



Observing Tucson And
The Greater Arizona Community

OBSERVER

WEEKLY OBSERVER

APRIL 29, 2009

ISSUE 1292

Swine Flu Worries Intensify

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Amid surging worries about a global pandemic, the United States launched border screening for swine flu exposure and a top federal health official said people should brace for more severe cases, "and possibly deaths," the Associated Press reported on 365Gay.com. While anyone could be susceptible to contracting swine flu, people with weakened immune systems, such as those with HIV, are at particular risk.

Richard Besser, acting head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, revealed that American authorities were undertaking "passive screening" at its borders and reiterated the Obama administration's call for people to remain calm. Besser said that U.S. officials at border checkpoints were "asking people about fever and illness, looking for people who are ill." Besser discussed the problem on morning news shows as President Barack Obama addressed it in remarks to a meeting of the nation's top scientists.

The U.S. declared a national health emergency Sunday (April 26) in the midst of uncertainty about whether a mounting sick count really meant ongoing infections - or just that health officials had missed something simmering for weeks or months. But the declaration did allow Washington to ship roughly 12 million doses of flu-fighting medications from a federal stockpile to states in case they eventually need them.

Besser traveled the morning news-show circuit Monday, telling interviewers the U.S. government was being "extremely aggressive" and saying he wouldn't personally recommend traveling to parts of Mexico where the new virus has taken hold. But he noted that the issue of a travel ban was under discussion and that nothing had been

decided. Besser said he was not reassured by the fact that so far in the U.S., no one has died from the disease. "From what we understand in Mexico, I think people need to be ready for the idea that we could see more severe cases in this country and possibly deaths," he said. "That's something people have to be ready for and we're looking for that. So far, thankfully, we haven't seen that. But we're very concerned and that's why we're taking very aggressive measures."

Complicating response strategies across the globe was what World Health Organization spokesman Peter Cordingley described as major difficulty that experts were having in assessing precisely the nature of the threat. "These are the early days. It's quite clear that there is a potential for this virus to become a pandemic and threaten globally," Cordingley said. He said it was spreading rapidly in Mexico and the southern United States. Cordingley said they "honestly don't know" the extent of the problem. He added: "We don't know enough yet about how this virus operates. More work needs to be done."

The World Bank said it would send Mexico \$25 million in loans for immediate aid and \$180 million in long-term assistance to address the outbreak, plus advice on how other nations have dealt with similar crises. Mexico officials say the flu strain may have sickened 1,614 people since April 13 but laboratory testing to confirm that and how many truly died from it - at least 22 so far out of the 103 suspected deaths - is taking time. Travelers with flu-like symptoms would be given detailed health checks.

Besser said that while the U.S. hasn't advised against travel to Mexico, it has urged people to take precautions, such as frequent hand-washing while there.

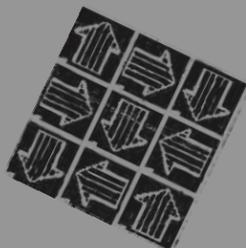
Presbyterians Again Reject G/L Clergy

NEW YORK CITY, NY (Observer Update) Efforts to allow Gays and Lesbians to serve as clergy in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) were defeated again, sealed by votes Saturday (April 25), reported 365Gay.com. But the margin of defeat - the final tally has yet to be determined - is already guaranteed to be much closer than in previous years. That is encouraging for Gay clergy supporters and concerning to opponents, with both sides expecting the issue to be revisited in the future.

Last summer, the 2.3 million-member denomination's General Assembly voted to drop a constitutional requirement that would-be ministers, deacons and elders live in "fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness." Any such change requires approval by a majority of the nation's 173 presbyteries, or regional church bodies. Those votes have been trickling in for months, and on Saturday enough "no" votes had been recorded to clinch

the measure's defeat.

At least two presbyteries - Northern Plains, which covers all of North Dakota and part of Minnesota, and Boise, in Idaho - voted against the amendment Saturday, according to activist groups and an independent Presbyterian Web site, Presbyweb, that has been tracking the votes. Before Saturday, the total was 68 presbyteries for and 86 opposed, or one shy of the margin needed for defeat, according to Presbyterian News Service, the denomination's official press arm. Previous efforts to delete the "fidelity and chastity" provision failed at the presbytery level by votes of 57-115 in 1997-1998 and 46-127 in 2001-2002.



First Lady Attends Ceremony For John Berry



First Lady Michelle Obama

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - First lady Michelle Obama attended a ceremony honoring new Office of Personnel Management director John Berry on Thursday (April 23), reported advocate.com. Berry, who is openly Gay, takes over as head of a department once responsible for exposing and firing Gay government employees.

Obama praised the diversity of

the federal workforce and shook hands with veteran employees onstage. In addressing the crowd, Berry recognized Frank Kameny, who was fired from his federal job in 1957 because of his sexual orientation.

"In no small part, Dr. Kameny's work, and other leaders like him, made it possible for me to stand here today," said Berry, who attended the event with his partner, Curtis Yee.

Faked Evidence Of 'Gay Conversion'?

NEW YORK CITY, NY - Did Masters & Johnson fake their evidence that they'd successfully "converted" more than 70 percent of men and women who were dissatisfied with their homosexuality? That claim was made in the 1979 book, "Homosexuality in Perspective," by William Masters and Virginia Johnson. But it's questioned in Thomas Maier's new biography of the sexologists, "Masters of Sex," reported the New York Times.

Maier summarizes his doubts in Scientific American, explaining that doubts about validity of the case studies arose among the staff at the Masters and Johnson clinic before the publication of the 1979 book:

Most staffers never met any of the conversion cases during the study period of 1968 through 1977. . . . Clinic staffer Lynn Strenkofsky, who organized patient schedules during this period, says she never dealt with any conversion cases. Marshall and Peggy Shearer, perhaps the clinic's most experienced therapy team in the early 1970s, says they never treated homosexuals and heard virtually nothing about conversion therapy.

When the clinic's top associate, Robert Kolodny, asked to see the files and to hear the tape-recordings of these "storybook" cases, Masters refused to show them to him. Kolodny—who had

never seen any conversion cases himself—began to suspect some, if not all, of the conversion cases were not entirely true. When he pressed Masters, it became ever clearer to him that these were at best composite case studies made into single ideal narratives, and at worst they were fabricated.

Eventually Kolodny approached Virginia Johnson privately to express his alarm. She, too, held similar suspicions about Masters' conversion theory, though publicly she supported him. The prospect of public embarrassment, of being exposed as a fraud, greatly upset Johnson, a self-educated therapist who didn't have a college degree and depended largely on her husband's medical expertise.

With Johnson's approval, Kolodny spoke to their publisher about a delay, but it came too late in the process. "That was a bad book," Johnson recalled decades later. Johnson said she favored a rewriting and revision of the whole book "to fit within the existing [medical] literature," and feared that Bill simply didn't know what he was talking about. At worst, she said, "Bill was being creative in those days" in the compiling of the "Gay conversion" case studies.

UPDATE

22nd Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling, May 3

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Come to the 22nd Anniversary of the Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza and Benefit Auction presented by Woody's, Sunday, 1:30 p.m., May 3, TEP Park, 2500 E. Ajo, to raise funds for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

For those who enjoyed the matches with libations, the drinks will be flowing at TEP while the Jell-O is flying and the merriment goes through the afternoon.

Teams of wrestlers raise funds to wrestle in a pit of Jell-O, often with extraordinary costumes and characters and between wrestling matches the hostesses run a live auction of a variety of unique items selected to please the crowd. Funds raised through Jell-O Wrestling assist SAAF with their mission to create and sustain a healthier community through a compassionate, comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS.

The event is named after Reno Gannon. In 1987, Reno Gannon, a bartender at Tucson bar Rumor Hazzit, returned from a vacation in Mexico with an exciting new idea for a fundraising event. The concept? Jell-O Wrestling!

Reno spoke with Rumor Hazzitt owner Bruce Peg and his management staff of Peter Sitig and Michael Bennett about putting on the event as a fundraiser to help people living with HIV/AIDS. Bruce, Peter, and Michael liked the idea and organized the first Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza in 1987.

Shanti, one of the 3 local AIDS Service Organizations that would later merge to form the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), was the recipient of event proceeds.

Reno was an energetic, fun-loving, intelligent man in his early 20s when he brought this idea to the community. Committed to doing something to help, he and the owners and management of Rumor Hazzit made the event a reality. At age 23, Reno died from AIDS. The year following his death, the event became a memorial to him. Reno's legacy of hope and dedication to raising public awareness about HIV/AIDS continues through this wonderful event. In the past 9 years alone, Jell-O

Wrestling has raised more than \$260,000 for the programs and services of SAAF.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a "Trip to Vegas!" This prize includes airfare for 2 from Tucson, 2 nights of accommodations, \$40 at Planet Hollywood, 2 - two-day adult Power Passes, and \$100 cash. Raffle tickets are only \$1 for a chance to win this amazing prize!

For more information, contact Jess Celentano, (520) 628-7223, events@saaf.org or online at jello-wrestling.org.

Antigone Books Hosting Events

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Please join us for two upcoming events/workshops at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Avenue.

A free, writing workshop at Antigone Books on Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.: Free Writing Workshop: Finding Your Most Authentic Voice. Join Molly Knipe, writer and teacher, in an experiential writing workshop designed to lead you to your truest voice. Bring your open mind plus pencil and paper! Molly has an MFA in creative writing, has published numerous short stories, and has taught fiction writing at the U. of A. and Pima Community College. Free. Group limited to 12. Pre-registration required: Please call (520) 792-3715, or stop by the store. ...

On Friday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., join us for a talk with two Tucson gardening experts: Greg Starr, author of Cool Plants for Hot Gardens: 200 Water-Smart Choices for the Southwest (Rio Nuevo, \$19.95). Scott Calhoun, author of The Hot Garden: Landscape Design for the Desert Southwest (Rio Nuevo, \$40.00). Desert plants will be available for sale. Enter the evening's drawing to win free garden prizes. Bring your gardening and landscaping questions.

Award-winning horticulturist, and local nursery owner Greg Starr's new book is an indispensable reference for desert dwellers. It offers extensive information on 200 low-water-use plants perfect for home gardeners, landscapers, and anyone interested in conserving precious desert water. Scott Calhoun shows Southwest gardeners how to translate the natural beauty of the region - mountains, canyons, sculptural succulents, and incandescent sky - into gorgeous yet water-thrifty landscape designs that complement the existing architecture. Scott is an award-winning author, teacher and garden designer.

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Boggiano

Robert James Boggiano, 47, of Tucson and formerly Grand Rapids, Mich., died Saturday evening April 18 at his home. Known as Bob to his family and friends, he moved to Tucson with his partner Andrew Sauer in 2004 and began operating Great Lakes Painting and Design, a custom interior painting company that he and Andrew formed in Michigan.

In addition to Andrew, he is survived by his sons, James Jackson Boggiano and Cory Allen Boggiano of Grand Rapids, his mother Jane Drumm of Grand Rapids, his sister Shari Lewis of Michigan, his brother, Mark Boggiano of Grand Rapids, his grandmother Gladys Herrick, who lives with his great-aunt, Doris Johns, in Grand Rapids, and Andrew's parents, Jack and Suzanne Sauer of Tucson and Grand Rapids. A viewing service was held and a wake for him followed.

He graduated from Grand Rapids' Kelloggsville High School in 1981. He became a co-owner of the deli Bo-Jack's in Grand Rapids and a family-style restaurant C.J.'s Kitchen in Kalamazoo, Mich., that one reviewer commented was a "really excellent truck stop". It wasn't a truck stop. Andrew said the description caught both by surprise, but after reflection seemed to represent the spirit of the enterprise. To Bob's friends, his spirit shined in the zeal for his work, his compassion for all, and for the excellence of his word. As Andrew said, "He was just a good guy."

Treasures For TIHAN, May 9

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 12th Annual "Treasures for TIHAN," a live and silent auction event to support the work of TIHAN and the lives of those living with HIV who we serve, takes place on Saturday, May 9 at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park.

