



### Provisional Ballot Problems Loom As 2008 Election Approaches, New Report Finds

NEW YORK CITY, (Observer Update)

- Provisional ballots could play a significant role in the 2008 Election, frustrating voters and leading to possible post-election wrangling, according to a study published this week by the non-partisan public policy center Demos. "Provisional Ballots: Where to Watch in 2008" identifies eight states where there is significant concern over provisional ballot implementation and the high risk of many of those ballots going uncounted in this election.

Provisional balloting was adopted nationwide as part of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) in an effort to remedy the problem—widespread in the 2000 election—of voters being turned away from the polls because their names were not on voter rolls. This so-called 'fail-safe' voting provision requires states to offer provisional ballots to individuals who believe they are registered to vote but whose names do not appear on the voter rolls or who do not meet federal identification requirements. Such ballots are counted if election officials subsequently determine that the individual was a legitimate voter under state law.

"When implemented correctly, provisional ballots can enfranchise voters. However, when states adopt unnecessarily stringent standards for counting them and poll workers are not adequately trained in their administration, provisional ballots can have the opposite effect," said report author and Demos Senior Policy Analyst Scott Novakowski.

High rates of provisional ballot usage and rejection suggest persistent shortcomings in election administration. More than one in three of the nearly 2 million provisional ballots cast in 2004 election were ultimately rejected. Compared to 2004, fewer provisional ballots were cast and a higher percentage were counted in the 2006 election, yet problems remained. In 2008, continued high rates might exceed the margin of victory in several highly contested states in the November presidential race, possibly resulting in uncertainty on the ultimate outcome and increasing the likelihood of post-election litigation.

The new Demos report highlights several key problem areas, including some new potential problems for 2008, as well as states where problems are most likely to occur. These include:

**Unusually High Provisional Balloting Rates:** Americans cast 791,483 provisional ballots in the 2006 election, 1.2 percent of all ballots cast. Several states greatly exceeded this rate and may do so again in 2008.

**High Rejection Rates:** States rejected 172,555 provisional ballots in 2006, 21.8 percent of the total cast. Again, many states rejected far more

in 2006.

**Voters "Not Registered":** The largest percentage of rejected provisional ballots, 43.1 percent in 2006, were invalidated because voters were logged as "not registered," despite the voter's belief that they were in fact registered.

**Wrong Precinct:** Thirty states and the District of Columbia categorically reject provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct. In 2006, 15.4 percent of rejected provisional ballots were thrown out because they were cast in the wrong precinct.

**Insufficient Identification:** High numbers of new registrants and first-time voters expected in 2008, identification discrepancies between voter registration forms and databases, in addition to restrictive ID requirements at the polls, may lead to a surge in number of provisional ballots cast and possibly rejected.

**Incomplete and Unsigned Provisional Ballots:** In 2006, 3.2 percent of rejected ballots were invalidated for being incomplete; 2.2 percent were discarded because they lacked the voter's signature indicating poor ballot design or lax oversight by poll workers. Several states exceeded these rates.

**"No Match, No Vote":** States that have adopted exact data matching requirements between voter rolls and information stored by state DMV's or the Social Security Administration, provisional ballots may be rejected if voters fail to resolve mismatches within a prescribed post-election deadline.

**Polling Place Challenges and Foreclosed Voters:** Soaring foreclosure rates may lead to increased rates of provisional balloting as some voters may not have had an opportunity to switch their

registrations to their new addresses.

"Several states had very high rates of provisional balloting in 2006—sometimes three to five percent of ballots cast. Such high rates of provisional balloting, along with high rates of rejection, are not only an indication of underlying problems with a state's election system, but also are an open invite to candidates looking to take votes away from their opponents," said Novakowski. "Furthermore, new issues such as Florida's "no match, no vote" law as well as the mortgage crisis and the accompanying wave of displaced voters could lead to even greater numbers of provisional ballots in 2008."

The study also provided details on states where provisional ballots problems could emerge on November 4, including Ohio, Arizona, Florida, California, Colorado, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan.

In Arizona, a full 9.7 percent—almost one in ten—of ballots cast in Arizona's polling places in 2006 were provisional.

Over 30 percent of the 21,211 rejected provisional ballots were thrown out because they were cast in the wrong precinct.

Arizona has one of the nation's strictest voter ID laws, requiring each voter to produce either a photo ID bearing the voter's name and address or two forms of non-photo ID containing name and address. Those without ID can cast a provisional vote, but the ballot will be rejected unless the voter returns with acceptable ID within five days of the election. Nearly 2,000 ballots were rejected in 2006 because the voter was unable to produce appropriate ID, almost three times the national rate.



### Anti-Gay Black-mailers Demand Protection Money From Gay Marriage Supporters

SACRAMENTO, California (Observer Update) - Pay up or else, marriage equality foes have written to several businesses who have made donations towards the defeat of California's constitutional Gay marriage ban, Proposition 8.

"This letter is so blunt, so demanding, that at first, a Yes on 8 campaign spokesperson told me it's a scam," said KFMB reporter Steve Price. "And then, she called me back later today and said, nope. This letter is real."

"This outrageous attempt to raise money by using threats," EQCA executive director Geoff Kors said, "reveals their true agenda: to harm the LGBT community, our organizations, our allies and our supporters, permanently."

San Diego businessman and Equality California board member Jim Abbott, whose firm recently donated \$10,000 to EQCA's No on 8 campaign, received one of the letters from ProtectMarriage.com, which were sent to about thirty companies. "We are sure that you would want to review the way that they are using Abbott & Associates' name, since many more of your clients support traditional marriage than support same-sex marriage," it reads. "We respectfully request that Abbott & Associates withdraw its support of Equality California. Make a donation of a like amount to ProtectMarriage.com which will help us correct this error and restore Traditional Marriage."

"Were you to elect not to donate comparably," they threaten, "it would be a clear indication that you are in opposition to traditional marriage...The names of any companies and organizations that choose not to donate in like manner to ProtectMarriage.com but have given to Equality California will be published. It is only fair for Proposition 8 supporters to know which companies and organizations oppose traditional marriage."

"Well, the Mafia used to run a racket like this," Abbott said. "It was a little distressing, but it's consistent with how the 'yes' side of this campaign has been run, which is a bit over the top." At least 25% of Abbott's staff is Gay, he said, and "we wanted to support their freedom to marry." Abbott himself married his husband in August. "We're not caving," he added. "We're going to support our employees. We're going to support the freedom to marry. We think that's a fundamental right."

Other large donors who received letters from ProtectMarriage.com include Time Warner, Comcast, PG&E, Levi Strauss and AT&T.



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# UPDATE

## Festival For Life, November 23

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) announced that the 20th Annual Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life will take place on Sunday, November 23, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., at The University of Arizona Student Union Grand Ballroom, 1303 E. University Drive.

Festival for Life is an annual live and silent auction featuring fine artwork, unique experiences, exciting travel opportunities, striking jewelry, and one-of-a-kind gifts. This year Festival for Life is honoring Old Pueblo Frameworks and Gallery as the 2008 Featured Gallery, for their dedication to the arts, support of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. This year, many of the auction items can be previewed on the Festival website, festivalforlife.org.

Tickets are \$60 in advance and \$75 at the door. Please call Jess at (520) 628-7223 for tickets or visit the Festival for Life website at festivalforlife.org for more information. Festival for Life raises funds for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation to support programs and services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's mission is to create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS.

## Living And Eating Seminar At Wingspan, Nov. 6

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Living and eating seminar at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., Thursday, November 6, 6:30 p.m. just in time for holiday festivities. Nancy Cohen offers tips and advice to avoid picking up extra pounds and how to make better nutrition a focus in your life. Space is limited, so RSVP today.

During this informative evening, you will: Be educated on a revolutionary and holistic, science-based approach to long term health; Learn about low-glycemic eating, stabilizing your blood sugar, and cutting your cravings for sustainable weight loss; Learn how to retrain the body to cut carbohydrate cravings by addressing insulin imbalance;

Reduce oxidative stress while adding essential micronutrients; Replace dangerous fats with heart-healthy omega-3's; Create consistent levels of energy, focus, and vitality; Boost your immune system to combat daily stress and environmental toxins and Learn the optimal benefits from the triad of fitness, nutrition and supplementation

Wingspan Health & Wellness Programs are the sponsor and for more information, contact Nancy Cohen, Certified Health & Wellness Coach, (303) 303-264-8408, enduranceforlife1@msn.com.

