

Reveille Men's Chorus Begins Holiday Season



TUCSON - The Reveille Chorus, pictured above, where they appeared at the Tohono Chul Park Luminaria Festival. The park is located near Ina and Oracle Roads and draws large crowds annually to enjoy the chorus and view the one million lights that decorate the 49 acre park.

Please join Reveille this coming weekend as they continue their production of "Our Holiday Memories."

Sit back and relax as Reveille takes you on a sentimental journey to the holidays of years gone by. Reveille members will share their photos and memories from their own personal holidays growing up, intermingled with songs of the season, sung in that gorgeous Reveille style. There will be laughter and tears as they travel down memory lane. Make Reveille's holiday concert one of your holiday traditions.

Our Holiday Memories - Saturday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 East Adams Street. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$10 students with I.D. or \$20 at the door, and may be purchased from any Reveille member, Antigone Books or by calling Reveille at (520) 304-1758, or online at reveillemenschorus.org.

PHOTO: Bill Morrow

Lambert Says He Got Carried Away, But Not Sorry

NEW YORK, NY (Observer Update) - Adam Lambert admits he got carried away with his sexually charged American Music Awards performance, but he's offering no apology, 365Gay.com reported.

The glam rocker from "American Idol" said on "The Early Show" that his performance would not have caused as much controversy if he weren't openly gay. He also said there were other "adult" moments on the show that caused no outrage. "I admit I did get carried away, but I don't see anything wrong with it," he said Wednesday. "I do see how people got offended and that was not my intention. My intention was to interpret the lyrics of my song and have a good time with it."

Lambert kissed a male keyboard player, dragged a female dancer around by the ankles and had a dancer simulate oral sex on him while performing "For Your Entertainment," a song with a sexual edge. ABC received many complaints about the performance and that network's morn-

ing show, "Good Morning America," canceled Lambert's scheduled appearance on Wednesday because it said it couldn't trust what he would do.

"The Early Show" on CBS, perennially third in a three-network morning show race, happily gave him a platform and milked it - interviewing him, having him interact with fans and asking him to sing. One of the show's hosts, Harry Smith, tied the flap to rock history, noting that camera operators were only allowed to shoot Elvis Presley from the waist up during a network TV appearance generations ago.

Lambert admitted he didn't rehearse some of the more risqué elements of his award show performance - a point that particularly upset ABC, which said it was taken by surprise by what he did. In the future, he said he'd try to get these issues cleared before the show.

But he noted that Lady Gaga
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'World AIDS Week' Kicks Off

TUCSON (Observer Update) - UA students and community members take time out of their day look at the AIDS prevention exhibit on the mall during the 2008 campus AIDS walk. Monday (Nov. 30) marked the beginning of 2009 World AIDS Week to help spread information on the prevention of HIV and AIDS. Some familiar fixtures on campus may look different today as an array of campus organizations team up to draw attention to a global epidemic, the Arizona Daily Wildcat reported.

Various colleges, clubs and organizations are sponsoring a "Day Without Art" to promote AIDS awareness. For the event, the groups will cover statues, paintings, and other artwork around campus with black plastic bags and posters displaying statistics about HIV and AIDS. "The purpose is to get people to think about how this is a serious disease and hopefully change their behavior so they're practicing safe sex," said Justin Peterson, an interdisciplinary studies senior and director of outreach for AIDS SAFE.

The event will also attempt to clear up any prejudices and stereotypes associated with the disease, said Chinenye Anako, a second year medical school student and a World AIDS Week coordinator. "We're trying to show that HIV affects everyone," she said.

Some of the art that will be covered includes the statues in front of the main library, the chairs in front of the Marroney Theatre, the figures pushing against the wall in front of the Harvill building, and the wildcat family on the UA Mall. The event is part of World AIDS Week, through Dec. 4. World AIDS Day was Dec. 1.

Peterson said the event has been conducted on campus on a smaller scale in previous years. "We've made it into a much bigger event so that everybody sees it real prominently," he said. Peterson said that the "Day Without Art" illustrates the message they are trying to send. "Lives affected by AIDS are) something that's beautiful that's being taken away from us," he said.

Because there is no central authority in charge of the artwork on campus, Peterson said it was difficult to get permission to use the various works of art for the event. However, he said the administration was receptive to the idea. Peterson founded the AIDS SAFE club after visiting a clinic that treated AIDS patients in the Dominican Republic last summer and taking an Individuals and Societies class called "Sex, Health, and AIDS." The club now has about 15 members who teach people about the disease, both on the

UA campus and in high schools in the Tucson community.

Peterson said younger people are disproportionately affected by AIDS simply because sometimes they are not as careful as they should be. Every nine and a half minutes someone in the United States is infected with HIV, and more than 14,000 people with AIDS die every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Along with AIDS SAFE, the College of Medicine's Global Health Forum, the American Medical Student Association, the Student National Medical Association, African Americans in Life Sciences and representatives from the College of Pharmacy and the College of Public Health's Global Health Alliance jointly organized the event.

"We want to educate the public about the disease and try to motivate anyone who wants to know about their status to get tested," Anako said. "Unless people learn about it ... it's always going to be a problem."

Governors Blast D.C. Archdiocese

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The governors of Virginia and Maryland have denounced the Catholic archdiocese of Washington, D.C., for threatening to cut its social service contracts if the nation's capital passes a proposed marriage equality law.

Of the church's position, Virginia governor Tim Kaine said on a local radio program, "I'm Catholic, and I think it's wrong. I don't think you can take your ball and go home. ... I think the strategy of threatening to pull back, it doesn't seem like the church I've come up in."

Catholic Charities has requested an exemption from the proposed Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009, which would legalize same-sex marriages in Washington. The law would not require religious groups to perform ceremonies, but it would require that entities receiving city contracts provide spousal benefits to married gay and lesbian employees.

"I think it would be very, very sad for all concerned, especially for the people who are served by the good work of the Catholic Church acting out the Gospels." Maryland governor Martin O'Malley said of the church's position (O'Malley is also Catholic).

Washington city council members are currently working with the archdiocese to forge a compromise, but are expected to pass the marriage law next month.

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Attend Tucson Man-2-Man And Get \$100 Gift

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Free Weekend retreat for Gay, Bi-sexual, and Questioning Men... Let's talk Man to Man. Man To Man Seminar You are invited to attend a two-day seminar, Dec. 5-6 at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, providing education on sexuality and intimacy between men. All men who have sex with men or are attracted to men, and are 18 or older are invited.

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For more information visit azman2man.org, or contact Cesar Egurrola at (520) 628-7223, cegurrola@saaf.org Participants must register before December 3.