Join us for a sparkling evening of great music and decorations, wonderful food, and fantastic auction items to raise funds to support TIHAN's programs and services. Tickets for the event are \$65 (or \$75 at the door) and can be purchased by calling (520) 299-6647 or online (tihan.org): Since this event is the night before Mother's Day, bring your mom (she'll be entered into a free drawing for prizes!).

In addition to fine dining, art, trips, event tickets, and golf packages, we'll also have great Mother's Day gift items available! And purchase your raffle ticket to win a chance at \$1,000 cash! Get your tickets now for the biggest event of the year to support the work of TIHAN!

Obama Condemns Homophobia

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - President Barack Obama spoke at the National Holocaust Museum's Days of Remembrance Thursday (April 23) in commemoration of the victims of the Holocaust.

He highlighted the need for understanding and tolerance, saying hatred "diminishes us all."

"To this day, there are those who insist the Holocaust never happened, who perpetrate every form of intolerance - racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, xenophobia, sexism, and more - hatred that degrades its victim and diminishes us all," he said. "Today and every day we have an opportunity, as well as an obligation, to confront these scourges. To fight the impulse to turn the channel when we see images that disturb us, or wrap ourselves in the false comforts that others' sufferings are not our own..."

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



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

SAAF
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation



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

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

Office Closed Thursdays

EDITOR/PUBLISHER:

Bob Ellis

ARTS & GRAPHICS:

Gary Clark

MANAGING EDITOR:

Mark Kerr

Special Events Photos:

Bill Morrow

Hunter Johnson

Horoscope:

Charlene Lichtenstein

Contributing Columnists

Mark R. Kerr

Jimmy Petrol

Jack Melichar

King Daevid MacKenzie

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

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

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

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

Informing the Community
The Observer

Coyote Moon Pub
sports pub & dance club

Gaia Sounds
Saturday
May 2
no cover 9 pm

915 W. Prince Rd.
1st spotlight west of Oracle
SW corner of Prince & Fairview
293-7339
myspace.com/coyotemoonpub

Iowa Couples Start Getting Married

DES MOINES, IA (Observer Update) - The first same-sex couples tied the knot in Iowa on Monday (April 27) as the issue of same-sex marriage moved to the nation's heartland, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Melisa Keeton and Shelley Wolfe were declared "legally married" by pastor Peg Esperanza during a ceremony in front of the Polk County administrative offices in Des Moines. It didn't take long before they were referring to one another as "wife." "It's not very romantic is it?" Melisa Keeton joked, referring to the location of the ceremony and the media attention. The couple was allowed to wed after getting a judge to waive the state's three-day waiting period before marriages are deemed valid.

The couple, who will share the last name Keeton, believed they were the first same-sex couple married in Polk County, and possibly the state, since the April 3 Iowa Supreme Court ruling that legalized Gay marriage. The ruling made Iowa the third state to allow same-sex marriage, joining Massachusetts and Connecticut. "I didn't think it would be us," said Shelley Keeton, whose twin brother served as one of the couple's witnesses.

First in line at the Polk County office were Grant Lan, 35, and Andrew Mahoney-Lan, 32. The Windsor Heights couple also planned to seek a waiver that would let them marry Monday. "It's huge to be here first," Mahoney-Lan said. Officials said the Polk County recorder's office had received 57 marriage applications from same-sex couples by 11:30 a.m.

Esperanza, of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Des Moines, also married at least two other couples, all at no charge. She expressed surprise

there weren't more clerical "collars here from accepting churches." "God sent me here today, and I've said OK," she said. Esperanza, 62, plans to marry her partner of nine years, Vicky Esperanza, 54, in October.

Alicia Zacher, 24, and Jessica Roach, 22, both of Des Moines, said they had a 4 p.m. appointment to get married if they could get a waiver. They said they wanted to get married as soon as possible after seeing how California voters reinstated a ban on same-sex marriage. "You just never know when they'll try to take it away," Roach said.

A handful of Iowa's largest counties saw an initial rush, but foot traffic from same-sex couples began to slow toward midmorning. At the Pottawattamie County recorder's office in western Iowa, Marilyn Hebing said about 10 couples filed their applications after the office opened, and more were slowly trickling in. "It was pretty exciting, they were cheering out there," she said of the early morning crowd.

In eastern Iowa, Johnson County Recorder Kim Painter, Iowa's only openly Gay recorder, said that within the first half hour her office had accepted about a half dozen applications and had about 10 more couples waiting to file. Some waited outside under a tent and sipped coffee in what Painter called a "festive atmosphere." Painter said she and her partner plan to apply to be married this week.

Some judges refused to issue waivers to same-sex couples. In Cerro Gordo County, District Court Judge Colleen Weiland said she was presented with two applications from same-sex couples and denied them both. "Some judges, frankly, interpret it a lot more leniently than I do," she said of the law on waivers. "The ones that were



Curtis Harris, 50, and Daren Adkisson, 39, of Rock Island, Ill. review their marriage license with Rebecca Badtram, a vital records clerk at the Scott County Recorder's Office in Davenport, Iowa

presented this morning I didn't believe to be an emergency or extraordinary circumstance."

Scott County Recorder Rita Vargas said three same-sex couples applied for a marriage license by midday on Monday. One couple asked for a waiver, but a judge denied the request. The couple, 22-year-old Tearese Bomar, and 27-year-old Shamera Page, both of Davenport, said on the waiver form that they had waited a long time to have their union recognized and didn't want to wait any longer, Vargas said. "The judge just determined they didn't have enough extraordinary circumstances to grant that waiver," she said.

Some conservative groups and lawmakers were accused of trying to recruit recorders to refuse the licenses. State agencies sent out information to recorders statewide last week saying they could be removed from their positions if they didn't follow the law and issue the licenses. "I am quite optimistic that all 99 recorders will follow the rule of law and issue licenses," said Painter.

The state Supreme Court's unanimous and emphatic decision earlier this month made Iowa the third state - and first in the nation's heartland - to allow same-sex marriage. Massachusetts and Connecticut allow Gay couples to marry, and a Vermont law allowing Gay marriage will take effect in September. The Iowa high court upheld an August 2007 decision by a Polk County District Court judge who found that a state law limiting marriage to a man and a woman violates the constitutional right of equal protection. One couple was married in 2007 before the Polk County judge ordered a stay on his decision.

Gay marriage opponents have no other legal options to appeal the case to the state or federal level because they were not parties to the lawsuit, and no federal issue was raised in the case. Their only recourse appears to be a constitutional amendment, which couldn't get on the ballot until 2012 at the earliest. A constitutional convention could be called earlier, but is unlikely.

616 N. 4TH AVE 520-882-3053 WWW.IBTS.NET

"BOYS NIGHT OUT" THURSDAYS
10PM-CLOSE
*BARTENDERS IN THEIR UNDERWEAR
*DJ HURRICANE
*\$1.75 LONG ISLAND
\$1.50 WELL TEQUILA
\$3.00 SKYY
CAPE COD & FAMILY SKY COOLER

"I'M A SEXY BITCH" NIGHT FRIDAYS
10PM-CLOSE
DJ MIKE LOPEZ
PATIO & DJ HURRICANE INSIDE
COME BE SEXY!!!

SATURDAY NIGHT STARRLETT'S
9PM
HOSTED BY BUNNY FU FU & JANE STARR

IBTS
Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

family member of the Inclusion of the Gay Museum

VISIT US ON TWITTER AT twitter.com/IBTsAZ
AND ON MYSPACE AT WWW.MYSPACE.COM/IBTSTUCSON

Desert Voices Completes Successful Concert Season

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "Just when I think Desert Voices can't get any better, you prove me wrong! Each show outdoes the one before it!" "I enjoyed this show so much I am purchasing season tickets for next year!" "Tucson is so fortunate to have Desert Voices as a part of the community!"

spectacular performances by the entire 50 member chorus. Planning for Desert Voices 21st season is already well underway. Though the final themes and programs have not been finalized, dates and venues for next season are already set. November 14 & 15 at Pima Community College Center for the Arts, February 13 at the Tucson Women's Club and April 17 & 18, again at Pima Community College.

Desert Voices brought its 20th and one of its most successful seasons to a close with concerts on April 18 and 19, at Pima Community College Center for the Arts at West Campus. The powerful, evocative and often hilarious musical retrospective seemed to hit all the right notes with the near capacity audiences who demonstrated their appreciation with standing ovations at both performances. Special guest star and former Desert Voices Accompanist, Namoli Brennet, captivated the attentive audience during a musical set that soulfully recounted her life's journey through touching lyrics and wistful vocals.

Additional events and community appearances are also being scheduled to complement the formal concert season. Desert Voices' fans and interested others are encouraged to visit our website, desertvoices.org, to keep up to date with all of Desert Voices' latest news and upcoming events. Dedicated to building community through music by singing for those who can't sing in an effort to open the minds of those who won't hear, Desert Voices remains Arizona's premier GLBT S Chorus. Since its inaugural rehearsals in 1988, Desert Voices has grown to over 50 voices strong under the artistic direction of Chris Tackett. Each season, Desert Voices designs musical programs that reflect the diversity of our community and produces concerts that inspire while providing laughter and lasting memories.

The 2008-2009 Concert Season has been a year-long celebration of Desert Voices 20-year commitment to uniting our community through music and has also featured guest artists Lisa Otey and Diane Van Deurzen and

Golden Girl Bea Arthur Dies At 86

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) Beatrice Arthur, the tough-talking, bawdy character actress who starred in the classic TV sitcoms Maude and The Golden Girls, died Saturday (April 25) at her home in Los Angeles. She was 86, advocate.com reported. Arthur had been battling cancer and had largely dropped out of the spotlight following The Golden Girls, with the exception of the occasional appearance at awards shows and Comedy Central roasts. In recent years, she spoofed Sex & the City, playing Carrie Bradshaw in a TV Land spoof. She also appeared as Larry David's mother of Curb Your Enthusiasm.



The Broadway actress rose to stardom on television as the title character in Maude, Norman Lear's controversial All in the Family spinoff that featured, among other things, television's first abortion storyline. Maude was a liberal, outspoken, politically vocal woman in her early 50s throughout much of the '70s, a first for TV at that time. Arthur went on to star for seven seasons as Dorothy Zbornak in The Golden Girls, a show that tackled many a Gay plot line and was a pioneering program for women of a certain age on television. With the help of Betty White, Rue McClanahan and the late Estelle Getty, Arthur has provided hours upon hours of laughs in reruns on Lifetime and The Hallmark Channel.

Arthur picked up an Emmy for each of those shows - and a Tony for her work with Angela Lansbury on Broadway's Mame. She was again nominated for a Tony in 2003 for her one woman show, Bea Arthur on Broadway. She lost to fellow acid-tongued comedienne Elaine Stritch. "I knew it would hurt, I just didn't know it would hurt this much," White told Entertainment Weekly in a statement. "I'm so happy that she received her Lifetime Achievement Award while she was still with us, so she could appreciate that. She was such a big part of my life."

TUCSON'S ONLY GAY BAR WITH INTERNET JUKEBOX AND TWO SMOKING PATIOS

Cinco de Mayo

Tucson Observer

Tuesday May 5
Deb's Taco Bar Noon - 3pm
Drink Specials All Day!

Friday May 8
Karaoke with Troy St. John - 9ish

Saturday May 9
Dart Tournament - 12:30pm

Sunday May 10
Jason's Burgers and Brats - 2pm
Pool Tournament - 2pm

www.yarddogsaloon.com
FREE WiFi
 2449 North Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85705 • 520-624-3858

TUCSON'S PREMIER COCKTAIL SHOW!

Gays & Gals

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

PRESENTS:
 TUCSON'S QUEEN OF COMEDY
 THE LEGENDARY

LUCINDA HOLLIDAY

GOBAMA!

