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Horrifying Don't Ask Bill Passes House Committee

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - A House panel has voted to delay President Barack Obama's new policy to allow gays to serve openly in the military.

The House will consider the bill with lawmakers certain to revive many of the budget and political fights that marked the committee's 16 hours of sometimes rancorous debate.

In a series of contentious votes, the panel added provisions that strike at repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. The votes came even as Americans increasingly support an end to the 17-year-old ban, with polls finding three-quarters say openly gay men and women should be allowed to serve in the military.

The committee, on a 33-27 vote, adopted an amendment by Rep. Duncan Hunter Jr., R-Calif., that would require all four service chiefs to certify that the change won't hurt troops' ability to fight. The repeal law only requires certification from the president, defense secretary and the Joint Chiefs chairman.

"I want them to sign off on the repeal of 'don't ask, don't tell,'" Hunter said of the military leaders, arguing that Obama never served in the military, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, Adm. Mike Mullen, has never been in ground combat and Defense Secretary Robert Gates is a political appointee. "I, and others in this room, have more combat experience than the folks who sign off on 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

That drew a rebuke from Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state, the top Democrat on the committee. "That's a dangerous thing to say, that they're not quite qualified to make military decisions," Smith said of Obama, Gates and

Mullen. "The president decides to go to war, they decided to take out Osama bin Laden."

In fact, the service chiefs have told Congress they communicate frequently with Gates and Mullen, and their opinions on whether the policy would undercut readiness are carefully considered. Last month, in testifying to the House panel, the four service chiefs largely echoed Gates' assessment that repeal would have little impact on the military.

Obama signed the law reversing the ban in December. Final implementation would go into effect 60 days after the president and his senior defense advisers certify that lifting the ban wouldn't affect readiness. Military leaders say training should be completed by midsummer, setting the stage for certification.

That timetable - plus strong opposition in the Democratic-controlled Senate - likely will render the House panel's provisions moot.

Still, the committee approved a provision by Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., that would prohibit the use of military facilities for same-sex marriage ceremonies and bar Defense Department employees from conducting such ceremonies. The vote was 38-23.

The House panel also approved an amendment by Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo., that would define marriage as a union between a man and a woman for the purpose of military benefits, regulations and policy. The vote was 39-22.

Harvey Milk Day May 22



SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - Harvey Milk Day is organized by the Harvey Milk Foundation and celebrated globally each year held May 22 in memory of Harvey Milk, a gay rights activist assassinated in 1978.

Harvey Milk's dream for a better tomorrow filled with the hope for equality and a world without hate guides the Foundation. Harvey Milk's groundbreaking election in 1978 as one of the world's first openly gay elected officials - and its most visible one - symbolized the freedom to live life with authenticity to millions of LGBT women and men around the world.

Our Equality Movement across the globe will celebrate the life story, message, and legacy of my uncle Harvey Milk. Join thousands across the globe to honor his memory and celebrate his message of hope. We are asking you to celebrate Harvey Milk's life story, message and legacy in celebrating globally on his birthday to give hope and inspire disenfranchised communities.

Harvey was a pioneer of the 20th century. His struggle and his deeds will prove to history that there's no such thing as a gay way, there is only one way. We can make Harvey live forever by continuing to do things his way, in the deeds and in the accomplishments of our daily efforts to make our world live.

He believed broad public education and dialogue was paramount to his life's work as a civil rights leader and with your energy we hope you will work to inspire individuals, communities and organizations to carry on his values in a timeless vision for a better world.

In 2009, the California State Legislature passed, and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed, Senate Bill 572 designating every May 22 as "Harvey Milk Day." SB 572 was authored by Senator Mark Leno and sponsored by Equality California (EQCA). May 22, 2010 marked the very first official "Harvey Milk Day" in history and official launch of the Harvey Milk Foundation. The Foundation brought California's political leaders, celebrities and civil rights advocates together to celebrate Harvey's legacy. Events were held in Sacramento, San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

In 2010, the Harvey Milk Foundation organized a Harvey Milk Day Steering Committee, under the leadership of Nicole Murray Ramirez and Anne Kronenberg, to begin expanding each year on Harvey Milk Day events around the globe.

For more information, go to harveymilkday.co.

Candlelight Memorial Held May 15



TUCSON, ARIZONA: Sunday, May 15th, Tucson joined over 1,200 other communities in over 100 countries around the world in observing the 28th annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. The event was held in Himmel Park. Music, speakers, dance performances, AIDS Quilt panels and blessings and prayers by numerous faith and spiritual leaders were part of

the memorial program. The ceremony began at 6:15pm when AIDS Ribbon Tucson was carried in by dedicated volunteers and placed on the hillside overlooking the ceremony. This all led up to the emotionally charged and poignant candle lighting ceremony at Sunset.

PHOTO: BILL MORROW

Trans Triathlete Wins TRX Sponsorship

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Chris Mosier, a transgender triathlete who entered a YouTube contest to win a sponsorship deal with training system TRX, was one of ten athletes chosen for the prize, reported advocate.com.

According to OutSports.com, there were more than 100 competitors in the contest. Mosier, whose video received over 5,000 views, said, "with this sponsorship, I am

hoping to bring some awareness to trans people participating in sports, and some of the issues we face. The first step of that is to let people know there are trans people in sports."

The prize includes money to be put toward racing and training expenses, TRX workout equipment, and a video camera to document his progress. Mosier's next race, a sprint triathlon, will take place on June 5.

UPDATE

Get Your Tickets To The Prom

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Ready to have a different Prom experience? Come to the Time of My Life Prom on May 21st at 8:00 pm! The event will feature music and refreshments in the beautifully remodeled One Toole building in downtown Tucson. Music and decorations will visit and celebrate the 6 previous decades.

The night promises to be the most fabulous prom for adults of the season!

The dress code is BE YOURSELF! From traditional formal attire to garments that express your unique personality and identities, all are welcome and encouraged!

Guests are invited to send in electronic copies of their prom or high school graduation pictures to be used in event promotion and for decorations. Go online at the Wingspan Page for more information: wingspan.org/events/second-chance-prom/.