Mr. Phoenix Leather, January 9

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - The Mr. Phoenix Leather Contest, a local preliminary to International Mr. Leather, will take place January 9, 2010 at Velocity Leather/Fetish bar, 2303 E Indian School Road.

The contest will be part of a weekend long leather event which will include a Cigar Social, a Meet and Greet, a Bar Crawl, a Happy Hour Social, and a Victory Party. The winner will represent the Phoenix area at IML 2010, in Chicago, in May.

Any male-identified leatherman who lives in Phoenix area at least 75% of the time, who wishes to compete, will be welcome. Instructions and applications can be found at: mrphoenixleather.com

The contest will be judged by Bob Weber, Mr. Phoenix Leather 2009; Jeffery Payne, International Mr. Leather

2009; boy Justin, Southwest Leather boy 2009; Eli Edgin, Southwest Ms. Leather 2009; and Master Dennis, Patriarch of the Dragon Clan; and hosted by Daddy Kenneth, Mr. Cell-block Phoenix Leather 2008 and Hobbit; International Ms. Leather 2008. At the time of printing, the schedule of events and locations was still being finalized, for the most up to date information; please visit the Mr. Phoenix Leather Contest website at mrphoenixleather.com.

Anti-Violence Programs Volunteer Advocate Training Dec. 5-6

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Want to lend a hand and volunteer for Wingspan's Anti-Violence Programs? The Wingspan Anti-Violence Programs provides 24hr advocacy, crisis intervention, and referral services to LGBT survivors and their allies who are affected by violence and discrimination.

Come join us, Dec. 5 (9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Dec. 6 (9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at Wingspan, 430 E. 7th St., at our volunteer advocate training to gain advocacy skills and learn how to assist individuals and communities affected by violence. This training will take place at Wingspan on Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th. Lunch and refreshments will be provided both days and volunteers need to attend both days of training to get certified.

For more information, contact Kristi Smith, ksmith@wingspan.org.

EAA-Tucson Meeting Dec. 6

Equality Across America Tucson Congressional District Action Team (EAA-Tucson) will meet Sunday, December 6, 2009 2 to 4:00 p.m. at Colors, 5305 E. Speedway Blvd.

EAA continues the work of achieving full federal equality for LGBT Americans in all matters of civil law. Please bring your ideas, passion, and a friend! This meeting will focus on

creating a sustainable organization and outreach to allies and allied organizations.

For more information visit: www.eaatucson.org.

Miss Gay Tucson 2009 - The Coronation Dec. 6

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Witness the tiara-ing of Miss Gay Tucson 2009! Check out some of Southern Arizona's most fabulous ladies competing for the title to Miss Gay Tucson.

Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Tempest Dujour! Pre-judging starts at 5:30 pm, and the main event begins at 7:00 pm. Don't miss this tres elegant affair, Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at Hotel Arizona., 181 W. Broadway

Miss Gay Tucson 2009 is sponsored by Miss Gay America/ Miss Gay Tucson. For more information, contact Pat Clark, 520-784-4864, tucsonamerica@aol.com.

Lambert Got Carried Away

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smashed whiskey bottles during her performance, Eminem rapped about rape and Janet Jackson briefly groped a male dancer.

"Janet Jackson, crotch grab," he said. "I haven't heard one peep about that."

He said that "if it had been a female pop performer doing (his) moves that were on the stage, I don't think there would be nearly as much of an outrage."

"I think it's because I'm a Gay male," he added.

Offered a chance to apologize, he declined. He said he didn't consider that there may have been children watching because his American Music Awards performance came at nearly 11 p.m., and that it's a parent's job to monitor what their children are watching on TV. "I'm not a baby sitter," he said. "I'm a performer." Asked what he'd do differently if he had the chance, Lambert said, "I would sing it a little bit better." "I guess I have a tendency to divide people," he added. "Apples and oranges - you either like it or you don't."

"For Your Entertainment" is the title cut and first single from Lambert's new album, which went on sale Monday. He didn't perform that on "The Early Show," opting instead for the songs "What Do You Want From Me" and "Music Again." He said before performing, "Parents, this is appropriate, I promise."

Lambert took questions from fans surrounding CBS' midtown Manhattan studio, including one who said she had traveled from Japan to see him. None of the questions were about Sunday's performance. His mother, Leila Lambert, came on stage between his two songs, and was asked what she thought of her son at the American Music Awards. "I was a little taken aback," she said. "But, you know, I just went with the flow. It's all good."

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California Judge Challenging Obama On G/L Rights

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - In their most recent weekly edition, Time Magazine reported that the Obama Administration lawyers are likely still scratching their heads over how to respond to an extraordinary ruling in San Francisco. Last week, the chief judge of one of America's most prominent federal courts ordered an Executive Branch agency to stop interfering with a court employee's efforts to secure health insurance coverage for her wife.

"The Office of Personnel Management shall cease at once its interference with the jurisdiction of this tribunal," wrote Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the Ninth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. He gave the Administration 30 days to permit Karen Golinski, a lawyer employed by the Ninth Circuit, to include the woman she married under California law last year on her family health-insurance plan. "Some branch must have the final say on a law's meaning. At least as to laws governing judicial employees, that is entirely our duty and our province. We would not be a co-equal branch of government otherwise." (See a photographic history of the struggle for Gay rights in the U.S.)

By issuing such a stern challenge to the power of the Executive Branch, Kozinski managed to do what even the most sweeping state-court constitutional decisions on Gay marriage have not: put the issue of equal treatment for Gays to President Barack Obama in a way he will find hard to ignore. The unusual order is only incidentally about Gay rights – the judge sidestepped the constitutional

question about Gays entirely – and is instead a fiery defense of the rights of the judiciary to manage its own employees. But if the Administration chooses to fight the order, it will have to tread carefully to avoid looking to Gay-rights advocates like it is waging war in defense of a statute – the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) – that candidate Obama had said should be overturned.

Kozinski's order comes at an interesting time in the Ninth Circuit. It was matched last week by an order by a fellow judge on the appeals court, who ruled that Brad Levenson, a public defender working for the federal courts, was entitled to back pay to cover costs associated with buying separate insurance policies he purchased for Tony Sears, whom he married under California law before last year's Prop 8 made Gay marriage illegal there. That state constitutional amendment will itself be on trial beginning in January, when a U.S. district judge in San Francisco will hold the first federal jury trial on whether the U.S. Constitution requires that Gay couples be given the opportunity to be married. As chief judge of the circuit, Kozinski will then almost certainly hear the Prop 8 case when it goes on appeal. (Watch TIME's video "Gay Marriage in the Heartland.")