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum

EVERY FRIDAY AT 10 P.M SHARP AT:

COLORS

FOOD & SPIRITS

5305 EAST SPEEDWAY (520) 323-1840
 WWW.MYSPACE.COM/COLORSTUCSON

SOME PEOPLE ARE GAY. GET OVER IT!

Stonewall. Tackling homophobic bullying in Britain's schools.
 www.stonewall.org.uk

Across The Q Globe

Voters in Iceland have voted in their first Gay prime minister, Johanna Sigurdardottir, in general elections Saturday, The New York Times reported. In the special election, voters overwhelmingly rejected the conservative Independent Party that has been in power for 18 years in favor of Siguroardottir's Social Democrats and their partners, the Left-Greens. The two parties are expected to gain a three seat majority in the 63-seat Parliament. While the rest of the world looked on in awe as a lesbian prepared to take over the reins of a country in January, Icelanders appeared nonchalant about her personal life. The fight for Gay and Lesbian equality in Iceland is all but won. The tiny country (pop. 32,000) established civil unions, which include provisions for adoption, for Gay and Lesbian couples in 1996. Sigurdardottir, an openly Gay female politician, took over the reins of Iceland's government as interim prime minister on February 1 after Independent Party leadership was ousted in January amid increasingly violent public demonstrations that blamed the conservative Party for Iceland's economic ruin.

A newspaper in Uganda, a country with hostile views against homosexuality, listed dozens of Gay individuals, including their names, occupations, physical descriptions, HIV status, and partners. The report, published in The Red Pepper on Sunday, names ordinary people like bartenders and bankers. Ugandan police have been given greater authority in investigating Gays and punishing them in recent months. Ethics and integrity minister James Buturo expressed concern in October 2008 that the prevalence of homosexuality would diminish the population. "Who is going to occupy Uganda 20 years from now if we all become

homosexuals? We know that homosexuals don't produce." ...

A Nigerian who was punished in his home country for being Gay was granted asylum in Canada after a second bid. Toronto resident Norbert Okoli told a refugee and immigration board that he was beaten, harassed, and forced by coworkers to have sex with a female prostitute to "rehabilitate" himself. He has scars from beatings on his biceps, abdomen, thighs, and back. In addition to general Nigerian opposition to homosexuality, Okoli said he feared retaliation from members of the Ogbete Traders Association, which represents sellers at the market where he worked, according to the report. He said he had also feared expulsion from the association since being outed. ...

Burundi has become that latest African nation to outlaw homosexuality. The provision makes homosexuality a criminal offense with up to three years in prison and heavy fines. It has the backing of President Pierre Nkurunziza, who said he will sign the legislation as soon as it reaches his desk this week. The bill is part of a sweeping reform of the country's criminal code that also bans capital punishment, protects women and children from all forms of violence - especially sexual violence - and toughens laws on genocide. The legislation passed Burundi's House last year, but the Senate removed the ban on homosexuality. The ban was quietly reinstated last week and passed the upper house.



JOIN US AT JELLO WRESTLING FOR SAAF

- SHUTTLE BUS FROM WOODY'S TO JELLO :: LIMITED SPACE
- SIGN UP WITH YOUR BARTENDER (\$15 ROUND TRIP)

POST JELLO PARTY

- BURGER BAR-B-QUE 7 TIL 9PM
- KARAOKE 9 TIL CLOSE

"CINCO DE MAYO" PARTY
TUESDAY MAY 5TH

SPECIAL PRICES
CORONA · DOS XX · TECATE · SOL PACIFICO AND MARGARITAS!

"TOGA PARTY"
WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH

OUR TOGA BOY WILL DRESS YOU UP!
AND GET \$1 OFF YOUR DRINK*

*EXCLUDES SCHNAPPS AND DRAUGHT BEER

WINE TASTING
FRIDAY MAY 8TH
5:30 - 7:30PM

SIGN UP WITH YOUR BARTENDER

SUSAN ARTEMIS
EVERY FRIDAY 6-9PM

3710 N. ORACLE
WWW.MYWOODYSAZ.COM

(520) 292-6702
WWW.MYSFACE.COM/4MYWOODYS

VENTURE-N TUCSON'S ONLY MEN'S BAR

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved

CINCO DE MAYO

SUNDAY
May 3rd

MARIACHIS
ON THE BACK PATIO
4PM - 7PM



MONDAY
May 4TH

Drink Specials
All Day

TUESDAY
May 5TH

Mexican Food Buffet
6PM - 9PM

A family member of the Tucson Gay Museum®

VENTURE-N.COM

Opens Mon - Sat 9AM; Sun 10AM Opens Mon - Sat 9AM; Sun 10AM
1239 N. 6th Ave. Tucson, AZ 85705 (520) 882-8224

POLITICS 2009

by Mark R. Kerr

H.R. 1913 Update

As previously reported, on Thursday, April 23, the House Judiciary Committee held hearings to markup H.R. 1913, the "Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009," and after a day of debate and Republican attempts to gut the proposed legislation, by a vote 15 in favor, 12 against, the bill was approved.

As written in the right-wing media outlets and blaring on Fixed Noise, H.R. 1913 would not create a thought police, stifle religious freedom or punish someone for their beliefs. H.R. 1913 would strengthen law enforcement's ability to fight violent crime - not vigorous debate, not sermons against homosexuality, not hateful speech, not the spreading of misinformation that thrives on constitutionally protected right-wing television, radio, and blogosphere.

"Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this Act," H.R. 1913 states, "shall be construed to prohibit any expressive conduct protected from legal prohibition by, or any activities protected by the free speech or free exercise clauses of, the First Amendment to the Constitution."

"In a prosecution for an offense under this section, evidence of expression or association of the defendant may not be introduced as substantive evidence at trial, unless the evidence specifically relates to that offense. However, nothing in this section affects the rules of evidence governing the impeachment of a witness."

If that sounds familiar for those living in Arizona, because the federal legislation has been written with Arizona's hate crimes law in mind, since it was one of a few to survive a court case that went to the U.S. Supreme Court year's back, which ruled most state's laws dealing with hate crimes, unconstitutional.

What H.R. 1913 actually does is give the Justice Department the power to investigate and prosecute bias motivated violence where the perpetrator has selected the victim because of the person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

It provides the Justice Department with the ability to aid state and local jurisdictions either by lending assistance or, where local authorities are unwilling or unable, by taking the lead in investigations and prosecutions of violent crime resulting in death or serious bodily injury that were motivated by bias.

H.R. 1913 makes grants available to state and local communities to combat violent crimes committed by juveniles, train law enforcement officers, or to assist in state and local investigations and prosecutions of bias motivated crimes.

Very soon, H.R. 1913 will be taken up by the full U.S. House of Representatives and voted on. "We've received word that the House will vote on the Matthew Shepard Act very soon and we know that right-wing groups are flooding Congress with calls, emails and sickening 'fact sheets' full of lies about the lives of LGBT Americans," said Human

Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "We need more calls to Members of Congress, and we need them right away. It has been ten long years and tens of thousands more victims since the Matthew Shepard Act was first introduced in Congress. We are poised for a presidential signature this year but lies from the radical right could easily derail our efforts. We must not allow them to continue to demagogue and distort the truth."

It takes about 45 seconds. Members of the community are urged to call (202) 224-3121. Callers are urged to tell the Member's office: Hate crimes against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people are on the rise. One out of every six hate crimes is because of the victim's sexual orientation. Hate crimes have more than one victim. They are intended to create an atmosphere of fear and terrorize entire communities. H.R. 1913 only violent acts - not speech. It does not tell any clergy member what he or she can or can't preach.

Because there is no federal law mandating states and municipalities to report hate crimes, they are often under reported. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's own statistics, based on voluntary reporting, show that since 1991 over 100,000 hate crime offenses have been reported to the FBI, with 7,624 reported in 2007, the FBI's most recent reporting period. Violent crimes based on sexual orientation constituted 16.6 percent of all hate crimes in 2007, with 1,265 reported for the year.

To take further action to support the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009 (H.R. 1913), please visit: FightHateNow.org.

Nevada Senate Passes Partner Bill

CARSON CITY, NV (Observer Update) The Nevada Senate has approved a legislation that would allow same-sex couples to register as domestic partners and receive many of same rights as married couples have in the state.

The bill also would include opposite-sex couples who do not wish to marry. The measure still needs approval by the Assembly. But, even if it passes, Gov. Jim Gibbons (R) has threatened to veto it. The Senate's 12-9 vote falls short of the 14 votes needed to override a veto. "I just don't believe in it," Gibbons said of the bill last week. Gibbons said he did not think voters agreed with the bill either and noted that in California voters approved a ballot question last November barring same-sex marriage. Domestic partnerships are essentially the same thing, he said.

The bill, however, does not permit marriage, already barred in Nevada, although it does provide the

same rights and obligations that married opposite-sex couples have under Nevada law. The bill states domestic partners would have the "same rights, protections, benefits, responsibilities, obligations and duties" as traditionally married couples and be subject to the same divorce laws, such as those involving community property. The bill also has been amended to state public sector employers would not be required to provide health care benefits to employees partners. It does not block similar benefits from being provided in the private sector. It would allow same-sex couples to register their relationships with the secretary of state's office.

The bill was written by Sen. David Parks, an openly Gay Las Vegas Democrat. An attempt by Republicans to add amendments to the legislation that would have virtually emasculated it were handily defeated. Several dozen Gays and Lesbians were in the gallery as the Senate voted on the bill and let out cheers and applause when it passed.

Stonewall Library And Archives Announces Official Opening

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (Observer Update) - Stonewall Library and Archives, the nation's largest independent circulating library of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender materials, will be opening its new facility in downtown Fort Lauderdale, Fla.'s ArtServe library building, reported advocate.com.

The subject of political controversy years ago, the city's former mayor Jim Naugle originally opposed a city building providing space to the library during his term. The move was finally approved by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Broward County Commission earlier this year.

Stonewall Library and Archives is a museum, gallery, and cultural center for locals, tourists, researchers, and



scholars. With exhibits touring the country, and leading literary supporters such as the legendary Edmund White, SLA honors the past while striving to engage, inform, and inspire the next generation of LGBT leaders. The library was founded in 1973 by a group of local college students who were exchanging books.

May 3, 2009 Tucson Electric Park - 2500 East Ajo Way

REN0 GANNON MEMORIAL 22nd Anniversary

Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza and Benefit Auction!

Time: 1:30 pm: Doors Open
2:00 pm: Pre-Event Party
3:00 pm: Main Event

Tickets: \$20 Ticket locations online at www.jello-wrestling.org or call: 628-7223

Raffle: Trip for 2 to Vegas! Tickets: \$1 each

Includes: Airfare for 2 from Tucson, 2 night accommodations, \$40 at Planet Hollywood, 2 - two-day adult Power Passes, and \$100 cash

Your Hostesses: Lucinda Holliday and Mya McKenzie

"there's always room for jell-O"

Title Holder

Heavyweight Champion

Cruiserweight Champion

Wrestling Mania

Raffle Sponsor

Media Sponsors

In-Kind Sponsors

All proceeds benefit the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation SAIF

COMMENTARY...

by Charles Robbins and Eliza Byard

Bullied To Death



The impacts of language and behavior can be deadly, especially in a school environment where young people are already highly impressionable and vulnerable. Unfortunately, this difficult lesson has been conveyed many times when young people resort to drastic and permanent measures to escape the despair of enduring constant bullying and harassment at school.

It is deeply disturbing that on April 6, Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, an 11-year-old sixth-grader from Springfield, Mass., hanged himself with an extension cord in his family's home after being subjected to continuous antiGay bullying and harassment at his middle school. It is equally disheartening that on April 16, less than two weeks later, Jaheem Herrera, an 11-year-old fifth-grader from DeKalb County, Ga., also hanged himself at home after being the subject of antiGay taunts from his classmates. These were two completely separate and isolated instances, but the tragic and preventable nature of each unfortunate loss of life remains the same.