Reveille Men's Chorus Spring Concert May 21-22

TUCSON (Observer Update) - "From Out of the West We Come", a BBQ flavored concert with all the fixins.

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Welcome To OZ Clicked Its Heels Together

TUCSON (Observer Update) - During the weekly bowling of the Welcome to Oz Bowling League, several momentous events took place.

Tucson's LGBT and straight supportive bowling league, which bowls on Thursday's at Tucson Bowl, was conducting its second half position round. Gumm on the Shoes, consisting of Richard Burch, Doug Weiner and Mark Kerr, won the second half crown and will take on the top scoring team of Men Behind the Curtain.

Gary Cook of Men Behind the Curtain bowled his first ever game over 200. Cook was consistent and finished with a 201 score, receiving a big round of applause. Joe Ware of Men Behind the Curtain finished with a satanic score minus one, or a 665 series.

As of press time, the league will be concluding its Winter season and will have a 12 week Summer league, starting June 2.

PCOA Reaches Out To LGBT Elders

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Pima Council on Aging has been involved in an ongoing collaboration with Wingspan. Just one example of this cooperation: In response to a request from members of the former Wingspan Senior Care Program, seven PCOA staff have been identified as Specialists in LGBT Eldercare.

All on this list have been through Wingspan's Rainbow Train cultural-competency training on LGBT senior issues, are committed to continue to learn about these issues and are dedicated to providing services to meet the challenges facing LGBT seniors and to making those services more accessible to our LGBT elders.

They are: John Barnes, information, referral and intake; Suzy Bourque and Sandy Davenport, caregiver services; Fran Orman, elder rights and benefits; Carolyn Cortesi, Neighbors Care Program; Lydia Baker, Medicare and health insurance; and Jeannie Maldonado, community relations.

You can reach them at PCOA, which is located at 8467 E. Broadway, by calling 790-7262 and asking for them by name.

Other areas in which PCOA and Wingspan are working together:

PCOA has been represented at the monthly meetings of Wingspan Senior Pride.

PCOA staff helped coordinate and presented as a panel at the Elder Issues Open House at Wingspan in January.

Alison Davison, then the Community Education Coordinator for Wingspan, gave a cultural-competency inservice for PCOA's general staff meeting in February.

Wingspan Program Director Linda Thomas writes a column for PCOA's monthly publication Never Too Late on issues affecting the LGBT population.

PCOA, which was established in 1967, is the designated Area Agency on Aging serving older adults and their families living in Pima County, Ariz. The services it provides are truly remarkable. It welcomes LGBT seniors and is here to provide services to the entire aging community. Find out more at the website, www.pcoa.org.



Alan Taylor Is Wingspan Board's New President



TUCSON (Observer Update) - In the past four years, Alan Taylor, now president of Wingspan's Board of Directors, has had a bird's-eye view of the changes the center has gone through.

Since joining the board, he has seen the organization struggle with budgetary and staff cutbacks due to the economic downturn, adjust to new realities, stabilize and launch an upward trajectory.

"When the economic constraints began, the board had to look at core areas – what we do that no other organization would do if we didn't exist – and develop plans to maintain these programs," Alan says. "The board had to get a whole lot more active – and the board members rolled up their sleeves and stepped up to the challenge."

"We're in a pretty solid financial position now, but we still need to increase community donations," he adds.

"I think that Wingspan is very important to help people who are out of options or whose options are reduced. But, ideally, I would like to see us get back to a situation where we can provide more things for more people. I would really like to see us be able to provide more social types of opportunities. I invite people to take initiative to broaden the scope of Wingspan."

As president, Alan has focused on the organizational infrastructure, the financial health of the center, and board governance: identifying skills needed, recruiting people to fill those needs and organizing the board structure so that all members are involved.

Alan is a senior principal multidisciplinary engineer at Raytheon Missile Systems. He started his professional career at Texas Instruments (TI) in 1986 after earning a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and computer science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

While at TI, he earned a masters in electrical engineering from Southern Methodist University. Raytheon acquired TI's defense business in 1997 and moved most of it to

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Navy Reverses; Will No Longer Allow Same-Sex Marriages

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Under pressure from more than five dozen House lawmakers, the Navy abruptly reversed its decision that would have allowed chaplains to perform same-sex unions if the Pentagon decides to recognize openly gay military service later this year.

In a one-sentence memo, Rear Adm. Mark Tidd, chief of Navy chaplains, said his earlier decision has been "suspended until further notice pending additional legal and policy review and interdepartmental coordination."

The Navy said its lawyers wanted to do a more thorough review of the legal decision that allowed Navy chaplains to receive training to perform civil unions on military bases, but only in states where it is legal.

Military training to apply the new law allowing gays to serve openly began earlier this year and is expected to be completed by midsummer.

House members wrote to Navy Secretary Ray Mabus to object to the Navy's initial ruling, saying the service was violating the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act by appearing to recognize and support same-sex marriages.

That law defines marriage as only between a man and a woman, and it also says states don't have to recognize gay marriages performed in other states where they are legal.

"We find it unconscionable that the United States Navy, a federal entity sworn to preserve and protect

the Constitution of the United States, believes it is their place alone to train and direct service members to violate federal law," said the lawmakers' letter, which was signed by 63 House members.

The lawmakers asked Mabus to direct the Navy to defend the Constitution, adding that individuals should not be allowed to pick and choose the laws they will follow.

The Navy's decision triggered an uproar, particularly since the Army and Air Force had not made similar decisions, and there was no overall Defense Department guidance issued on the same-sex union issue.

Navy officials had said that they updated the training after questions came up about civil ceremonies for gay couples.

In earlier training guidelines issued by the Defense Department and the military services, same-sex marriage ceremonies were not mentioned and therefore not explicitly prohibited.

When first asked about the Navy's decision to allow the training, the Pentagon said the federal Defense of Marriage Act does not restrict the types of ceremonies a chaplain may perform in a chapel on a military base. And officials have repeatedly stressed that the military would not compel chaplains to perform a same-sex union if it was against their religious beliefs.

