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#### Economic Downturn Strikes Center

ED NOTE: It's no secret. The entire Nation is suffering from the poor economy. Jobs lost, and homes being foreclosed. And the forecast is pretty gloomy too. But there will be an upswing sometime in the near future. And the sooner the better!

Well, the bad news has hit the local LGBT community. It's community center, Wingspan, has been forced to do a big about-face - give up its location downtown and move into smaller quarters. Accompanying this article, is a complete explanation from the President of the Wingspan Board of Directors, Cynthia Garcia, on how it is going to change its operating schedules to fit the present problems and still serve the Tucson GLBT community to the best of their ability. But they need your assistance.

The downturn has already forced the Observer to ask for community help. And it received a wonderful community turnout to cover some past debt and help with future publications. In addition, on page four of this issue, SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation) has been feeling the same loss of funding and has to take additional precautions to remain in full operating position.

For the for-see-able future, all members of the Tucson LGBT community will be asked for their assistance and help so that we will be able to keep all of these vital organizations operating.

#### WINGSPAN SITUATION - UPDATE

By Cynthia Garcia (Board President of Wingspan)

TUCSON (Observer Update) - To address the unprecedented economic downturn, Wingspan is taking necessary steps to ensure that core programs continue.

Wingspan's anti-violence, youth, and Southern Arizona Gender Alliance programs will remain, along with Senior Pride and other programs sustained by volunteers. A smaller community center will continue to provide a safe and welcome space for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in southern Arizona. To maintain these vital services, Wingspan is reducing staff to grant-funded positions, consolidating facilities, and creatively changing the way it will do fundraising.

As part of a strategic plan to conserve resources by cutting all staff positions that are not grant-funded, Executive Director Jason Cianciotto announced his resignation (July 12). "This was a necessary part of cost-saving measures to preserve core services," he said. Cianciotto is working for \$1 until the end of July to ensure a smooth transition. "This organization helped save my life when I was a teenager. Now I want to do all that I can to see that Wingspan continues to serve our community," he said.

The Wingspan community center and staff offices will consolidate buildings with the EON Youth Lounge. Wingspan will move across the street from its current location at 425 East Seventh Street. Wingspan will close and remain closed next week during the transition. The EON Youth Lounge, however, will remain open regular hours next week. The new combined Wingspan center and EON Youth Lounge will be open fully at its new location July 27. Hours for the public will be Monday through Friday from 11 am until 2 pm, and there will be one meeting room that can hold up to 20 people, in addition to community space with library and Bohnett CyberCenter. Our Front Desk volunteers will also be available during those hours for Information and Referral. From 3 pm until 8 pm the center will open only for youth and Wingspan direct program and administrative meetings. The anti-violence hotline will continue to operate 24 hours a day during the transition. Please see wingspan.org for more details on hours and activities at the center.

Wingspan's outreach, support and advocacy will continue with paid staff through the following programs: EON Youth Lounge, Anti-Violence Programs, and the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance. Wingspan's community education programs will also continue with leadership by volunteers.

These programs have been the crux of Wingspan's 21-year legacy of providing national leadership in LGBT education and advocacy. In place of the annual community dinner held in September, various activities are being planned in the coming months to mobilize community support of Wingspan. Board member Kathy Altman called on the community to dig deep and support Wingspan by raising \$125,000 by the end of October. "This is what we need from the community to continue," Altman said. "This is the critical moment to support our center. If we don't give sacrificially now, there will be no Wingspan to advocate for the freedom and equality of LGBT people in southern Arizona. I don't want to imagine living in a community in which Wingspan doesn't exist."

Although Wingspan's Annual Dinner and Community Celebration has been cancelled this year, the Godat, Hall, and Community Ally Awards will still be presented this year in the fall. Watch this site or subscribe to the eNews to be the first to know details of the new fall community event. The nomination period for the Godat Award ended on July 10. Thank you, everyone who submitted a nomination.

The Godat Award, named after the first recipient, Ken Godat, was  
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The old location for Wingspan was at 425 E. 7th Street



The new location for Wingspan is 426 E. 7th Street, directly across 7th Street from its old location.



Executive Director Jason Cianciotto, shown helping in the Wingspan move, will remain with the organization until the end of July



One of the rooms in the new location which will open July 27. For full information of new hours and schedules see accompanying story.

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# UPDATE

## Around The Old Pueblo

TUCSON - Boys R Us presents: Life's a Drag - A community drag event, Saturday, July 25, 8:00 p.m. - midnight, benefiting IDKE XI, featuring performances by Janee' Starr, Turkish Delights, Switchblade Parade and DJ Motion all on one stage to raise funds for this year's International Drag King Community Extravaganza! Eegees, drinks, auctions! Life's a Drag will take place at the Fourth Ave. Winsett Outdoor Performance Center, just south of Bison Witches, 326 N. Fourth Ave. For more information, contact Rachel Castillo, (520) 551-0778.

TUCSON (Observer Update) - On Saturday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., enjoy a trip up to the cool temperatures of Mt. Lemmon. Meet at the NE corner of Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy at the McDonalds (at 11:00 a.m.) to caravan/car pool up the mountain. There is a \$5 per vehicle park pass required. If you want to meet later in the afternoon, take the Catalina Highway off Tanque Verde Road in Tucson. Drive 4.2 miles to the Forest boundary and continue 25.6 miles (through Summerhaven). Marshall Gulch Picnic Area is a quarter mile beyond the village. We will have a rainbow flag at the picnic area. Rainbow Families is a group of LGBT parents with children who get together for monthly social events. Everyone is welcome and for more information, contact Peter, (520) 245-6659, lakepet@cox.net.

TUCSON (Observer Update) - A Summer Tea Dance for LGBT Seniors and their Friends, Saturday, July 25, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Coyote Moon, 915 W. Prince. The DJ will play a mix of '40s big band, '50s/'60s oldies, country western, and the best of disco. Burgers, fries and other food items are available for purchase, and be sure to ask about the "Howl/Senior Pride" food and drink special. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

## HIV Social Marketing Campaign Requires Community Input

TUCSON (Observer Update)- "We're looking for community input. The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is developing an engaging,

creative prevention marketing campaign for the entire Tucson community that will help increase awareness and knowledge about HIV in a strong effort to increase HIV testing and eliminate new HIV infections," says Wendell Hicks, Executive Director at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

SAAF is launching its first ever community-wide social marketing campaign to increase awareness and education of HIV/AIDS, publicize the services and programs provided through the organization, and get people motivated to get tested. However, before the campaign is launched, there will be a chance for the public to give input and share ideas about what this important awareness effort will look like. "It's important to have a dynamic, interactive campaign that will educate and engage people to take action and stay safe through innovative approaches" says Hicks.

To Participate visit [saaf.org/uandhiv](http://saaf.org/uandhiv) or contact Hank Knaack, Marketing Coordinator at [focusgroup@saaf.org](mailto:focusgroup@saaf.org) or (520) 628-7223.

## AIDSWALK October 11

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Mark your calendars for October 11th as Tucson celebrates its 21st Annual AIDSWALK presented by Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel benefiting the programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). AIDSWALK features a 5K walk, 10K fun run, great food, entertainment, community education, kid and pet friendly play areas, a beautiful quilt opening ceremony with quilt panels on display from the Names Project Foundation, and much more.

Your participation in AIDSWALK means joining thousands of friends, families, and community members to walk in support of those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, HIV education and prevention, and in memory of loved ones lost to HIV/AIDS. This year's message, I walk because, allows people to share their story. I walk because...every 9½ minutes someone is infected with HIV. I walk because...approximately 2 young Americans under the age of 24 become infected with HIV every hour of every day. I walk because...everyone has an HIV status. I walk because...