Neither Carl nor Jaheem identified as Gay, yet their peers' defamatory language and hurtful behaviors broke the barriers of sexual orientation and gender identity. Being taunted as "faggot," "queer," or "homo" by classmates is offensive and demeaning to any student – straight, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and questioning alike.

Carl is the fourth middle-school student this year to commit suicide due to bullying; Jaheem was still in elementary school. Older students are also at a high risk, as suicide is one of the top three causes of death among 15- to 24-year-olds and the second-leading cause of death on college campuses. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and questioning youths are up to four times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers, and those who come from a rejecting family are up to nine times more likely to do so.

Two of the top three reasons secondary school students said their peers were most often bullied at school were actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender expression, according to a 2005 report by GLSEN and Harris Interactive. In addition, the Trevor Project fields tens of thousands of calls from young people each year, both straight and LGBT-identified, with rejection and harassment by peers being one of the top five issues reported by callers.

In the same GLSEN and Harris report, more than a third of middle and high school students said that bullying, name-calling, and harassment is a somewhat or very serious problem at their school. Furthermore, two thirds of middle school students reported being assaulted or harassed in the previous year and only 41% said they felt safe at school.

Enough is enough. It is time for school administrators, educators, parents, students, and the government to work together to stop bullying and harassment in schools. Furthermore, we must teach young people to understand the profound impact of words and actions, and to recognize depression and suicidal ideations amongst their peers. By helping young people take responsibility for their actions and respect their peers, and simultaneously empowering them with the knowledge and skills they need to understand when their classmates are in crisis, we can work toward ending the dual epidemics of school bullying and youth suicide once and for all.

We as parents, teachers, and concerned citizens can do our part to protect students by speaking out and demanding that antibullying and harassment programs and suicide prevention education are mandated in all schools. We can seek commitment from the government to end bullying by training educators on how to effectively intervene, teaching students to respect and help one another, and ensuring that all students know how to reach out to a peer who may be in crisis. We must lead by example and remember that the language we choose is easily repeated by young people. We must listen to children when they reach out for help, and demonstrate to them that we will be understanding and non-judgmental if they need to talk.

Days like the GLSEN-sponsored National Day of Silence bring attention to anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools. On this day, thousands of students call for practical, appropriate interventions that work, hoping to move us closer to a future where every child can go to school free from fear. Weeks including the National Suicide Prevention Week encourage programs to increase suicide prevention efforts, including initiatives supported by the Trevor Project to protect LGBT youths.

It is our hope that in memory of Carl and Jaheem, and in honor of all young

people who have completed suicide after enduring constant torment at school, we will be able to work together to promote school environments that celebrate diversity and encourage acceptance of all people. Only then will we be confident that our children are receiving the respect and education they deserve today in order to become the successful and equality-minded leaders of tomorrow.

(Robins and Byard are the executive directors of the Trevor Project and the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network who teamed up to address harassment and suicide prevention in schools – and pay tribute to Carl Hoover-Walker and Jaheem Herrera in the Advocate, from which this is reprinted.)

Douglas J. Newman, P.C.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Corporations · Limited Liability Companies · General Business
Wills · Trusts · Estate & Estate Tax Planning · Probate

2650 North Country Club Road · Tucson, Arizona 85716
Phone 520-325-2053 · Fax 520-325-2274 · dougnewmanlaw.com



MICHAEL & BRADFORD HULTQUIST
MEXICAN SCANDINAVIANS
Proprietors
WE SERVE WONDERFUL MEXICAN FOOD
SELECTED WINES & BEER

El Torero
RESTAURANT

231 E. 26th St. Tucson, Arizona

Open every day except Tuesday 622-9534

MORTGAGE RATES ARE AT A 52 YEAR LOW!

IS IT TIME TO EXPLORE REFINANCING?

**REFINANCING YOUR HOME LOAN TO A LOW
INTEREST RATE OR SHORTER TERM MAY
RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS**

STEVE BARRETO
(520) 323-3300
sbarreto@primecapital.com
www.primcapital.com



Community Friendly



Oil Changes * CV Boots *
Brakes * Air Conditioning *
Radiator Power Flush *
Transmission Rebuilding *
Fuel Injection * Carburetor
Rebuilding * Suspensions *
Clutches * Vehicle Inspections
Cooling Systems * Diagnostic
Analysis * Maintenance Service
Gas and Tires.

Phone (520) 882-8095 • Fax (520) 670-1597
802 N. 4th Avenue • Tucson, Arizona 85705

Assisted Living

"Home With Heart"

We offer a private home providing services
by experienced people who care and understand:

- * PRIVATE ROOM
- * PERSONAL CARE
- * HOME COOKED MEALS
- * TRANSPORTATION
- * ACTIVITIES

* SPECIAL SERVICES UPON REQUEST

Call Janet to arrange personal tour and interview
(520) 272-1206 - (520) 546-7541

Why Your Kid Isn't Talking To You Today

By Queerty.com

If your son or daughter isn't speaking to you today, for once you can chalk it up to something other than hormones. Across the country, students are taking a vow of silence today in solidarity with Gay rights. While some parents have been urged by social conservatives to keep their kids at home or distribute pamphlets telling Gay kids they can change, thanks to Facebook and other online sites, the Day of Silence has become a nationwide phenomenon. Want to know what could possibly get a teenager to shut-up for a whole day? Here's a few of the many reasons.

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network released a study this week of Pennsylvania students and found that: "Nearly nine out of 10 transgender students experienced verbal harassment at school in the past year because of their sexual orientation and gender expression, more than half experienced physical harassment because of their sexual orientation and gender expression and more than a quarter experienced physical assault because of their sexual orientation and gender expression." This is up from the last survey, conducted in 2007.

The New York Times brings up the case of Eric Mohat: "In March, 2007, 17-year-old Eric Mohat shot himself in the head, after a long-term tormentor told him in class, "Why don't you go home and shoot yourself; no one will miss you." Eric liked theater, played the piano and wore bright clothing, a lawyer for his family told ABC news, and so had long been subject to taunts of "Gay," "fag," "queer" and "homo."

In early April, this report came out from GLSEN: "An 11-year-old Massachusetts boy, Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover, hung himself Monday after enduring bullying at school, including daily taunts of being Gay, despite his mother's weekly pleas to the school to address the problem. This is at least the fourth suicide of a middle-school aged child linked to bullying this year."

Pink News UK reports on the agonizing struggle that the parents of 18-year-old Michael Gauser have had in trying to keep their son's killer behind bars: "Eighteen-year-old Michael, who worked as a hairdresser in Liverpool, was attacked at the Huyton home of his friend Michael Binsteed's grandmother. After a 999 call he was found by paramedics in the street on Friday 25th July. Despite surgery to try to reduce swelling on his brain, he died at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday 2nd August. James O'Connor was sentenced to a minimum of 11 years in prison for Michael's murder, while Michael Binsteed was given a suspended sentence and community service for perverting the cause of justice."

This is just the latest news out from this month. Morons like Mike Huckabee don't think that the Gay rights movement is a real movement, because nobody's "head is being bashed in", but he couldn't be more wrong. One of the sad duties of running a daily Gay blog is keeping track of all the teenagers and children who are murdered, beaten and harassed because they're either Gay or perceived to be Gay. It's an epidemic and what's worse is, that it's in our hands to stop it. How does this happen again and again? It's simple, really. Kids follow the example of their parents. If they see that it's okay to hate on Gay people, they will do it themselves.

Perhaps this is why we become so infuriated by the social conservatives who lie and pretend to 'love the sinner and hate the sin' to further their own bigoted agenda. As unjust as it is to not have our civil rights, when we see kids murdered because of their sexuality or perceived sexuality, we're reminded that homophobia quite literally kills. I hate this. I hate that good kids stay home from school in fear of being bullied or beaten up. I hate that some feel they have no escape other than to take their own life. I hate that close-minded people who don't deserve the time of day can influence someone whose life is just beginning to end it.

I still remember to this day the kid in my high school who called me 'fagot' every day, over and over again, whispering it when the teacher wasn't looking, mouthing it from across the cafeteria. Finally one day, he said it to me and I answered, "Yeah, you got a problem with it?" It shut him up, but not everyone is so lucky. When you tell your son or daughter that it's okay to discriminate, when you withhold them from school out of fear they'll be exposed to the values of tolerance and fairness, you are sending them the message that it is okay to go on calling a kid 'fagot'. You are telling them that it's fine to harass students because of how they act or dress- and when it goes too far, when that child is murdered or commits suicide, their blood is on your hands. So, if your son or daughter stays silent today, be proud of them, not because they're standing up for Gay rights, but because they're standing up against bullying and harassment. And if you're encouraging them to stay at home or to confront the kids who are standing up for safe schools, perhaps it's time you take a minute and think about the message and values you're sending your children, because frankly, I don't want to keep writing about how children raised by people like you keep making life miserable for kids who were once just like me.

(This oped was posted on the National Day of Silence (April 17) on the queerty.com website, from which this is reprinted.)



Bears of the Old Pueblo
www.botop.com
520-829-0117
hop@botop.com
1992-2009

May Events: All are welcome!
See web site for updates and more info.

Every Wed, Bear Coffee at Raging Sage Coffee Roasters, 2458 N. Campbell, 7-9 pm.

Every Fri (except 5/8), Bearinis at The Shelter, 4155 E. Grant, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Fri, 5/8, Social Pot Luck Dinner & Meeting, 6:30 PM, Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 E 1st St (rear entrance) - Bring a dish to pass. Just come!

Sat, 5/16, Beer Bust at Yard Dog, 2449 N. Stone, 3-7 pm. Proceeds benefit Tucson Community Food Bank. Please bring canned or packaged food for Food Bank.

Thur, 5/21, Dinner Out, My Big Fat Greek, Broadway & Kolb, 6:30-8:30 pm. **Please RSVP by email or call 829-0117 to attend.**

Sun, 5/24, Memorial Day Swim Party, 4450 E. Elmwood, 2-10 PM. Bring dish to share, meat to grill, drink, towel. See website for more info.

Thur, 5/28, Bingo at Casino el Sol, 6:30-10 pm. If interested, please email or call 829-0117, leave a message requesting further details.

Sat, 5/30, Noon, BBQ Cookout, Toumey Park, 19th St 2 blocks west of Swan. Food provided. Fiesta planning meeting after BBQ.

Our 2009 Charity is the Tucson Community Food Bank. Proceeds from special events inc. beer busts, other events & our annual Fiesta in January benefit charity.

COMMENTARY. . . .

The Military Is Ready For Gays And Lesbians To Serve Openly

By Michael Duffy

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates seems to think that it would be a huge ordeal to integrate Gays and Lesbians into serving openly in the military "IF" DADT was repealed. (It infuriates me that he used "if" - but I digress.) I believe the military has all the laws it needs right now and the so-called 'integration' should not take long or stress the military on any level.

If you want to watch television here in Iraq, the military provides its AFN network (Armed Forces Network). You can see news, sports, prime time shows and various other programming - but what may literally drive you crazy are the commercials. Without much variation, we are inundated with military propaganda promoting safety, volunteering and more. I find myself routinely whistling some tune or quoting these commercials I can't seem to escape.

One message that is repeated is that of the military's zero tolerance on sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Not only is sexual assault and sexual harassment a constant message on AFN, it is also a message passed on through mandatory annual trainings, usually around Christmas. I had to take classes on sexual harassment and assault before coming to Iraq and recently had another briefing, toward the end of my current tour.

There are few if any differences in the classes each time. The message is clear: If you make someone uncomfortable by making unwelcome comments or committing actions that might be considered sexual in nature, you could get a reprimand or endanger your military career.

My own infantry unit can't spend 15 minutes together without lapsing into some type of homophobic or misogynistic diatribe. The amazing thing is that

when an unfamiliar woman is in their midst their vocabulary immediately becomes devoid of the previous perverse jocularity. What this means to me is that it is possible for them to refrain from being offensive for as long as required.