The military dust-up comes against the backdrop of the Obama administration's decision in February to no longer defend the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act. Attorney General Eric Holder said at the time that President Barack Obama concluded that the law was unconstitutional.

The Pentagon has been moving carefully to implement the repeal of the 17-year-old ban on openly gay troops. Under the law passed and signed by the president in December, final implementation would go into effect 60 days after the president and his senior defense advisers certify that lifting the ban won't hurt troops' ability to fight.

Under the Navy's initial ruling, the civil union ceremonies would be allowed at military facilities such as chapel and catering centers, but only in states that already recognize same-sex unions.

And even if a marriage is performed, same-sex partners would not get any health, housing or other benefits that are provided to married couples involving a man and woman.

The Air Force and Army did not include discussion of same-sex marriage ceremonies in their training.

Under Pentagon guidelines, chaplains and other key military leaders were among the first tier of service members to be trained about the new law repealing the ban on openly gay service. Much of that instruction has been completed, so

the Navy will send out updates to include the marriage ceremony provision.

Under the military's present "don't ask, don't tell" policy, service members face discharge if they revealed they were gay.

Alan Taylor

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Tucson in 1999. Alan was an active member of TI's LGBT employee organization and helped form Raytheon's GLBTA employee resource group upon moving to Tucson, serving as its first treasurer. He also serves on University of Arizona President Robert Shelton's LGBTQ advisory council.

Alan and his partner of 28 years, Mike Steinberg, are avid supporters of SAAF and TIHAN, as well as Wingspan.

To relax, Alan stays busy with crafts. He knits, crochets and quilts blankets for Project Linus, which distributes them to hospitalized children, and makes hats for people being treated with chemotherapy.

He and Mike love to travel; this summer they'll be on a Mediterranean cruise.

Volunteering with Wingspan is "life-changing work," Alan says. "It's a critical focal point for the community." Alan's one-year term as president will end at the end of June, but he will continue to serve on the board.



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Gay Rights Hero Papers Shown At U.S. Library For First Time



GAY RIGHTS PIONEER FRANK KAMENY

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Documents from gay rights history are on display for the first time at the Library of Congress as part of an exhibit on the nation's constitutional history and civil rights protections, reports the AP on 365Gay.com.

The documents come from gay rights pioneer Frank Kameny, who was fired as a government astronomer in 1957 because he was gay. The library is showing Kameny's 1961 petition to the U.S. Supreme Court, contesting his firing.

Though it was denied, Kameny's was the first petition to the high court for a violation of civil rights based on sexual orientation. He argued the government's actions toward gays were an "affront to human dignity."

"This inclusion is an epic milestone in the telling of gay history because it places gay Americans' struggle for equality where it belongs - in the story of the Constitution itself," Charles Francis, a founder of the Kameny Papers Project, told The Associated Press.

The library quietly placed the documents on view at the end of April in an exhibit called "Creating the United States," which traces the evolution of the nation's founding documents and legal framework. Organizers of the Kameny Papers Project, which donated about 50,000 items to the library in 2006, announced the display Monday.

From the title of the exhibit, Kameny, now 85, said he can claim a new title for himself.

"I suppose you can say at this point, I have become one of the creators of the United States, which I never would have imagined in 1961," Kameny said with a chuckle. "All I can say is from the long view, 50 years, we have moved ahead in a way that would have been absolutely unimaginable back then."

The library also is displaying a 1966 letter from the head of the U.S. Civil Service Commission under President Lyndon B. Johnson, justifying the firing based on the "revulsion of other employees." It was introduced last year as evidence in the battle over gay rights in California to show a long pattern of treatment by the federal government.

In 2009, Kameny received a

formal apology for the "shameful action" of being fired solely based on his sexual orientation from the successor to the Civil Service Commission, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

"So in a sense, it took 50 years, but I won my case," Kameny said.

Yale Law Professor William Eskridge, an expert on the history of gay rights, said the Kameny papers show how the government's reasons for excluding gay rights shifted over time while Kameny's position was consistent. They are the work of the initial protester, strategist and leader of a major social movement, he said.

"Frank Kameny was the Rosa Parks and the Martin Luther King and the Thurgood Marshall of the gay rights movement," Eskridge said.

"That's why it's important that his papers are available because they're the innermost workings of this great strategist and leader - and they're, of course, archival records of the movement itself," he said.

Library spokeswoman Jennifer Gavignani said the Kameny papers were chosen for the exhibit because they deal with civil rights issues.

"They are simply pertinent to the issue," she said.

The papers are part of a rotation of hundreds of documents placed on view since the exhibit opened in 2008 and will likely be on view at least four months.

Kameny, now 85, began fighting for gay rights more than a decade before the Stonewall riots in New York City. The Stonewall rebellion in 1969 proved to be a defining moment as gays and lesbians fought back against police raiding a gay bar. It's celebrated with an annual gay pride march.

In 1965, Kameny was the first to stage a gay rights protest in with about 10 others in front of the White House and later the Pentagon and elsewhere with signs that read: "Homosexuals Ask For the Right to the Pursuit of Happiness," among other messages. He also took on the American Psychiatric Association to successfully argue that being gay or lesbian shouldn't be defined as a mental illness.

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COMMENTARY

BY JOHN CULHANE

Don't Pass, Don't Say Gay

Something very dangerous might be about to happen in Tennessee.

By the time you read this, the state senate may have passed a bill that would stuff "homosexuality" back into the closet of state schools. If the measure is ultimately enacted, no elementary or middle school "shall provide any instruction or material that discusses sexual orientation other than heterosexuality."

It's very much like discussing addition while barring any mention of subtraction, or - with more pointed socio-historical reference - like discussing the Civil War while avoiding any mention of slavery. Heterosexuality can't be properly be understood in isolation from homosexuality, asexuality, and (in a different way) intersexuality.