SAAF provides care and sup-

port for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in southern Arizona, including housing, a food pantry, medical and dental assistance and support groups. Equally important, SAAF provides outreach to groups at high risk of HIV/AIDS through seven different culturally targeted prevention programs as well as general community education to help reduce the risk of HIV. You may visit us online for more info at [aidswalktucson.com](http://aidswalktucson.com) or call 791-WALK (9255). Proceeds benefit the programs and services of SAAF.

## Colo. Springs Leader Supports Pride Event For The First Time

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (Observer Update) - An annual event in Colorado Springs organized by Gays and Lesbians has the ceremonial support of a city leader for the first time in years, reported [365Gay.com](http://365Gay.com).

Vice Mayor Larry Small has issued a personal letter of support for PrideFest, which included a parade and interfaith religious. Mayor Lionel Rivera often issues proclamations for city events, but has withheld his support for PrideFest because the event hosts same-sex commitment ceremonies and he opposes Gay marriage.

Small, a self-described conservative Republican, says Gays and Lesbians are members of the community who pay taxes, own businesses. Colorado Springs is the home of Wil Perkins, author of a 1992 ballot issue that barred Colorado cities from passing laws to protect Gays from discrimination. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the law.

## Official Retracts LGBT Pride Support In Response To Pressure

LA MESA, CA (Observer Update) - A city councilwoman for La Mesa retracted her letter of support for the San Diego Gay pride celebration in response to pressure from a conservative Christian activist, reports the San Diego Union-Tribune.

La Mesa councilwoman Ruth Sterling, who represents the city in San Diego County, sent a letter in April congratulating the San Diego LGBT Pride organization on its annual celebration. Some 20 similar letters were sent to the group from elected officials this year. Sterling, a Republican, said that after she sent the letter, conservative Christian activist James Hartline asked her to pull the letter from the LGBT group's website. She refused at first, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com).

However, according to the Union-Tribune, Sterling sent a second letter on June 16 telling San Diego LGBT Pride that she was retracting her first letter. She said she looked more closely at "the nature of some of the activities that take place" and that she "was shocked and shaken to my core to learn of the lewd and lascivious behavior and unconscionable activities portrayed." During a La Mesa City Council meeting, some speakers supported Sterling while others opposed her action. Mayor Art Madrid said that the views expressed in her retraction were not representative of the city as a whole.

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](mailto:volcoord@saaf.org)



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inaugurated in 1998 as a way to recognize annually one person who has made outstanding long-term contributions to Southern Arizona's LGBT community. It is the most prestigious award and highest honor and has been traditionally granted at the Wingspan Annual Benefit Dinner. Past Godat Award winners include: Ken Godat (1998), Jean Baker (1999), Colette Barajas (2000), Ana "Bertie" Lozano (2001), Bob Ellis (2002), Alexander John Goodrum (2003), Alan Storm (2004), Mae Krueger (2005), Craig Snow (2006), Noel Matkin (2008). No award in 2007.

## Mass. Sues Feds Over Definition Of Marriage

BOSTON, MA (Observer Update) - Massachusetts, the first state to legalize Gay marriage, sued the U.S. government Wednesday (July 7) over a federal law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) interferes with the right of Massachusetts to define and regulate marriage as it sees fit, Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley said. The 1996 law denies federal recognition of Gay marriage and gives states the right to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Boston, argues the act "constitutes an overreaching and discriminatory federal law." It says the approximately 16,000 same-sex couples who have married in Massachusetts since the state began performing Gay marriages in 2004 are being unfairly denied federal benefits given to heterosexual couples.

Besides Massachusetts, five other states - Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Iowa - have legalized Gay marriage. Gay marriage opponents in Maine said Wednesday that they had collected enough signatures to put the state's new law on the November ballot for a possible override. The Massachusetts lawsuit challenges the section of the federal law that creates a federal definition of marriage as "a legal union between one man and

one woman as husband and wife."

Before the law was passed, Coakley said, the federal government recognized that defining marital status was the "exclusive prerogative of the states." Now, because of the U.S. law's definition of marriage, same-sex couples are denied access to benefits given to heterosexual married couples, including federal income tax credits, employment benefits, retirement benefits, health insurance coverage and Social Security payments, the lawsuit says. The lawsuit also argues that the federal law requires the state to violate the constitutional rights of its citizens by treating married heterosexual couples and married same-sex couples differently when determining eligibility for Medicaid benefits and when determining whether the spouse of a veteran can be buried in a Massachusetts veterans' cemetery.

"In enacting DOMA, Congress overstepped its authority, undermined states' efforts to recognize marriages between same-sex couples, and codified an animus towards Gay and Lesbian people," the lawsuit states. The Justice Department had not seen the lawsuit and cannot respond until it has a chance to review it, spokesman Charles Miller said.

(Editor's Note: Due to a production glitch, the copy for this story was garbled in Observer 1303 and a version of the article is reprinted here.)

# Boies Assails Prop. 8 In Wall Street Journal

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - David Boies the lawyer who along with attorney Ted Olson filed a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Proposition 8, explained the rationale for his case in a Wall Street Journal editorial Monday (July 20), reported advocate.com.

"The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the right to marry the person you love is so fundamental that states cannot abridge it," he wrote, citing cases where the court had overruled states that denied marriage rights to incarcerated individuals or those who had defaulted on paying child support. Boies argued that there's also no "credible contention" that denying marriage rights can turn someone straight, nor that allowing same-sex marriage lessens the inclination of heterosexuals to marry.

Though most states have not legalized Gay marriage, he wrote, "basic constitutional rights cannot depend on the willingness of the electorate in any given state to end discrimination. If we were prepared to consign minority rights to a majority vote, there would be no need for a Constitution."

While those who oppose same-sex marriage have a First Amendment right to their beliefs, the First Amendment along with the due process and equal protection clauses prohibit those beliefs from becoming state law. "Gays and



David Boies

Lesbians are our brothers and sisters, our teachers and doctors, our friends and neighbors, our parents and children. It is time, indeed past time, that we accord them the basic human right to marry the person they love," he wrote.

The justification for Proposition 8, he concluded, rests on "the tautological assertion that a marriage is between a man and a woman. But a slogan is not a substitute for constitutional analysis. Law is about justice, not bumper stickers."



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# UPDATE

## Federal Funding Cuts Impact SAAF

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "I started as a volunteer in HIV/AIDS work in 1988 and began working in the field in 1991. I have never witnessed these kinds of cuts into core and primary care services", says Wendell Hicks, Executive Director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). SAAF is receiving several funding cuts to support people living with HIV/AIDS, particularly in the areas of medications assistance, case management, mental health, health insurance assistance, and dental services for people living with HIV. Here's why:

On June 10 recipients of the Arizona AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), operated by the Arizona Department of Health Services, received notification of a reduction in services effective July 1, 2009. While ADAP will continue to provide HIV medications-anti-retrovirals and treatments for opportunistic infections-other medications will no longer be available through the program. The reductions in medications available through ADAP are a result of a cut in funding from the Ryan White Program Part B funds to the State of Arizona, an increase in the cost of services, and an increase in need through enrollment of new recipients into the program.

