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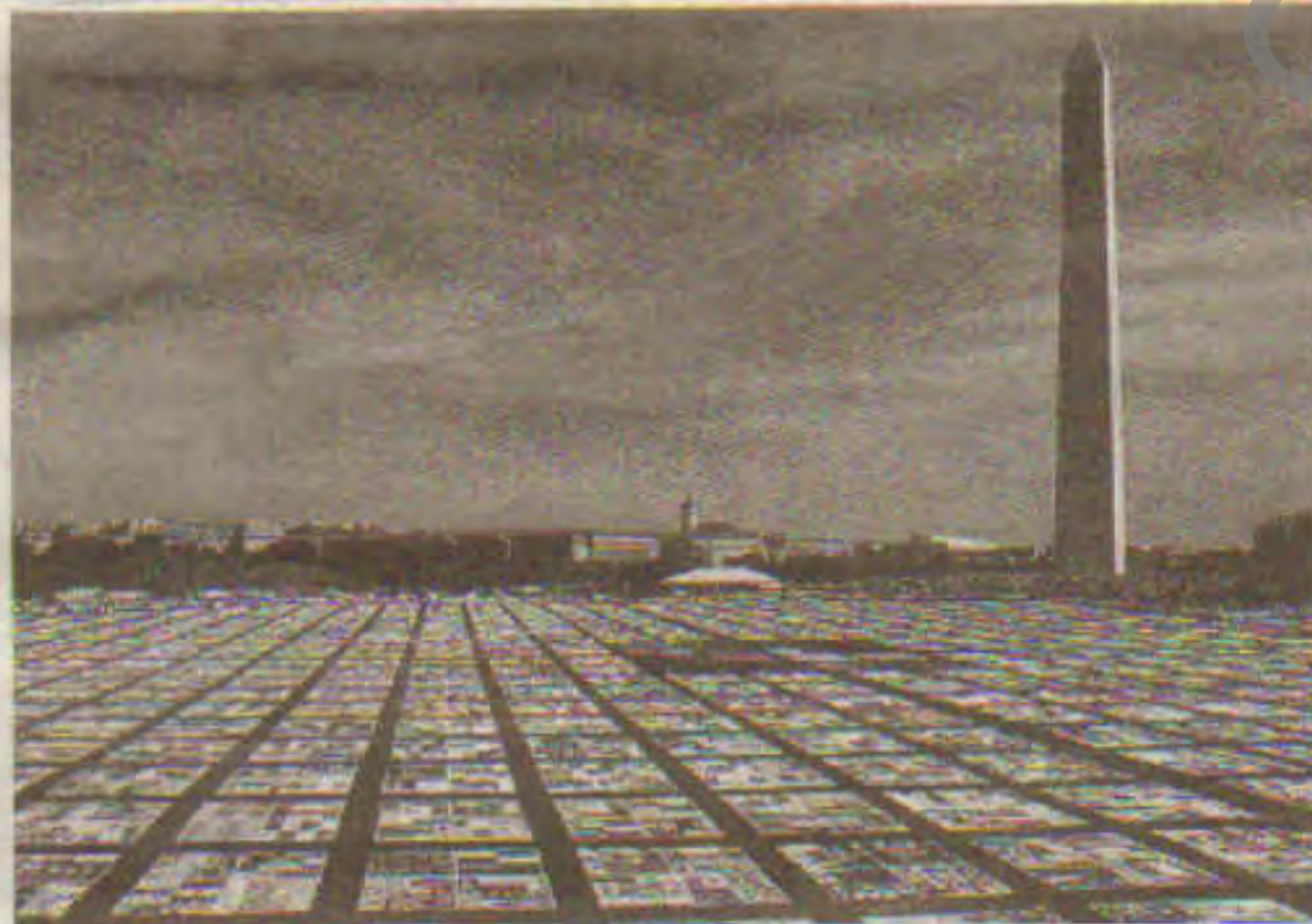
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AIDS quilt on the National Mall, taken from National Institutes of Health website

The quilt returns to Washington

By Fred Bernstein
OUT

The Names Project will show the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington from July 21 to 25.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt hasn't been seen in its entirety since 1996, when it was last unfurled on the National Mall. The impact of display was overwhelming, and impossible to put a dollar value on. But the cost of the operation -- even with the help of thousands of volunteers -- put the quilt's sponsor, the Names Project, in a financial hole.