But even heterosexuality is to be avoided! The "don't say gay" provision, as it's been dubbed, is part of a broader, head-in-the-sand proposal that aims to scrub all discussion of human sexuality out of the curriculum before high school. The "don't say gay" provision applies to the extent that some "incidental" discussion of sex education or human sexuality isn't scoured out. What remains is to be strictly heterosexual, thanks.

Tango will no longer make three, even though he did.

I'm sitting here paralyzed, trying to figure out which of these two related assaults on public health, human dignity, education, and basic safety I should address first.

Consider this: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends that girls receive the HPV vaccine - that protects against cervical cancer transmitted via sexual contact - at age 11! Why? Because the vaccine doesn't work once kids are exposed to HPV, and - however unfortunately - the demographic evidence says that at least some kids are having sex by that age.

Well, what do they know? Not as much, apparently, as the bill's prime sponsor, Stacey Campfield, who might not think the law matters much, anyhow. At least he's not daunted by other existing laws, like the one that prohibits taking money other than salary for legislative-related acts. At last report, he was seeking a \$1,000 retainer to debate the "don't say gay" law!

According to Tennessee Equality Project Chair Jonathan Cole, Campfield has been pushing this winning piece of statecraft for about six years, starting when he was a state rep. Until this year, the hetero-only bill had little traction.

But this year, a wave of conservatism has vomited forth a hit squad of socially conservative Republicans, and no sane policy is safe.

Cole and I chatted for a few minutes the other day. He's a thoughtful and serious guy who understands the unintended - but hardly unknown - consequences that the law would bring about. Laws like this "create a hostile environment in schools," he noted, and under these conditions "suicide rates go up." Less dramatically, anti-gay laws affect educational outcomes, too, by lowering kids' self-esteem.

Campfield, who is 48 years old and single, calls the bill "neutral" because it allows neither positive nor negative comments about homosexuality. Then he claims - wait for it - that the bill can actually protect the gays by not allowing instructors to say that "homosexuality is evil."

Right. It just doesn't exist.

As mentioned above, he also doesn't want heterosexuality discussed, either, except insofar as it might come up in a biology class discussing reproduction. Note the use of the one difference between straight and gay couples as an excuse for mentioning one, but not the other. It's the same reductive impulse that animates the natural law proponents in the marriage equality debate. The effort is to make us seem outside of nature, somehow - conveniently overlooking the persistence of homosexuality throughout history and across every culture.

Let's hope that the state of Tennessee - which is facing a cool one billion dollar deficit - has salted away some money for the legal challenge surely to come. While no one should doubt the right of a state to determine the content of its educational curriculum, a court's likely to find unconstitutional a bill that allows some people to be discussed, but not others.

It's not "just" LGBT (and, certainly, Q) kids who will be harmed by this law. Kids being raised by parents too queer to be mentioned will suffer from the educational erasure of their families, too.

Cole and a legion of others are putting up stiff resistance. A California business has donated \$25,000 toward defeating this inane bill. Demonstrations have taken place in Nashville and Oak Ridge, with another planned for Knoxville. The bill has attracted national attention - just not the kind Campfield and his fellow travelers wanted.

The vote was to have happened already, but it keeps getting deferred. Often, a bill is deferred when the supporters know they don't quite have the votes but are close enough to keep trying. Let's hope that Cole and others can prevail on wavering senators. (And there's no guarantee that the state's house will pass it either; in any event, that can't happen until next year given how the legislative calendar works.)

After all, they've got more important things to do, such as passing a law that allows teachers to push creationism as an "alternative" to the apparently disputed theory of evolution. Stay tuned for the Scopes trial, version 2.0. Does anyone have a theory about the evolution of the state's legislature?

(Widener Law professor John Culhane contributes to Slate Magazine and blogs at wordinedgewise.org. His just-published article on bullying can be found there. This is reprinted from 365Gay.com)

LETTERS

PULSE Tucson Is Closing Sunday, May 22

Hello Everyone,

I feel it is necessary to write this letter to my friends, family and everyone who loves me.

Just over 8 weeks ago, I took possession of a bar and with tons of help from amazing people, we turned it into PULSE Tucson night club & show lounge. From the beginning, all we wanted to do was to give the community a choice of going somewhere beautiful, safe, clean and fun. I believe we achieved that! Plus, having one of the most diverse, amazing teams of employees that a man could ever ask for, we have started making a name for ourselves.

Unfortunatley, I have taken on something that I cannot sustain. With the monthly expenses being as high as they are & with some very expensive unforeseen repairs to the building, all of my working capital is now gone. This venture has nearly ruined me financially and has taken a toll on me emotionally. And, I cannot continue spending money that I do not have.

Yes, a portion of the community has been here to support us and enjoy what we have brought to them, but it is not enough and there is no more time. I wish things could have been different, but nothing in this world is guaranteed.

Having a home for all of the entertainers to come and hone their craft was an amazing thing to be able to offer. A place where ALL entertainers were welcomed and treated with respect. A place where the love just poured over everyone. A place where drag queens, drag kings, women, men, gay, lesbian, straight, bi, trans, queer, questioning & ally could all come and feel at HOME.

I know there are going to be some "haters" out there who are happy that Pulse Tucson could not make it. But, I am not defeated, I am going to come back even stronger than I was before. You cannot keep me down. I will always be here for my community...the WHOLE community.

There were 2 bar owners who made me feel completely welcomed into the bar community. They were Danny Scott from WOODY'S at 3710 N. Oracle Rd.(facebook is WOODYSTUCSON). And then Eddie Baeza from BRODY'S Tavern at 2449 N. Stone Ave. I would like to ask that the community support them, because they are friends of PULSE Tucson and friends of mine for life.

This week is our final week that PULSE Tucson will be open, so if you want to come see what we have done and support me for the last time in this location, please come have a burger, a drink and a bunch of laughs.

Always,
Larry Moore AKA Lucinda Holliday, Tucson, Arizona's Queen of Comedy

Our schedule for this last week is as follows:

AMAZING DRINK SPECIALS ALL WEEK LONG...Changing every hour!!!!