Whether it was the threat of the military's zero tolerance of sexual harassment or some other chivalrous reason, my colleagues can hold their tongues if need be. They will be able to hold their tongues about Gays and Lesbians as well, if they're told to.

Also, harassment based on sexual orientation is sexual harassment and Gays should have the ability to bring complaints against real or perceived harassment. Just like a heterosexual male or female should be able to make a complaint based on a real or perceived harassment from a Gay male or female. If the military ban is lifted, the sexual harassment policy will still be in place.

There will be slips and misunderstandings in the beginning and I accept that. Perceived harassment may indeed need to be investigated frequently early in the process, but as ignorance is replaced with experience, those investigations will slow. The military's acceptance of Gays and Lesbians might never be perfect, but I don't think removing DADT will cause any lasting problems.

We will always have those who prefer to hate. I have one soldier in my unit who disagrees with women serving, for example. People like this may never change their mind. But that shouldn't keep Gays and Lesbians from serving openly.

("Michael Duffy" is a pseudonym for a Gay soldier and blogger for 365Gay.com (from which this is reprinted from) serving in the Middle East.)



Check us out the next time you're in Phoenix

cool patio. hot guys.

now open at 8am - happy hour until 8pm
 bunkhousesaloon.com • 602.200.9154 • 4428 n 7th ave

You are invited to

Charlie's
Phoenix

Country & western dancing nightly!

727 W. Camelback Rd.
602.265.0224
www.charliesonline.com

WILLS TRUSTS POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Laura G. Schoenfeld PLLC

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES

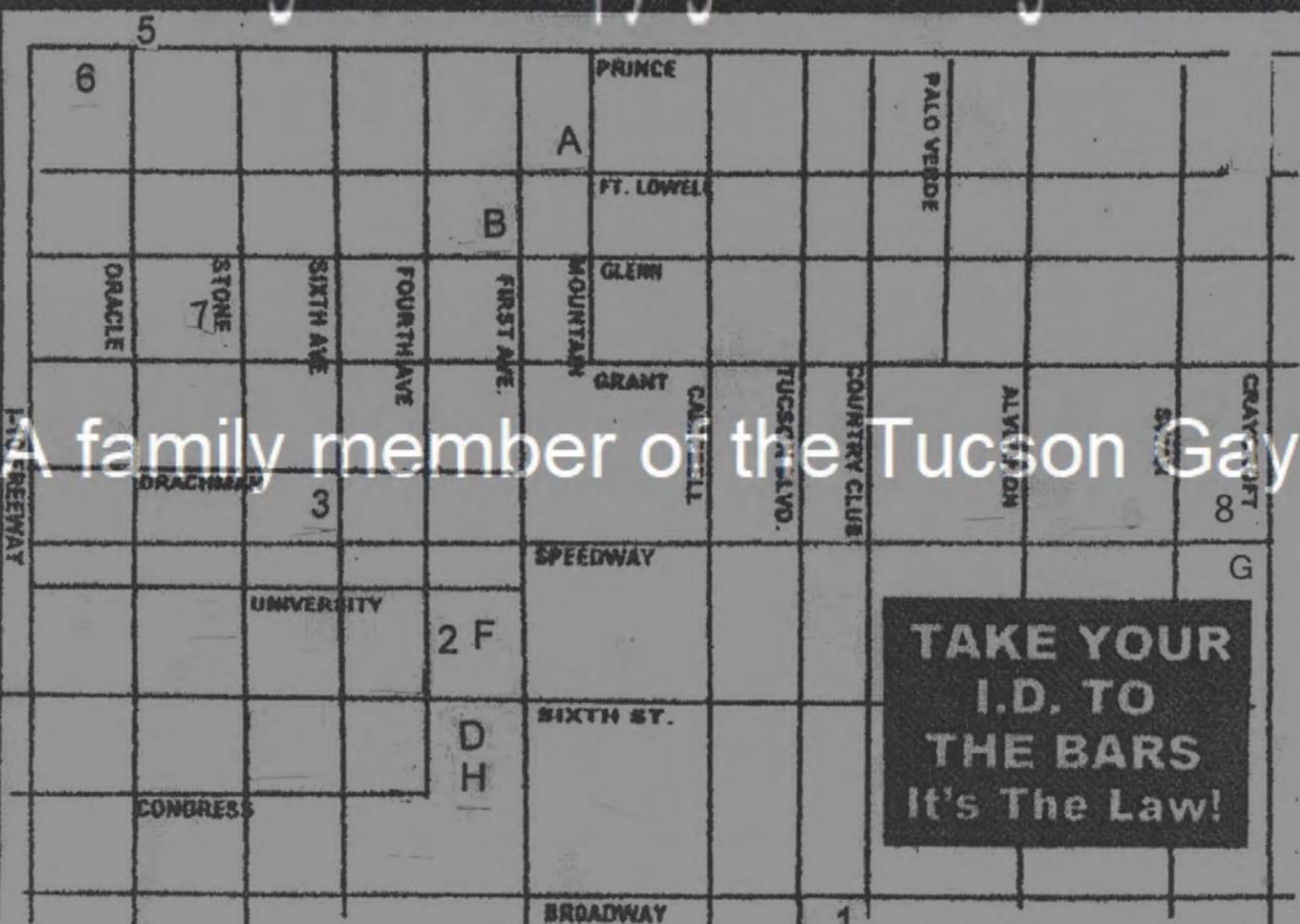
520.514.8383

845 S. Craycroft Rd. • Tucson AZ 85711
lgs@tucsonlaw.us

PROBATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

TUCSON DIRECTORY

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved



TAKE YOUR I.D. TO THE BARS It's The Law!

- Community Bars**
1. THE BIZ
2900 E. Broadway 318-4838
 2. IBT'S
616 N. 4th Ave. 882-3053
 3. VENTURE-N
1239 N. 6th Ave. 882-8224
 5. WOODY'S
3710 N. Oracle Rd,
292-6702
 6. HOWL AT THE MOON
915 W. Prince Rd. 293-7339
 7. YARD DOG SALOON
2449 N. Stone, 624-3858
 8. COLORS FOOD & SPIRITS
5305 E. Speedway 323-1840
- Organizations**
- A. MCC - METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
3269 N. Mountain - 292-9151
 - B. CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP
2902 N. Geronimo - 622-4626
 - D. WINGSPAN - 425 E. 7th St. - 624-1779
 - E. S.A.A.F. - 375 S. Euclid Ave. - 628-7223
 - F. RAINBOW PLANET COFFEE HOUSE
606 N. 4th Ave. - 620-1770
 - G. TIHAN -Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
1101 N. Craycroft, Ste 301. 299-6647
 - H. EON YOUTH CENTER 620-6245

TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES - TUCSON RESOURCES

MASSAGE
 Alec Laughlin, LMT
 See Special Rates And Discounts Online...
520.225.7982
 8 Years in Tucson
 FREE JADE DRAGON in APRIL!
 www.somatherapist.com

Eveland Home Improvement
 Reliable Home Services
 General Repair & Maintenance
 Interior & Exterior Painting
 Landscape & Yard Work
 Roof Repair, Ceiling Fans & More
 Bonded, Not Licensed
 Steve Eveland
 Handyman
 18 Yrs. Experienced
 Tucson, Arizona 85705
 Phone 520-408-7022

VALHALLA PHYSIQUE
 PERSONAL LIFE COACHING
 MIKE GUSTAVSSON OWNER
(520) 304-4404
 valhallaphysique@gmail.com
 • CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER
 • NUTRITION CONSULTANT
 • MASSAGE THERAPIST
 • BODY COACH

Zimmermann
Chiropractic
50% Off
 Initial visit
 Student & Military Disc.
 2272 E. Speedway Blvd.
 Tucson, AZ 85719
CALL NOW: 520.326.9355

NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN
 BETTER HEALTH. BETTER MEDICINE™
\$75.00 Initial visit From \$150.00
 PAIN RELIEF ~ WEIGHT LOSS
 FAT DEPOSIT DISSOLVE
 Dr. Kyle Neeley
 2272 E. Speedway Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85719
520.326.9355

DEL ANGEL
 FUNERARIAS™
 Hay un ángel cerca de usted
 Ricardo "Richard" Hernandez
 Manager/Funeral Arranger
 Funeraria Del Angel
 7 E. University Blvd.
 Tucson, AZ 85705
 520-624-8685
 Fax 520-624-9185
 ricardo.hernandez@sci-us.com
 Dignity®
 Mention this ad get 7% discount on SERVICES

Richard M. Schickel
 Be Healed, Be Happy!
 Psychic/Spiritual Healer
 Readings
 Past Life Hypnotherapy
 House Blessings and Clearings
 520-668-3243
 http://richardschickel.vpweb.com

JON THE HANDYMAN
 Can do: Home, Office cleaning,
 Yard-Work
 You name it.....
 CALL:
 Phone: 619-977-6012
 GEMINI—Handyman services.....

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

It's a great time to buy a home...
 Buy a home with \$100 down!
 HUD is currently offering a special program for buyers of HUD owned properties. Properties are limited, call for the details.
 First time home buyers, call about the federal tax credit of up to \$8,000 and Down payment assistance grants!
 CALL Mike at 272-6959

Charles Weasner REALTOR®GRI (520) 906-8103
Steve Redmond REALTOR® (520) 548-2096
 Uptown, Downtown, ALL around the Valley!
TucsonFoothillsLiving.com

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

Nikolaus Groesser REALTOR®
 520.918.5216
 nikg@longrealty.com
 LONG REALTY COMPANY

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

4400 Hair Salon
 Greg Yedding
 Hair Designer / Stylist
520-322-5858
 azspyder@msn.com
 4400 E. Broadway Suite 106
 Tucson, AZ 85711

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

Joel
 Color, Highlights, Cuts
4400
 Hair Salon
 4400 Broadway / Swan
322-5858

BEST PRICE PARTY SOUNDS
 by DJ JOSH JOSH
 Josh Krugjohann
 Owner/DJ
 • Commitment Ceremonies
 • Pool Parties
 • Birthdays
 • Corporate Parties
 • Christmas Celebrations
 • Theme Parties
 Phone: (520) 398-6497
 cell: (619) 993-9717
 Josh@BestPricePartySounds.com

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

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

TUCSON GLBT Chamber Of Commerce
 Inclusive ▼ Engaged ▼ Professional
 P. O. Box 13312
 Tucson, AZ 85732
 info@tucsonglbtchamber.org
 www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

COMMENTARY . . .

by John Corvino

A Tempest In A Tiara

So a contestant for what is in large measure a popularity contest says something unpopular and doesn't win. Why am I having a hard time getting worked up over this? I'm talking about Carrie Prejean, Miss California USA, who when asked by Miss USA judge and Gay celebrity blogger Perez Hilton whether she supports same-sex marriage, cheerfully and politely said no (or something like it—her answer wasn't terribly clear). Specifically, she said,

"Well I think it's great that Americans are able to choose one or the other. We live in a land where you can choose same-sex marriage or opposite marriage. And you know what, in my country, in my family, I think that I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised and that's how I think it should be between a man and a woman. Thank you very much."

Not the most articulate answer (what's "opposite marriage"?), nor the most original ("that's how I was raised"). But I give her credit for grace under pressure, and for owning up to her convictions knowing that they might cost her the crown. That doesn't mean that her answer was "perfectly fine," as Rich Tafel (founder of the Log Cabin Republicans) described it in the New York Times. Her answer was wrong—badly, painfully wrong.

But disagreeing with her answer doesn't prevent me from acknowledging and admiring her integrity. Generally speaking, I prefer people saying what they believe—even if I disagree sharply—rather than merely what they think others want to hear. It's a trait desirable in both friends and foes. No one knows for sure whether she would have won with a different answer. But her 15 minutes of fame are stretching into 45 (at least) thanks to the predictable backlash.