"We were paying it off for another 10 years, maybe 15," said Julie Rhoad, the director of the Names Project Foundation, which has been based in Atlanta since 2001.

Now Rhoad is preparing to show the entire quilt in Washington again. But the memorial -- and this is sobering -- has gotten too big for the Mall. So the 48,000 panels will be rotated in and out of storage; the plan is for each panel to spend a day on the Mall or at one of several

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An incident based in a GOP fantasy

Commentary
By R.D. Smith
TUCSON OBSERVER

It was a minor news nippie last week. If you saw or read anything about it, you probably dismissed it as not really pertaining to "us" (in this case, upstanding patriotic Americans).

You may have consigned it to the category of "them" (depending on your politics, "they" could be Muslim extremists or Muslims in general or just someone with a Muslim-sounding name who occupies the White House and has a long history of church-going).

But according to what's been reported since then, this little incident can be seen as a symbol of the way many Americans have come untethered from factual, real-life moorings and are floating on the unstable waters of imaginary, delusional, moon-howling fantasy.

The news story (the version I saw) simply stated that the motorcade of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was pelted with tomatoes and shoes in Alexandria, Egypt.

I was surprised at this. I wondered what Hillary had done to suddenly be getting pelted with tomatoes in Egypt.

Turns out, she wasn't the cause of it in any way. News stories since then have traced the kerfuffle to "perceived U.S. meddling" (AlJazeera's words) in Egypt -- by allegedly backing the Muslim Brotherhood. Translation: trying to avoid being on the losing side again, as we were in Iran.

Then a story about U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann added fuel to the fire -- the same Bachmann whose presidential bid earlier in the year generated so many news stories from somewhere on Saturn's moons.

Bachmann and four GOP peers in Congress have formally requested an investigation into infiltration of the U.S. by the Brotherhood. They even named Huma Abedin, a 15-year Hillary Clinton aide, as a possible culprit (if the phrase "sue their asses off" pops into your mind, you probably can be forgiven).

Several GOP notables wasted no time in damage control. Even House Speaker John Boehner, who usually defends his troops no

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Zimbabwe gays still face arrest

HARARE, Zimbabwe -- During United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay's first-ever visit to Zimbabwe, country officials have rejected calls for basic LGBT rights in the African nation, the Associated Press reports.

According to the AP, Zimbabwe's justice minister, Patrick Chinamasa, told Pillay at the start of her visit that the country will continue to arrest gays for same-sex relations, which are illegal in the country.

Pillay's five-day tour of the country to assess human rights violations will include a meeting with Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe.

Meanwhile, in nearby Malawi the country's new president, Joyce Banda, said that she favors repealing an antigay law.

29th International AIDS Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The International AIDS Conference is the biennial gathering of AIDS scientists, international policymakers, implementers and people living with AIDS from around the world. AIDS 2012 will take place July 22 - 27 in Washington, D.C. The return of the conference to the U.S. after 22 years is the result of the U.S. government's elimination of HIV-related entry restrictions.

Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Nides, will speak at The Global Fund: The Next 5 Years on Thursday, July 26. Ambassador Melanne Verwee of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues and Executive Director of the Secretary's Global Health Initiative Lois Quam will speak at an event on Turning the Tide for Women at the Museum of Women in the Arts on Wednesday, July 25.

Gay federal employees get health care for their children



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Gay federal employees will be able to cover the children of their same-sex partners under the federal health insurance plan once a proposed rule published Friday by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management is enacted.

Under the proposed regulation, children will be eligible for coverage if a parent is in a domestic same-sex relationship with a federal employee who receives coverage through federal programs. These children would be eligible for coverage — both under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and the Federal Employees Dental & Vision Program — regardless of whether or not they've been legally adopted by the federal employee.

The same rule also brings federal health program rules into compliance with the Affordable Care Act, which stipulates insurers providing dependent coverage extend that coverage to the children of individuals they insure until the age of 26.