Tues., May, 17, Ladies poker night with happy hour karaoke from 6-11pm

Wed., May 18, Happy hour karaoke from 6-11pm

Thurs., May 19, THE NEW BABIES & KINGS SHOW @ 8PM, no cover

Fri., May 20, The Amazing Glamazons & Reflections drag shows combined with Lucinda Holliday @ 8pm, \$5 cover

Sat., May 21, Powhouse presents: ELECTRONICA, the band @ 8pm and then at the POWHAUSE dance party to follow, \$3 cover

Sun., May 22, DRAG-A-POLOOZA @4pm, a fundraiser for TIHAN with Holly Woodland, \$5 suggested donation for TIHAN at the door

and then PUTTIN' ON THE LIPS talent show with finalists Regine Ray, Adam Snapple, Anya Fox, Jade Envy and Jessica Michaels at 8pm, no cover

Cattrall, 'Kids Are All Right' Win GLAAD Awards

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - Kim Cattrall and "The Kids Are All Right" were among the winners at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's 22nd annual Media Awards, reported the AP on the Huffington Post.

The "Sex and the City" star was honored with the Golden Gate Award, which is presented to a media professional who has increased the visibility and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

The Oscar-nominated family drama "The Kids Are All Right," starring Annette Bening and Julianne Moore as lesbian mothers, was awarded the outstanding film trophy at the GLAAD ceremony at the Marriott Marquis in San Francisco.

Other winners included "8: The Mormon Proposition" for documentary, Christian Chavez as Spanish-language music artist, Kara Swisher as local hero and AT&T as corporate leader.

The GLAAD Media Awards honor media for accurate and inclusive representations of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. Other awards were previously presented at ceremonies in New York on March 19 and Los Angeles on April 10. Those winners included Scissor Sisters as music artist, "Project Runway" for reality program, "True Blood" for drama, and "Modern Family" and "Glee" in a tie for comedy series.

Lawyers: Gay Judge Fit To Rule On Gay Marriage

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - Claims by the group that sponsored California's voter-approved same-sex marriage ban that the federal judge who overturned the law was biased because he is in a relationship with another man are "factually groundless and legally insupportable," lawyers for two same-sex couples said, the AP reported on 365gay.com.

month to have Walker's historic ruling invalidated on the grounds that he stood to personally benefit from it.

The group's lawyers asked Walker's successor as chief federal trial judge in San Francisco to rule that Walker should have disqualified himself from hearing the case or at least disclosed his same-sex relationship.

In disputing that assertion, lawyers Theodore Olson and David Boies, who represented George W. Bush and Al Gore in the contested 2000 presidential election, said a married heterosexual judge could have been accused of bias just as readily because Proposition 8's supporters argued at trial that legalizing same-sex marriages would undermine traditional unions and harm children.

"In fact, under proponents' reasoning, African-American and female judges would have been required to recuse themselves in the most important civil rights cases in American history and all judges would be required to disclose their most private thoughts and relationships in order to preside over any case that involves constitutional rights they might conceivably want to secure for themselves and their families," the couples' lawyers said. "That is not the law - and our nation is much the better for it."

The legal team that successfully challenged the ban in Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker's court last year argued in legal papers that the now-retired jurist had no obligation to reveal his sexual orientation or relationship status before he ruled that Proposition 8 violated the civil rights of gay Californians.

The ban's backers "lack any factual basis to assume that Judge Walker wishes to marry...and instead rely on nothing more than the fact that he is gay, in a relationship with a person of the same sex, and recognizes in his decision the importance of marriage in American society," the attorneys wrote. "Such unvarnished speculation does not come close to meeting the statutory requirements for compelling a judge's recusal."

The religious coalition that sponsored Proposition 8 moved last

Presbyterian Church (USA) Approves Gay Ordination

MINNEAPOLIS (Observer Update) - The Presbyterian Church (USA) voted to change their constitution, allowing openly gay people in same-sex relationships to be ordained as deacons, ministers and elders, reported 365Gay.com.

woman" or in "chastity in singleness." The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force applauds the change, hoping it will inspire LGBT Presbyterians around the world to strive for equality beyond the church.

Rev. Rebecca Voelkel, faith work director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and its Institute for Welcoming Resources said: "We in the larger religious world have been given that gift today as the Presbyterian Church has witnessed to the world its sacred persistence, its faithful pursuit of justice and its joyful celebration of the gifts God has given to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons called to ministry. Thanks be to God!"

About two million people belong to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The smaller and more conservative Presbyterian Church in America still prohibits ordination of women and openly gay candidates.

During a meeting at the Twin Cities presbytery, members voted 205 to 56 to ordain openly gay candidates. "The gist of our ordination standards is that officers submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and ordaining bodies (presbyteries for ministers and sessions for elders and deacons) have the responsibility to examine each candidate individually to ensure that all candidates do so with no blanket judgments," General Assembly stated clerk Gradye Parsons said.

The church will remove a 1997 amendment that says those ordained are required to live in "either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a

Amazon Gives \$25K To LGBT Writers

LOS ANGELES (Observer Update) - Amazon.com has signed on to give the organizers behind the Lambda Literary Awards \$25,000 in the form of a grant to support its annual Writer's Retreat for Emerging LGBT Voices.

2007 to give writers access to some of the top LGBT voices in literature.

According to Lambda Literary, the retreat will take place August 6-13 at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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AROUND THE GAY GLOBE...

A U.K. man was arrested and charged after distributing homophobic stickers around London's East End. Targeted to schools and pubs and around the city's Whitechapel, Shoreditch, and Poplar areas over five days in February, the stickers featured a rainbow flag with a line through it and the message "Arise and warn. Gay free zone. And Fear Allah; Verily Allah is severe in punishment." Mohammed Hasnath, 18, of Leamouth, Tower Hamlets, is accused of violating section 5 of the Public Order Act, which prohibits harassment, alarm, or distress.