In addition to the financial cut, ADAP is also losing 5 of the 8 pages of drugs listed on the formulary that were previously covered. Medications which address side effects of HIV, behavioral health medications, and other vital prescriptions will no longer be covered. The financial cuts to the program plus the cuts to the approved medications on the formulary will mean significant changes to clients currently on the ADAP program, the majority of whom are uninsured or have no other access to medications. Without support for medi-

cations that address side effects, clients may decide to not take their medication because of the toll it takes on their bodies and/or may end up needing much more comprehensive and expensive medical treatment.

In addition to changes in the ADAP services, the Arizona Department of Health Services is also diverting funds from area services in order to fulfill the need to provide HIV medications through ADAP. While the continuum of services at SAAF will continue to be available, many services will now have revised eligibility and benefits in order to accommodate the funding reductions.

SAAF will be seeing the most significant cut in the statewide dental contract that SAAF currently manages with Delta Dental to serve the entire state with the exception of Maricopa and Pinal County. The program is losing 39% of its funding. Dental is an important primary medical health service that most of SAAF's clients cannot afford. Proper and consistent dental care helps to prevent opportunistic infections and keeps healthcare costs down. As a result of the funding cuts benefits for clients on the program will be reduced and eligibility for the program will be lowered to those with incomes at 185% of federal poverty level or less.

"I will continue to keep the community informed of changes and impacts to programming," says Wendell Hicks "SAAF is committed to working with our community partners to increase the resources needed to adequately respond to these challenges and meet the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in our community." I encourage media and concerned citizens to contact Laura Oxley at ADHS (602-542-1094) for further information or our elected officials to express your concerns.

## Gates: Pentagon Looking To Halt DADT

FORT DRUM, NY (Observer Update) - The Pentagon's chief said Thursday he could send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan this year than he'd initially expected and is considering increasing the number of soldiers in the Army. Both issues reflect demands on increasingly stressed American forces tasked with fighting two wars, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates' comments came during a short visit to Fort Drum in upstate New York - an Army post that he said has deployed more soldiers to battle zones over the last 20 years than any other unit. Two Fort Drum brigades are headed to Iraq in coming months, and a third is currently in Afghanistan. Gates stopped at Fort Drum on his way to Chicago, where he gave a feisty speech Thurs-

day evening hammering Congress for trying to tack on billions of dollars for additional F-22 fighter jets to the Pentagon's 2010 spending plan.

Troop safety remained on Gates' mind, however, as he told a friendly audience of the Economic Club of Chicago that high Army suicide rates "are a reflection of the stress on the force." He also took about 15 minutes of questions from the friendly audience, during which he repeated his belief that the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will be closed as President Barack Obama has promised. He also said anew that Pentagon lawyers are looking at whether Gay troops who are outed by hostile colleagues can be protected from military discharge until Congress changes the controversial "don't ask, don't tell" law.

## Pro-LGBT Health Reforms Emerge

ASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The House version of the health reform legislation contains several pro-LGBT provisions, including one that would equalize the tax treatment for domestic-partner benefits, advocate.com reported.

The federal government currently views domestic-partner benefits as taxable income, which results in higher taxation of both employees who cover their same-sex partners and employers that offer such benefits. Under the guidelines authored by Rep. Jim McDermott of Washington, enrolling a same-sex partner, a partner's dependent children, or an employee's adult children in employer-based benefits would carry no extra tax penalties. Supporters of the change hope that more medium to small businesses would offer the benefits if the complexities and additional tax burdens were eliminated.

"The whole premise behind domestic-partner benefits is equal pay for equal work and this will truly bring 100% equity in terms of taxation," said David Smith, vice president of the Human Rights Campaign. Though the language was not included in the version of the health care legislation, revisions were made to the re-write presented for consideration in the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy.

But whether the provision will be included on the Senate side remains to be seen. New York senator Chuck Schumer, who is the lead sponsor of the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, also sits on the Senate Finance Committee, which presides over taxation policies. Although the Senate Finance Committee is aware of the issue, people close to the process say the provision's fate in the Senate largely depends on how bipartisan their bill is. "The prospects for inclusion of this fix in the Senate health bill will turn in significant measure on whether the Senate finance committee product is bipartisan," said James Delaplaine, a consultant working for the Human Rights Campaign. "The likelihood increases if it comes forth as more of a Democratic package."

The policy change is also viewed favorably by some Republicans since it is generally seen as a pro-business proposition. For that reason,

Delaplaine believes that, even if it is excluded from the Senate version, it may not meet with stiff resistance if and when the House and Senate health bills are reconciled. "The critical thing is that it come forward in one of the two bills," he said. "If we get to that stage, there will be a reasonable opportunity to see it in the final bill that goes to the president."

Of course, the prospect that a health reform bill of any kind will reach President Barack Obama's desk remains an open question. The president is urging lawmakers to finalize a bill before the August recess, but Republicans and even some Democrats are balking at that timeline. Other pro-LGBT provisions that have been included in the House health legislation include:

- inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity in federal data collection and health disparity programs;

- early treatment for HIV under Medicaid, so that individuals do not have to receive an AIDS diagnosis before accessing coverage;

- protections for LGBT people from discrimination by insurance companies or health care providers based on personal characteristics that are unrelated to health care.

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# Justice Department Releases New Fact Sheet On The Rights Of Persons With HIV Or AIDS To Obtain Occupational Training And State Licensing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The U.S. Justice Department released a new technical assistance fact sheet on legal requirements relating to admitting individuals with HIV or AIDS to occupational training schools and granting state licensure in occupations such as barbering, massage therapy and home health care assistance.

training schools so that individuals with HIV or AIDS have an equal opportunity to pursue these occupations.

"People with HIV or AIDS should not be denied access to their chosen profession because of outdated laws or unfounded stereotypes and fears. The Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice is committed to the full and fair enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act," said Loretta King, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

Persons with HIV and AIDS unfortunately still face obstacles in obtaining training and state licensure in these occupations because of overly broad state licensure requirements that applicants be free of communicable diseases. Because HIV disease is not communicated through casual contact, excluding individuals with HIV under these licensure requirements is unnecessary and discriminates against these individuals in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This publication is intended to provide guidance for state licensing agencies and occupational

The Americans with Disabilities Act protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination in all activities of state and local government entities and by public accommodations. This publication and additional information about the Civil Rights Division is available at the Department's ADA Web site at [ada.gov](http://ada.gov).

# DeLee Found Guilty In Trans Killing

SYRACUSE, NY (Observer Update) - Dwight DeLee was found guilty of first-degree manslaughter as a hate crime for shooting trans woman Lateisha Green in November, [advocate.com](http://advocate.com) reported. The DeLee trial is the second in the country to involve hate-crime charges for killing a Transgender person.

was not homophobic, but several witnesses said they heard him call Green, 22, a homophobic slur right before she was shot in a parked car outside a party the two were attending. Johnson countered, however, that DeLee used the slur to refer to others at the party. Green's brother, who was with his sister in the car when she was shot, identified DeLee as the shooter.

DeLee, 20, was originally charged with second-degree murder as a hate crime, but Judge William Walsh advised the jury to consider convicting DeLee on a lesser charge. The jury of six men and six women had acquitted DeLee of the murder charge after determining that he had intended only to injure, not kill, Green when he shot her with a .22-caliber rifle, according to the Syracuse Post-Standard. The verdict was delivered after six hours of deliberation over two days. DeLee's attorney, Clarence Johnson, argued that his client

DeLee faces up to 25 years in prison. Judge Walsh will hand down a sentence on August 18. Green's family released a statement following the verdict, thanking people for their support and encouragement. "Teish, a beautiful girl," the statement read. "A wonderful daughter. A brave soul. Teish was all of these things despite the adversity that regularly tried to weigh her down and overshadow her love of life. She was taken away from us too soon. All it took was one bullet."