Kozinski has been a colorful figure on the federal bench since his 1985 nomination to the powerful Ninth Circuit by Ronald Reagan, who saw him as a conservative corrective to that often liberal-leaning court. He has called efforts to end the death penalty immoral, but has also ruled in ways that spotlight a libertarian, Western

view of the law. He was part of a panel of judges that ruled that the Bush Administration crackdown on California's medical-marijuana laws was unconstitutional, though that was later reversed on appeal. More recently, he has had to apologize for posting sexually explicit images on a private website that was inadvertently made available to the public. He was given a warning by judicial ethics authorities, who found he had not violated any ethics rules. While his orders in the Golinski dispute make clear that the unequal treatment of Gays raises significant constitutional questions for him, he did not tip his hand as to how he'd ultimately decide those issues.

Kozinski's unusual and bluntly worded Golinski order comes 10 months after the judge, acting in his capacity as administrator in an employee dispute resolution, determined that the federal Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts had erred in rejecting Golinski's inclusion of her wife on her insurance election form. Sidestepping constitutional questions about equal treatment for Gays under the law, he agreed that the Defense of Marriage Act forbids the government from recognizing Gay marriages. But Kozinski's argument centers on the Federal Health Benefits Act, which says that coverage must be provided for an employee's family, including a spouse and children under the age of 21. While the Administration interpreted that as meaning the coverage could only be provided for couples whose marriages are recognized under federal law,

Kozinski reasoned that the law should be seen as setting a minimum standard for coverage, and that policies could include grandparents living at home, children until they are 25 or, as in Golinski's case, a woman with whom she is raising a child and is married to under state law.

"When a statute admits two constructions, one of which requires a decision on a hard question of constitutional law, it has long been our practice to prefer the alternative," Kozinski wrote in the January order. "The discussion above illustrates the constitutional thicket into which the discriminatory construction drags us. I therefore construe the Federal Employee Health Benefits Act to permit the coverage of same-sex spouses." (See more about Gay rights.)

The order was not published, and garnered little or no notice at the time. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts moved to comply with the judge's ruling, submitting Golinski's insurance form to Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the case would have probably gone away – had the Obama Administration not stepped in. "After the AO submitted Ms. Golinski's form, I thought this matter had concluded," Kozinski wrote. "The Executive Branch, acting through the Office of Personnel Management, thought otherwise. It directed the insurance carrier not to process Ms. Golinski's form 2809, thwarting the relief I had ordered. I must now decide what further steps are necessary to protect Ms. Golinski and the integrity of the Judiciary's EDR [employee dispute resolution] plans."

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COMMENTARY . . .

by Lisa Neff

Outing Church Clergy Is Wrong

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State Sen. Ed Murray, a Gay Democrat who led the three-year push to introduce and expand Washington's domestic partnership laws, said he had little support from national organizations that thought he was settling for less than full equality. Murray says he still regards marriage as the ultimate goal, but has no regrets about taking an incremental approach. "We knew we had families who needed immediate help and wanted to give relief to families who needed it while building support in the Legislature on the way to marriage," he said.

A recent member survey by Equality Federation, a network of state-based Gay rights groups, showed that passing laws to reduce the bullying of Gay students in school and adopting anti-discrimination measures that prevent Gay people from losing their jobs or getting evicted are high on the agenda for next year. "The reality is if people have to fear for keeping their jobs, they cannot stand up and advocate for marriage equality," the federation's executive director, Toni Broaddus, said. "Though we need the full range of rights we are fighting for to include marriage equality, that is not always the best place to start in North Carolina or Texas or many, many states."

Even if activists set their sights on a status short of marriage, there's no guarantee that would diffuse the organized opposition they have faced from religious and social conservatives.

This month, more than 150 Christian conservative leaders

published a 4,700-word declaration, pledging to fight any legislative efforts to equate same-sex unions with traditional marriages. In theory, though, the Manhattan Declaration would not oppose extending legal protections to two people in a non-sexual relationship, such as two sisters or even a same-sex couple that abstained from sex, said Robert

George, a Princeton law professor who serves as board chairman of the National Organization for Marriage. "What you couldn't have is ... an explicit reference to partners in intimate relationships because 'intimate' is an euphemism for 'sexual,'" George said. "In that case, all a civil union scheme is a semantic substitute for marriage, or same-sex marriage by another name."

Much Ado About Nothing

by Jack Melichar

No theatre reviews this week, boys and girls. However, the next couple of months promise to provide ample opportunities to feast on great theatre, super music, and awesome ballet. December begins with GIRL'S NIGHT OUT brought to you by The Arizona Theatre Company (call 520-622-2823 for ticket information.) The party gets started at 6:30 P.M. with paraffin hand treatments from Red Door Spas; an assortment of wines from Barefoot Wine & Bubbly; cupcake desserts from Mini's; and fashion demonstrations from La Encantada.

Enter to win one of many extravagant raffle items which include spa and shopping experiences! And for all you "wanna be missies," there's plenty for you at "Girls' Night Out" - including special prizes just for you, you naughty boys. At 7:30, sit back try to relax (if you can keep your feet still) and enjoy ...

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'. The play officially opens at the Temple of Music and Art 330 S Scott Ave on Friday, December 4. Travel back to Harlem's sassy, swinging '30s with this riveting, Tony Award-winning musical. Written by one of the greatest jazz songwriters of all time, Thomas "Fats" Waller, it promises to be a night of great entertainment for jazz buffs of all ages. Call 520-622-2823 for ticket information.

Next on the agenda, THE TEN TENORS return to Tucson at the FOX THEATRE for a six day run - December 15 - the 20th. I had the opportunity to see their concert when they performed here two years ago. It was the most spectacular show I have seen since leaving New York.

The TEN TENORS have taken their passion for quality music and powerful singing to such venues as London's Royal Albert Hall, the Sydney Opera House, The Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, and Tchaikovsky Hall in Moscow. Ticket prices range from \$27 to \$114. For

more information, call 877-840-0457.

What would the Holiday Season be like without THE NUTCRACKER? This year we have two productions to choose from.

Dancing in the Streets Arizona will present the holiday classic, "Baile de los Cascanueses" (The Nutcracker Ballet) on December 26 and 27 at 2 p.m. at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre. The theatre is located at 2202 W. Anklam Road in Tucson. Live music will be provided by the Civic Orchestra of Tucson.

Tickets for the performance are priced at \$10 (\$12 at the door) and are available by calling the Box Office at 520-206-6986. Children age 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. The second option is the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker, featuring spectacular sets and beautifully costumed Russian dancers - an annual treat for the whole family. Whimsical and imaginative storytelling blends with the richness of Russian classical dance to make the Great Russian Nutcracker a unique performance - one not to be missed! (At the Fox Theatre on December 21 at 7:30 P.M.)