The Uganda parliament adjourned without taking action on the Anti-Homosexuality bill, leaving the fate of the bill unclear for the remainder of the parliamentary session. According to the Associated Press, "The speaker of

Uganda's parliament says there is not enough time for legislators to act on a controversial anti-gay bill – which in some cases mandates the death sentence – before parliament's session ends next week." Although debate on the bill had been scheduled, speaker Edward Ssekandi Kiwanuk adjourned parliament and set not date for lawmakers to return.

A Toronto broadcaster has been fired after he posted on Twitter about the debate surrounding New York Rangers forward Sean Avery's support of same-sex marriage. Damian Goddard was a host on Rogers Sportsnet. He tweeted his support for hockey agent Todd Reynolds, who used Twitter to voice his opposition to Avery's position.

Goddard wrote: "I completely and whole-heartedly support Todd Reynolds and his support for the traditional and TRUE meaning of marriage." The TV network then issued its own tweet, saying: "Today's tweet from Damian Goddard does not reflect the views of Rogers Sportsnet." On Wednesday, it severed ties with Goddard.



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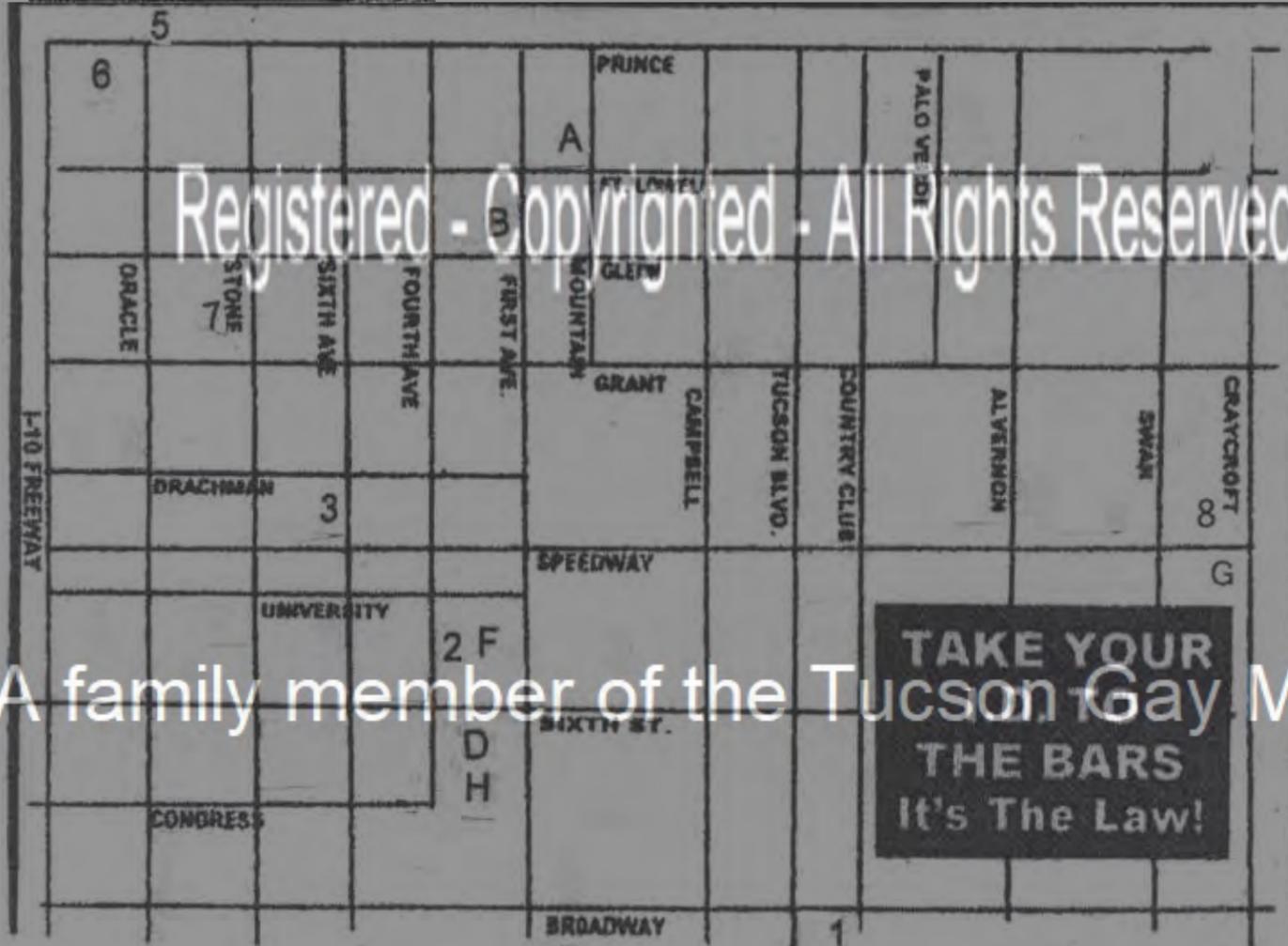
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Do's And Dont's Of Workplace Attire

By Steven Petrow

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Whether you've just graduated from college, it's your first day on the new job, or you're angsty about what to wear to the office on a daily basis, how you present yourself in the workplace is crucial, reported advocate.com.

As much as we like to say that books (and people) are not judged by their covers (and their clothes), that's usually the case. And that's why it's important to choose clothing to suit your job and to be well groomed and generally put together. If you have visible tattoos or piercings you'll need to determine whether you'll reveal them or not. If you're not out professionally, there's one additional question to consider: Do you want your attire to out you?

What to Wear for the Interview

Before you even step into an office for your first interview, make an effort to find out how your potential new colleagues dress at the company in general and at your specific level of seniority. Try to glean clues from visiting the workplace beforehand, looking at its website for candid shots of employees at work or a posted dress code, or asking a friend or colleague in that business for advice. Then, take whatever you've learned to heart and emulate it as you dress for your interview (even taking it up a notch). For instance, one large corporation's dress code states women may wear only small stud earrings or smaller hoop earrings, while men cannot wear any earrings at all.