Perez Hilton, demonstrating the gravitas, nobility, and calm judicial temperament that doubtless explains his selection as a pageant judge, promptly thereafter called her a "dumb bitch." This in turn prompted right-wing cries of victimhood. Maggie Gallagher, president of the National Organization for Marriage (which released the laughable "Gathering Storm" ad) described Hilton as "the new face for Gay marriage in this country."

Gary Schneeberger, vice president of Focus on the Family, wrote in the New York Times, "What has happened to Miss Prejean over the past few days is nothing short of religious persecution. No, it is not violent persecution — but that does not minimize its existence or its danger." Religious persecution? Because Perez Hilton is calling her nasty names? Oh, gag me with a tiara. Perez Hilton is a gossip blogger known mainly for posting celebrity pictures and then adding juvenile scribbles to them. (His favorite embellishment seems to be ejaculate dripping from people's mouths.) It's not for nothing that his nom de plume resembles that of someone else who is famous just for being famous. Being obnoxious is what he does for a living.

So it's no surprise that the religious right latched on to him. They've got nothing plausible to say in response to the serious marriage-equality advocates, so they make Hilton the face for the movement and

then complain about what a nasty movement it is. Their intellectual dishonesty in doing so eclipses whatever integrity I admired in Miss Prejean.

Why, for example, didn't they cite the letter to Prejean from Geoff Kors at Equality California, a letter which seeks "open, honest dialogue"? Let me guess: it's because gracious letters from true movement leaders don't support their victim narrative.

Even Gallagher concedes, "I don't believe the response—hatred, ridicule, name-calling—by Perez Hilton is supported by most Gay people or by most Gay marriage supporters." But then she backtracks by adding, "But, sadly, it is increasingly the visceral and public response of the Gay marriage movement to anyone who disagrees with its views."

Sorry, but Perez Hilton's blog is not the Gay marriage movement. By Gallagher's own admission, it is not even representative of the Gay marriage movement. It's a straw man, which is about the best that they can hope to knock down anymore.

(John Corvino, Ph.D. is an author, speaker, and philosophy professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. Corvino is a columnist for 365Gay.com, from which this is reprinted. For more about John Corvino, or to see clips from his "What's Morally Wrong with Homosexuality?" DVD, visit johncorvino.com.)

Emergency Senate Bill Saves Lesbian Couple From Deportation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A bill introduced on the Senate floor by Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) is keeping Jay Mercado, her partner Shirley Tan and their twin 12-year-olds together - at least for now, 365Gay.com reported. Mercado, an American woman and Tan, her Filipino partner, live in Pacifica, California with their 12-year-old twin sons, both American citizens. Tan had been ordered to appear for deportation on May 10, but the emergency bill will keep the family together at least through 2010.

Federal immigration law does not currently allow LGBT Americans to sponsor their partners. Activists from around the country, including those from Marriage Equality USA, Out4Immigration, Immigration Equality and Love Exiles, learned about Tan and Mercado's plight a month ago, and pleaded with elected officials for help. The story national prominence as a feature article in the April 20 edition of People Magazine.

"Those of us who have followed this case closely are overjoyed for this family. But this case highlights the need for Congress to pass the Uniting American Families Act (UAF) - legislation that has been languishing for 10 years - and would help the estimated 36,000 Gay and Lesbian Americans in a loving and committed relationship with a foreign partner stay together in the U.S.," said Amos Lim, co-founder of Out4Immigration. The Uniting American Families Act (UAF), re-introduced in February 2009 by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) would add the words "or permanent partner" to existing immigration law

Personal Injury?

ON-SITE COMPUTER REPAIR

Mighty Mouse Computer Consulting, Inc.

WE FIX PCs AND MACs!

Repair - Maintenance - Networking - Upgrades - Webhosting - Web design

Computer running slow?
Popups?
Virus?
Adware or Spyware?
New hardware?
Want to share your internet connection?

(520) 312-2630

We'll save you time, money and frustration!

We come to you!

A+ Certified
7 years experience!

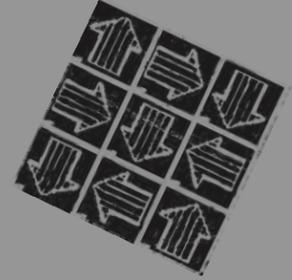
Hair By Hunter

A Mobile Hair Service

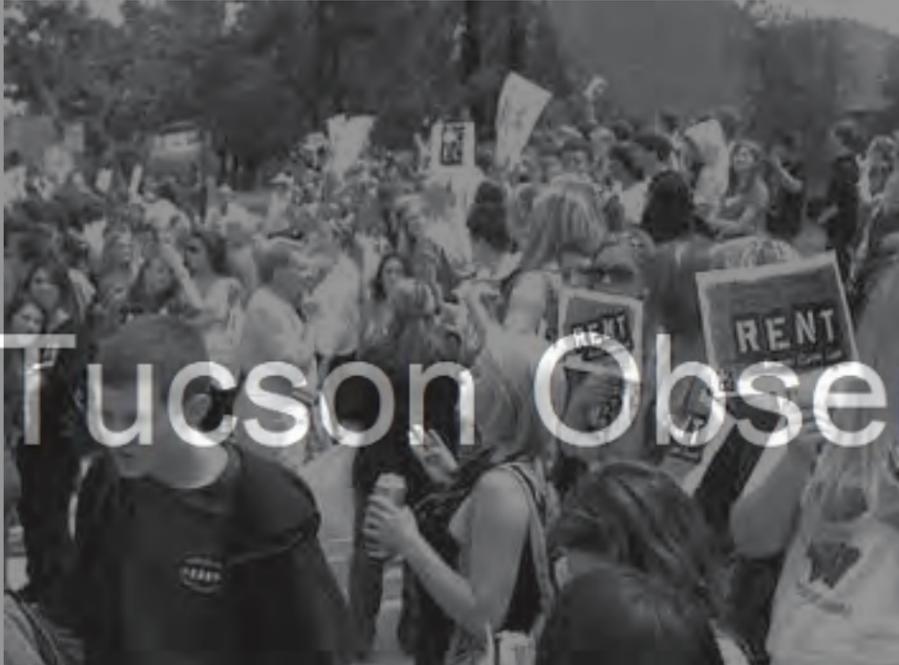
Why leave the house! We come to you!

Hunter Johnson (520) 370-1625

wherever the word "spouse" appears. The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) prohibits Gay and Lesbian Americans from accessing equal immigration rights, along with 1,137 other rights that come with a federally recognized marriage. The UAF currently has 97 co-sponsors in the House and 17 in the Senate. Feinstein is not one of them.



Seasons Of Love

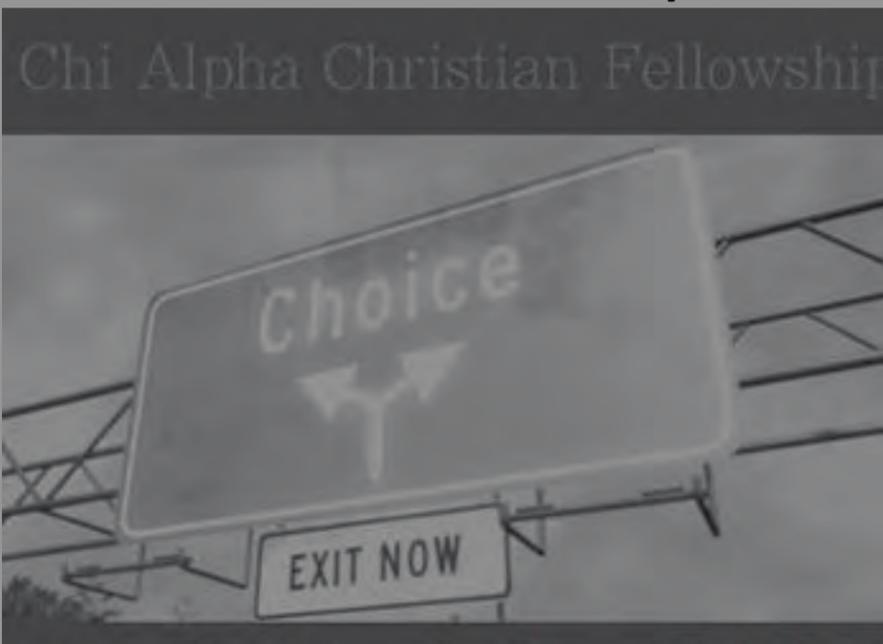


NEWPORT BEACH, California (Observer Update) - A student production of Rent at Corona del Mar High School in Newport Beach, Calif. opened Friday night (April 24) – the production was cancelled earlier this year by the school’s principal because of objections to the play’s Gay content, reported advocate.com.

But students, faculty and gay groups complained and, after reading the script, principal Fal Asrani gave permission to go ahead with the production.

And national headlines followed. Members of Fred Phelps’s Westboro Baptist Church protested the school as classes let out Friday – they were countered by a much bigger crowd of supportive students, faculty and community members.

Gay Student Booted From Cornell Group

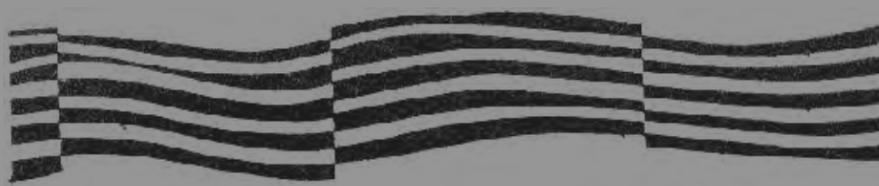


ITHACA, NY(Observer Update) - A campus Christian group at Cornell University removed a student from a leadership position after he informed them that he had accepted his own homosexuality, 365Gay.com reported. Chris Donohoe was part of a leadership team at the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, an independent student organization that, while receiving student fees, is not subject to the Ithaca, N.Y., Ivy League school’s clause prohibiting discrimination against LGBT students.

Donohoe had previously struggled with his sexuality but was told he could still rise within Chi Alpha as long as he didn’t pursue relationships with men. Things changed when Donohoe met his boyfriend this summer. “I told them I’m 100% OK with my sexuality,” Donohoe told The Cornell Daily Sun. “I wanted the opportunity to show them I love God and I’m Gay and it’s OK.” Instead he was told to step down by Chi Alpha’s pastors, Matt and Tracy Herman.

“The decision to ask Chris to step down was not that he did something wrong in having homosexual tendencies,” Danielle D’Ambrosio, Chi Alpha’s president and a former Cornell student, told the Daily Sun. “[It was because] he no longer thought it was wrong... I support the decision fully.” An outcry from Gay and straight students has erupted, with the dean of students declaring his concern. A vigil in support of LGBT students took place on campus.

“There was a consequence for my belief that it’s OK [to] be a homosexual,” Donohoe told the Daily Sun. “I believe you should be held responsible and accountable to your beliefs so that Chi Alpha is answering to everyone to the community.” Jessica Longoria, a Cornell senior and former Chi Alpha president, summed up her group’s beliefs: “If you’re committing sins, you will not enter the kingdom of God.”



POET’S CORNER

ADAM & EVIE

by Ron Rose - Tucson

Somewhere up in Heaven, in writing quite complex,
The names of these explorers, who happened on to sex
Naked as a jaybird, this sweet angelic pair
Adam and his Evie, he stroked her lovely hair
Foreplay was forgotten, eyes searching for a mat
The straw was labeled “BeautyRest”, how appropriate was that?
And so they linked their bodies, just like the sages say
The very first explorers, just “rollin’ in the hay”.

IN THE MIDDLE of a major life change WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE?

If you’re between jobs, in school, or starting your own business, don’t sweat it. I have plans from Assurant Health designed with your needs in mind. To find out more about short term, student or individual medical coverage, call me today.



Dan Kalm
2632 N Campbell Ave
Tucson, Arizona 85719
520-795-0231 Office
520-795-0758 Fax
dan@dankalm.com

See a local State Farm agent for more details on coverage, costs, restrictions, and renewability. Assurant Health products are underwritten and issued by Time Insurance Company, Milwaukee, WI, which is financially responsible for these products. No member of the State Farm family of companies is financially responsible for these products. Assurant, Assurant Health and Time Insurance Company are not affiliates of State Farm.



LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR



STATE FARM IS THERE.®

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company • Bloomington, IL • statefarm.com*





CLASSIFIED ADS ARE 25¢ PER WORD, \$5.00 MINIMUM

MASSAGE

RELAX, MAXI SENSUAL, PAMPERING MASSAGE from athletic, masculine man. Calm, Private Location with Shower. \$49. 11am - 11pm. 520-891-5004 1294

BETTER THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE & Bold TANTRIC SESSIONS! My sensitive touch gives you an exceptional experience! Creating a sacred space, for 27 years. Call Marc _ 881_4582 (8 AM _ 8 PM). Professionally trained _ Touching in Tucson since 1983. 1293

FULL BODY MASSAGE FOR A MAN by a Man. \$40/hr. Discreet. West Tucson - Kinney & Ajo. 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Call Darwin 520-404-0901. 1307

RELAXING FULL MASSAGE. I work with the pressure that feels good for you. 30 min. east of Tucson. Roger 520-971-5884. 1292

YOUNG ATHLETIC MASA-SAGE THERAPIS Offers the best full body massage. Call Thomas now to book appointment. 312-6165 1292

WANTED

FREE STORAGE SPACE IN TUCSON urgently needed. Either in a private dry basement, garage or elsewhere for Gay publisher's back file of books (many non-profit). Locked space and access for the curator of books is essential. The space needed, including working space, is equivalent to about 1/3 or a garage. Person/group offering space will receive 30 different complimentary books. Please call 520-884-9355 for more information.

FOR SALE

POM PUPPIES FOR SALE. Cream and Buff, Pure Bred (no papers). Will be ready 5-1-09. Call 955-4752 any time.

SERVICES

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS Let me keep your clothes fitting properly and in good repair. Experienced - Economical - Prompt. Merle Hudson, (520)888-7264 in Tucson . 1295

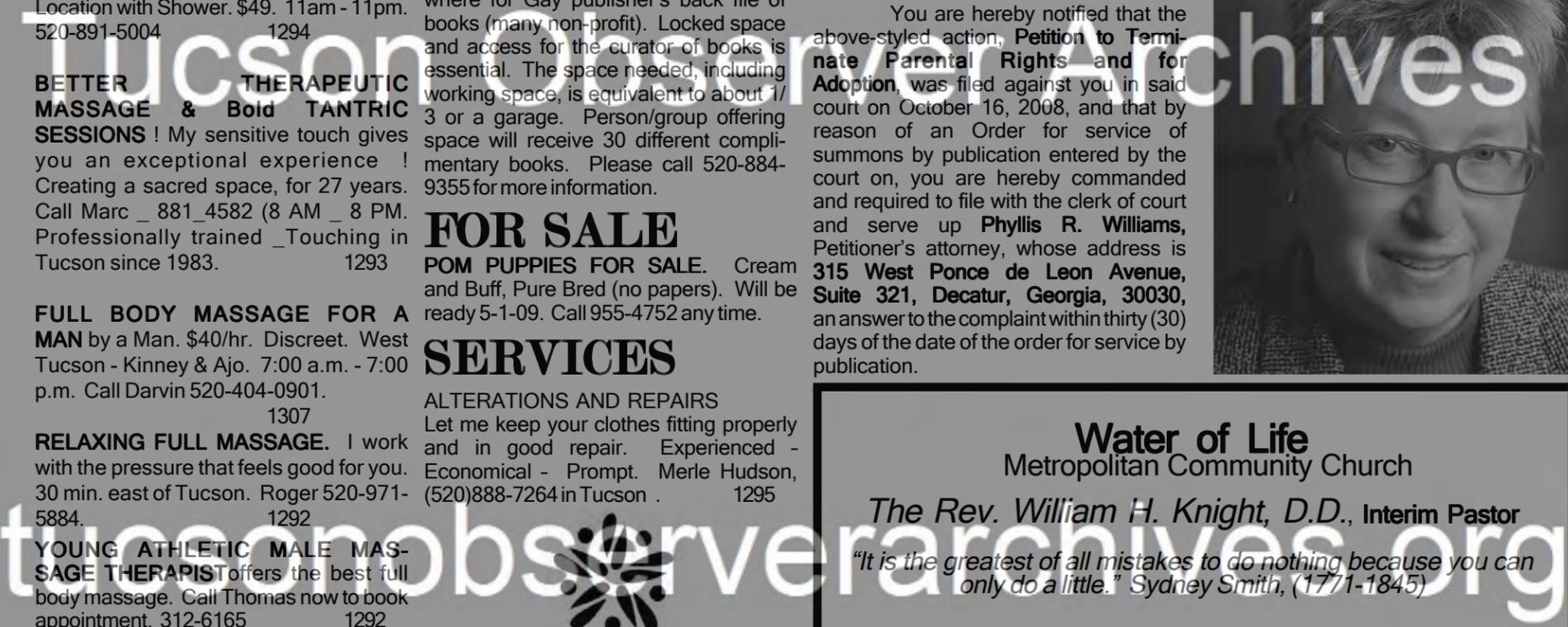
NOTICE OF SUMMONS

Re: In Re: Petition of Deborah Cornelius for the Adoption of Madeline Nichole O'Neal and Connor Michael O'Neal In the Superior Court of DeKalb County. Case No.: 08AD1712-8

To: Father (Donnie Kellog) of the above named minor children:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action, **Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and for Adoption**, was filed against you in said court on October 16, 2008, and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of court and serve up **Phyllis R. Williams**, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is **315 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 321, Decatur, Georgia, 30030**, an answer to the complaint within thirty (30) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

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



Conn. Gov. Signs Bill Updating Marriage Laws

HARTFORD, CT (Observer Update) - A decade-long battle for same-sex marriage in Connecticut has ended with the governor's signature on a bill updating the state's laws, reported 365Gay.com. Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed the legislation one day after the state House and Senate both approved it.

The bill removes gender references from state marriage laws. It also transforms existing same-sex civil unions into legally recognized marriages as of Oct. 1, 2010. The law comes after last fall's state Supreme Court ruling that Gay couples have the right to wed in Connecticut. Even if the bill hadn't passed, same-sex marriage would still be legal because of the ruling.

Three other states – Massachusetts, Vermont and Iowa – also allow same sex marriage.

Gay Dad, Kids Receive Social Security Benefits

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Social Security Administration has reversed a decision to deny benefits to the children of a disabled Gay father following a three year battle waged on behalf of the family by Lambda Legal, reported 365Gay.com. "This is long awaited relief for Gary Day and his children, who just want to be respected as the family that they are," said Lambda attorney Beth Littrell in a statement. "The Social Security Administration is supposed to provide families with help in a time of need regardless of a parent's sexual orientation. After three long years and a federal lawsuit, the SSA has finally come through for these children."

In February 2006, Day completed the applications for Child Insurance Benefits for his children. He provided birth certificates and court documents that acknowledge him as a legal parent of the children. The SSA acknowledged that they received the application and promised to provide a response in 45 days. After more than a year with no response, Lambda Legal sent a letter on Day's behalf seeking action by the agency. The SSA still did not provide an initial determination of eligibility citing unspecified "legal questions and policy issues" involved with the application. Day provided all the necessary documentation to establish a legitimate parent-child relationship and fulfilled all of the SSA's prerequisites, according to Lambda, yet his family was left without the social safety net that Day had paid into for decades and that all other families are provided on a regular basis.

In May 2008, Lambda Legal, along with co-counsel from McDermott Will & Emery, filed suit against the SSA compelling the agency to act on Day's application and urging the SSA to recognize Day as a legal parent of the children. The agency finally sent a letter to Lambda recognizing the legal relationship between Day and his children without discrimination based on his sexual orientation or family status. "As a parent, it is my job to provide for my children," said Day. "I am relieved to be able to fulfill my promise and also relieved that the SSA will provide the benefits my family needs, just as they do for other families."

"This case has always been about the welfare of Mr. Day's children and protecting them from discrimination ... The sexual orientation of their parents is and should be irrelevant to such a determination," said co-counsel Lisa A. Linsky.

Water of Life
Metropolitan Community Church
The Rev. William H. Knight, D.D., Interim Pastor
"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little." Sydney Smith, (1771-1845)

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

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

CALL • CRUISE CONNECT™
SO MANY GUYS - Listen & Reply to Ads FREE!

Tucson
520.791.2345
Phoenix
602.993.4567
480.505.1011
623.298.3500

FREE code 4270
CALL NOW!
For other cities call
(888) MegaMates

Where FREE Means FREE!
▶ FREE to create a profile
▶ FREE to record a personal ad
▶ FREE to listen to public ads
▶ FREE to send messages
▶ FREE to accept chat requests
▶ FREE to accept calls from users
▶ FREE to receive message alerts & So Much More ...

MegaMates.com®
VISIT US ONLINE

TELL OUR ADVERTISERS YOU SAW THEIR AD IN THE OBSERVER

NOTICES - COMMUNITY - NOTICES

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Trans, Queer, Women. Meets Mondays (6:00 - 7:30pm) at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street, Tucson, AZ 85701. For more info, pleases contact Brenda Casey, LMSW 520-694-0247 or bcassey@umcaz.edu

TUCSON KNIGHT OWLS (T.K.O)
We are a non profit social club that is open to every one. T.K.O. contributes to the fellowship and support of the community, and openly invites new members and/or guests. Monthly meetings occur on the first Saturday of every month at 11:00a.m., Please come and join us! Our next meeting will be held at the Yard Dog.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.**

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

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

Start getting more out of life with **TUCSON PRIME TIMERS**. We're the local chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, the preeminent social organization for mature gay and bi men as well as younger (21+) men who enjoy their company. Each month we sponsor a wide range of dining events, cultural enrichment activities, parties, meetings, bowling, day trips, picnics, tours and much more. Visitors are always welcome. For info call our message phone 520 742-1271. Visit our website: www.tucsonprimetimers.org

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

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

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

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message. TucsonSources@aol.com

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)829-0117 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 3202 E. 1st St. (the "Ward 6" Office Bldg.) Just south of Speedway & East of Country Club. PotLuck Dinner begins at 6:30 and the monthly meeting follows at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

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

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Giriz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site <http://www.desertdominion.org> or call (520)792-6424

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian,

Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. 743-4800.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED ___ Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 5:30 p.m. each month at Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 5102 N. Craycroft Rd. For information visit www.lctucson.org or write: Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40702, Tucson, AZ 85717-0702.

REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! For info call 304-1758

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. 6th 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 Megan at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 116. Services are free.

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

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

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

TUCSON M2M - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TucsonM2M>

COPPER RAINBOW BISTRO at David's Oasis Camping Resort, Bisbee, AZ 520-979-6650

www.azgaycamping.com
Membership Beer and Wine Bar. Annual Member \$15.00

Bar Hours:
*Open Fridays, 5-10 p.m. or until last member leaves. Happy Hour 5-7 all drinks \$100 off.

*Open Saturdays 5-10 p.m. or until the last member leaves. Happy Hour 5-7 all drinks \$1.00 off.

*Open Sundays 2-7 p.m. or until last member leaves. Bottle Beer starts at \$1.00

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - 'L' Word showing 7pm & 9:30pm (Progressive drink specials) - First: \$3 Well; Second: \$1.50 pints. Last Special is 2-4-1. Following L Word, Out Loud Open Mic. If you have talent join our open night mic - Starts 10:45 pm.

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 1/2 price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - \$1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; \$2.25 domestic long necks. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 3 & 6. No cash involved - Play for Points & Prizes. SIN Nite - drink discounts for Service Industry employees with ID or payroll receipt.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. Karaoke on the Patio 4-8:30pm. Burger BBQ 5-8pm + \$1 pint draft. 9pm-close Karaoke inside with Troy & \$1.50 Well or Domestic Beer, \$2.50 Call or Premium Beer. DJ Hurricane on the Patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am-2am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Beer Bust \$2.25/pitcher, 3-7pm. Burger BBQ, 5-7pm, \$3 proceeds to Petwatch (Helping HIV/AIDS clients with their Veterinary bills).