## TGLBTCC Meeting November 20

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Chamber of Commerce's (TGLBTCC) November breakfast meeting will take place Thursday, November 20, 7:30 a.m., at the Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress will deal with "networking."

Join the Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce for this meeting, which the cost for members is \$15, \$20 for guests and walk-ins.

RSVP by noon Monday, Nov. 17, by calling (520) 615-6436 or E-mail info@tucsonglbtchamber.org.

## PFLAG - Tucson Meeting Nov. 5

TUCSON (Observer Update) - PFLAG (Tucson Chapter) promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through: Support, to cope with an adverse society; Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and Advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

PFLAG provides opportunity to dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identify, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. PFLAG support meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of every month (November 5) from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Ward VI City Council Offices at 3202 E. 1st Street.

If you need help, please call at (520) 360-3795 or E-mail at pflagtuc@pflagtucson.org. We will connect you with a PFLAG member who has been where you are and who understands.

## Get 'Carded' Tuesday, Nov. 4 At The Polls

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (Observer Update) - For registered Arizona voters casting their ballots in a primary or in this case, the upcoming general election, Tuesday, November 4, will be similar to going into a nightclub or bar for the first time, in each occurrence, the person is "carded," asked for their ID.

Under Arizona law, every eligible registered voter is required to show proof of identity at the polling place before receiving a ballot.

To obtain a ballot at the polling place, the voter must announce or present in writing his or her name and address to an election official. In addition, the voter must present one form of identification that bears his or her name, address and photograph or two different forms of identification that bear only the voter's name and address.

Acceptable forms of identification with photograph, name, and address (one required) include, but are not limited to: Valid Arizona driver's license; Valid Arizona nonoperating identification license; Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification; Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification

Under Arizona law, acceptable forms of identification without a photograph that bear the name and address of the voter (two required) include, but are not limited to: Utility bill of the voter that is dated within ninety days of the date of the election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone, or cable television. Bank or credit union statement that is dated within ninety days of the date of election. Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration. Indian census card. Property tax statement of the voter's residence. Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification. Recorder's Certificate or valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the county recorder.

For more information, in Pima County, call the Recorder's office (520) 740-4330, and for the rest of the state, call (866) OUR-VOTE or go online to 866ourvote.org.

## Norman Fischer At Antigone's Nov. 3

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Please join us for a reading on Monday, Nov. 3, 6 PM at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Avenue, with Norman Fischer, author of Sailing Home: Using Homer's Odyssey to Navigate Life's Perils and Pitfalls (Free Press, \$25.00).

Norman Fischer, poet and former abbot of the San Francisco Zen Center, deftly invites us to explore our lives using lessons to be found in the Odyssey. "It is not so easy to come home to yourself, although it may be the most important journey any of us will ever take. This profoundly inspiring book reminds us of why the cultivation of awareness and kindness is so necessary and so difficult. By exploring The Odyssey and tying it to the travails of our personal lives and to a very human understanding of Zen and Buddhist meditation, Norman Fischer brings it all to life." —Jon Kabat-Zinn, author of Arriving at Your Own Door: 108 Lessons in Mindfulness

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# EDITORIAL

## Get Your Ballot In Or Vote Tuesday, Nov. 4

For those individuals who aren't voting early, getting their ballot in the mail back to the Recorder's office by October 31 and have decided to go the polls Tuesday, November 4 voters will have many decisions to make before cast their ballots in the upcoming election: from the presidential contest to see who will inherit the complete mess created by the "Bush Crime Family," Congressional races, ballot propositions, the Arizona Legislature, county posts to local school boards, many posts and questions will have to be answered and fill, as mandating by federal and state law.

With that, the editorial staff of the Observer has compiled a list of recommendations for contested elections (with respectes to state Senator Linda Lopez, state Senator Paula Aboud, state Representatives David Bradley and Steve Farley, Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias and Pima County Recorder F. Ann Rodriguez, individuals with good records of service and support), basing the choices on statements, actions, position papers and voting records on the issues of concern to the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender), HIV/AIDS and straight supportive communities.

President - Barack Obama

U.S. House of Representatives:

- Congressional District 1 - Ann Kirkpatrick
- Congressional District 2 - John Thrasher
- Congressional District 3 - Bob Lord
- Congressional District 4 - Ed Pastor
- Congressional District 5 - Harry Mitchell
- Congressional District 6 - Rebecca Schneider
- Congressional District 7 - Raul Grijalva
- Congressional District 8 - Gabrielle Giffords

- Proposition 100 (Protect Our Homes Act) - No
- Proposition 101 (Medical Choice for Arizona) - No
- Proposition 102 (Marriage Protection Amendment) - No Again!
- Proposition 105 (Majority Rules Initiative) - No
- Proposition 200 (Payday Loans) - No
- Proposition 201 (Homeowners Bill of Rights) - Yes
- Proposition 300 (Legislative Pay Raise) - No
- Proposition 403 (TUSD Override) - Yes

## Tab Hunter Confidential, Saturday, November 8

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan's Reel Pride wants everyone to meet legendary actor, icon and All-American movie heartthrob Tab Hunter, Saturday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. at The Loft, 3233 E. Speedway.



Judge Roy Bean, John Waters' Polyester and many others), with live on-stage commentary by Tab and author Eddie Muller (co-writer of Tab's recent autobiography TAB HUNTER CONFIDENTIAL), and a rare 35 mm theatrical screening of the hilarious 1985 cult classic/western parody LUST IN THE DUST (starring Tab and the one-and-only Divine). Followed by a Q&A and book-signing.

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Admission is \$10 general; \$8 Loft Cinema members and for more information, go online to [loftcinema.com/node/590](http://loftcinema.com/node/590).

## TAW: Transgender Awareness Week Kick Off, November 12

TUCSON - Live music and performances on the University of Arizona mall, starting Wednesday, November 12, noon, to celebrate transgender students and our allies. Kick-off the week right by coming and jamming to some of Tucson's best Queer musicians and artists. Tabling from Tucson and campus resources for LGBTQ identifying students will also be present, for your

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# COMMENTARY...

by Wayne Besen

## Dobson's Fib Factory



### Homophobe James Dobson

I once had a revealing conversation with an A-list news reporter, when I was trying to convince him to cover the scientific distortions of Focus on the Family's James Dobson.

He declined to do so because he felt that Dobson lies so frequently that it wasn't news.

With the media inured to Dobson's Fib Factory and its assembly line of lies, it is difficult for the truth to gain traction. I believe, however, that the press has it backwards. Each nugget of nonsense peddled by ideologues, such as Dobson, should be on the front page of every newspaper and lead daily newscasts. Allowing falsehoods to fester has created a cynical political climate where truth is whatever a press release says it is.

This lack of accountability has allowed Dobson, and others of his ilk, to portray themselves as spokespersons for morality, even though they are regularly engaged in glaring examples of moral turpitude. Occasionally, they are even honored for their sinister "success" and showered with undeserved adulation.

For example, on Nov. 8, the Museum of Broadcast Communications (MBC) is scheduled to induct Dobson into its Radio Hall of Fame in celebration of his unquestionable broadcasting achievements. He regularly appears on 3,000 radio stations across the world and has built a \$150 million anti-Gay empire in Colorado Springs.

The MBC says that Dobson's longevity and success qualify him for honors, even though they will essentially be bronzing his bigotry. In my view, the Radio Hall of Fame devalues its worth when it blithely honors a broadcaster with an amoral indifference to content and good character.

Dobson's self-righteous ranting about Gay people overrides his ratings and the prejudice he perpetuates overshadows his popularity. If Major League Baseball can keep superstar Pete Rose out of its Hall of Fame because of integrity issues, its broadcasting counterpart can rescind its invitation to Dobson.