Not surprisingly, transgender workers are often the most affected by strict workplace dress codes, especially in fields involving customer contact: Traditionally, either you're a man or a woman, with no gray areas allowed. As a result, some trans men and women, as well as butch lesbians and effeminate gay men, often make an extra effort at conformity during the interview process. When in place, antidiscrimination laws that include protections for what's called gender expression help ameliorate this situation by prohibiting employers from assessing job applicants or employees with such non-work-related criteria. Sadly, these protections are still rare.

If you have doubts about

which way to dress, it's best to err on the conservative, overdressed side. Those of us who wouldn't even consider wearing a suit to work often put one on when we're looking to be hired. But closely consider the company itself: What you might wear when interviewing for a position at Google or a barista gig will certainly differ from how you suit up for a bank, law firm, or CPA consultancy. The idea is not to impress but rather to not annoy or distract anyone.

If you're one of those who bristle at the idea of shaping his or her sartorial sensibilities "just" for an interview, keep focused on the goal of landing a good job. Think of it this way: The idea is to take appearances completely out of the equation, so that you can explain your qualifications and sell yourself without distraction. Once you land the job, you can be freer in how you dress. You're not selling out to adopt a more mainstream look for the interviews; this is just another step to get you in the door. Facial Hair

While it's generally acceptable for men (including transmen) to sport a soul patch or a two-day growth of beard in many workplace environments, be sure to find out if there are any official policies about facial hair (sometimes available on a company's website). As an example, one major U.S. corporation has only recently allowed moustaches, which it states must be neatly trimmed, no longer than the corners of the mouth, and grown during your vacation. Sideburns cannot pass the earlobes. Got that? Many police departments also allow, if not encourage, moustaches (no surprise there!), but untrimmed beards are prohibited because they're said to look unprofessional.

Tattoos and Piercings

As has happened with facial hair, workplace policies regarding tattoos and piercings are morphing rapidly. Although they're still banned in some workplaces, in others they are considered on a par with edgy haircuts as simply another way to distinguish yourself. As one manager put it, "It doesn't matter to me if my employees show off their body art, because it doesn't mean they work less, make them stupider, or leave them any less of a person."

You'll also want to consider these questions:

- If you cover a tattoo or remove

a piercing, will you be comfortable in that office environment? If you don't, will you fit in?

- Will you be seen as too much of an individual and not as a team player?

- Or, will this help you to be viewed as a creative iconoclast (that's

usually a good thing)?

(Steven Petrow is the author of the recently released, Steven Petrow's Complete Gay & Lesbian Manners and can be found online at www.gaymanners.com.)

Air Force Lesbian Who Won 'Don't Ask' Battle Now Retiring

SEATTLE (Observer Update) - An Air Force Reserve flight nurse who sued to overturn her dismissal under the "don't ask, don't tell" law against gays serving openly in the military said Tuesday she is retiring with full benefits rather than resuming service.

Maj. Margaret Witt, 47, served 18 years - two short of being eligible for full retirement - before she was dismissed for being gay in 2006. A federal judge ruled last fall that her dismissal failed to advance any legitimate military goals and violated her constitutional rights. The judge ordered that Witt be reinstated as soon as possible.

The U.S. Justice Department initially appealed. But early this year, after President Barack Obama signed the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell," Justice Department officials contacted Witt's lawyers and said the agency planned to drop the appeal, remove the discharge from her record, and give her credit for two additional years of service, said Sarah Dunne, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, which represented Witt.

That settlement was announced. A Justice Department spokeswoman did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

"It's nice to be able to say I'm a retired member of the U.S. Air Force," Witt said during an emotional news conference attended by her partner and parents.

She said she was proud to have played a role in fighting "don't ask, don't tell," but also wishes she could have remained with her colleagues at the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, especially during deployments.

Witt's case led to a landmark ruling by a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in 2008. The judges held that while they did not consider the law unconstitutional on its face, the military also could not discharge members unless it could show that their firing advanced military goals, such as unit cohesion or good morale.

The case was sent back to

federal court in Tacoma, Wash., where U.S. District Judge Ron Leighton held a six-day trial in September to determine whether Witt's firing met such goals. The government presented no evidence that Witt's presence had a detrimental effect on her unit, and the judge ordered her reinstated.

Witt said she had the option of continuing to serve but decided to retire from the military instead out of thoughts for her partner, Laurie McChesney, and family.

Witt continues to work as a rehabilitation coordinator at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Spokane and has started working toward a doctorate. She said she would also continue to offer support to gay and lesbian troops seeking advice on how or whether to come out.

Training on accepting gays in the service is taking place at bases around the world as the military prepares for the end of "don't ask, don't tell." The policy's repeal would take effect 60 days after the president, defense secretary and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff certify that lifting the ban won't hurt the military's ability to fight.

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The Way I Saw It. . .by Gary Clark



NOTE: Before his untimely death, Gary Clark had worked on this newspaper for nearly 40 years as graphic artist and Entertainment Editor. Part of his heritage was producing a weekly humorous drawing of life 'as he saw it'. It is amazing that most of these drawings are as funny and entertaining today as they were in past years. We have decided to open the 'vaults' on these faultless viewpoints. Enjoy!

Progressive Christians Reject Gay Rights Ad

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - The progressive Christian organization Sojourners refused to run a video ad on its website that calls for churches to welcome LGBT Christians, advocate.com reported.

The Huffington Post reports on the conflict between the New York-based Intersections International, which advocates for LGBT rights, and the D.C.-based Sojourners, a Christian organization and magazine that identifies as progressive and social-justice oriented.

"On Mother's Day, Intersections International launched a campaign to encourage churches to actively welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Christians to worship," reports HuffPo. "As part of the effort, the group created a video that shows a young boy with two moms walking into church. Nervous, the moms and their son get unfriendly stares from those in the pews, but they are welcomed by the pastor, who says that 'everyone' can come to his church. The video ends with a call to church leaders to 'believe out loud.'"

Sojourners refused to run the ad when campaign organizers sought to purchase space for it on the website. The Rev. Robert Chase, director of Intersections International, criticized the move in a column.