Finally, after the madness of the Holiday Season has passed into memory - or that special place where nightmares go - we can look forward to The Rogue Theatre's first offering of 2010, Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN. A masterpiece of simplicity and grace, it garnered Wilder a Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938. It is a powerful and stark portrait of American life at the beginning of the twentieth century. Plan to join The Rogue Theatre for an imaginative journey alongside the townspeople of Grover's Corners, where life, in all its brutality and wonder, is laid bare for our examination and appreciation. Performances are Thursdays through Sundays, January 7-24, 2010. For ticket information, call 520-551-2053 or go online to the rogue theatre tucson.com

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do," Dobbs said. "One size does not fit all. There is a real need among some folks to put their lives together, to have joint credit cards, a house and children," he said. "We need a set of actions for that, but the marriage fight is toxic to other types of reforms."

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State Sen. Ed Murray, a Gay Democrat who led the three-year push to introduce and expand Washington's domestic partnership laws, said he had little support from national organizations that thought he was settling for less than full equality. Murray says he still regards marriage as the ultimate goal, but has no regrets about taking an incremental approach. "We knew we had families who needed immediate help and wanted to give relief to families who needed it while building support in the Legislature on the way to marriage," he said.

A recent member survey by Equality Federation, a network of state-based Gay rights groups, showed that passing laws to reduce the bullying of Gay students in school and adopting anti-discrimination measures that prevent Gay people from losing their jobs or getting evicted are high on the agenda for next year. "The reality is if people have to fear for keeping their jobs, they cannot stand up and advocate for marriage equality," the federation's executive director, Toni Broaddus, said. "Though we need the full range of rights we are fighting for to include marriage equality, that is not always the best place to start in North Carolina or Texas or many, many states."

Even if activists set their sights on a status short of marriage, there's no guarantee that would diffuse the organized opposition they have faced from religious and social conservatives.

This month, more than 150 Christian conservative leaders published a 4,700-word declaration, pledging to fight any legislative efforts to equate same-sex unions with traditional marriages. In theory, though, the Manhattan Declaration

would not oppose extending legal protections to two people in a non-sexual relationship, such as two sisters or even a same-sex couple that abstained from sex, said Robert George, a Princeton law professor who serves as board chairman of the National Organization for Marriage.

"What you couldn't have is ... an explicit reference to partners in intimate relationships because 'intimate' is an euphemism for 'sexual,'" George said. "In that case, all a civil union scheme is a semantic substitute for marriage, or same-sex marriage by another name."

'Sinful' Gays Remark Leads To Calls For Vallejo Mayor's Censure



VALLEJO, CA (Observer Update) - Activists in the sleepy town of Vallejo, California are asking for the censure of its mayor after he called Gay people "sinful," On Top Magazine reported.

In an article about the escalating tensions between recent Gay transplants and evangelical Christians in the city, the New York Times quoted Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis, a devout Assemblies of God follower, saying: "They're committing sin and that sin will keep them out of heaven. But you don't hate the person. You hate the sin that they commit." Davis defeated an openly Gay man, Gary Cloutier, by two votes in 2007 to become mayor.

Several Gay candidates, including former council member Cloutier, say the city is replete with anti-Gay sentiment. They point to prayer circles formed outside the City Council chamber and political "faith forums" hosted by a coalition of local churches. At one such forum, Cloutier says he was introduced repeatedly as "a Gay" and asked if he would "bring the Folsom Street Fair to

Vallejo." San Francisco's Folsom Street Fair is an adult fair for Gay men.

Over the past decade, Gay men and Lesbians have migrated from liberal San Francisco to Vallejo in search of affordable housing. Davis has apologized for his remarks, saying they were taken out of context. "I have worked hard to unite Vallejo and I will continue to do so. To those I have offended by my comments, I apologize. My words were taken out of context. I care for the entire community and my desire is to build consensus on our diversity. Let me be clear, I have and will stand against hatred, discrimination and divisiveness wherever they exist."

But Gay activists in the city say they'll push for the mayor's censure. Charles Legalos, a former planning commissioner and Gay activist, is spearheading the move. "His comments were completely out of line. They have no place coming from a city official," Legalos told the Oakland Tribune.

Charleston Passes Non-Discrimination Ordinances

CHARLESTON, SC (Observer Update) - The Charleston, S.C., city council passed two ordinances Tuesday (Nov. 24) that together prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing and public accommodations, advocate.com reported. According to WCBD TV, the vote makes Charleston the second municipality in the state to pass such ordinances with protections for LGBT people, following Columbia.

The ordinances were presented to the mayor's office in August by the Alliance for Full Acceptance, SC Stonewall Democrats, SC Log Cabin Republicans, the American Civil Liberties Union, and South Carolina Equality. South Carolina Equality hailed the news, noting that the public accommodations ordinance was entirely new for the city.

"These pro-business ordinances are consistent with the values of

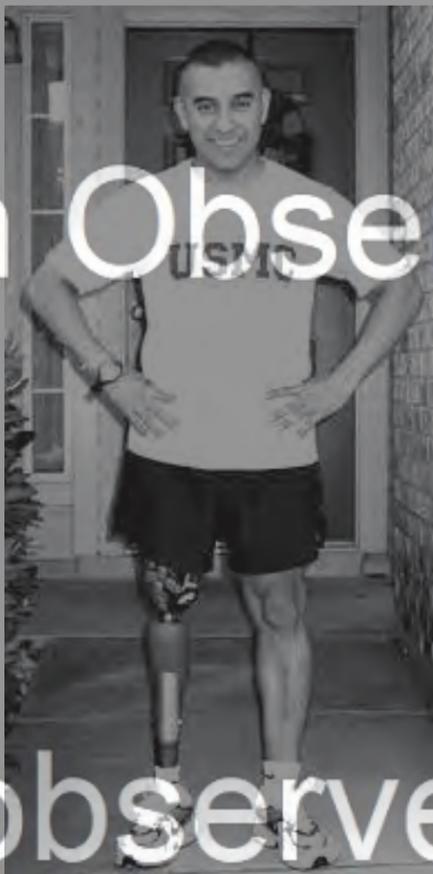
Charlestonians; they send the clear message that Charleston welcomes families from all walks of life," executive director C. Ray Drew said in a statement.



G/L Soldiers Find Attitudes Changing As 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Debate Resumes

WASHINGTON - Two Gay and Lesbian Marine veterans of Iraq told of growing acceptance from peers in uniform, even though they are no longer welcome in the military now that their sexuality has been revealed, reported the New York Daily News.