The MBC takes the antiseptic, hands-off view that Dobson's red meat is meaningless blather that affects no one. They seem to believe that Gay people are not harmed when the millions of devout listeners hear Dobson bellow that Gay marriage will, "destroy the earth." Or, that no one will seek revenge

on Gay people after Dobson shrieks, "For more than 40 years, the homosexual activist movement has sought to implement a master plan that has had as its centerpiece the utter destruction of the family."

Thanks to such inflammatory rhetoric, hate crimes against Gay people still occur daily. According to 2006 FBI statistics, hate crimes based on sexual orientation constituted the third highest category reported and made up 15.5 percent of all reported hate crimes. Only race-based and religion-based prejudice crimes were more prevalent than hate crimes based on sexual orientation.

While Dobson does not outright call for violence, he does use his "ex-Gay" ministry, Love Won Out, to portray GLBT people, as immoral reprobates who could choose to change if they weren't too stubborn to accept God. By positioning homosexuality as a behavior that can be prayed away, he is offering people a way to justify discriminatory and even violent behavior — all in the guise of loving the sinner.

What Dobson fails to tell his listeners is that efforts to alter sexual orientation are considered damaging by the American Psychiatric Association, The American Medical Association, The American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

One also wonders why the MBC would honor Dobson until it had fully investigated serious allegations that he distorted scientific research. In the past two years, seven prominent scientists have demanded that he stop citing their work because he misrepresented their conclusions on homosexuality. New York University educational psychologist, Carol Gilligan, PhD., appeared in a video saying that Dobson "was not truthful" and that he should "refrain from ever quoting me again." Dr. Kyle Pruett, a professor of child psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine claimed Dobson "cherry picked" his conclusions. University of Minnesota's Gary Remafedi, M.D., M.P.H. wrote a letter to Dobson that claimed he engaged in "a gross misrepresentation of our research."

Finally, Andrew Colvin, 16, contacted me a week ago. He had recently come out to his mother who he says listens to James Dobson's radio show. Instead of accepting her son, she gave Andrew Focus on the Family's anti-Gay books. Thanks to Dobson, things became so tense that Andrew moved out

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# Takei Responds To Shatner's Shot At His Gay Wedding



Actor George Takei

Takei "sad" and "sick" for not inviting him to his same-sex marriage ceremony in September.

In the video, posted on YouTube.com, Shatner said, "The whole thing makes me feel badly. The poor man, there's such a sickness there. It's so patently obvious that there's a psychosis there. I literally don't know him... but he's continued to speak badly about me for all these years. You'd think there would be an epiphany at some point where George might have said, 'Poor Bill Shatner, he is such a lonely, desperate, unhappy man that he did all these terrible things to me...' when I said hello or something... but instead what he does is he makes this big deal about not inviting me to his



William Shatner

LOS ANGELES, California (Observer Update) - Actor George Takei has taken issue with former Star Trek co-star William Shatner over a bitter video the latter has posted online. Shatner poked fun at his former castmate's decision to 'come out' as a Gay man, and called wedding."

But Takei insists he did invite Shatner to his wedding, stating, "It is unfortunate that Bill was unable to join us for our wedding as he indeed was invited to attend."

# Teen Wins Playboy Award After Defending G/L Students

PONCE DE LEON, Florida (Observer Update) - After fighting for the rights of her Gay and lesbian peers, a senior at a Florida high school has been honored by the Playboy Foundation with the Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award, reported advocate.com.

students imagine sex. But in May of this year, the United State District Court ordered the school to stop its unconstitutional censorship of students, and warned the district not to retaliate against students over the lawsuit.

"Heather Gillman is a courageous young woman who is most deserving of this very prestigious First Amendment award," said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, in a release. "She exercised leadership and honesty when she stood up to the school's principal and the school board on behalf of the rights of Gay students and we congratulate her." Gillman and traveled to Washington, D.C., and was honored at an awards gala where she will receive the award, which includes a \$10,000 cash prize that she plans to put toward college.

Heather Gillman won a First Amendment case against the Ponce de Leon High School - located in Florida's panhandle - after her principal banned any sort of symbol or slogan that supported Gay rights, and suspended at least 11 students for doing just that. After Gillman was reprimanded for defending a Gay student who had been harassed, she returned to school wearing symbols of support including the rainbow flag and the initials G P for "Gay pride." Her principal told her exhibiting symbols of Gay pride was not allowed because it was "disruptive" and made

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of his mother's home in Colorado to live with his father in Arizona.

Sadly, America is littered with stories, such as Andrew's, where Dobson has taken his microphone and turned it into a club to bludgeon families. The pain is raw and the scars are real. Yet, this cruel reality will be supplanted by a Disneyfied version in the Radio Hall of Fame, where Dobson's viciousness will be euphemized as "virtues" and "values."

by dumping Dobson from its Radio Hall of Fame. And, the media should start doing its job by holding Dobson accountable. Let's focus on the facts and stop peddling the fiction that James Dobson's actions are worthy of anything but condemnation.

To help protest the Radio Hall of Shame, please visit: DumpDobson.com.

(Wayne Besen is a noted writer, columnist and founder of Truth Wins Out (truthwinsout.org) and this article is reprinted from 365Gay.com).

The MBC should stop pandering to the right wing and do the right thing

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# POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

## Questions To Consider About Proposition 102

Should those fortunate enough to be in a loving, committed relationship and those couples with families be entitled to what rights, benefits and privileges listed under the Arizona State Constitution?

Can governmental entities recognize these relationships and families in the manner they choose to do so, under their respective ordinances, statutes or state constitution and do such couples have the right to choose these options if they are created and offered?

Those in relationships, who filed legal paperwork, under the guidelines set down by the state constitution or statute to have their relationship recognized, as well as drafting a will or medical powers of attorney, have these documents stand up in a court of law in Arizona?

Is every citizen in Arizona entitled to due process under the law, regardless, as stated in the constitution, Arizona laws and local ordinances?

Do governmental entities have the right to extend medical and dental benefits to all of the families of their employees under the provisions set down under Arizona's constitution and the respective laws and ordinances on the legal books?

Private businesses that extend benefits to the families of their employees, be able to continue doing so in Arizona, as well as doing business with the state, county or a local government?

Shall every citizen in Arizona, be entitled to the protections, rights, benefits and privileges listed in the state constitution or statute, as well as the ordinances drafted and adopted by local governmental entities, regardless of their race, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, perceived or otherwise?

As society changes and develops, can local, county and state draft ordinances, regulations and laws dealing with the ever-changing aspects as set down by the state constitution, statute or their respective charter?

Will businesses (such as insurance companies) that recognize such couples or families with the benefits and privileges as they offer other "married"

families, continue to do so if the constitution says otherwise or cease operating in Arizona?

Shall every citizen in the state be afforded the right to work, own property, start a business, pay taxes, worship or not, vote, and participate in all aspects of the community, regardless of their race, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity, perceived or otherwise?

If Proposition 102 is approved by voters on November 4, these won't be questions but the facts all Arizonans will face, regardless of if they are in a relationship or not, their financial status or whatever reason. If this attempt by radical right theocrats to enshrine discrimination succeeds, as it did in Michigan (thanks to Proposition 102 proponents, the Alliance Defense Fund filing suit, equating marriage and domestic partnerships as well as other states, we all will have no rights and economics, comfort, age or otherwise won't help since everyone will lose if Proposition 102 is approved.

### Jerry Lewis Uses Another Gay Slur On Aussie TV

SYDNEY, Australia (Observer Update) - Jerry Lewis made an anti-Gay slur on Australian television similar to one he apologized for using on his annual telethon a year ago.



Following a news conference Lewis, 82, was asked by a Network Ten national TV reporter for his opinion on the Australian nation sport of cricket. "Oh, cricket? It's a f--- game. What are you, nuts?" Lewis replied. The network broadcast the comment in full on its Friday evening news bulletin along with footage of Lewis handling an imaginary cricket bat with an effeminate gesture.

Lewis apologized in September last year for using a similar anti-Gay slur in Las Vegas during his annual Labor Day telethon that raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association but will he this time?

## FBI Hate Crime Down But Anti-G/L Crime Up



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Hate crime incidents decreased slightly last year, despite a surge in crimes targeting Gays and Lesbians, reported the Associated Press on rawstory.com.

