan. Tickets \$16 online before

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We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month at 11:00 pm., Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at the Yard Dog. We will be finalizing details on our Owl fling which is set for June 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at Rose Canyon Lake. Watch for more details after our next meeting.

**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. - 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 520 731-3485. Visit our website: [www.tucsonprimetimers.org](http://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 (GPGGCC)** P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: [webmaster@gpggcc.org](mailto:webmaster@gpggcc.org) or call (602)225-8444.

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3910 of visit our website at [www.botop.com](http://www.botop.com) All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

**T-SQUARES** Lesbian and Gay Square Dance Club, dances Tuesdays. from 6:30-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (Northwest of 1st Ave. and Glenn). No experience, no partner required! For more info contact David at 325-6739, or visit [www.azgaydance.org](http://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 19 seasons. Check out our website at [www.desertvoices.org](http://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, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th Street. All alcoholics welcome.

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

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

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS** and updates on Gay Games, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: [teamarizona.org](http://teamarizona.org)

**ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE?** The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

**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](http://www.tucsonglbtchamber.org)

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

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

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

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

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

**THEATER / DINNER / MOVIES / ETC!** Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or [joycesmth1@aol.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezerz Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit [www.lctucson.org](http://www.lctucson.org) write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

**REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS** rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

**LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group**. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at 3 Jewels, 314 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

**LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment**. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

**MEN'S HIKING CLUB** - A peer-run MEN's outdoor club for hiking, biking, camping, boating etc, is now up and running in the Tucson area. To join, go to [SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](http://SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). See you on the trails.

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

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

**NA MEETING WITH GLBT FOCUS** meets Mondays, 6:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. This is an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous - all are welcome. For more info call Bernie W.: 406-0740

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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 5pm-2am; Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Sports on all day!!! MLB; WNBA; You call it!! Music with DJ/Hill starts at 9pm.

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - \$1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; \$2 domestic long necks. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 3 & 6. No cash involved - Play for Points & Prizes. **SIN Nite** - drink discounts for Service Industry employees

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. \$2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7. Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. \$3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

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

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

## MONDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 5pm-2am. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o" Beer - \$10.00 Domestic, \$12.00 Imports (5 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Guinness excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

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

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

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

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

## TUESDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 5pm-2am. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

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

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

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month \$2.00).

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 5pm-2am. 1/2 Price Happy Hour til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJHill Spins til 2am. This is an 18 and over event..

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

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

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. \$2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

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

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

## THURSDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 5pm-2am. Karaoke starts @9:30pm. With 2 for 1 starting after the first singer! (Poker Pub will resume in the Fall).

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Bicardi Thursdays - \$2.50 Bicardi Rum. July 3rd Karaoke's back 8-10:30pm

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. \$3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). Bring your own or get it here \$6.00.

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.25 All Mexican Beers. Free Dance Lessons at 7:30 p.m. Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

**IBT's** - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside. 9pm-2am.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night of the month. **YARD DOG** - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

## SATURDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 5pm - 2am. Patio opens @9pm. BEER PONG tournament on the patio every Saturday night!! DJ Hill 9pm. Don't forget to catch the WNBA games every Sat on our 51" flat screens!!

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

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

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

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

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

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

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

**VENTURE-N** - "Western Week" kicks off tonight and runs through Sunday, June 22. Tonight Venture-N welcomes Javina Hash House Harriers 1000<sup>th</sup> Run Celebration 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. All week long activities and drink specials. Come in a see what's happening!

**WOODY'S** - Celebrate your June Birthday here at 10:00 p.m. Cake, balloons and champagne toast!

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Open Mike Night! Sing? Poetry? Dance? Sign up at 9:00 p.m.

**YARD DOG** - Learn LCR at 3:00 p.m. An easy, fun game taught by the Yard Dog staff. Then get a tasty, fresh, delicious meal prepared by Shawn from 5 to 8 p.m. Get your ticket from the Yard Dog bartenders.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

**VENTURE-N** - Cowboy Week continues with a Cowboy Breakfast served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m..

**WOODY'S** - Special Fathers Day Brunch Buffet for your "Daddy" from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. or treat him to the Beer Bust from 2 to 7 p.m. or the Big Burger Bust from 4 to 7 p.m. with Burger, salad and six red cup domestics for \$8.00!!!! And, finish the day with Karaoke with Michael D. at 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 16

**VENTURE-N** - It's Cowboy Week here and it's Texas Hold 'em and Texas Hold 'em for beginners at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

**VENTURE-N** - Cowboy Week - Country Karoke with Troy on the back patio fro 7 to 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**VENTURE-N** - Cowboy Week - Chuckwagon Bar-B-Que 6 to 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

**VENTURE-N** - Cowboy Week - Steak Nite from 6 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

**COLORS** - Special performance by Lisa Otey and Diana Van Deurzen from 7 to 10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Karaoke is back at the Moon every Thursday. The howling begins at 8:00 p.m. and goes until 10:30 p.m. Comes sing your favorite songs. Your host is Johnny Knight.