Emily Hecht-McGowan, the Family Equality Council's public policy director, said the proposed rule is important because many LGBT families throughout the country live in states without legal protections.



'Legalize Love' campaign from Obama's speech

SAN FRANCISCO -- A group plans to giveaway 100,000 free "Legalize Love" bumper stickers via its website, LegalizeLove.com with the "o" in "love" replaced by the Obama 2012 campaign logo.

A good message is one that sticks. And that's the case with new "Legalize Love" bumper stickers touting Obama's reelection and his support for marriage equality.

To promote the giveaway, the website produced a video spot that edits together excerpts about LGBT rights from Obama's speeches. The final product sounds like a powerful stump speech that the president hasn't actually delivered. And lesbian and gay couples from all walks of life recite it in unison with him.

The first 10,000 bumper stickers are already accounted for, and the founders hope to raise money for more — which includes a word makeover for "Legalize Love" tank tops, wristbands with "Love" printed on them, and buttons with the message, "I do support marriage equality."

"The president is sticking up for our families and our free 'Legalize Love' Obama bumper stickers are our way of literally 'sticking up' for him in this tight election," said Eduardo Cisneros, who co-directed the video spot with his boyfriend Luke Montgomery. "The LegalizeLove.com website and campaign video are our way of saying 'I do' to his reelection. It's all about bumpers for Barack."



Men get five years for antigay ambush

ATLANTA -- Three attackers who ambushed a young gay man in February while leaving an Atlanta corner grocery and then posted it online seemingly to send a message have been sentenced to five years in prison each.

Brandon White was in the courtroom as the sentences were announced.

The attack included the assailants shouting "no faggots in Jack City," and the judge reportedly said he had no doubt it was motivated by homophobia.

One of the assailants can be heard telling the camera that it's "round one," but police caught the three men seen in the video — Dareal Demare Williams, Dorian Moragne, and Christopher Cain. Another man, Javaris Bradford, who is accused of videotaping it, has not been apprehended, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reports.

A lawyer for the men told the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that they will face five years of probation after being released which will include community service and sensitivity training.

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Quilt returns to Washington

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dozen "satellite" locations. Cleve Jones, who founded the Names Project (and left amid a dispute in 2003), says he supports the effort "because the quilt was created to be seen, and it's been sitting in that warehouse in Atlanta."

Jones, a union organizer in San Francisco for the last 10 years, will be in Washington for the event, which coincides with the the World Aids Conference (it will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from July 22 to 27). The overlap was intentional. The presence of the quilt, Rhoad says, will send an important message to convention-goers about the human toll of AIDS. "Anything happening in the convention will be amplified by the fact that the quilt is out there," she says.

Rhoad was short on details about how the Names Project would pay for an operation that involves moving the entire quilt, which weighed 54 tons five years ago, from Atlanta to Washington and back. She did say, sounding a bit nervous, that "it would be ill-advised to put the agency in any sort of financial jeopardy." And she asked for volunteers, saying, "We have a thousand of the two or three thousand that we need." One of our big pushes is to say, "Please, come help us."

Maybe they'll be paying the bills for another 10 or 15 years. But none of that should matter – if you can find a way to get to Washington during those days, do it. You will be moved.

NOTE: Eight quilts from the Names Project plus 24 local quilts will be on display during AIDS WALK and Tucson Meet Yourself, Oct. 12-14.

In a GOP fantasy

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matter what teeth-grinding surprises gush from their mouths, said "I think accusations like this being thrown around are pretty dangerous." He added that he doesn't know Abedin personally, but from what he's heard she has a "sterling character."

Arizona's Sen. John McCain made a speech in the Senate taking Bachmann and her cohorts to task.

According to CNN, McCain said: "These allegations about Huma, and the report from which they are drawn, are nothing less than an unwarranted and unfounded attack on an honorable woman, a dedicated American, and a loyal public servant."

"When anyone, not least a member of Congress, launches specious and degrading attacks against fellow Americans on the basis of nothing more than fear of who they are and ignorance of what they stand for, it defames the spirit of our nation, and we all grow poorer because of it."

Amen, senator!

The fact remains, though, that loose cannons like Bachmann wouldn't be in Congress if voters didn't put them there. Let them stand on street corners in Possum Scal, Okla., and preach their poisonous gospel day in and day out, but keep them away from making our laws and stealing headlines.