The FBI reported more than 7,600 hate crime incidents in 2007, down about 1 percent from last year. The decline was driven by decreases in the two largest categories of hate crimes - crimes against race and religion.

But prejudice against sexual orientation, the third-largest category, increased about 6 percent, the report found.

The FBI report does not compare its data from one year to the next because the number of law enforcement agencies participating in the annual count varies from year to year. More agencies contributed to the 2007 report than the 2006 report, however.

The data is consistent with

previous years. Racial bias remained the most common motive, accounting for more than half of all reported hate crimes. Blacks, Jews and Gays were the most frequent victims of hate crimes, the report found.

The FBI report is purely statistical and does not assign a cause for the slight overall decrease or increase in anti-Gay hate crimes.

More than a third of all hate crime incidents were categorized as vandalism or property destruction. Intimidation was the second most common hate crime, followed by simple assault.

The report was based on data drawn from 13,241 law enforcement agencies nationwide, covering about 85 percent of the nation's population.

By comparison, the broader crime report the FBI puts out every year draws data from about 17,000 law enforcement agencies.

## AIDS Treatment Should Start Sooner, Study Says

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - People who have the AIDS virus should start drug treatments sooner than current guidelines recommend, suggests a large new study that could change the care of hundreds of thousands of Americans, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. The study found that delaying treatment until a patient's immune system is badly damaged nearly doubles the risk of dying in the next few years compared to patients whose treatment started earlier.

Doctors have thought it would be better to spare patients the side effects of AIDS drugs as long as possible. "The data are rather compelling that the risk of death appears to be higher if you wait than if you treat," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which helped pay for the study. If the results prompt doctors to change practice - as Fauci and other AIDS specialists predict - several hundred thousand Americans who are not taking AIDS drugs now would be advised to start.

The study was reported at an infectious diseases conference in Washington. About 56,300 Americans are newly infected with HIV each year. The virus ravages T-cells - "helper cells" of the immune system that fight off germs. Once that happens, people can fall prey to a host of diseases that prove fatal.

Powerful drug combinations available since the mid-1990s have transformed HIV infection into a manageable chronic condition rather than the death sentence it once was. But they can cause heart and cholesterol problems, diarrhea, nausea and other side effects. They also must be taken faithfully or resistance develops and the drugs stop working.

That is why guidelines by the government and the International AIDS Society recommend that patients who are not yet having AIDS symptoms delay starting on the drugs until their T-cell counts fall below 350 per cubic millimeter of blood (healthy people have more than 800). "There was this thinking, maybe the drugs were worse than the disease. If you could wait as long as you possibly could wait, you would have fewer side effects," said Dr. Robert Schooley, infectious diseases chief at the University of California, San Diego.

These advances and the new study justify a fresh look at the guidelines, Fauci said. He predicted that doctors would not wait for them to change to start treating patients sooner. The new study's findings do not apply to HIV patients who also have hepatitis, kidney damage or other medical problems, or who are pregnant - doctors have long advised that these people start treatment as soon as they are diagnosed.

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## Florida G/L Marriage Foes Accused Of Breaking Election Rules

MIAMI, Florida (Observer Update) - The umbrella group behind a proposed state constitutional amendment to bar Gay marriage and the recognition of unmarried couples has been accused of skirting Florida's election law, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com. Florida Red & Blue, which is fighting the proposed amendment, has filed a complaint with the Florida Elections Commission alleging that Florida4Marriage is encouraging donors to give money to Florida Family Action Inc., a not-for-profit agency that then turned money over to Florida4Marriage.

By donating to the non-profit, donors do not have to be identified. People giving money directly to Florida4Marriage would be required to have their names filed with the commission making the names accessible to the public. In its complaint, Red & Blue cites an email sent by Florida4Marriage leader John Stemberger to supporters last month encouraging opponents of Gay marriage to donate to the non-profit so their names would not become public. Red & Blue called for an investigation by the commission and the pressing of criminal charges.

The organization's campaign manager, Derek Newton, called the lack of disclosure "outrageous." Newton claims that at least three-quarters of a million dollars have been funneled to the

anti-Gay marriage campaign through non-profits. "Florida voters deserve to know who is funding this change to our state constitution," he said. But Florida4Marriage denies doing anything wrong. "Everything we've done is legal," said Florida4Marriage leader John Stemberger. The proposed amendment says, "Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

Florida already has a law restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples, but supporters of the amendment say the law could be overturned in court. Opponents of the proposed amendment say in addition to barring Gay marriage, it would bar civil unions and would be used to deny partner benefits not only to same-sex couples but also to unmarried couples who live together. Earlier this month, a Mason-Dixon poll found that 55 percent of likely voters supported the Gay-marriage amendment, while 34 percent were against it. Eleven percent were undecided.

Amending the Florida constitution requires a 60 percent majority. With support for the amendment close to that figure the battle is on for those voters who are still undecided.

## Is Your Doctor Lying To You?

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - About half of American doctors in a new survey say they regularly give patients placebo treatments - usually drugs or vitamins that won't really help their conditions, hivplusmagazine.com. And many of the doctors are not honest with their patients about what they are doing, the survey found.

That contradicts advice from the American Medical Association, which recommends that doctors use treatments with the full knowledge of their patients. "It's a disturbing finding," said Franklin G. Miller, director of the research ethics program at the National Institutes of Health and one of the study authors. "There is an element of deception here, which is contrary to the principle of informed consent." The study was published online in BMJ, formerly the British Medical Journal.

Placebos, as defined in the survey, went beyond the typical sugar pill commonly used in medical studies. A placebo was any treatment that wouldn't necessarily help the patient. Scientists have long known of the "placebo effect," in which patients given a fake or ineffective treatment often improve anyway, simply because they expect to get better. "Doctors may be under a lot of pressure to help their patients, but this is not an acceptable shortcut," said Irving Kirsch, a professor of psychology at the University of Hull in the United Kingdom who has studied the use of placebos. Researchers at the NIH sent surveys to a random sample of 1,200 internists and rheumatologists - doctors who treat arthritis and other joint problems. They received 679 responses. Of those doctors, 62% believed that using a placebo was ethically acceptable. Half of the doctors reported using placebos several times a month, and nearly 70% of those described the treatment to their patients as "a potentially beneficial medicine not typically used for your condition." Only 5% of doctors explicitly called it a placebo treatment. Most doctors used actual medicines as a placebo treatment: 41% used painkillers, 38% used vitamins,

13% used antibiotics, 13% used sedatives, 3% used saline injections, and 2% used sugar pills.

In the survey, doctors were asked if they would recommend a sugar pill for patients with chronic pain if it had been shown to be more effective than no treatment. Nearly 60% said they would. Smaller studies in the United Kingdom, Denmark, and Sweden have found similar results. Jon Tilburt, the lead author of the U.S. study, who is with the NIH's bioethics department, said he thought the doctors surveyed were representative of internists and rheumatologists across the United States. No statistical work was done to establish whether the survey results would apply to other medical specialists, such as pediatricians or surgeons. In some cases, placebos were given to patients with conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome. Doctors also gave antibiotics to patients with viral bronchitis, knowing full well that a virus is impervious to antibiotics, which fight bacteria.

Some doctors think placebos are a good treatment in certain situations, as long as patients are told what they are being given. Walter Brown, a professor of psychiatry at Brown and Tufts universities, said people with insomnia, depression, or high blood pressure often respond well to placebos. "You could tell those patients that this is something that doesn't have any medicine in it but has been shown to work in people with your condition," he suggested. But experts don't know if the placebo effect would be undermined if patients were explicitly told they were getting a dummy pill. Brown said that although he hadn't prescribed sugar pills, he had given people with anxiety problems pills that had extremely low doses of medication. "The dose was so low that whatever effect the patients were getting was probably a placebo effect," he said. Kirsch, the psychologist, said it might be possible to get the psychological effect without using a fake pill. "If doctors just spent more time with their patients so they felt more reassured, that might help," he said.