Former Marine Staff Sgt. Eric Alva, a 13-year veteran believed to be the first U.S. casualty in the Iraq invasion, said he outed himself to buddies in the ranks when he got tired of turning down double dates with women. "I came out to a lot of my fellow Marines. Their typical reaction was 'So what?'" said Alva, 38, of San Antonio, Tex. Alva's pals did not dime him out to superiors for violating the ban on Gays serving openly. "To them I was still a Marine," he said. "I was still trusted" for leadership as a senior noncommissioned officer.



Sgt. Eric Alva

On March 21, 2003, Alva stepped on a land mine while leading a convoy near Basra, and lost his right leg above the knee. President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld visited him at Walter Reed Army Medical Center without knowing they were consoling a Gay Marine. Alva went public with his sexuality at a February 2007 press conference after he left the Marines. He now advocates for repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." "We can't keep firing our capable men and women," he said.

Officer Julianne Sohn of the Los Angeles Police Department, who was a Marine captain in Iraq, went a different and more guarded route.

Sohn, 33, said she came out to a few close friends in the Marines and "it was not a problem," but she lived in constant fear superiors would find out. "I just wanted to serve my country," Sohn said. Following a tour in Iraq in 2005, Sohn was in the reserves. But after she participated in Gay rights rallies, she was told she would have to quit. Sohn became the first woman Marine officer to resign her commission for being Gay. If the law were changed, she'd want back in. "I still want to serve in the Marine Corps," Sohn said.



Marine Captain Julianne Sohn

California Judge Challenging Obama

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His order last week demanded that the executive branch reverse course, and gave the Administration 30 days to enroll Golinski's wife as her health-insurance beneficiary. He made clear that if it doesn't, he's ready to use the powers of his court to enforce his decree. University of California law professor Rory Little, a former Justice Department prosecutor and chief of appeals, called the

order a "bombshell." "This is like exposing the tip of a huge iceberg that nobody knew even existed," he told TIME. "It's a fascinating question: Do the courts even have the power to do this? Where does it leave things procedurally? Where can the Administration appeal? I think there are five or six lawyers in the [Solicitor General's] office scurrying around right now trying to figure out what to do with this."

Marriage Slowdown In NJ And NY

NEW YORK, NY (Observer Update) - The Associated Press looks at what appears to be the delay in marriage equality progress in New Jersey and New York since voters in Maine repealed their state's marriage equality law on November 3, advocate.com reported.

Marriage equality advocates insist that hope is alive for the bills, but opponents say that some lawmakers' reluctance to bring them to the floor proves their point that Americans are not ready for same-sex marriage.

Prior to the approval of Question 1 in Maine, legislatures in New Jersey and New York appeared more firmly on track to pass marriage equality bills, which both governors Jon Corzine and David Paterson have pledged to sign.

Kenneth Sherrill, a political scientist at Hunter College in New York, is quoted as saying that lawmakers should be concerned about the reaction from both opponents and advocates, a sign of the growing power of the Gay rights movement.

"But now it's not clear if bills will ever get to their desks," reports the Associated Press. "There could be national implications if they don't."

"It's not as if politicians only have to fear an enraged group of people opposed to Gay rights," said Sherrill. "Politicians also have to be concerned about angry supporters of Gay rights."

Lambda Sues Atlanta For Gay Bar Raid

ATLANTA, GA (Observer Update) - In the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia today, Lambda Legal and co-counsel filed a lawsuit against the city of Atlanta, the Chief of Police and 48 individual officers of the Atlanta Police Department on behalf of 19 individuals who, on Sept. 10 at the Atlanta Eagle Gay bar, were forcibly searched and detained, 365Gay.com reported from a press release from Lambda Legal.

who are not suspected of any crime."

"The illegal activity going on in the Atlanta Eagle that night was committed by the APD," said Greg Nevins, Supervising Senior Staff Attorney in Lambda Legal's Southern Regional Office based in Atlanta. "If it is APD procedure for elderly men and wounded veterans to be thrown to the floor and harassed simply for being in a bar having a drink after work, then the APD should change its procedures."

On Sept. 10, the Atlanta Police Department dispatched 20 to 30 officers to the Atlanta Eagle, including its "Red Dog Unit" dressed in SWAT team gear, but inside the bar the APD found no public sex, no drugs, or illegal weapons. During the raid, patrons of the bar were forced to lie facedown on the floor while background checks were run on everyone. Eagle bar patrons heard antiGay slurs; were forced to lay in spilled beer and broken glass; and one was forced to lie on the floor even though he had injured his back in the Iraq War. Not a single patron was charged with any crime.

Dan Grossman, co-counsel in the case, has been working with victims of the raid since that night. "I've listened to dozens of stories from patrons who were mistreated by police at the Atlanta Eagle that night," said Grossman. "The Atlanta Police Department is not above the law. They do not get to search and detain people

"The Atlanta Eagle is one of my favorite bars. I usually go there to drink a beer, unwind, and watch a football game after rehearsing with the Gay Men's Chorus," said Mark Danak, a Lambda Legal client named in the case. "But that Thursday night was a very serious experience that I will never forget."

The lawsuit challenges the APD officers' actions, claiming violations of the U.S. and Georgia Constitutions and Georgia state law.

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Lesbian Granted Custody Over 'Ex-Gay' Ex

RUTLAND, VT (Observer Update) - A family court judge has granted custody to the non-biological mother of a 7-year-old girl as the result of a child visitation lawsuit between a former Lesbian couple, advocate.com reported.

granting custody of 7-year-old Isabella Miller to Jenkins. Miller, a resident of Virginia, was found to be in contempt of court earlier this year, when she denied Jenkins visitation rights to Isabella.

Cohen wrote. Because Jenkins and Miller are in comparable financial standing and emotional availability, he wrote, "in the long term, the change in custody will be in [Isabella's] best interests as she will have the opportunity for maximum continuing physical and emotional contact with both parents."

block her ex from seeing their daughter.