# Washington Closing In On 125k Signatures

OLYMPIA, WA (Observer Update) - An anti-LGBT organization aiming to repeal Washington state's domestic-partnership laws has until July 25 to collect the 125,000 signatures needed for a ballot initiative in the fall. Protect Marriage Washington reported to the secretary of state today that it's closing in on 100,000

signatures. According to The Stranger, Protect Marriage Washington reported to the secretary of state that it had collected about 75,000 signatures as of July 15. Larry Stickney, president of the Washington Values Alliance, which runs Protect Marriage, told [Advocate.com](http://advocate.com) that 75,000 is their best estimate, but "we think we're closing in on 100,000 now."

Stickney added that his organization has brought in more than 1,000 volunteers to collect signatures from people across the state. "If they come back in at the rate they've gone out, we're going to get this thing," he said, reported [advocate.com](http://advocate.com). When asked whether signature authenticity may be a problem with so many volunteers, Stickney said he is not too worried with that process. "[The secretary of state's office] will take a sampling, and make that determination," he said. "Usually when you're dealing with churchgoing folks, as we have in times past - the last time I headed an initiative, we had the highest percentage of validated signatures up to that point - we expect it to be pretty good."

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# POLITICS 2009

by Mark R. Kerr

## Federal Hate Crimes Legislative Update

On Thursday, July 16, the U.S. Senate, approved an amendment, by a vote of 63-28, inserting the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act to S. 1390, the Defense Department Authorization Bill.

This amendment to the Defense Department Authorization Bill would give the Justice Department the power to investigate and prosecute bias-motivated violence by providing the department with jurisdiction over crimes of 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.

All the Democratic Senators present, as well as independent Senators Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut voted yes, and were joined by five Republican Senators. Twenty-eight Republicans voted against the amendment, including both Arizona Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl.

Opponents of the Hate Crimes measure, led by Alabama Republican Senator Jeff Sessions, offered three amendments to the Act Amendment language, on Monday, July 20, in an attempt to scuttle the proposed expansion of current federal statutes. All three were approved (the first two by voice vote and the third, by a vote of 92-0).

Session's three amendments (in the order the Senate considered them and approved) would:

Add the death penalty as a provision to federal hate crimes laws;

Require the Attorney General to promulgate guidelines with "neutral and objective criteria for determining whether a crime was motivated by the status of the victim and,

Create a new federal criminal offense for cases involving assaults or battery of a U.S. service member - or a member of the service member's immediate family.

On April 29 of this year, the U.S. House of Representatives passed their version of the Matthew Shepard Act, H.R. 1913, known as the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, by a vote of 249-175.

Once the Senate votes on the final Defense Department authorization bill it will go to a conference committee with the House - appointed by the House of Representatives and Senate to resolve disagreements on a particular bill and is usually composed of the senior Members of the standing committees of each House that originally considered the legislation.

A conference report, combining the language of the two proposals, taking out extraneous material and amendments will be created and then submitted to both bodies for consideration.

There is no debate on a conference committee report and goes directly to each floor for a final vote and since the Senate version is a budget reconciliation bill, it cannot be filibustered, as per the 1974 Congressional Budget Act, limiting the Senate to ten hours of debate.

Current federal statutes (18 U.S.C. § 245) permit prosecution of hate crimes committed on the basis of a person's race, color, religion, or nation origin when engaging in a federally protected activity.

A total of 45 states and the District of Columbia have statutes criminalizing various types of bias-motivated violence or intimidation (the exceptions are AR, GA, IN, SC, and WY).

Each of these statutes covers bias on the basis of race, religion, and ethnicity; 32 of them cover sexual orientation; 32 cover disability; 28 cover gender; 13 cover age; 11 cover Transgender/gender-identity; 5 cover political affiliation.

Arizona's law, on the books since 1997, covers race, gender, age, national origin, religion and sexual orientation.

## Director Holland Sorry For Closet Advice



LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - Todd Holland, the openly Gay, Emmy-winning director who caused a stir over the weekend when he said during a panel discussion at Los Angeles's Outfest Gay and Lesbian film festival that Gay actors wanting to make it in Hollywood should stay in the closet, has issued a statement apologizing for his remarks.

"As an openly Gay man in Hollywood," Holland says in the statement released through the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, "I know firsthand the tremendous challenges that people throughout the industry face in terms of being open about who they are.

"For people who know me, they know that I believe it's important for people to live openly and authentically, and I am sorry for my poorly chosen words at Outfest. At the end of the day, I hope my comments do not prevent us from having honest, thoughtful conversations about the significant barriers that make being an out actor in Hollywood an ongoing obstacle."



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# COMMENTARY...

by John Corvino

## What's Real For Gay Men?

Recently I've been reflecting on mentoring, and the various ways we introduce newcomers to aspects of Gay life—the good, the bad, and the ugly—in an effort to help them navigate their own path. This brought to mind two stories, both involving Gay bars. The first happened about 20 years ago, when I was a volunteer for the AIDS Center for Queens County. My “buddy” and I were enjoying drinks at Uncle Charlie's, a (now-defunct) Greenwich Village watering hole. I was 20, fresh out of Catholic school, and still pretty conservative. Uncle Charlie's was known as the “S&M” (“Stand & Model”) bar for preppy youths like me. “I need to take you to a REAL New York Gay bar,” my buddy announced.

So he took me to the Spike, a notorious leather bar. At the time I was wearing pressed khakis and a pastel multi-striped Ralph Lauren Oxford shirt, and I couldn't have stuck out more if I had walked in dressed as a nun. (Actually, there may have been someone there dressed as a nun, but the details of the night are blurry.) The second happened a decade later. By then I was a recently hired professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. I was enjoying drinks at Pronto, a suburban Gay bar not unlike Uncle Charlie's, when an African-American friend turned to me and said, “I need to take you to a REAL Detroit Gay bar.” “Here we go again,” I thought.

So we left the bar and drove over to the east side of the city. I was the only white person in sight, and as we stood in line I focused intently on my friend so as not to look overly curious. We reached the door, and the bouncer, who towered over me like a sequoia tree, leaned down to give me a hug. “This is weird,” I thought, but not wanting to appear conspicuous I went ahead and wrapped my arms around him. My friend started laughing hysterically. Suddenly I realized that the bouncer was not trying to hug me. He was patting me down for weapons. So much for not looking conspicuous. There are several lessons here—aside from, watch what the other people in line are doing.

First, there's the common human tendency to have strong feelings about what's REAL, whether we're talking about a REAL bar, or the REAL Detroit, or REAL sex—whatever. Yet Uncle Charlie's and Pronto felt (and were) perfectly real to me. There's a danger in confusing what's personally comfortable with what's authentic. And while there's nothing wrong with sharing one's likes and dislikes, we shouldn't dismiss others' preferences simply because they're different. Take, for example, the tendency of some Gays to consider anal sex “real” sex, and other forms as mere foreplay. This mirrors the heterosexual tendency to do the same with penile-vaginal sex. As a result, some deep, meaningful, exciting, positive sexual experiences get dismissed as less than real, and some people routinely engage in forms of sex that they don't really enjoy. How foolish. Second, because there's value in expanding one's horizons, and because new territory can be fraught with risk—even if only risk of embarrassment—ambassadors are crucial. I never would have explored those other places had those friends not taken me. And even though I decided that the places weren't my scene, my friends helped expand my notion of what's possible.