According to HuffPo, "After fielding calls from Chase, Sojourners posted a response Monday afternoon on its website. The organization, wrote spokesman Tim King, wants to 'engage first and foremost in dialogue on difficult issues' but does not accept ads on such issues. The post showed Intersections International's video - embedded for free - to 'promote a positive dialogue among Christians who might disagree theologically.'"

Sojourners president, the Rev. Jim Wallis, echoed the point of "dialogue" in a website column, saying that his group's members are "not of one mind on all of these issues."

State Farm To Offer SameSex Partner Benefits To Employees

CHICAGO (Observer Update) - State Farm Insurance Cos. will soon extend all health and other insurance benefits to employees who are in a legally-recognized same sex relationship. Benefits will become available on June 1, the same day that civil unions will be recognized in the state, reports the Chicago Tribune.

The eligibility changes for the Bloomington-based insurer's group health and welfare plans affect all employees, retirees, agents and agent staff. They would be able to enroll a "legally recognized" same-sex spouse, civil union partner, or domestic partner in benefits for the first time, said State Farm spokesman Phil Supple, reports Rod 2.0 beta.

State Farm has more than 68,000 employees, including 15,100 in [Bloomington-Normal]. ... State Farm was legally required to expand its eligibilities only partially, because it has a mixture of insurance plans that the new law did not affect uniformly. But the insurer decided "that to be equitable, all the insurance plans will be covered," Supple said. It already offers such benefits in states where they are legally required.

"State Farm, as an Illinois-based company, we are interpreting this law in a way that we feel is going to be fair and consistent for all of our associates," Supple said.

State Farm says it does "not" expect the claims expansion to "be a significant cost factor."

In January, Illinois became the sixth state to allow civil unions. Since then, Colorado, Delaware and Hawaii have passed similar legislation. Five states and the District of Columbia permit same-sex marriage.

HIV: Early Treatment Could Reduce Partner Transmission

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Healthy HIV-positive people taking oral retroviral medications early in their infection reduced giving the virus to sexual partners by 96%, reports advocate.com.

HIV-positive people with healthy immune systems, who started taking oral antiretroviral medicines early in their infection reduced the risk of transmitting the virus to their sexual partners by 96%, according to new data by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"Previous data about the potential value of antiretrovirals in making HIV-infected individuals less infectious to their sexual partners came largely from observational and epidemiological studies," NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., said in a statement Thursday. "This new finding convincingly demonstrates that treating the infected individual—and doing so sooner rather than later—can have a major impact on reducing HIV transmission."

Charles Barkley On Gay Athletes - "We Don't Care"

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Charles Barkley says how openly gay athletes would be accepted in team locker rooms would only depend on how well they can play.

Barkley, on SiriusXM Radio, was asked about New York Ranger Sean Avery supporting same-sex marriage and whether openly gays athletes would be accepted in pro sports.

Barkley replied how gay athletes would only be judged by "whether he can play or not. If somebody is gay, that's their own business. But it bothers me how people try to say that jocks are not going to like a gay. ... I think gay people should be allowed to get married and God bless them, that's their own business. Listen, if a guy can't play that's the only time we don't want to play with him. We don't care about all that extracurricular stuff."

DAILY BAR CALENDAR

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THE BIZ - Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
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 PULSE - Happy Hour 3-7pm. 8pm Talent Show 7 Contest Night benefiting local non-profits, causes & events.
 WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Beer specials and Trailer Trash Martini's All Day. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Closed
 BRODIES - Open 10am-2am. Happy Hour 10am-8pm.
 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".
 PULSE - Closed Mondays
 WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Service Industry Night - Employee prices all day..

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Closed Tuesdays
 BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 10am - 8pm.
 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.
 PULSE - Happy Hour 3-8pm. Ladies poker night with Happy Hour Karaoke.
 WOODY'S - Open 11am- 2am. 2-4-1 Night

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-9pm (2 for 1). College Night 18 & Over. Drink & Shot specials every half hour.
 BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 10am - 8pm.
 IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic.. 11pm - -close "Reverse Happy Hour".
 PULSE - Happy Hour 3-8pm. Employee Appreciation Night featuring games. 10pm Retro Night: 70s & 80s dance Music.
 WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am;. Happy Hour Prices all day.

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-9pm. 2 for 1 All Night Long. Karaoke 9pm. Come out and play.
 BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 10am - 8pm.
 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 Skyy Cape Cods and \$4 Skyy Cosmos.
 PULSE - Happy Hour 3-8pm. Karaoke. Special events benefiting local non-profits, causes and events.
 WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Free pool and Happy Hour prices all day.

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-9 pm (2 for 1) Latino Night. \$2 Tequila, \$1.50 Tecate, \$5 Buckets of Beer.
 BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Karaoke 9pm.
 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.
 PULSE - Happy Hour 3-6pm. 8pm Reflections-Celebrity impersonation Extravaganza
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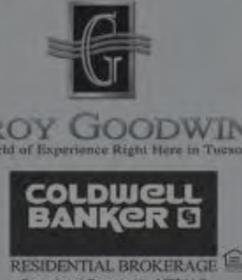
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 IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio \$1Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starrlett's" w/Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Q spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".
 PULSE - Happy Hour 3-6pm. The Amazing Glamazons drag and comedy spectacular
 WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm. .



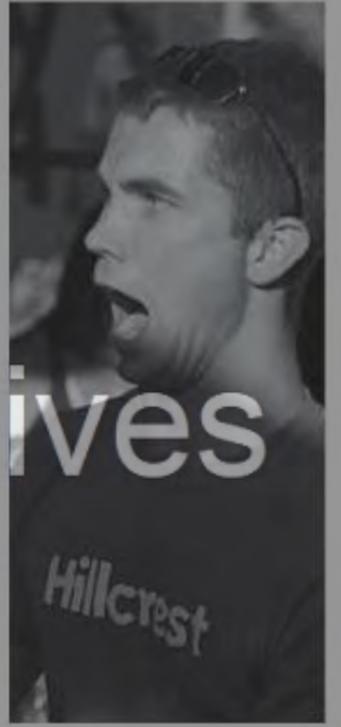
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