Janet Jenkins and her former partner Lisa Miller split after Miller renounced homosexuality in 2003. After court battles in Virginia and Vermont, Judge William Cohen issued a 21-page decision on Friday,

"This court stated that continued interference by Ms. Miller with the relationship between [Isabella] and Ms. Jenkins could lead to a change of circumstances and outweigh the disruption that would occur if a change of custody were ordered,"

Lisa Miller's attorney told the Rutland Herald that his client is planning to file an appeal. Jenkins told the paper that she would not



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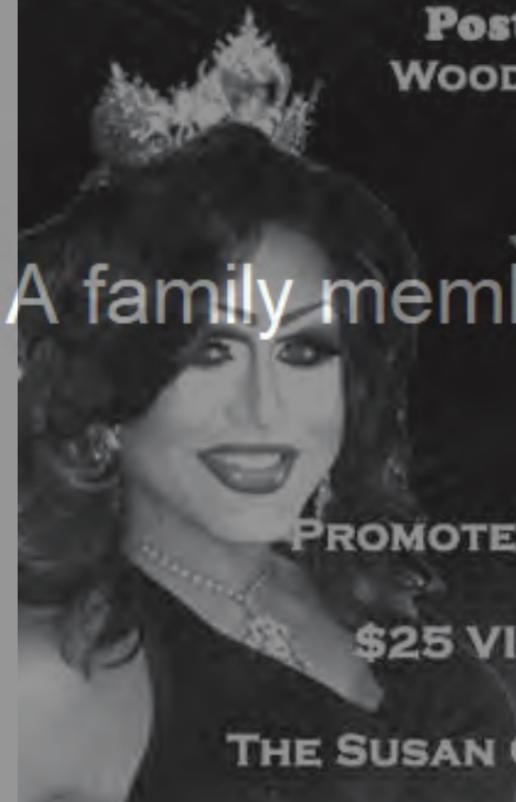
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Around The Gay Globe

As Australian prime minister Kevin Rudd threatened to veto a new law allowing Gay couples to hold civil unions in the Australian Capital Territory, a Gay male couple celebrated the first such legal ceremony in the country on Wednesday (Nov. 25). Warren McGaw and Chris Rumble, who have been together for almost 20 years, joyfully formalized their civil partnership in Canberra at the Old Parliament House, according to ABC News. However, the federal government led by Rudd, which has jurisdiction over the capital territory, says it may block the new civil union law. According to ABC News, any legal ceremonies that take place while the law is in effect would stand, regardless of whether the veto succeeds. ...

An anti-Gay conservative group with high-powered U.S. political allies has used its influence to support a proposed Ugandan law that would impose the death penalty on "repeat offenders" engaging in Gay sex. David Bahati, a Ugandan lawmaker and member of the fundamentalist group The Family, sponsored the antiGay legislation and has received millions of dollars in funding through the organization's African outreach programs. The Family has also cultivated a "deep relationship" with Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni (pictured, right), Jeff Sharlet, author of *The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power*, said in a Tuesday interview on Fresh Air with Terry Gross on National Public Radio.

Sharlet detailed The Family's connections with Capitol Hill powers-that-be, including Nevada senator John Ensign (pictured, left) and Kansas senator Sam Brownback. "Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma boasts of traveling around the world, doing The Family's political business, he said. "[Oklahoma] Senator Tom Coburn has done the same thing. [Iowa] Senator Chuck Grassley has been very involved in African affairs on behalf of The Family. Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming is a part of it." Though Gay sex is already criminalized in Uganda, the proposed legislation currently before parliament would add a specific clause called "aggravated homosexuality," which would impose the death penalty on so-called repeat offenders as well as those who have HIV and engage in sex. Even failure to report a Gay person to authorities could result in a lengthy prison sentence.

A lawmaker has proposed changing Mexico City's laws to extend marriage rights to Gay and lesbian couples. David Razu's bill will be reviewed by a committee for the city council on Tuesday. According to the Associated Press, there has not been an official date set for a vote, but he expects legislative action by the end of the year. "We only want everyone treated equally under the law, there is no intention to violate anyone's rights, this simply acknowledges the rights of one social sector with no detriment to another," he said, reported Agence France-Presse. Mexico City's legislature is run by the liberal Democratic Revolutionary Party, which has legalized abortion and, two years ago, civil unions, despite the opposition of the Roman Catholic Church and other conservative groups.

Study Says Lesbians Make Better Parents

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Lesbians make better parents than a man and a woman, according to Stephen Scott, Director of Research, at the National Academy for Parenting Practitioners, 365Gay.com reported.

In a meeting hosted by the think tank Demos, Scott said that the latest research showed that children of such couples did better in life, reported UK Daily Express. Unsurprisingly, there has been a backlash from the conservative right, with critics saying that children need fathers and that children do best when raised by their married biological parents.

The Fathers4Justice campaign attacked the study for failing to promote the role of fathers. A spokeswoman told the Daily Express: "This Government has introduced a new gender apartheid where fathers are marginalized and excluded from their children's lives whereas other types of parent are celebrated and promoted. 'Father' has become the new 'F' word."

The study, done by researchers at Birkbeck College in London and Clark University in Massachusetts, says that children that are brought up by female couples are less likely to be confined by traditional gender roles and would even aspire to more male professions, said the Daily Mail. The Christian Institute noted that researchers claim that same-sex couples made good parents because they could never accidentally conceive, but instead they have to actively choose

to adopt or find a sperm donor. This does not take into account the many Gay and Lesbian couples who have children while in straight marriages.

Mary Cheney, the Lesbian daughter of former Republican vice-president Dick Cheney, is expecting her second child. The Times reported her optimism in a recent interview: "Every piece of remotely responsible research that has been done in the last 20 years has shown there is no difference between children raised by same-sex parents and children raised by opposite-sex parents. What matters is being raised in a stable, loving environment."

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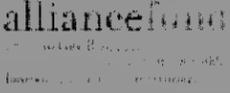
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Hockey Player Brrendan Burke

TORONTO, Canada (Observer Update) - ESPN.com writer John Buccigross tells the coming-out story of a college student whose father, Brian Burke, is the general manager of the NHL's, the Toronto Maple Leafs, advocate.com reported.

Brendan Burke, a student manager for the hockey team at Miami University in Ohio, came out to his father in 2007. The older Burke and the rest of Brendan's family were accepting and understanding, according to the story.

"I wish this burden would fall on someone else's shoulders, not Brendan's," said Brian Burke, who managed the 2007 Stanley Cup-winning Anaheim Ducks before joining the Maple Leafs. "Pioneers are often misunderstood and mistrusted. But since he wishes to blaze this trail, I stand beside him with an axe! I simply

could not be more proud of Brendan than I am, and I love him as much as I admire him."

Reactions from team members and officials were also supportive.

"For Brendan, it's a very brave thing that he's done, to step out like that and think about his future," Leafs coach Ron Wilson told The Globe and Mail. "Hopefully he can be a pioneer in the right way and a very positive way. He's certainly got the support of Brian [Burke] and everybody in our organization."

"Any father would support their kid," Leafs forward Jason Blake said. "It's one of those things in life. I think you guys [the media] are making it a bigger issue than it is. I don't know why we're even talking about it."

Movie Boycott Over Anti-Gay Marriage Donation To End

SN FRANCISCO, CA (Observer Update) - The boycott of Cinemark theaters launched over its donation to a Gay marriage ban in California is expected to end January 1, On Top Magazine reported. The boycott began last year after Gay social groups learned that CEO Alan Stock contributed \$10,000 to the campaign to pass Proposition 8, the voter-approved referendum that banned Gay marriage in the Golden State.