Of course, this is true not just for bars—which are (for me) a relatively minor part of Gay life—but also for political and charitable groups, art openings, public

lectures, dinner parties, sports events, whatever. It isn't just true for Gay life, either. For example, my identity as a Detroitier has become important to me, and it's been formed largely thanks to the people who have introduced me to the city in all its aspects—the good, the bad, and the ugly. And so, those who mentor have a delicate job—inviting but not pushing (at least, not beyond a gentle nudging); advocating but not forcing; witnessing but not indoctrinating. I'm grateful for the many who have done it for me. I hope I can pay their effort forward.

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## BUZZ FLASHES

Tina Mabry's film of a Mississippi family living in poverty won Outfest's grand jury prize for best dramatic feature. Mississippi Damned, a two-hour drama based on Mabry's upbringing in rural Tupelo, Miss., focuses on three black children dealing with a history of abuse, addiction, and violence.

The U.S. tax court dismissed Gay millionaire Charles Merrill's claim that he should not have to pay taxes unless he could file jointly with his partner of 18 years, whom he legally married in California.

One of the “Twin Brother Bandits” has made a plea bargain, fingering his twin brother as his coconspirator and pleading guilty to two counts each of burglary and criminal conspiracy. Taleon Goffney, who together with his brother Keyontyli starred in a number of hard-core Gay porn flicks will be serving three to eight years in state prison for two February 2008 rooftop burglaries in Philadelphia. Keyontyli will stand trial in early August.

It was the most memorable speech in “Big Brother” history, but fans didn't hear all of it. Television viewers watching the “Big Brother 11” eviction episode Thursday (July 17) only heard part of contestant Chima Simone's petition to stay on the voyeuristic CBS reality show. Host Julie Chen later called it “the most memorable last plea speech we've ever heard.” But the audio cut out right as the 32-year-old freelance journalist referenced a derogatory term for people of Mexican descent that fellow nominee Braden Bacha, a 28-year-old model-actor, had used against two other contestants. Bacha's use of the term was also edited out. Also censored was Simone saying that Bacha had used a sexually insulting word to describe host Chen, who also co-hosts “The Early Show.” Bacha was eliminated; Simone saved.

CBS said the statements were removed from the broadcast because they were offensive and did not meet the network's standards. Gay slurs slung by contestant Jeff Schroeder during an argument were also left on the cutting room floor. The only place viewers

could hear the heated words was on the show's live streaming Internet feed. The network said in a statement that “any views or opinions expressed in personal commentary by a houseguest

appearing on ‘Big Brother,’ either on any live feed from the house or the broadcast, are those of the individuals speaking and do not represent the views or opinions of CBS or the producers of the program.”

## Police Report Sides With Gay Couple' 'Kiss In' Leads To Shouting Match



SALT LAKE CITY, UT (Observer Update) - A police report on an incident involving a Gay couple kissing appears to side with the detained Gay couple. The Salt Lake City couple was cuffed and detained by security guards for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints after refusing to follow guard orders, reported 365Gay.com.

Matt Aune, 28, and his partner Derek Jones, 25, were walking across the Main Street Plaza, an easement that connects the Mormon Temple to other church sites that belong to the church. The men say they were told to leave after they hugged and kissed. Mormon Church officials claim that the men were given a warning for their behavior and then detained for trespassing after refusing to leave. The report does not mention a warning, saying only that the guard told the pair that “they need to leave [church] property for the behavior and that [it] is unwanted.” The report says that the “unwanted” behavior was kissing and hugging, and that police were called when Jones refused to

leave. Jones claimed during a television interview that as he was being cuffed, one of the guards said, “It's just gross, it's just wrong.” Alcohol was involved in the incident as well. “I could smell alcohol on Matt's [Aune] breath and he [sic] speech was slightly slurred when he spoke to me,” police officer Eric Moutsos said. A kiss in occurred the Sunday after the incident in which participants, both Gay and straight, wore paper hearts while kissing to show support for Aune and Jones.

In other related news, A mass-kissing protest near the Mormon church temple drew a shouting match between Gay activists and a group of faithful Mormons. For the second consecutive weekend, about 100 people gathered to stage a “kiss-in” to protest the treatment of two Gay men cited for trespassing July 9 after they shared a kiss on the plaza owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Both Gay and straight couples exchanged kisses during the protest.

## Around The Gay Globe

A Jamaican woman is asking the British immigration department to not deport her back to Jamaica because she is a lesbian. The woman has been convicted for dealing in illegal drugs by a British court. In 2005, she was sent to prison after being convicted for supplying “class A” drugs. While at prison, the unnamed woman entered into lesbian relationships with fellow inmates. According to the Jamaican Observer, British immigration officials do not believe the woman and say her claims are just “a ruse to avoid deportation.” The United Kingdom and the United States have granted asylum to Jamaican gays in the past because of the extreme levels of homophobia in the island nation.

Lithuania's new president criticized a censorship bill passed by lawmakers in the Baltic country that aims to keep information about homosexuality away from children. Dalia Grybauskaitė, who was inaugurated as president, said the measure was poorly worded and vowed to propose amendments later this year. “I'm very much upset that such kind of laws in Lithuania are possible,” she told reporters during a joint news conference in Stockholm with Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt. The measure bans publicly disseminating material deemed harmful to the mental health and “intellectual or

moral development” of minors.

Dozens of same-sex couples are filing adoption papers in preparation for new legislation that will allow them to adopt. The bill, which was passed by the Finnish parliament in May, allows inter-national adoption among same-sex couples and goes into effect in September. Lesbian couples have been especially active in attempting to adopt, according to YLE, a news service based in Finland. In Helsinki, Finland's capital and largest city, couples seeking to adopt have been exclusively women. The child rights organization Save the Children Finland has warned couples to expect a one-year wait for adoption decisions to be finalized. District courts decide on adoption based on recommendations by local adoption offices.

The 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver will offer what is believed to be the first house devoted to Gay and Lesbian athletes and their family members and friends, reports The New York Times. Pride House, which promises to be an inclusive hangout and social space for Gay and non Gay athletes, will be located in the Pan Pacific Hotel in Whistler Village, site of the skiing and sliding events, about a two-hour drive from Vancouver.

# Polis Named To Air Force Board

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (Observer Update) - Rep. Jared Polis, one of three openly gay members of Congress, has become a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy's board of visitors, reported advocate.com. The Colorado Democrat was named to the board by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader John Boehner, according to a press release.

congressional district and the academy near Colorado Springs and his expertise in the field of education coupled with his commitment to our national security," Pelosi said in a statement.

The board is responsible for giving frequent reports on the military academy to Congress and the Department of Defense. Polis is a cosponsor of legislation currently being spearheaded by Rep. Patrick Murphy that would repeal the ban on openly Gay service members in the military.

"I am particularly pleased to appoint Jared Polis to the Board of Visitors given the strong ties between his

# The Video Game Where You Kill Gays

NEW YORK, NY (Observer Update) - A video game that features a hunter shooting Gay people is creating a furor in the former Russian republic of Georgia, advocate.com reported. The video game is hosted by a Georgian website but has already been banned in France, the home of the video game's creator, reports France24.com. The objective



of the game is to shoot nudists "before they bugger you."

A group called Gay Armenia is "completely disgusted," finding it particularly shocking that the concept was adopted by "those religious-minded people in Tbilisi, Georgia, who swear in the name of Georgian patriarchy and constantly cite Bible to 'justify' their homophobia and hatred. Is this their (un-)orthodox' way of bringing up children by creating an image of an enemy (= Gays) and teaching how to deal with it (= kill them)?" The game, "Watch Out Behind You, Hunter," actually launched back in 2002.