## Sexuality Behind One In Ten Hate Crimes In Canada

OTTAWA, Canada - Hate-motivated incidents account for a relatively small proportion of crime in Canada, and those that occur are most commonly related to race or ethnicity, says a new study. Police services covering 87 per cent of Canada's population reported 892 hate-motivated crimes in 2006, of which six in 10 were motivated by race or ethnicity, Statistics Canada said.

Another quarter of hate crimes were motivated by religion and one in 10 by sexual orientation.

Hate crimes accounted for less than one per cent of all criminal incidents reported by police in 2006. Incidents motivated by race or ethnicity were the most common type of hate crimes in the country's nine largest metropolitan areas, except Ottawa, where religion-based hate crimes occurred most often.

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# Pride Week

June 20-29

## Tucson Observer Archives

### Friday, June 20

**Tucson Pride hosts Reel Pride - The Loft Cinema**  
 3233 East Speedway Boulevard • A Four Letter Word- Get ready to experience a little romantic profanity with *A FOUR LETTER WORD* (from Casper Andreas, acclaimed writer/director of *Slutty Summer*).  
[www.loftcinema.com](http://www.loftcinema.com)

### Saturday, June 21

**Gay West - Old Tucson Studios**  
 201 South Kinney Road • 6:00pm • This year's event features an exclusive Old Tucson Studios performance by Grammy legend Thelma Houston.  
[www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org) • [www.oldtucson.com/events](http://www.oldtucson.com/events)

### Saturday, June 21

**Pride in the Pines - Flagstaff**  
 Wheeler Park - 212 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ • 11:00am-8:00pm  
 Mark your calendars for an entire weekend of Pride celebrations and activities for the entire Northern Arizona community!  
[www.flagstaffpride.org](http://www.flagstaffpride.org)

### Sunday, June 22

**Daryl Shawn - Rainbow Planet**  
 606 North 4th Avenue • 4:00pm • Join TPI and enjoy the musical stylings of musician Daryl Shawn. For more information: (520) 620-1770  
[www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com](http://www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com)

### Monday, June 23

**Craft Night - Rainbow Planet**  
 606 North 4th Avenue • 7:00pm-10:00pm • Join TPI at Rainbow Planet for Craft Night. For more information: (520) 620-1770  
[www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com](http://www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com)

### Tuesday, June 24

**Eon Youth Lounge - Dinner and a Movie**  
 Call (520) 620-6245 for directions • Dinner and a movie for youth ages 13-23. • Must be between 13-23 to attend. • [www.eonyouth.org](http://www.eonyouth.org)

### Wednesday, June 25

**Bear Night - Rainbow Planet**  
 606 North 4th Avenue • All Night • For more information: (520) 620-1770  
[www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com](http://www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com)

### Wednesday, June 25

**Pima Community Access Program (PCAP) Day - Wingspan**  
 425 East Seventh Street • 11:30am-5:00pm • Join us to find out more about PCAP and for an ice cream social. • [www.pcap.cc](http://www.pcap.cc)

### Thursday, June 26

**Fireman's Party - IBT's**  
 616 North 4th Avenue 10:00 pm- Close • Join Tucson Pride and Title Sponsor Bud Light at IBT's for the Fireman's Party. Drink specials, go-go boys, and a Sexiest Fireman Contest will definitely make this a Pride Week event to remember! • [www.myspace.com/ibtstucson](http://www.myspace.com/ibtstucson)

### Thursday, June 26

**Desert Girls - Rainbow Planet**  
 606 North 4th Avenue • ALL Night • For more information: (520) 620-1770 • [www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com](http://www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com)

### Friday, June 27

**Front Porch Music Series - Wingspan**  
 425 East Seventh Street • Artist(s) and times: To be announced  
[www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org)

### Friday, June 27

**National HIV Testing Day - Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation**  
 375 South Euclid Avenue • 8:00am-8:00pm • Free & confidential HIV testing. For additional locations or information, call Dave at (520) 628-7223.  
[www.SAAF.org](http://www.SAAF.org)

### Saturday, June 28

**MSHAPE Sunset BBQ & Volleyball - De Anza Park**  
 Southeast corner of Speedway and Stone • 4:00pm to 8:00pm  
 MSHAPE invites you to come play volleyball, eat some barbecued hamburgers & hot dogs and hang out with us!  
[www.SAAF.org](http://www.SAAF.org)

### Sunday, June 29

**Out Loud and Queer Open Mic - Rainbow Planet**  
 606 North 4th Avenue • 7:00pm • Join TPI and show off your vocal abilities for Out Loud and Queer Open Mic at Rainbow Planet. For more information: (520) 620-1770  
[www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com](http://www.theplanetcoffeeshouse.com)



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