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

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

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. EDAN...Exotic dancer appreciation night. DJ spins Hip Hop & R&B and all request dance. \$5.25 drink specials.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. \$3.50 Skyy Cocktails, \$2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers 1/2 price 4-6pm. Full menu served until 10pm.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o' Beer - \$10 Domestic, \$12 Imports (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close \$5 Scratch Long Island Varieties. 9pm-close DJ Hurricane with "All Request Music".

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. SKYY Matinis \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

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

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

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. PHAT Tuesday's 50 cent Pabst cans 9pm-close Come play our Wii gaming system. Beer Pong Tournament w/ cash prizes starts 9pm.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & Dos XX Amber). Girlz Nite Out. Girlz pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm.

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

YARD DOG - Open Noon-2am. Beer Bust 3-7

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays College Night. 18 to party - 21 to drink. \$7 Cover 18+ No Cover 21+. DJ Spins Hip Hop, R&B Top 40 remix dance.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. "Diva-Licious" show w/Bunny FuFu. 11pm --close "Reverse Happy Hour". DJ Q Inside & DJ Mike Lopez playing 80s music on the Patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Beer Bust, 8pm-11pm \$2.50/Pitcher.

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

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

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 3-8. Y-NOT Karaoke starts @9:00pm to close. 2-4-1 starts 10pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials..

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Boyz Nite Out - boys pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Bicardi Thursdays - \$3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors. 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 Noon-2am. Beer Bust 3-7

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour UNTIL 8. Hip Hop & R&B. Drink Specials all night called out by DJs. Special Performances.

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well and 1/2 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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 9pm -close DJ Hurricane inside. 10pm-close DJ Mike Lopez with "I'm a Sexy Bitch Night" on the patio.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Patio Bar Open 7pm-2m Cuervo Margaritas \$3 ea., 4-8pm.

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

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Starting Feb. 13th Escandalo Saturdays w/Carnival Latino. Latin Hip Hop, Top 40s & Reggaeton music will be spun. Guest DJs. \$5 Cover. oGo dancers male and female. Shot specials allnight. .

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.50 Skyy cocktails, \$2.75 Domestic and Well, 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

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

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio \$1 Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starlett's" w/Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Q spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".

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

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

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

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Friday, May 1

THE BIZ - On The Mark Dance Company performs.

Saturday, May 2

THE BIZ - Carnaval Latino starring Debbie Deb direct from Philadelphia. Performing live!

Coyote Moon - Gaia Sounds today at 9:00 p.m. No Cover.

Sunday, May 3

WOODY'S - Sign up for Woody's Bus to Jell-O Wrestling. \$15 roundtrip.. Limited space. Sign up with your bartender. Post Jell-O Party 7-9 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Cinco de Mayo Party with Mariachis on the back patio 4-7 p.m.

Monday, May 4

VENTURE-N - Cinco de Mayo Party continues with drink specials all day.

Tuesday, May 5

VENTURE-N - Cinco- de Mayo Party continues with a Mexxican Food Buffet 6-9 p.m.

WOODY;S - Cinco De Mayo Party with special drink prices.

YARD DOG - Deb's Taco Bar nOon to 3p.m. Drink specials all day.

Wednesday, May 6

WOODY'S - Toga Party. Their Toga Boy will dress you up and get \$1 off your drink.(excludes schnapps and draught beer).

Friday, May 8

WOODY'S - Wine Tasting 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Sign up with your bartender.

YARD DOG - Karaoke with Troy St. John - 9ish.

Saturday, May 9

YARD DOG - Dart Tournament 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

YARD DOG - Jason's Burgers and Brats 2 p.m. Pool Tournament 2 p.m.

Friday, May 15

THE BIZ - On The Mark Dance Company performs

Personal Training

Andrew Lockhart
Certified Personal Trainer

Get Fit, Have Fun
No Experience Necessary
Private gym, 1 on 1 training
12 hour and 1 hour sessions available
No contracts, no membership fees

FREE consultation and two FREE training sessions
909-4649
\$30/hr - \$20 Half Hr.



As a member of the Tucson Gay Museum



Swine Flu - What To Do

NEW YORK CITY, NY (Observer Update) - A single sneeze propels 100,000 droplets into the air at around 90 mph, landing on door knobs, ATM keypads, elevator buttons, escalator railings, and grocery cart handles. In a subway station at rush hour, according to British researchers, as many as 10 percent of all commuters can come in contact with the spray and residue from just one sneeze (or sternutation). That means as many as 150 commuters can be sickened by one uncovered achoo, reported the Huffington Post.

No wonder health officials are extremely concerned about the new strain of swine flu that has infected at least 20 Americans in five states, killed some 80 people in Mexico, and has traveled to the other side of the world in New Zealand. Understandably, US authorities - following the lead of the World Health Organization (WHO) - have declared a "public health emergency."

"This virus has, clearly, a pandemic potential," says Margaret Chan, director general of WHO. Why? The virulent new H1N1 swine flu strain spreads quickly and efficiently from human to human. It's "a completely novel virus," says the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). This latest variant is a mixture of human virus, bird virus, and pig viruses from all over the world. Experts say it's particularly worrisome because people are getting sick without any encounters with pigs. Even worse, young, healthy people (ages 20-40) are dying at a striking rate, a telltale sign of the worst flu epidemics.

Swine flu fears aren't new in the United States. In February 1976, a 19-year-old army private at Fort Dix, New Jersey, died within 24 hours of becoming infected with swine flu. Soon, 500 soldiers were afflicted and the US government began a controversial nationwide vaccination campaign. Ultimately, some 40 million Americans were inoculated. As a result, several hundred people developed Guillain-Barré syndrome, a serious neurological condition, and the immunization program was stopped.

What's going to happen this time? Without question, the disease will spread farther and wider. At this point, as the CDC says, it can't be contained or controlled. (The flu shot from last fall, for instance, won't combat this strain).

What can you do to protect yourself? "No single action will provide complete protection," the CDC notes,

but taking a few steps can help reduce the likelihood of transmission of swine flu (or many other infections).

1. Sanitize - i.e. Wash Your Hands Frequently. It may sound obvious, but hand-washing with soap and water for around 20 seconds is the single best thing you can do (if you're going to go out into the world and interact with other human beings). The CDC estimates that 80 percent of all infections are spread by hands. If you can't wash your hands regularly, try hand-sanitizers with 60 percent alcohol content.

2. Avoid - i.e. Engage in "Social Distancing." That's the fancy term for reducing unnecessary social contact, staying away from crowds, and avoiding people if you're sick or if you're concerned that they may be infected. It may not be especially practical when you have to go to, say, work, but experts believe it's worth repeating: Isolation and avoidance reduce your chances of getting infected or infecting others.

(Researchers in the UK - mentioned above and sponsored by a cold remedy company - found that 99 percent of commuters suffer at least one cold per winter. By contrast, 58 percent of people who work from home and 88 percent of those who walk to work caught a cold last winter).

If you need to go someplace crowded, the CDC says, try to spend as little time as possible and try to stay six feet away from potentially infected people. Wearing a surgical or dental facemask - cleared by the FDA as a medical device - "can help prevent some exposures," the CDC says, but they're not foolproof.

3. Be Alert - i.e. Recognize the Symptoms and Get Help. Swine flu symptoms are similar to regular flu: Fever, body aches, sore throat, cough, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea, and lethargy. If you don't feel well, seek medical attention. So far, it's important to note, this swine flu is treatable (and absolutely survivable). It's resistant to two of four antiviral drugs approved for combating the flu: Symmetrel and Flumadine. But two newer antivirals - Tamiflu and Relenza - appear to work.

What are the chances of a global pandemic? "The situation is uncertain and unpredictable and likely to be a marathon more than a sprint," says Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention.

"We expect there to be a broader spectrum of disease here in the U.S.," adds Dr. Anne Schuchat, interim deputy director for the agency's Science and Public Health Program. "I do fear that we will have deaths here."

Swine flu will dominate news headlines in the days ahead. Every case around the world will be carefully tracked and tallied - and deservedly so. It may not sound like much, but the best defense involves some very simple steps: Every sneeze should be covered - preferably with the crook of an arm - and every hand should be washed ... and washed again.

For more information about swine flu or surviving other kinds of life-changing adversity, please go to TheSurvivorsClub Website.

The CDC has set up a toll-free hotline: 1-800-CDC-INFO. Or check out the CDC Website (cdc.gov).

Angie Zapata Verdict Announced

GREELEY, CO (Observer Update) - A man who claimed he snapped before killing a Transgender woman was swiftly convicted of first-degree murder and a hate crime for savagely beating the woman with a fire extinguisher, 365Gay.com reported.

Allen Andrade, 32, of Thornton, was sentenced to life in prison without parole after being convicted of killing Angie Zapata, 18. The jury deliberated for just two hours before finding Andrade guilty. In handing down the sentence, District Judge Marcelo Kopcow said he hoped Andrade thinks "about the violence and the brutality ... and the pain you caused not only your family, but the family of Angie Zapata."

The case was believed to be the first prosecution under Colorado's bias-crime statute for a crime involving a Transgender person. Gay rights activists hope publicity from the case would pressure Congress to add sexual orientation and gender identity to a federal hate crime law.



Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! As the weather warms up, get ready for Jell-O to kick off the summer season! SAAF is very excited for Jell-O to be at a new location with the help of Dave and Frank and Woody's Bar. Woody's has been a very generous host and supporter of this event for years and this year with the move, their support has been even greater. Thank you! There is lots of energy and excitement surrounding this year's Jell-O event, but some people have questions about the details so I thought I would address them.

The 22nd Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza and Benefit Auction will be held at Tucson Electric Park this Sunday, May 3rd. Doors open at 1:30 and the show begins at 3:00pm. All of the main stays that this community has enjoyed at Jell-O will be there including our fabulous hostesses who will be running the show- and we do mean they RUN the show, so please stay clear! There will be a pre-show between 2:00pm and 3:00pm, and of course adult beverages including Jell-O shots will be available!

New to this year's event are:

- * 2 great wading pools for those who would like to enjoy the show while wading in the cool water.
- * Food choices have increased as TEP is doing the food, so bring your appetite, food will be available throughout the event.
- * Individual bars are offering shuttle services so contact your favorite hangout to see if you can catch a ride to and from, we'll also have Taxi's on standby for you as well.
- * There's more seating, more shade, and a great show being planned to enjoy.

Tickets are still available at your local bars, online at www.jello-wrestling.org, or by calling Jess at 520-628-7223. I hope to see a great turnout. If you have any questions about the event, please give us a call.

See you Sunday near the Jell-O pit!
Wendell Hicks

Registered - Copyrighted - All Rights Reserved



Sunday May 3, 2009 Tucson Electric Park - 2500 East Ajo Way

RENO GANNON MEMORIAL 22nd Anniversary

Jell-O wrestling EXTRAVAGANZA AND BENEFIT AUCTION!

Tickets: **\$20** Ticket locations online at www.jello-wrestling.org

Time:
1:30 pm: Doors Open
2:00 pm: Pre-Event Party
3:00 pm: Main Event

Phone: 520-628-7223

"there's always a room for jell-o"

"there's always a room for jell-o"

and so much more...

New at Jell-O this year...

- Wading pools! That's right watch the show while enjoying the cool water in a pool!
- FOOD Choices, TEP is doing the food, so come ready to munch!

ALWAYS at Jell-O...

- Adult Beverages and Jell-O Shots!
- Live Auction
- Hot & Spicy Wrestling Matches & Entertainment
- Lots of opportunity to raise money and support for SAAF's programs and services and the people served through Care Services and Prevention!

Adult Beverages

Jell-O Shots

Live Auction

Jell-O Wrestling!

Wading Pools

Food

Fun

Entertainment