Jean Christophe Calvet runs the Uzinagaz site that hosts the game. "I have to say that at the beginning, we really didn't understand why the association was attacking us," Calvet told France24.com. "The guy who came up with the game, Stéphane Aguié, wanted to mock hunters and rednecks, not Gay men. "Our games are not politically correct. They're aimed at teenagers and it's true that they're of a juvenile humor. I realize now that this one in particular could be found shocking, but I believe that you should be able to make this kind of joke in the name of freedom of speech. Incidentally, not everyone in the Gay community was supportive of banning the game."

# Emmy Nominees Announced

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - Out actors Neil Patrick Harris and Cherry Jones were among the 2009 Emmy Award nominees announced. The controversial Fox series Family Guy and the HBO television movie Grey Gardens, starring Drew Barrymore, received multiple nominations in the slate led overall by NBC's 30 Rock, which received 22 nominations, reported advocate.com.

Guy made history as the first animated series since The Flintstones in 1961 to be nominated as Outstanding Comedy Series, according to People magazine. Its competition includes Entourage, Flight of the Conchords, How I Met Your Mother, The Office, 30 Rock, and Weeds.

Harris, who will host the awards for prime-time programming on September 20 in Los Angeles, was nominated as Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for his role on CBS's How I Met Your Mother. Jones was recognized with a nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series for her work playing the president of the United States on Fox's 24. Family

Nominees for Outstanding Drama Series are Big Love, Breaking Bad, Damages, Dexter, House, Lost, and Mad Men. Tina Fey, nominated for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series for 30 Rock, also received a nod as Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for her captivating turn on Saturday Night Live as Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

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# Gay And Bisexual Black Men Lag Behind Others In Prostate Cancer Screenings

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - HIV Plus Magazine reported that many doctors recommend that once men reach 50, they should be screened for prostate and colorectal cancer. However, not all men get those tests, and a recent study has found that discrepancies exist among some groups.

Among all racial and ethnic groups and regardless of sexual orientation, African American men are least likely to get tested for prostate cancer. Prostate-specific antigen tests among Gay and Bisexual African American men were done 12% to 14% less than among heterosexual African Americans and 15% to 28% less than Gay and Bisexual white men. This is especially important considering African American men have significantly higher prostate cancer rates than white men.

It was a different story in the Latino community, however: Gay and Bisexual Latinos' use of up-to-date PSA testing was 11% higher than heterosexual Latino men and about the same

as rates among Gay and Bisexual white men.

"Gay and Bisexual black men had the lowest use of the PSA test, compared with every other group of men in the study," said the study's lead author, Kevin Heslin, in a news release. Heslin, assistant professor at Charles Drew University in Los Angeles, added, "For blacks, being a member of both racial and sexual minority groups represents a kind of double jeopardy when it comes to getting PSA testing."

Data were examined from 19,410 men who participated in the California Health Interview Survey. Results were published in the December issue of the journal Medical Care. Researchers also discovered that among all groups, more Gay and Bisexual men have received colorectal cancer tests than heterosexual men. That may be chalked up to the fact that Gays and Bisexuals may have greater access to tests, and that they also may be diagnosed as part of testing for sexual health issues.

# N.J. Rules Against Church Group In G/L Rights Case

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (Observer Update) - A church group that owns beachfront property discriminated against a Lesbian couple by not allowing them to rent the locale for their civil union ceremony, a New Jersey department ruled in a case that has become a flash point in the nation's Gay rights battle, the Associated Press reported.

The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights said its investigation found that the refusal of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association to rent the oceanfront spot to the couple for their same-sex union in March 2007 violated the public accommodation provisions of the state's Law Against Discrimination. While the ruling is decisively in favor of the couple, Harriet Bernstein and Luisa Paster, it does not end the case. An administrative law judge still must decide on a remedy for the parties.

"What this case has always been about from my clients' perspective has been equality," said Larry Lustberg, the lawyer for the couple. He said they will seek an order that requires the pavilion to be "open to all on an equal basis." Brian Raum, a lawyer for the Alliance Defense Fund, a Scottsdale, Ariz.-based group that represents the Methodist organization, Camp Meeting Association, said his clients would keep pushing back against being forced to allow civil unions on the property.

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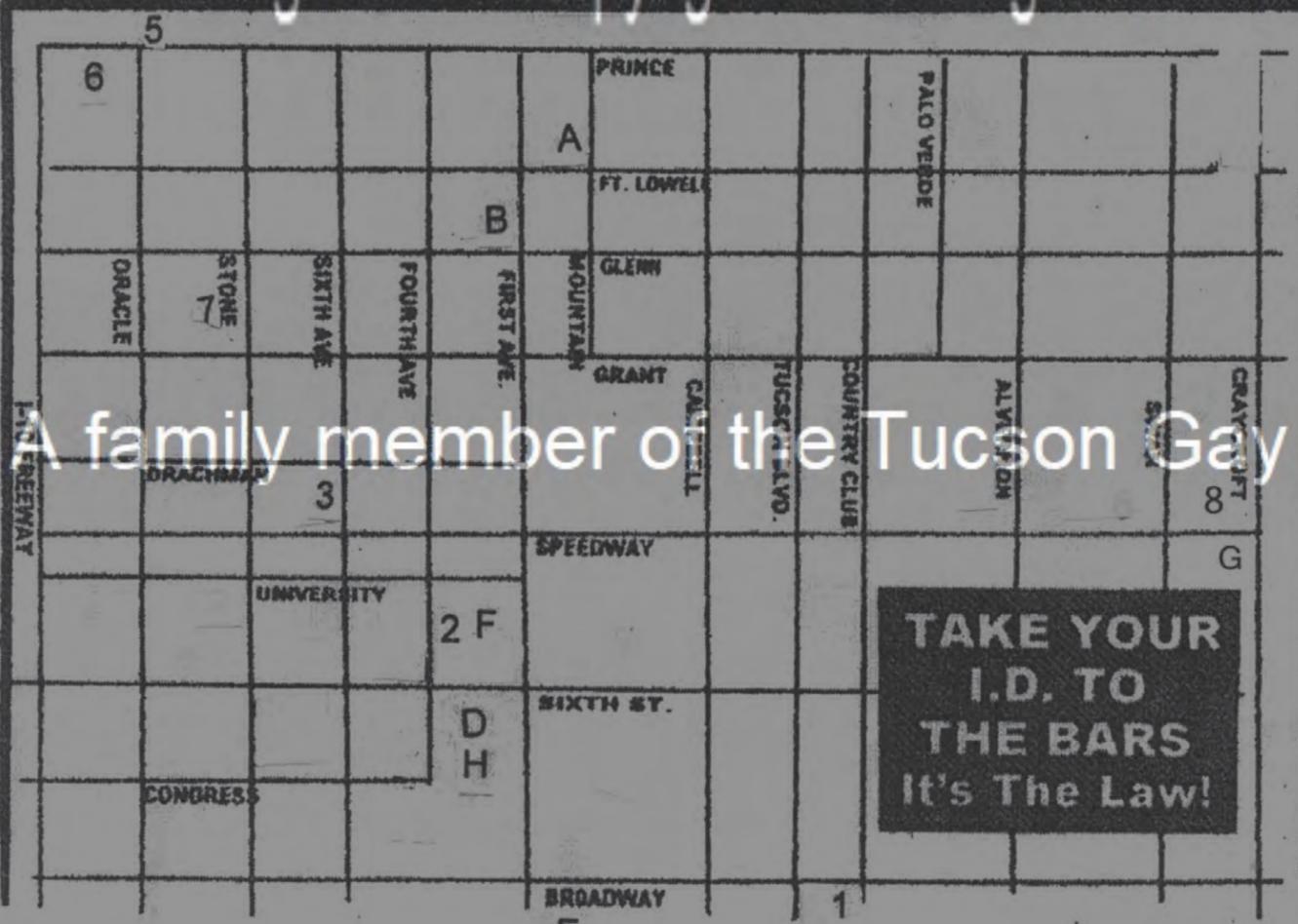
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## The LGBT Civil Rights Movement: 'Oh Lord, Not Now!'