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# Theatre Review

by Jack Melichar

## The Arizona Theatre Company Presents: The Lady With All The Answers

Dear Ann Landers:

Last week, my friend Matt and I had the opportunity to peek briefly into your life. It was like a roller coaster ride - from very funny to poignant to sad. I especially enjoyed the letters you shared with us - the lady whose husband would dress up as Tarzan and swing from a tree at their house parties. The letter was signed "Jane," or the man who complained that his wife wanted to spice up their sex life which she determined could be achieved if he wore his motorcycle helmet to bed, an accouterment he found to be uncomfortable! Your five minute or so exposition on the proper way to put toilet paper on a holder was almost enough to cause the audience to loose control.

phone calls to wives and mothers and girl friends. God bless you Ann.

I must say that you were portrayed so very well by Nancy Dussault. She is an outstanding actress, having won an Emmy for Cabaret Tonight, and played in The Mikado at the New York City Opera, The King and I, and on and on and on. Not only is she magnificent on stage, she is also very wonderful in person. Who would have thought that she would take time to speak to Matt and me - even before she had a drink? What a delightful soul. Thank you so much Ms. Dussault for pulling off a feat of no mean accomplishment, a one woman show with no other actors or actresses, and receiving a standing ovation.

The poignant tales of the American Cancer Act - remember, it was the result of your column that generated over a million pieces of mail to Congress - and signed by Richard Nixon. As you so rightly said, he did two things that you could agree upon (and to which I concur), signing the act and resigning. And who could forget the letter from a fifteen year old boy who was considering suicide because he was gay. Your reply caused the editor of The Chicago Sun-Times to refuse to run the column because it was too controversial. You comment to him that he could read it the next day in The Detroit Free Press caused him to not only back off, but to not question another of your articles for as long as you continued to write.

It was a wonderful night of theatre.

Sincerely,  
Jack

Matt and I have decided to give this play a 4 thumbs up rating. It sounds so much better than 2 cheers from 2 queers! THE LADY WITH ALL THE ANSWERS will play at the Temple of Music and Arts until November 8. Get off your dead butts and live a little - great theatre and a wonderful night out. Call (520) 628-9129 for ticket information.

Your own personal agony of going through a divorce from a man you had been married to for 37 years, and then writing about it in one of your columns, certainly pulled at the heart strings. Last, but certainly not least, was your visit to a field hospital in Vietnam. I was a corpsman in that conflict, and your account of visiting with the severely wounded men brought tears to my eyes. When you returned to "the world," you made over 2,500

On a sad note, Tony Hillerman died on Sunday (October 26). Whenever I grow tired of reading the economic tomes my son sends from London, I read Hillerman novels. When I had a restaurant in Albuquerque, he would come in for lunch. We spent a great amount of time talking of publishing and writing and world affairs. I have lost a friend and my favorite sleuths, Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn - gone like smoke in the wind. Thank you Tony for all the effort you put into your writing and for befriending me. I shall miss you always.

### Transsexual Gene Link Identified

SYDNEY, Australia (Observer Update) - Researchers have identified a significant link between a gene involved in testosterone action and male-to-female transsexualism, reported bbcnews.com. DNA analysis from 112 male-to-female transsexual volunteers showed they were more likely to have a longer version of the androgen receptor gene. The genetic difference may cause weaker testosterone signals, the team reported in Biological Psychiatry.

Comparison of the DNA from the male to female transsexual participants with 258 controls showed a significant link with a long version of the androgen receptor gene and transsexualism. It is known that longer versions of the androgen receptor gene are associated with less efficient testosterone signalling. This reduced action of the male sex hormone may have an effect on gender development in the womb, the researchers speculated.

However, other genes are also likely to play a part, they stressed. One study has shown that certain brain structures in male-to-female transsexual people are more "female like". In the latest study, researchers looked for potential differences in three genes known to be involved in sex development - coding for the androgen receptor, the oestrogen receptor and an enzyme which converts testosterone to oestrogen.

"We think that these genetic differences might reduce testosterone action and under masculinise the brain during foetal development," said researcher Lauren Hare from Prince Henry's Institute of Medical Research. Co-author Professor Vincent Harley added: "There is a social stigma that transsexualism is simply a lifestyle choice, however our findings support a biological basis of how gender identity develops."

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# Mayor Opposes LGBT High School

CHICAGO, Illinois (Observer Update) - Facing growing criticism over a proposed high school for LGBT students, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said he had serious misgivings about the proposal. The mayor spoke out a day after the Chicago Board of Education put off voting on the Social Justice High School-Pride Campus.



Board members gave the OK to 13 other new schools, but put off a vote on the Pride Campus until Nov. 19. The vote to delay it came after two parents spoke out at the meeting against the school. "Schools need to get out of the bedroom and back to the 3 R's," parent Kathy Reese, told the board. "This is why Johnny still can't read, because the children are being used as pawns to further a political agenda. We should be helping them out of that lifestyle, not helping them into it."

Although the school had broad Gay support at earlier meetings, when the proposal was opened to public presentations, some members of the LGBT community expressed different concerns - saying they feared the school would isolate children and ill prepare them for the real world. That also concerned the mayor, a longtime ally of

the LGBT community. "You have to look at whether or not you isolate and segregate children. A holistic approach has always been to have children of all different backgrounds - in schools. When you start isolating children and you say, 'Only 50 percent here, 40 percent here' - same thing we went through with the disabled - then you want to do that when they're adults," the Chicago Sun Times reported Daley as saying. "It's controversial. Some people are for it. Some are against it - The Board of Education has to make the decision whether it's good for isolating children. I don't know - I'm just saying that's one of the problems - You start identifying them." The mayor's opposition is seen as likely killing the proposal.

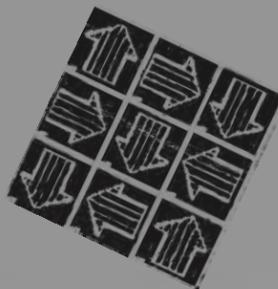
injection practices, and 105 former patients were later diagnosed with hepatitis, though these patients had additional infection risk factors. Of the 105 cases, 101 were associated with the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada and four with Desert Shadow. Labus said he hopes to finalize his report to district administrators by the anniversary of the date the outbreak was detected.

# Palin Stylist Draws Higher Pay Than Any McCain Policy Adviser

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - An acclaimed celebrity makeup artist for Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin collected more money from John McCain's campaign than his foreign policy adviser. Amy Strozzi, who works on the reality show "So You Think You Can Dance" and has been Palin's traveling stylist, was paid \$22,800, according to campaign finance reports for the first two weeks in October. In contrast, McCain's foreign policy adviser, Randy Scheunemann, was paid \$12,500, the report showed.

McCain's campaign said the payment covered a portion of her work in September and a portion of October. An earlier campaign finance report showed Strozzi was paid \$13,200 for a portion of September.

In recent days, McCain and his running mate have tried to douse a furor over how their side spent their money. The Republican National Committee came under scrutiny after the party committee reported earlier this week that it had spent about \$150,000 in September on wardrobe and cosmetics after Palin joined the GOP ticket.



# Hepatitis Cases Linked To Clinics

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (Observer Update) - State health investigators said that 114 Las Vegas patients may have contracted hepatitis C virus from unsterile medical injection practices first detected January 2. Earlier this year, the Southern Nevada Health District began contacting the outpatients of two endoscopy centers in Las Vegas where investigators said staff reused syringes and medicine vials, reported 365Gay.com.

50,000 former patients of the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada to get tested for HIV and hepatitis B and C. Warnings also were sent to 13,000 former patients of the Desert Shadow Endoscopy Center. Both sites were affiliated with physician Dipak Desai, who headed several Las Vegas clinics. Both clinics are now closed, and Desai has surrendered his medical license while police and health investigations continue.