This whole sad incident is evidence that America truly has lost her way. Every week brings a new story about turning our backs on knowledge and education in favor of fantasies and political theories that have never worked anywhere and probably would not work anywhere – but they've been presented as gospel for so long that many people have forgotten the alternative.

We need to do a good housecleaning in regard to our elected officials.

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Blogger: Offshore finances will end Romney campaign

Commentary
By R.D. Smith
TUCSON OBSERVER

Huffingtonpost writer Paul Abrams must not be a timid guy: He predicted last week that Mitt Romney will lose the Republican nomination for president because of his slippery offshore financial maneuvers.

That puts Abrams about as far out on a limb as political bloggers can get.

"No one who has received amnesty for a serious crime, such as tax evasion, can be president," Abrams wrote last week. He had written earlier that he believes Romney was granted tax amnesty for the money he'd stashed in his Swiss account, and that was the reason the Swiss account got closed while the Bermuda and Cayman Islands accounts stayed open.

Abrams further says that Romney filed IRS forms related to the Swiss account with his 2010 return, but didn't release those documents when he released his 2010 tax return.

Until Romney releases the documents and clarifies this one

way or the other, it's hard to see how anyone will find out for sure. Many Republicans are now hollering for him to do exactly that, and then deal with the fallout however he can.

By simply refusing to clarify whatever he did, it's obvious Romney is encouraging many people to conclude that he's guilty – the question is whether anybody who previously planned to vote for him will change their mind over this.

Abrams predicts that the offshore financial dealings eventually will smell up the place until the GOP establishment simply won't back Romney anymore.

Abrams also wrote that Romney will not get bypassed until after he has selected a vice-presidential running mate – a person who will have been thoroughly investigated, including his or her tax returns. That pick for vice president, according to Abrams' crystal ball, will become the Republican nominee for president!

I assume GLBT voters already have their reasons for not supporting Romney, but if you're still catching flak from right-wing relatives, you might toss this little can of gasoline on the fire and see what blows up.

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Children with gay parents denied equal protections

By Steve Majors
FAMILY EQUALITY

Current state laws put many children in our country at risk and undermine their family stability, according to a new report released July 17.

Securing Legal Ties for Children Living in LGBT Families: A State Strategy and Policy Guide shows how in more than 30 states, discriminatory state parenting law means it is likely that children being raised in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families will be legal strangers to at least one of their parents. The report was co-authored by the Movement Advancement Project, Family Equality Council and the Center for American Progress in partnership with Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute and the Equality Federation.

"The best interests of children should always be paramount," said Adam Pertman, Executive Director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute. "With more than 400,000 children in foster care and more than 100,000 children awaiting adoption, it simply makes no sense—and certainly isn't to their benefit—to deny children a forever home with qualified and loving parents simply because those parents are gay or unmarried."

Securing Legal Ties for Children Living in LGBT Families details these and other concrete harms of archaic and discriminatory family law—harms that affect the two million children raised by LGBT parents, children awaiting adoption and, often, the millions of children being raised by relatives, family friends, or unmarried parents.

• Laws deny children loving families. When LGBT families are

banned from being foster parents or adopting, children are denied permanent homes and remain in state care instead.

• Laws put children's health at risk. When the law prevents a parent from securing legal ties to his or her child, that child is also denied coverage under the parent's health insurance, and the parent can be prevented from making medical decisions or visiting their child in the hospital.

• Laws undermine children's security and place children in jeopardy when a parent dies or when parents' relationships dissolve. When a parent raising a child is not recognized under the law, that child can be wrested away from the parent best suited to care for them, be denied child support, or lose inheritance and other protections designed to keep them safe during times of crisis.

"There are two million children being raised by gay parents, most of whom live in states where they are excluded by family law," said Jennifer Chrisler, Family Equality Council Executive Director. "The impact of these laws is wide-ranging: our children are denied health insurance coverage; we face higher economic burdens that put our families at risk; our families aren't protected when a parent dies; and our children live with the insecurity of knowing that one of their parents isn't considered a parent under the law."