Stock is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons), whose leaders appealed to members to support the ban, resulting in millions of dollars and thousands of man-hours' worth of Mormon contributions. Leaders of the boycott said this week they would end their boycott due to the company's plan to extend benefits to the spouses of Gay and Lesbian employees on January 1.

"This is a step in the right direction," Dave Hayes, founder of San Francisco Movie Bears, said in a blog post at the group's website. "We're happy that Cinemark has made this decision, but we plan to keep a close eye on them and Mr. Stock." Leaders of the movie-going club estimate the boycott cost Cinemark over \$20,000 in ticket sales alone.

Fred Karger, founder of Californians Against Hate, the first group to publicize large Prop 8 donors, said similar boycotts have been effective. "The LGBT community and all our friends have tremendous spending power and corporate America knows that," he said in an email to On Top Magazine. "They [boycotts] have changed corporate policies 180 degrees, including support for Gay and Lesbian organizations."

The Plano, Texas-based company previously said Stock's donation was a "personal action." "It would be inappropriate to influence our employees' position on personal issues outside the work environment, especially on political, social or religious activities," the company said in a statement when the boycott was first announced. "Any individual act or contribution is just that, individual acts of personal expression and do not reflect company positions or policy." Hayes didn't accept that explanation, saying his group was not going "to patronize a company whose top person encourages hate." Boycott organizers continue to call on Stock to offer an explanation and an apology.

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Transgender Officer Living His Dream - As A Cop And A Man

BOUNTIFUL, UT (Observer Update) - As a child, Kerry Bell dreamed of growing up to become a policeman – both a police officer and a man, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. Becoming a cop was relatively simple – Bell joined the Bountiful Police Department 14 years ago. Becoming a man took more time.

Born female, Bell came out as Transgender about a year and a half ago and started a transition to a new life as a man. He always had felt male, but did not think switching genders was a viable option until he saw Transgender people gaining wider acceptance, along with advances in medical technology. Surprisingly, the 42-year-old – working in what many perceive as a super-macho culture – says he did not fret about telling the police chief or his co-workers to start referring to him as “he,” not “she.”

Bell's transition were easy. He did not have to wear different clothes to work. Uniforms, he jokes, are exactly that – uniform. His first and last name also stayed the same, although he dropped a middle name, Ann, and changed the gender marker on his driver license.

His “only anxiety,” he says, was telling his parents, who divorced when Bell was 2 years old. But his mother, his father and their spouses were supportive. “You have to accept your children for who they are,” says his dad, Terry Bell, who lives in Rockville near Zion National Park. “It’s a little difficult for me, after 40 years, to think of my daughter as a son. That’s hard. [But] it hasn’t changed a thing about how I feel about him as a person.”

Now, Kerry Bell works to increase understanding between his two worlds: law enforcement and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. The relationship between the two communities has had ups and downs. A police raid on a New York Gay bar erupted into the 1969 Stonewall riots, launching the modern Gay-rights movement. Far less hostility exists today – homosexuality has been decriminalized – but many LGBT people remain wary of contacting the cops, Bell says. Some worry about whether they will be treated with respect. Others, who are in the closet, fear being outed.

Bell belongs to the LGBT Public Safety Committee, an informal group with police representatives from Weber County to West Valley City that has been working for nine years to bridge the gap. The committee mem-

bers help Gay and Transgender people understand police procedures. They coach police on how to respond to cases of same-sex domestic violence and Gay cruising in parks. In fact, they helped launch a successful Salt Lake City program that steers those caught having sex in public places toward counseling, not jail. If the violators do not repeat the offense for a year – the vast majority don’t – the charges are dropped.

That many LGBT officers now serve openly at several Utah law-enforcement agencies speaks volumes to how far society has progressed, says Salt Lake City Capt. Kyle Jones, a founding member of the committee. “Twenty years ago, they wouldn’t have been [welcome],” says Jones, who was inspired to get involved with the LGBT community after his son came out as Gay. “The current crop of officers, by and large, don’t give it a second thought.”

Jones, along with other committee members, recruits potential new officers at the annual Utah Pride Festival for the Salt Lake City Police Department. “Our department has tried for years to recruit from the populations that we represent,” Jones says. “Anywhere from 8 to 12 percent of [Salt Lake City] is thought to be LGBT so we should have 8 to 12 percent of our cops who are LGBT.”

Bell hopes being out can help “demystify” what it means to be Transgender. As a Davis County kid, Bell says he always felt like a boy. It was something he didn’t know how to express to his family. At age 6, he

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“I wasn’t worried about coming out at work,” says Bell, who has had hormone treatments and surgeries. “I’ve worked for Bountiful for 14 years. I know everybody I work with.”

Although some employees have trouble remembering to use masculine pronouns, Bountiful Police Chief Tom Ross says, “everyone’s done a great job of accepting Kerry and staying focused on why we’re here in the first place.”

Bell, a corporal and SWAT member, is a “well-rounded police officer,” Ross adds. “We’re glad that he works here.” Some things about

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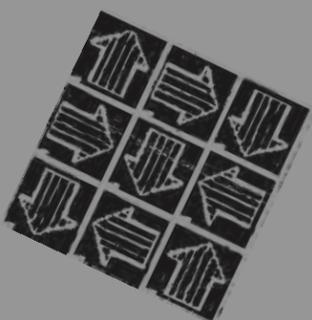
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Transgender Officer Living His Dream

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gathered up all his dolls and gave them to a neighbor. He hated going to church on Sunday because it meant he had to wear a dress.

more about people who are Transgender. He looked into surgery at age 18 but decided the techniques were too "barbaric."

"I thought God had just put me in the wrong body, and one day I'd wake up and I'd be the way I was supposed to be," says Bell, a Salt Lake City resident. "Of course, you reach an age where you realize that's not going to happen." At 16, Bell told his parents he was attracted to women after they asked if he was Gay. As a Lesbian, Bell found a home in the LGBT community. He also learned

More than 20 years later, he decided he was ready for the change. "I'm a generally optimistic and happy person," he says. But "I've probably felt better in the last year and a half than I have at any point in my life." His other joyful moments are similar to those for most police officers: helping someone in need, maybe even hearing a "thank you."

Mike Penner, Journalist Who Changed Genders, Dead In Apparent Suicide

LOS ANGELES, CA (Observer Update) - Mike Penner, the Los Angeles Times sports writer who declared himself a transsexual and wrote under a woman's name but soon switched back to a male identity, has died in an apparent suicide, the Los Angeles Times reported on its blog.

change, but mostly private about changing back.