By David Mixner

These well meaning, hard-working and intelligent folks want a very neat time-lined, totally safe and predictable movement. One where, as a community, we do not publicly move until we are assured of victory. They don't want us to venture from a proscribed game plan that mostly originates out of a Washington-based political strategy to gain our freedom. They live in fear that we will move too quickly, make someone uncomfortable and put our political friends in a tough spot. Afraid to risk defeat, they believe we have to make everyone like us and be on our side. Most amazingly they seek the approval of others instead of insisting that others have to liberate themselves from their own long held myths in order to receive this marvelous gift that our community brings.



The cabal of powerful decision makers wants everything to be safe, clean and perfect before moving. Don't upset anyone, don't jump ahead of ourselves and most of all don't deviate from a well-laid plan that hopefully will eventually lead to victory. Every one of our allies has to be comfortable, the polls have to show us way ahead, and proof of victory has to be assured before trying anything new. The unpredictable grassroots could be destructive and create instability.

Sounds pretty good doesn't it? Except that it doesn't fit any model of success that I have seen in my near 50 years of organizing. In fact, my journey has proven to me that the unpredictable often is just the stimulus that movements need; victory often comes from an unplanned event that organizers could not have pulled off if they had worked years to do it. Most candidates would never be elected to office if they waited for their turn, had hard proof of victory and listened to the political pros. Our own current president is a perfect example of this fact.

Most historic movements are filled with grassroots moments that propel that movement to new heights. It could be a Rosa Parks who was just tired and didn't want to surrender her seat or the automobile workers who occupied their factories in the 1930's to the dismay of traditional labor leaders or a simple unplanned walk to the sea to get salt that appalled more traditional Indian liberation leaders.

The LGBT community has just experienced such a moment. All of the major national organizations initially condemned the current Boies and Olsen lawsuit by the American Foundation for Equal Rights. Now the community has embraced it as a bold and brilliant move. Today all over the web proud members of the LGBT community were sharing David Boies incredible Op Ed in the "Wall Street Journal". My guess is that this case will become one of the great historic moments in the legal history of this community.

Along the way, we are allowing even our allies to abuse language in order to slow down our fight for full equality and freedom. We get nervous

when we call the system currently being put in place Apartheid although that is exactly our current situation. Yes, I know we didn't suffer like Nelson Mandela or the people of South Africa but that still doesn't make the word invalid for our movement. We are slowly but surely being separated from other Americans. We have allowed them to avoid the word marriage out of fear we are being unreasonable by insisting on full rights through the civic institution. Our allies accommodatingly play with words like civil unions, domestic partnerships, significant others, same-sex alliance, etc in order to avoid that one word, that one institution that will get us closer to freedom than any other word....marriage. It is marriage that we want and marriage we should seek. Anything less plays into the system of Apartheid they are attempting to build. We are even afraid to use the word 'freedom' as if we are not deserving enough to own that word.

(Author, political strategist, civil rights activist and public affairs advisor David Mixner blogs (davidmixner.com) on his passions: progressive politics, foreign policy, LGBT rights and wildlife advocacy. Once named by Newsweek as the most powerful Gay man in America, David has been a highly regarded leader in American politics and international human rights for over 40 years. He writes daily from Turkey Hollow, his mountain top home in upstate New York. This is a reprint of a post for which the staff of The Observer wholeheartedly agrees with.)

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# Fort Worth Mayor Says Apology For Injury, Not Raid

FORT WORTH, TX (Observer Update) - Fort Worth's mayor says an apology he issued at a City Council meeting wasn't for law enforcement's raid on a Texas Gay bar, but for the fact that a man was seriously injured, reported 365Gay.com. Mayor Mike Moncrief (MAHN'-creef) made an impromptu apology during Tuesday night's meeting where officials and residents commented on last month's raid on the Rainbow Lounge, which left one man hospitalized with a serious head injury.

Moncrief had told the crowd: "If you want an apology from your mayor: I am sorry about what happened in Fort Worth." City spokesman Bill Begley (BAY'-glee) said the mayor and council always are sorry if someone is hurt in the city.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Fort Worth Police Department are investigating the raid, which was conducted jointly by their agencies.



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# California Removed From DOMA Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - A federal judge has agreed to remove the state of California as a defendant in a lawsuit challenging the Defense of Marriage Act, reports the Associated Press on advocate.com.

to remove California because the plaintiffs were legally married in the state last year, before voters approved the same-sex marriage ban.

Judge Carter acted in response to a request from California attorney general Jerry Brown. The U.S. government remains a defendant in the case. In June, the government filed a motion to dismiss the case, a move that defended the constitutionality of DOMA.

U.S. District Judge David Carter said that California is no longer an appropriate defendant in the case brought by plaintiffs Arthur Smelt and Christopher Hammer against the state and the federal government. He agreed

# Marion Barry Claims Gay Vendetta

ASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Councilman and former mayor Marion Barry is claiming that openly Gay councilman David Catania is out to get him, advocate.com reported. Catania has asked the Office of the Inspector General to investigate Barry's use of congressional provisions since he has been under scrutiny for allegedly awarding his then-girlfriend a monthly \$5,000 city contract and allocating nearly \$1 million in tax dollars to social service organizations run by members of his staff.

marriage. In June 2008, Barry claimed he would support a marriage equality bill. However, in May 2009 he was the only member of the D.C. City Council to vote against a bill to recognize marriages of same-sex couples legally performed outside of the capital.

"I have been a friend of [the LGBT] community and I will continue to be a friend," Barry said in May. "I don't want this [marriage vote] to be a litmus test, because if it's a litmus test, it's not a true friendship." He also attended an anti-marriage equality rally in April, where he called same-sex marriage "immoral." Barry was arrested during the July 4 weekend and charged with misdemeanor stalking of his ex-girlfriend Donna Watts-Brighthaupt. The charges were later dropped.

Barry believes Catania "has a vendetta" against him because Barry was the sole opposition to a bill to grant recognition in the nation's capital to same-sex couples married outside the District. "I attribute your latest actions to my 'no' vote on recognizing same-sex marriages from other states," Barry wrote in a letter to Catania that was obtained by the Washington City Paper. Catania was an ardent supporter of the bill, which passed 12-1 and went into effect. Barry has been under fire for changing his stance on same-sex

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**G/L Marriage: Until Deportation Do Us Part**

LOS ANGELES - Rita Boyadjian wishes she were in a better mood to celebrate the weddings of fellow Gay friends after California began legally marrying same-sex couples last month, reported Reuters on GayNewsWatch.com. But her partner of six years is a German woman whose U.S. student visa runs out soon. Even if they were to legally marry in California, Margot (not her real name) could not stay in the United States because the federal government does not recognize same-sex marriage for immigration purposes.