"We must act now to change the laws that place children in jeopardy," said Rebecca Isaacs, Executive Director of the Equality Federation. "Parenting and family laws needs to protect all children, not just some children."

Troops march in San Diego gay parade -- in uniform



By Joe Morgan
GAYSTARNEWS

military pride.

The U.S. military has for the first time allowed gay men and women to wear their uniforms at Pride, an unthinkable act nine months ago.

Permission was granted for the Gay Pride Parade in San Diego on Saturday.

A military-wide memo from the Pentagon comes after the 18-year-long ban on gays and lesbians serving openly.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Rene Bardorf said, "Based on our current knowledge of the event and current policies, we hereby are granting approval for service members in uniform to participate in this year's parade."

San Diego Pride Executive Director Dwayne Crenshaw called it a historic moment.

"San Diego Pride is honored to have the privilege of celebrating our country and our service members with dignity and respect. The fight for equality is not over, and it is not easy, but this is a giant leap in the right direction," Crenshaw said.

In previous years, personnel have worn T-shirts to show their

Army Specialist Brenna Saldana told U-T San Diego she will be attending the 150,000 strong event, and is proud to be wearing her uniform.

"No one gets deployed in just a T-shirt. No one gets to fight for our country in just a T-shirt. No one is recognized as an American service member as easily in a T-shirt. We're loud and proud, and I think these uniforms are very loud and allow us to be very proud," Saldana said.

Last year, Saldana felt she had the weight "of everyone who has ever lived and served as a gay service member" on her shoulders. On Saturday, the sense of purpose will only be stronger.

"If all of this was happening right before I was about to sign my contract, I would be so jazzed, especially as a lesbian soldier."

"Not only are these people fighting for our country and for our freedom, but they're fighting for their own basic civil rights, and that just shows me that a soldier is a fighter through and through."

"It doesn't matter what the mission, what the task, what the fight," Saldana said.

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Study: HIV rates higher for black gay men

HIV PLUS MAG.COM

One in eight African-American gay men will contract HIV before age 20, according to the Black AIDS Institute. By 40, the likelihood is 60 percent.

According to the study, *Back of The Line: The State of AIDS Among Black Gay Men in America*, black people make up only 14 percent of the U.S. population, but comprise 44 percent of new infections. This trend is the opposite of overall infection rates across the country. Among young men ages 13-24, black gay males are 14 times more likely to test HIV-positive than white gay and bisexual males.

"Black gay men too often

remain at the back of the line when it comes to assistance," Phill Wilson of the Black AIDS Institute said in a statement accompanying the report. "Mobilization efforts going on to increase testing and access to treatment, are often being implemented with little, if any, support from those who ought to care."

The report suggests that both LGBT organizations and governmental health agencies are to blame for the lack of help. However, more support is encouraged by making black churches more gay-friendly, promoting more HIV testing, and devoting more resources to engage with black men among LGBT organizations.

Chick-fil-A may face chopping block in Boston

By Trudy Ring
ADVOCATE

If Mayor Thomas Menino has his way, Chick-fil-A may be banned in Boston.

The fast-food chain, which has donated to antigay causes and whose executives this week admitted to antigay stances while saying the company doesn't discriminate, is looking for locations in the city. One is near the famous Freedom Trail, a series of historic sites connected to the American Revolution. But Menino says that area, or any location in Boston, isn't appropriate for a business with such policies.

"Chick-fil-A doesn't belong in Boston," Menino told the Boston Herald yesterday. "You can't have a business in the city of Boston that discriminates against a population. We're an open city, we're a city that's at the forefront of inclusion. ... That's the Freedom Trail. That's where it all started right here. And we're not going to have a company, Chick-fil-A or whatever the hell the name is, on our Freedom Trail."

Menino said Chick-fil-A will find it "very difficult" to get licenses in Boston unless it changes its policies, and he plans to send a letter to the company's headquarters in Atlanta "telling them my feelings on the matter."

Right wing uses Colo. tragedy to vilify gays

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Bryan Fischer of the American Family Association, Texas congressman Louie Gohmert and former Arizona senator Russell Pearce use the tragedy in Aurora, Colo., to push their fundie agendas.