"In putting everything together, we've identified 114 cases in total linked to the two clinics," said Brian Labus, senior health district epidemiologist. "We still have some analysis to do, but we don't expect the numbers to change much." The health district notified about

To date, 7,331 people have submitted medical data to help the health division with its investigation, Labus said. DNA tests identified hepatitis infections that occurred at ECSN on July 25, 2007, and on September 21, 2007, officials said. The district said nine cases were directly tied to unsafe



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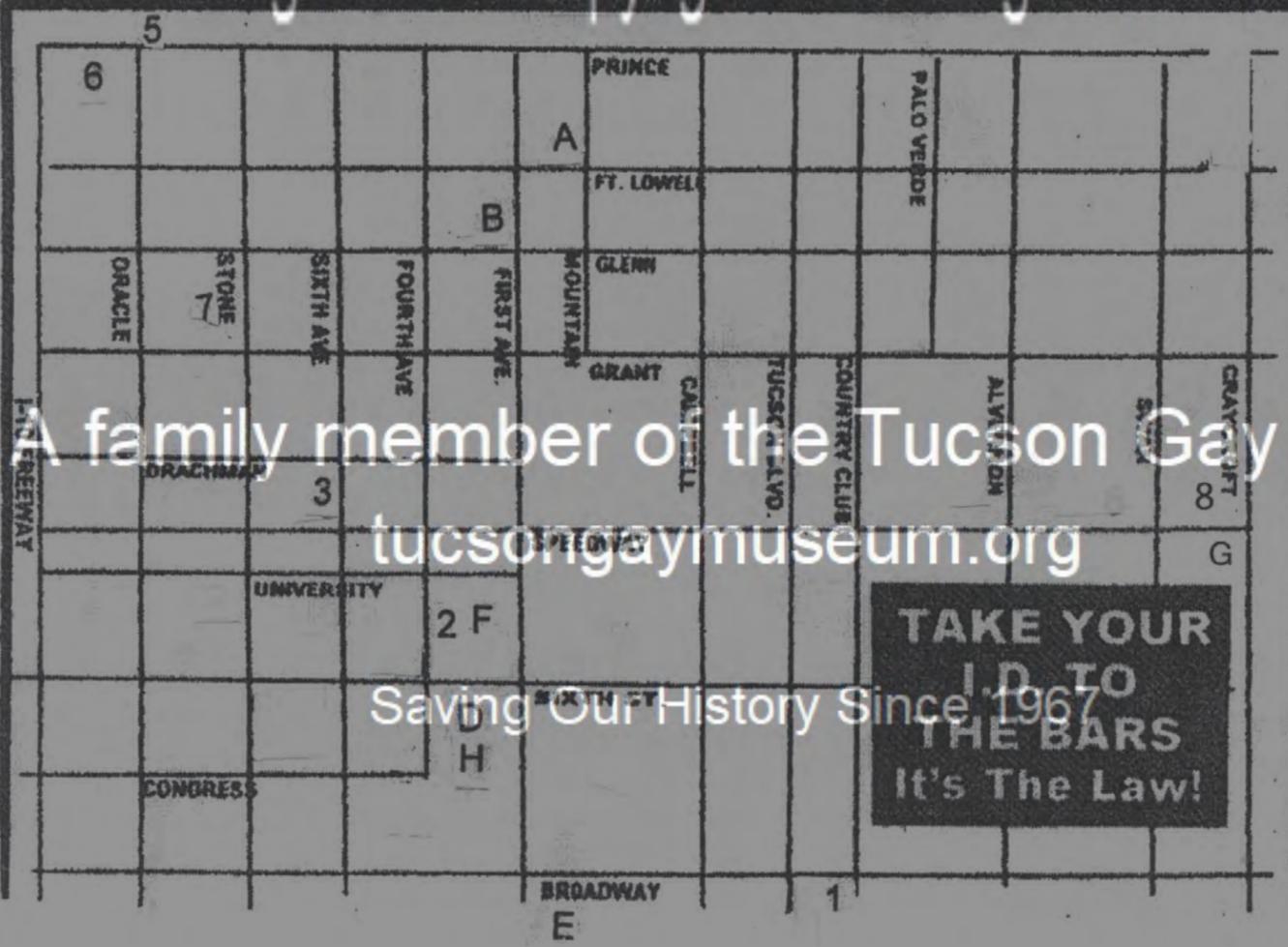
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I decided to go the street and get the scoop from the guys that make a living figuring the angles and the odds. You know who I mean. Slipping in the back door of an ancient and unlikely Italian restaurant after closing time and making my way to the small whiskey bar inside, would be, I thought, the surest way to an audience with the muscle on duty. I had no hopes of getting to talk to anyone higher up...and had no desire to, either.

I sat at the bar sipping sarsaparilla for a half hour or so. They had just closed, so there were a couple of families and a cute set of lovers dawdling over cold plate of pasta, finishing bottles of house wine. The front door was locked, so one by one they were let out by the hostess. After a bit, I was alone with the bartender. To his curt "We're closed now" I answered an equally curt "I'm waiting for someone". He tilted his head to one side, a robin eyeing a likely worm, and gave a wry, short huff of a laugh. "OK" was all he said, but he slipped off and had a chat with someone on the phone at the end of the bar.

After a bit a guy that looked a lot like a movie-cop in an expensive suit came in through the kitchen. He sat down on the barstool right next to mine. Close. Then he moved it even closer...all the while looking right at me in the big mirror behind the bar. He had the same, wry smile the bartender wore. I felt a lot like a worm in an aviary. The bird next to me looked well fed, but I had the feeling he was a real gourmand. Always up for a snack. I hoped I wasn't going to be on the menu. The guy next to me was big, well-groomed and confident. Impeccably dressed and all smiles. The kind of guy you meet at a Ferrari dealership in New York. I knew he was there for me because he had sat down so close by; he had entered my personal space with a thud and appeared perfectly at ease there. I knew he was just trying to put me at a disadvantage. I went for openers.

"He bud!" I said it jauntily, too. "What's in the election for you? You got a favorite?" The large fellow looked down at me. I figured him for about six-four, 240 and probably Mediterranean. I smiled up

at him and ate another pretzel. "What kind of businessman gives a s\*\*t who's President?" His crooked smile had been joined by a raised eyebrow and a flippant tone. I dove in. "What kind of business doesn't care?" I ate another pretzel and chewed it with a panache that only a Greek like me can muster. "Humph," he intoned, turning his attention to the pretzels in front of me, using the reach to creep in a little closer yet. Now he was close enough I could smell his aftershave. It smelled like gun oil and garlic. I moved into his shadow and said it real slow, quiet.

"So how is it you don't care? You live outside the economy? You don't have kids gotta go to war?" The gun oil was oddly comforting; I knew I didn't intimidate my friend in the least and that meant safety. I smiled again and ate another pretzel, this time using the fastidious manners an uptown lawyer might use when delivering a cash payment to a judge. Confident, clean, rich. "Hmm." He eyed me, reached for another pretzel. Now we were so close we were touching. He held my gaze and continued, "Business with brains doesn't care." He looked at me sideways; I gave him my best poker face, waiting.

"Smart money just follows the rules. When they change, smart money changes with them. Where one day a guy is deep in real estate, the next he might want to be in Treasury Bonds. See, the guys in charge just change stuff around to suit themselves; all you have to do is figure out where the wind is blowing and get there quick. We're just waiting. Obama? We buy Municipal Bonds. McCain? We buy more Bechtel stock. Lots." He wasn't looking at me now....just very, very close and massive.

I was impressed. "And Palin? What if McCain has a stroke over his trophy wife or something...what if Palin ends up First Dummy?" "Palin? If that bimbo lands in the Oval Office, we just go on as usual. She don't have a clue and ain't gonna get one. The bankers will walk into the treasury, the insurance boys will follow and we'll just follow the wind, whatever way it blows." It was my turn. All I could say to that was "Hm."

My friend nudged me with his massive, elegant elbow. "Get outa here, Jimmy. You think you've done something, coming here, but you forget; smart money follows the rules, 'cause big money makes rules that make money. That means there isn't any more of what you think you're looking for. We're just investors, me and the boys. Just like anybody, Jimmy. We just don't pretend we're altruistic. That's the only difference between us and the banks, buddy; we don't pretend to have a social conscience. Now scoot."

He turned away from me and motioned to the barkeep to come over. He asked for another coffee. It came just as I left. The "suits" in the booth had never even looked at me. When I went by their table on the way out I heard one of them say something about buying stock in Avon and Tupperware. They all laughed at that. I hit the door, deep in thought.

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**SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)**  
 Queer Scorps feel like a chameleon trying on different personal styles to see which one fits just right. Take heart, dear queer soul, you crawl before you walk; this particular regeneration takes several tries before the true lavender you emerges. In the meantime, seek affirming social groups and test some opinions. But don't go for consensus. Test the limits to get a true read.

**ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)**  
 Proud Rams prepare for Thanksgiving now by talking turkey on the job. Your great ideas hit their mark and give you an advantage with the mucky mucks. Say what's on your mind to both superiors and subordinates. (Be diplomatic...) Soon you can forget the day to day grind and concentrate on the bigger picture. Yes, long lunches and afternoon naps on your office couch.

**TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)**  
 If great minds think alike try to align yourself with great creative minds. Queer Bulls unleash their Gay muse and create a masterpiece. Of course, if you fritter this energy on party pranks and cheap thrills you'll only have yourself to blame. Later in November all those artistic ideas evaporate and you'll become just another cog in the corporate wheel. Axle grease anyone??

**GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)**  
 Use the next few weeks for quiet introspection and discussion between you and relatives. There are obviously problems in the past that are bubbling under the surface and need to be expressed before they erupt. Good; pink Twins can do what they need to do to pave over disagreements and live life to the fullest. Don't kowtow to anyone. (Ha! As if you ever could!)

**CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)**  
 Jupiter trines Saturn and enables you to do the necessary fiscal research, focus your thoughts and create a compelling strategy. Good timing; Gay Crabs are angling for a fat wallet and a cushy financial pillow. Take time to study the small print though; There is time to fit the puzzle together later in the month but first you have to collect all the little pieces.

**LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)**  
 All other things being equal, you will be inordinately concerned and focused on your health and diet. Proud Lions want to slim down in time for the holidays. Strike while the spirit and flesh are both willing. At the same time you find ingenious ways to enjoy life and lust to the fullest without the extra calories. As you well know, sugar is better spread than eaten.

**VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)**  
 With your active mind, incredible thoughts and insights come fast and furious to you now. QueerVirgins may have trouble focusing on one particular topic for an extended period, but who cares? The idea is to accumulate all sorts of seemingly useless and frivolous ideas. You will be amazed on how you can build on these snippets and create a master plan.

**LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)**  
 Proud Libras love what they have to say but have an audience of one to judge. Be politic if you can around family. Anything you let drop will create a sinkhole... or is it sinkhole? Secrets are exposed and so are you. But this may not be a bad thing. Oftentimes vulnerability is attractive and sexy. I guess you will find out if this is one of those times.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)**  
 What is the best way to harness and guide your professional success? Those Gay Archers who have been working hard will reap their rewards. Those who have slid by on their oily charm may have a second chance to prove themselves. Who knows? By the end of the month you could be the main corporate flavor. Let's hope it is not roasted turkey.

**CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)**  
 If you're conjuring a vacation, try to plan something extraordinary and life changing now. Pink Caps need a bit of zest and can put the zip back into their current life course or find even greener pastures to explore. Viva la difference; Not only can you discover new things about yourself, you can also find some new and exciting travel mates.

**AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)**  
 Paging Dr. Freud: Aqueerians are in need of a consult. What is it that is holding you back from true affirmation and happiness? You have no excuse. Use November to liberate your mind and body. Make the most of it. By Thanksgiving you'll tire of staring into your navel and seek to stare into someone else's navel. Of course, as Freud said, sometimes a navel is just an orange.

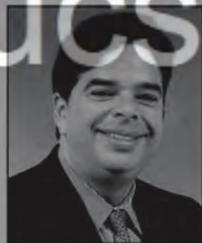
**PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)**  
 Guppies are more focused than usual on partnership issues this November. Play your hand while Jupiter trines Saturn and puts the spark back into partnerships. Put your cards on the table and see how the points add up. By Thanksgiving you can lustily trump your partners ace and win the trick. (Don't be a dummy, I suggest that some Fish should go for the rubber.)



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Wednesday, October 29th  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand & Foot with Peter. For information and directions call Peter at 881-8276

Tucson Prime Timers invites you join them for a 1:00 p.m. luncheon at Austin's Restaurant, 6121 E. Broadway. RSVP John or Ed at 298-6727 or www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Thursday, October 30  
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to bowl with them at 1:30 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile

Friday, October 31  
Tucson Prime Timers invites you to join them for a casual dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Brundog's Zy-De-Que., 4825 North 1st Ave. RSVP Clem at 885-1270 or their website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

Saturday, November 1  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. MSN Potluck at Casa Adobes Church located at 6801 N. Oracle Road. This month we will have a Post Halloween/Day of the Dead Potluck. We will have prizes for the best dressed costume. So bring a friend and enjoying a great meal with your friends at MSN.

Sunday, November 2  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at the Old Pueblo Grill. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, msncommunicator@gmail.com

Monday, November 3  
Author Norman Fischer will discuss his new book 'Sailing Home: Using Homer's Odyssey to Navigate Life's Perils and Pitfalls'. 6:00 p.m. at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00 p.m. Lee and Merlin host a word for word fun evening of Scrabble. If you don't know how to play, we'll be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call 207-5336. If you're loquacious, erudite, or a wordsmith; this man's game just may be a triple word score for you!

Tuesday November 4  
Men's Social Network- Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Gay reading group. Contact Doug at 529-0014 for more information.

Wednesday, November 5  
PFLAG (Tucson Chapter) support meetings are held on the first Wednesday evening of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ward 6 City Council Offices t 3202 E. 1st Street.

Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Bruce. For information and directions call Bruce at 743-3890

Thursday, November 6  
Living and Eating Seminar at Wingspan, 4425 E. 7th Street 6:30 p.m. Nancy Cohen offers tips and advice to avoid picking up extra pounds and how to make better nutrition a focus of your life. For more information call 303-254-8408

Men's Social Network. Triangle Tribe. Triangle tribe offers a safe, respectful space for you to join like-inded gay men to share your feeling, thoughts and ideas. Call Tom at 591-2828 for more information.

Friday, November 7  
Men's Social Network. Charades. Open to men of all ages. Join Lee and Merlin for a night of charades. We start at 7:00p.m. For more information and directions call 207-5336

Saturday November 8  
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 November 9  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at Sweet Tomatoes. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, msncommunicator@gmail.com

Monday, November 10  
Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Trivial Pursuit. Please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.

Tuesday, November 11  
Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed. Mahjongg at 6:30. Call Jerry for more information and directions 325-7665.

Wednesday, November 12  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot with Marv 745-0304

Thursday, November 13  
#1 Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages. Bridge Join your MSN friends for a night of fun and cards. Call Dick at 298-4392.

#2 Men's Social Network. Triangle Tribe 7:00 p.m... Triangle tribe offers a safe, respectful space for you to join likeminded gay men to share your feeling, thoughts and ideas. Call Tom at 591-2828 for more information

Saturday, November 15  
#1Men's Social Network. Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed. Join Ike and Russ for a hike in the Tucson Mountains. We will be leaving at 9:00 Call Ike or Russ at 207-6264 for more information and directions.

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Sunday, November 16  
The Men's Group Massage meets today at 3:30 p.m. It's a great way to meet men and a safe and healthy place learning how to give and receive buddy massage. Call Marc at 881-4582 in advance for questions and to sign up.

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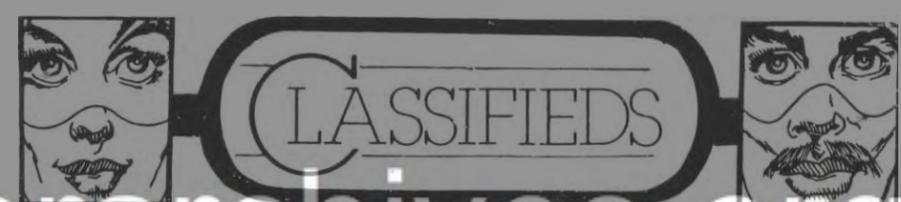
Monday, November 17  
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: Men's Book Club 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday. Contact Stephen at 241-7854 to add yourself to their e-mail list.

Wednesday, November 19  
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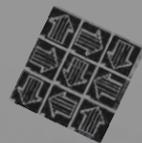
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**CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE** to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary caregivers. 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)

**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; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779x26 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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@yahoo.com](mailto:SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoo.com). See you on the trails.

**MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP** (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 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,

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



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# DAILY BAR CALENDAR

## SUNDAY

**THE BIZ** - Visit the outdoor patio enjoy a cocktail or two. Sports on all day!!! You call it!! NFL \$5 Beer and Burgers 10am - 3pm 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; \$2.25 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 with ID or payroll receipt.

**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-2am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Beer Bust \$2.25/pitcher, 3-7pm. Burger BBQ, 5-7pm, \$3 proceeds to Petwatch (Helping HIV/AIDS clients with their Veterinary bills).

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

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

## MONDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-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 Domestic, \$12 Imports (4 beer to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

**IBT's** -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 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 3pm-2am. College Night - 50 cent canned beer!

**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 & Dos XX 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-2am. Dart Tournament, 7pm \$3 entry fee/Pot Match.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-2am. Happy Hour ALL Day til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJ Hill 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, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu & Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am-2am. Beer Bust, 8pm-

11pm \$2.50/Pitcher.

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

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

## THURSDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-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 - \$3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors. Karaoke with Kristen and K2 Tunes 8pm.

**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-2am..

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

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

## FRIDAY

**THE BIZ** - Open 3pm-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. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Free Country 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-2am. Patio Bar Open 7pm-2m Cuervo Margaritas \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

**WOODY'S** - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live Blues/Motown/Soul sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 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 3pm - 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!!Lesbian Olympics 8pm in our sexy outdoor lounge.

**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 -2am

**VENTURE-N** - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar open 7pm-2am. Beer Bust \$2.25/Pitcher. 3-7pm.

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

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

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 29

**THE BIZ** - Wild Wednesday Halloween 18+ to party - 21 to drink. 9p.m. until 2a.m. \$100 to the best costume in the house. Proper ID required. DJ Hill

Friday, October 31 - HALLOWEEN NIGHT

**THE BIZ** - Halloween Costume Contest = \$1,000 First place prize. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. DJ Hill 9p.m.-2a.m. Early arrival is strongly recommended. 21+

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - Susan G. Koman Benefit Evening. 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the bar. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Tempest DuJour. Costume Contest Country Dancing and Raffles.

**IBT'S** - Good chance to win big in the Halloween contest here. Grand prize is 2 tickets to Madonna's Sticky & Sweet tour in L.A. November 6<sup>th</sup>. Round trip airfare for two; 2 night hotel accommodations and \$500 spending cash. Arrive early. Limited number of entries. Sign up by 11:00 p.m. \$5.00 cover on 10/31, 8:00 p.m. to closing.

**VENTURE-N** - Halloween Night Costume Contest. Cash prizes. 11:30 p.m. sign-up

**WOODY'S** - Halloween Costume contest 11:30 p.m. \$150 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$100 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Minimum 10 contestants. Party starts at 8:30 p.m. Featuring hostess Veronica Chase, Shot Boys, dancers and Friends. No Cover.

**YARD DOG SALOON** - Costume Party, Contest and S-karaoke. 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. Contest at midnight 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes.

Saturday, November 1

**HOWL AT THE MOON** - 7:00 p.m. Benefit Show with Water of Life MCC Church.

Tuesday, November 4

**COLORS** - Election Results Party! All Day.

Friday, November 7

**WOODY'S** - Fetish Ball

Saturday, November 22

**WOODY'S** - "Wett Party"

Friday, November 28

**WOODY'S** - "Broke Straight Boys" Party

## BUZZ BRIEFS

### MAN WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN KILLING OF ELDERLY GAY COUPLE

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (Observer Update) - Indianapolis police are seeking a man they say may have information related to the murder of an elderly couple there. Milton Lindgren, 70, and Eric Hendricks, 73, were found dead in their home after being harassed in recent months for being Gay, and investigators want to question 56-year-old Michael Brown about the crime, local TV station WRTV reports.

"Mr. Brown was at the scene at the time officers were called to investigate what happened at the house," Indianapolis police sergeant Paul Thompson told the station. "He was one of the two individuals inside that stated the two individuals inside had not been seen or heard from in a while. Investigators did interview him initially; however, they have reason to interview him again."

No further explanation was provided. Police have not specified how the men were killed except to say they died by "violent means," reported advocate.com.

### PSYCH EVALUATION FOR BOY ACCUSED OF KILLING LARRY KING

OXNARD, California (Observer Update) - The 14-year old boy accused of killing openly Gay teen Larry King has been ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is mentally competent to stand trial, reported 365Gay.com.

The order was sought by attorneys for Brandon McInerney and Judge Kevin McGee agreed. McGee appointed psychiatrist Ronald Thurston and psychologist Marlene Valter to examine McInerney. McInerney returns to court November 14 and McGee said he hoped the evaluation will be complete by that time. The application for the psychiatric evaluation came from McInerney's new attorneys, Scott Wippert of the United Defense Group and Robyn Bramson. The teen's family earlier this month fired the legal aid lawyer that had been representing the teen.



# Analysis" As Young Americans Embrace Liberalism, U.S. Political Landscape Changes

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The popularity of the Democrats among voters under 30 - and young Americans' progressive views on everything from same-sex marriage to race and immigration - could have a significant impact not just on U.S. society in the years to come, but on party politics, reported the Canadian Press/

If, as some predict, the death knell is sounding for social conservatism in the United States, the Republican party has a day of reckoning ahead after years of pandering to the far right among its supporters. "The Republican party is in danger of turning itself into a regional minority party, a party of southeastern Bible-thumping zealots," Eric Lotke, research director of the Campaign to Change America, an organization committed to promoting liberalism in the United States, said. "And that's unfortunate, because the real civic Republican traditions were small government and local control. This election should be a wakeup call to the GOP that it has to return to its roots and become that party again, and a party of compassion and honesty."

Lotke wrote a report earlier this year aimed at debunking what he calls the myth that the United States is a conservative country. In fact, he says, poll after poll suggests the majority of Americans are socially progressive. He pointed out in his report that a variety of surveys have found Americans advocate raising the minimum wage, support changing the course of action in Iraq, don't want to see abortion criminalized and don't think same-sex marriage is an important issue.

Among the almost 60 million Americans between the ages of 18 and 30, liberalism is apparently thriving with even more vigor. Polls have young Americans backing Barack Obama over John McCain on Nov. 4 by a two-to-one margin, but their alliance with the Democrats runs deeper than just their preference for the party's rock star candidate.

A series of Pew Research Center polls taken over the past couple of years suggests they are also by far the most likely demographic to unashamedly identify themselves as liberal. Fifty-eight per cent of those polled across the U.S. favored allowing

Gays and Lesbians to adopt children. Almost 50 per cent of them support Gay marriage. And almost 70 per cent have no issue with interracial dating or marriage, while most of them are also in favor of making it easier for immigrants to come to the United States.

In some cases, those numbers are double the results found among older generations. "The challenge has been there for the last few years for the Republican party, they have to become more moderate, more central," Lotke said. "And so they picked McCain, known to be a maverick and thought to be more moderate, but then McCain didn't end up moving to the center. He picked Sarah Palin because he needed the energy, he needed what Barack Obama has people who were just plain excited by his ticket. And he chose wrong, and I talk regularly to a lot of very disappointed, moderate Republicans who are fearful about the future of their party."

But Stephen Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute think-tank, says the Republican party will keep up with the times. "A political party that wants to win elections goes where the people are going," said Hess, who worked for the Republican administrations of Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. "In fact, the Republican party's restoration, post-Jimmy Carter, came because young people were becoming more conservative and they may again become more conservative ... it's easy to become right of center if when you graduate, people are lined up to employ you." Hess added, however, that the United States is clearly moving in a more socially progressive direction. "Polling bears that out time and time again, and it will definitely affect American political parties," he said. "When a party takes as serious a loss as the Republican party is going to take, then there's a bloodbath and something else re-emerges, and it's on an intellectual level. Young people come along who bring new ideas to the party, and things change."



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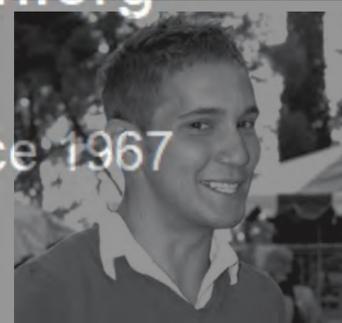
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