This month the well-to-do couple and their nine-month-old baby will move to Germany so they can stay together. "It's a little bittersweet, I have to be honest," said Boyadjian, 38, a first-generation American who owns a Hollywood entertainment marketing company. "I am very happy for my friends and I do know a lot of people who are getting married this summer ... but I am sad that while the celebrations are going on, I have to leave."

Gay rights activists estimate that 40,000 binational Gay and Lesbian couples in the United States are caught in the same legal limbo. A solution, they say, is years away. When California's Supreme Court struck down a ban on Gay marriage in May, becoming the second state after Massachusetts to allow same-sex nuptials, Boyadjian said she was inundated with congratulatory calls from friends believing the couple's problems were solved.

But the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services confirms that nothing changes with the California court's ruling. "The couples are married under state laws in California. The federal government does not recognize these marriages for immigration purposes," USCIS spokeswoman Chris Rhatigan told Reuters.

Binational couples could make matters worse if they wed since getting married signals intent to stay in the United States. "We cannot get married in

California without jeopardizing Margot's future visa applications," said Boyadjian. Indeed, legal experts are telling these couples not to rush to the altar in California, which, unlike Massachusetts, will marry non-resident Gays and Lesbians.

Rachel Tiven, executive director for advocacy group Immigration Equality, is pinning hopes on passage of the Uniting American Families Act in the U.S. Congress "in the next few years." That act would let U.S. citizens in binational same-sex relationships sponsor their foreign-born partners for immigration. Tiven said Gay and Lesbian couples have learned to live with their lack of rights because their relationships make it all worth it. But the immigration inequality "can cost you the relationship itself," she said.

Shannon Minter, legal director for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, said he has seen many Gay and Lesbian couples like Boyadjian and Margot leave the country to stay together. "We have a Gay brain drain," said Minter.

At least 19 nations worldwide provide some form of immigration benefits to the same-sex partners of citizens and permanent residents, while the U.S. still refuses. They include Canada as well as about a dozen European countries.

Thom Vernon, a California arts educator with two graduate degrees, had to move to Canada to save his relationship with his partner, who is from Zimbabwe. They have since married. "I am an American citizen, for God's sake," said Vernon from his home in Toronto. "The fact that I can't bring in my partner of nine years is incredibly unfair and unjust." As a highly educated professional, Vernon has an advantage in seeking residency in another country like Canada, but binational couples of lesser means don't have that option.

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Mexico because she has her daughters here."

Minter can't predict when these Gay and Lesbian couples will be able to breathe easy, but says he is encouraged by the growing public support for Gay rights in the last four years. "We are seeing the fear dissipate and I think that will eventually spill over to the immigration context," Minter said. "Real families are being torn apart and once it clicks in, that is 90 percent of the battle."

**Gay New York Pair Fight Adoption-Service Bias**

ALBANY, New York (Observer Update) - A Gay couple who were barred from posting their profile at an online adoption service filed discrimination complaint Tuesday (July 1) with the New York State attorney general.

couple, Michael and Rich Butler, who alleged the companies violated California anti-discrimination law.

Rosario Gennaro and Alexander Gardner of New York City claim the Arizona-based Adoption Profiles LLC and Adoption Media LLC violate New York State antidiscrimination laws. The companies' website, ParentProfiles.com, allows only opposite-sex couples to register. It is not the first time a Gay couple has lodged a complaint against the service. Last year, it settled out of court a lawsuit brought by a San Jose, Calif.,

The companies argued that because they are based in Arizona and do business on the Internet, they did not have to comply with California law. A federal court judge in San Francisco rejected the argument and ruled that the lawsuit could proceed. The companies have since ceased doing business in California, said Flor Bermudez, a staff attorney for Lambda Legal, which is handling the case. "They can't come into New York and effectively hang a sign on the door saying 'Gay couples need not apply,'" Bermudez said.



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**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](mailto:SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoo.com). See you on the trails.

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

**NA MEETING WITH GLBT FOCUS** meets Mondays, 6:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This is an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous - all are welcome. For more info call Bernie W.: (520)406-0740.

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\*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 ½ 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.

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. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

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

## MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 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 ½ price 4-6m. 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 and microbrews (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 Martinis \$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 ½ 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. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close "2'sDay" - \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. DJ Q 9pm-close.

and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am-2am. Dart Tournament, 7pm \$3 entry fee/Pot Match.

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 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 ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Karaoke with Ynot Entertainment at 9pm.

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 ½ 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.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 10pm-close "Boyz Nite Out" w/ Bartenders in their underwear. DJ Hurricane spinning Top 40 & DJ Mike Lopez on the patio. \$1.75 Long Island, \$1.50 Tequila Shots, \$3 Dkyy Cape Cods and \$4 Skyy Cosmos.

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

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

## FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 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 ½ price appetizers. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Dance lessons at 7pm \$5 per person, Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night of the month. YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

## SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Starting Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 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, ½ 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.

## Church Of Ireland Head Says It May Allow G/L Unions

DUBLIN, Ireland (Observer Update) - The head of the Church of Ireland has said if homosexuality is proven to be biologically predetermined then his church would have to allow Gay unions.

"If such comes to be shown, it will be necessary to acknowledge the full implications of that new aspect of the truth," said Archbishop Alan Harper. His remarks come in the wake of the recent controversy surrounding comments made by DUP MP Iris Robinson.

Mrs Robinson said that Gay sex was a sin and an abomination. Alan Harper, who was speaking at the Anglicans in World Mission conference in Swanwick, England, called on members of the church to return to the core principles of the faith in order to resolve the controversy over Gay marriages.

# BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Friday, July 24

THE BIZ - Tribute to Michael Jackson Party

WOODY'S - Tori Steele's "Cover Girl Revue 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25

COYOTE MOON PUB - Tea Dance 408 p.m. Then at 9:30 p.m. a Coyote Kingz Show.

Yard Dog Saloon - Robin's Lasagna Dinner at 7:00 p.m. plus Bear's Beer Bust at 3:00 p.m.

WOODY'S - The "Wett Party" returns starring adult entertainer TJ Hawke with the Men With Woody's Dancers.

Friday, July 31

THE BIZ - Neiphi Rock Band Playing Live at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1

COYOTE MOON PUB - Ellas de Noche

Friday, August 7

THE BIZ - Hardcore Hotness

Saturday, August 8

COYOTE MOON PUB - tmi AT 9:00 P.M.

Friday, August 14

THE BIZ - Pole Nasty

Friday, August 28

THE BIZ - Battle for DJ begins tonight. Any interested DJs contact DJ Hill @ 318-4838

## Homophobic Attacks On Budapest Pride Lead To Injuries

BUDAPEST, Hungary (Observer Update) - Forty-five people were taken into custody and 10 others were injured in clashes between police and homophobes during a Gay rights march in the Hungarian capital Saturday (July 5) reports said.

About 450 people took part in the march in central Budapest when extremists began throwing explosive devices, eggs, cobblestones and bottles at police and the marchers. Police seized chemicals and Molotov cocktails from a six-member group waiting for the demonstrators in an uninhabited flat along the route of the march.

Liberal member of Parliament Gabor Horn was hit and a police car carrying former undersecretary Gabor Szetey - the first openly Gay Hungarian politician - and member of the European Parliament Katalin Levai was also attacked, Hungarian news agency MTI reported. Last weekend, Gay pride marches in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria were also disrupted.

**A man who doesn't advertise is like one who winks in the dark: he knows he's doing it, but nobody else does.**

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