Fischer is the first to play the anti-gay card over the Colorado movie theater tragedy. Reacting to news that the Aurora Chick-fil-A was providing free food to police and other emergency personnel on the scene, Fischer tweeted, "Chick-fil-A provides free meals to first responders in Colorado. Let's see Big Gay demonize that." *The New*

Civil Rights Movement reports.

The fast-food chain is under fire for donations to anti-gay groups, and Fischer's tweet linked to a *Breitbart.com* story that quoted some Twitter messages critical of Chick-fil-A, such as "\$3M to fight marriage equality, but it's OK cuz they gave cops some chicken tenders and waffle fries?"

Meanwhile, Gohmert, who appeared on a *Heritage Foundation* radio show hosted by former congressman Ernest Istook of Oklahoma blamed the tragedy on "ongoing attacks on Judeo-Christian beliefs." "We have been at war with the very pillars, the very foundation

of this country," Gohmert said.

Not to be outdone, recalled, disgraced ex-state Senate President of Arizona, Russell Pearce uses the tragedy to score some pro-NRA debate points, or so he believes.

Pearce writes on his Facebook page, "Had someone been prepared and armed they could have stopped this 'bad' man from most of this

tragedy. He was two and three feet away from folks, I understand he had to stop and reload. Where were the men of flight 93???? Someone should have stopped this man. Someone could have stopped this man."

"I lament that so many people should be disarmed and vulnerable by anti-gun rules."

Obituary



David A. Devincenzo

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of David A. Devincenzo on Monday, July 22. David passed away at the Odyssey Hospice here in Tucson after a 10 month battle with lymphoma, he had just turned 39 on May 22. He is survived by his partner Robert, his father Al and his brother Eric.

During his short lifetime he worked for and made a name for himself at Cirque du Soleil, CNN Atlanta and the Disney Corporation. In 2002 he moved to Tucson to operate APX International which functions as the National Muscular Dystrophy Association warehouse. During his years in Tucson he was, for a time, a volunteer at Wingspan and a member of TKO while at the same time a financial supporter of Atlanta Pride. In 2004 he was involved in the locally produced movie "Eating Out" as the Costume Designer, his car at the time, a black Volkswagen Beetle was used as a prop in the film.

He was born in Hackensack, NJ, was raised in Colt's Neck NJ., graduated Peddie School, NJ and Herzing University, FL. During his short life he traveled the world. David was known as a fun-loving and generous friend who often spoke his mind and loved to see people enjoy themselves.

In lieu of flowers or a service it was David's wish that donations be made to the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). A permanent guestbook has been set up at <http://bit.ly/MuH70S> for those wishing to leave a message or memorial.

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VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Bears Beer Bust and Chill Feed 3-7p.

WOODY'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm. Local Brew Night. Enjoy local craft beer at a special price. Free Pool.

Friday

BRODIES TAVERN - \$1.50 shots. \$6 64 oz Pitchers, \$2 domestic bottles and \$2 well cocktails. Karaoke 9pm-close.

COLORS - Open 4pm-close. Happy Hour 4-6pm Melody Louise sings standards and favorites 6-9pm Honeybaked Glam 9pm guest-hosted by Lucinda Holliday.

IBT's - Happy Hour 12pm-9pm. Flawless Fridays. Karaoke Inside 5pm-9pm.

NEW MOON - Open at 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm: \$2 well, \$2 domestic longnecks and pints, \$ New Moon shots. Kitchen open 5-9pm. 1st and 3rd Fridays there is a Country DJ playing 8:30-10:30pm, followed by the Shimmer Show at 10:30. 2nd Friday is Latin Music Night starting at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Bear's Happy Hour 5:30-7:30pm: \$3 wells, domestic, pitchers, wine!

WOODY'S - Happy Hour 11am-8pm. Wine till 9-1/2 off bottles and glasses of selected wines. Gin+Sin 9pm-Close. Enjoy our selection of gin's all at a discounted price.

Saturday

BRODIES TAVERN - A Taste of Mexico: \$2 Mexican Beers and \$3 margaritas all day. \$1 Coronitas & Pacificos, \$3 32 oz pitchers and \$6 64 oz pitchers. Post Big Gay Scavenger Hunt party at 8. Latino Night from 9pm-close.