The Los Angeles Times reports that Penner was found dead at his home. The paper quotes Sports Editor Mike James talking about Penner: "He was one of the most talented writers I've ever worked with. He was a gentle man, a kind man," James said. "It's just a tragedy."

Penner was the subject of news stories around the world when he said in 2007 that he didn't considered himself a man and that he would continue his sports writing career under the byline Christine Daniels. In 2008, however, he started living as a man again and using the name Mike Penner again. He was very public about his first gender

In 2007, Penner wrote, "I am a transsexual sportswriter. It has taken more than 40 years, a million tears and hundreds of hours of soul-wrenching therapy for me to work up the courage to type those words."



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Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church advertisement with contact info and quote.

Tucson Gay Museum advertisement featuring a cat image and contact info for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

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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, please 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.

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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.

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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

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

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

T-Squares, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian square dance club, dances Tuesdays 6:30-9 pm at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N Geronimo Ave (Northwest of 1st Ave & Glenn St). No experience needed, no partner required! For more information contact Barb at 886-0716, or visit www.azgaydance.org.

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

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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 Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

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

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

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, 426 E. 7th Street. 743-4800.

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

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

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

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

THE BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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.: (520)406-0740.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 5-9 \$3 glasses of wine. Y-NOT Karaoke starts @9:00pm to close. 2-4-1 starts 10:pm.

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,\$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6pm. 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.

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..

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

Friday, December 11

IBT's - It's time for the 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair and its Karaoke at IBT's fro 5to 9 p.m. and a Drag Show starting at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday December 12

IBT's - 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair continues. IBT's will open at 10:00 a.m. Drag Show at 2p.m. and Karaoke at 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 13

IBT's - 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair winds up today. IBT's opens at 10:00 a.m. 2 p.m. Drag Show, 5-9 p.m. Karaoke on sthe Patio and at 9p.m. Karaoke inside and 'Cheap Ass Drink Night'!

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Garage Sundays. \$1 Well Drinks until Midnight. Bring your band and come rock with us.

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.75 Skyy Cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and well. Appetizers 1/2 price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Dinner 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.

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

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

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8. \$4.25 Long Island, Tokyo and Long Beach Teas, all nite with sexy Spencer.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm \$3.75 Skyy Cocktails, \$3 Domestic & Well. 1/2 price appetizers 4-6pm. Dinner served until 10;pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o' Beer - \$10 Domestic, \$12 Imports and microbrews (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded).

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

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

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8. PHAT Tuesday's 50 cent Pabst cans 9pm-close, \$1.50 pints all nite and DJ Lover Boy spinnin' 80's.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and well and 1/2 price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

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. Y-Not Karaoke with Anna at 8:00 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, 30's and 90's 9pm-close.

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

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 5-9 Wild Wednesdays \$1 Hump Day Drinks DJ Hill. College Night. 18 to party - 21 to drink. \$8 Cover 18+ No Cover 21+. DJ Spins Hip Hop, R&B Top 40 remix dance.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well. 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. 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.

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

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Flirt Friday with Happy Hour extended to 9 p.m. and munchies. DJ Hill & guest Djs.

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, \$3.75 Skyy cocktails, \$3.00 Domestic and Well and 1/2 price appetizers. 4-6 pm. Dinner served until 10pm. Finlandia martinis \$5.50 open to close! . "Guys & Dolls" comedy drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. 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. \$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.

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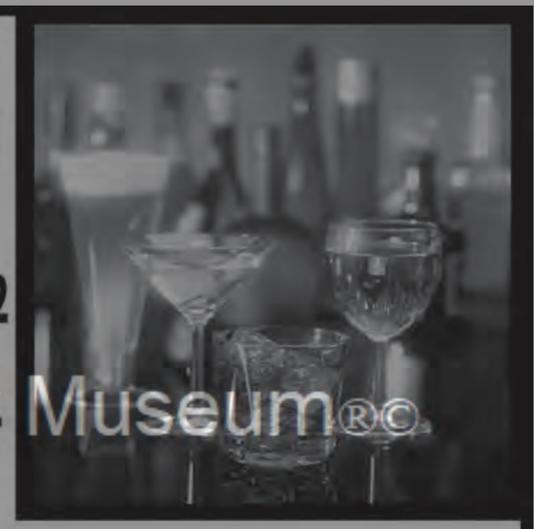
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Critics See 'Mixed Message' In Lambert, Brown Decisions

NEW YORK, NY (Observer Update) - ABC and its "Good Morning America" show have sparked controversy with recent decisions to cancel a scheduled performance by "American Idol" winner Adam Lambert while going ahead with a planned appearance by R&B star Chris Brown, reported the San Jose Mercury News. Lambert's scheduled "GMA" performance was canceled the morning after he delivered a,

the decisions. "The network is giving a mixed message," one employee told the New York Post. "It doesn't trust someone who shocked with an unpredictable show and a Gay kiss, but then it is happy to go ahead with Chris Brown, who was convicted of felony assault."

ABC has not officially commented on the matter. But sources within the network insist that Lambert's sexuality did not influence the decision to cancel his "GMA" gig, that it was simply a matter of the singer proving he's "too unpredictable" to be booked on a morning show. (Lambert did appear on CBS's morning show last week.) As for Brown, ABC sources said he was booked before Lambert was, and the interview was seen as offering his response to Rihanna's recent interview with Diane Sawyer on "20/20" (which, coincidentally, drew huge ratings).



Chris Brown

sexually charged performance on the American Music Awards, which included the singer kissing his male keyboard player and simulating oral sex with a male dancer.

Brown, who was convicted in August of assaulting then-girlfriend Rihanna, is scheduled to do a pretaped "tell-all" interview with co-anchor Robin Roberts, and then will perform live in the studio, though the details of the studio are still being worked out. The appearance will reportedly air as early as next week, though no date has been announced. Gay rights groups are among those blasting ABC for suggesting that domestic violence is preferable to openly Gay behavior. Even some ABC staffers are uncomfortable with



Adam Lambert

Hate Crime Investigation For Puerto Rican Murder

SAN JUAN, P.R. (Observer Update) - The Puerto Rico Department of Justice will investigate the murder of Jorge Steven López Mercado as a hate crime, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, reported advocate.com.

According to the organization, the island commonwealth has had sentencing guidelines allowing for hate-crime charges since 2002, but a hate-crime investigation has never been waged.

The ACLU of Puerto Rico said that the department will also work with the ACLU to train judges and prosecutors on hate-crimes procedure. The department had previously said it would not prosecute the murder as a hate crime.

Mercado's body was found decapitated and partially burned alongside a road in central Puerto Rico November 13. A suspect, Juan Martinez Matos, has been charged with first-degree murder and several other counts, including weapons violations.

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