COLORS - Open 4pm-close. Happy Hour 4-6p. Jams by James 9p-close. DJ James spins retro and requests all night long.

IBT's - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm. Karaoke on the Patio 5pm-8pm.

NEW MOON - Open at 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm Kitchen open 5 - 9pm. \$5 cheeseburger and fries.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am.

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COLORS - Open 11am. Colors Brunch 11-3p.

IBT's - Happy Hour 12pm-9pm, Karaoke on the Patio 4pm-8:30pm. "Cheap Ass Sunday's" 9pm-Close featuring 2-4-1 Drinks and Bottle Beer (exclude top shelf, wine & draft). Karaoke Inside 9pm. Dancing on the Patio w/ DJ Sid the Kid 9pm.

NEW MOON - Open at 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm: \$2 well, \$2 domestic longnecks and pints. \$2 New Moon shots. Kitchen open 5-9pm. \$5 Cheeseburger and fries. Check our ad for events.

VENTURE-N - Open noon. BBQ on the patio 5-7pm. \$4 Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Turkeyburgers, Boca Veggie Burger or Hot Dog w/ fries.

WOODY'S Happy Hour 11am-8pm. Karaoke Overdrive 4pm-Close. *AJIA'S GOSPEL BRUNCH IS EVERY 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

Monday

BRODIES TAVERN - Open 10 am. 2-4-1 All drinks from open till close! \$1.50 shots. Brodie-rita Monday: \$3 margaritas all day. \$1 Coronitas & Pacificos, \$3 32 oz. Pitchers and \$6 64 oz. pitchers, \$2 domestic bottles and \$2 well cocktails.

COLORS - Closed. **IBT's** - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm. Reverse Happy Hour Monday's 8pm-Close. Dance to All Request Music or Lounge on the Patio 9pm.

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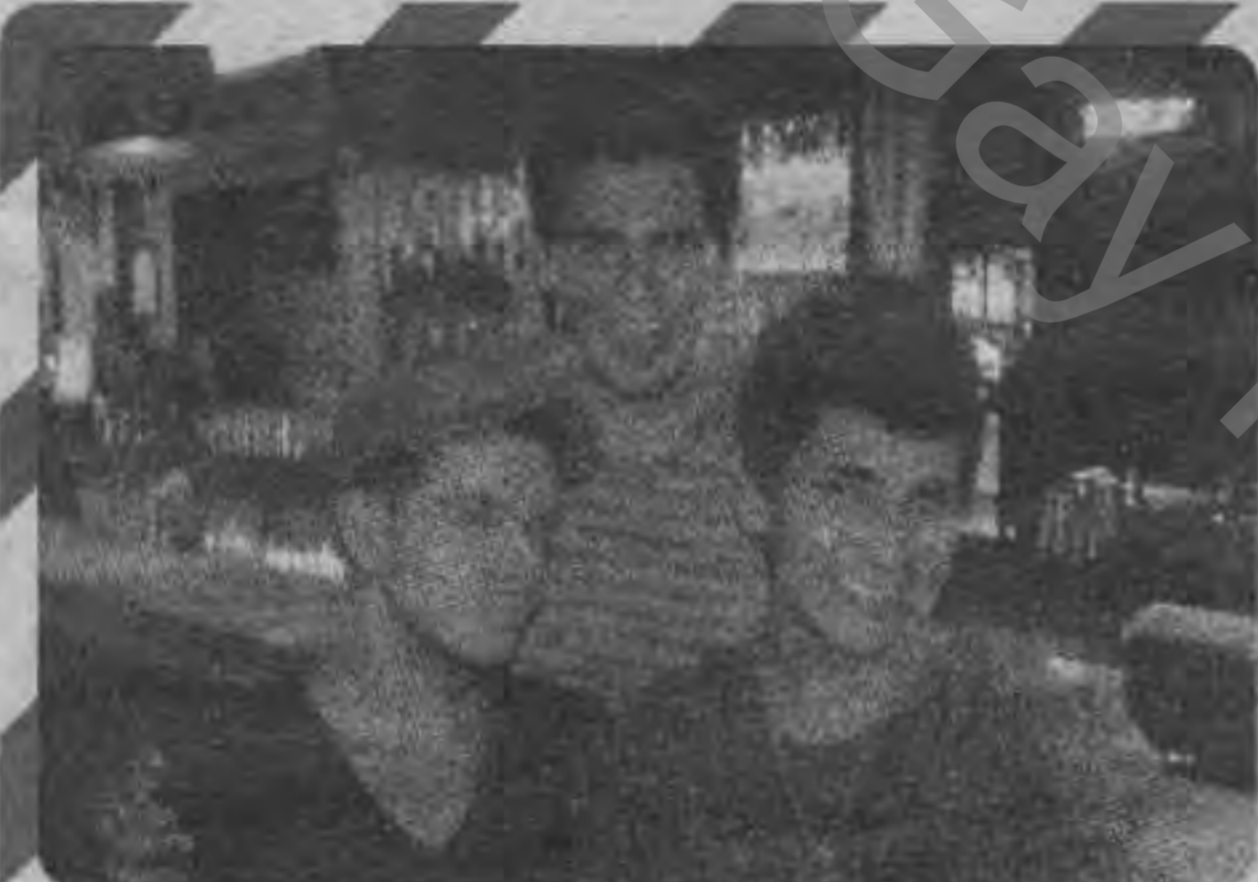
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7-9p Weekly Bears Coffee at Crave, 4530 E. Broadway Blvd.

Thursday July 26

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4-5:30p Support Group for Transgender Survivors of Sexual Trauma, SACSA, 1600 N. Country Club
6p Write Now! a writer's group open to all at Revolutionary Grounds 606 N. 4th
6:30-7:30p Regardless of... NA LGBT Meeting, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd.
7-10p Triangle Tribe, Men's Support Group. Call 520.207.5336

Friday July 27

- 5-8p Eon Youth Fridays, Wingspan, 430 E. 7th St
5:30-6:30 Oasis LGBT Social Group. Email oasis.wingspan@gmail.com
6:30 Bingo at MCC Every Friday call 207-9354 for info.
6:30-8p GLBT Chamber of Commerce 16th Birthday at Fluxx

Saturday July 28

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Sunday July 29

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Monday July 30

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7-9p Desert Voices, weekly rehearsal open to all, Water of Life MCC
7-10p Reveille Men's Chorus Open Rehearsal, Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft
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Theater, Film & Stand Up

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DragVision screening July 27 at 10:30 at La Cocina, 201 N. Court

Mauritius continues through Saturday, Aug. 18. Showtimes are 7:30p., Thursday preview, Friday and Saturday; and 3p, Sunday; \$18, \$16 student, senior or military, \$12 preview. Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. livetheatreworkshop.org

Hope, a new play by Jem Street continues through Saturday, July 28. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 2:30 p.m., Sunday; \$8 to \$15. Visit beowulfalley.org.

The Comedy Genius of Montague Glass continues through Sunday, July 29. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 3 p.m., Sunday; \$12, \$10 senior and student, unless otherwise noted. Comedy Playhouse, 3620 N. 1st Ave. thecomedyplayhouse.com

Music, Dancing & Drag:

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Grindr app crashes as athletes arrive in London

By Kalr Mudie
THE PEOPLE

A gay dating website crashed within minutes of the first Olympic athletes arriving in London – due to the volume of demand, say experts.

The Grindr app enables gay men to obtain the locations of potential homosexual partners.

Technicians believe the arrival of Olympic teams on Monday sparked a flood of new customers – and loss of the service in East London.

One Londoner said: "It happened almost as soon as the teams got here. Either loads of athletes were logging on to meet fellow Olympians or were looking to bag a local."

"The Grindr system obviously couldn't cope. It took 24 hours for

the app to get back up and running, much to the relief of all concerned."

The site was launched in 2009 and claims to have four million customers worldwide.

London is the most popular city for the app, with 350,000 registered users. The website advertises itself as a way to find "a new date, buddy or friend."

Founder Joel Simkhai said in Los Angeles: "I want to personally apologize to users."

"I know it was frustrating. I was frustrated myself. I also rely on Grindr in my day-to-day personal life. It made me feel disconnected."

"Our tech team worked around the clock to solve the problems and to whip Grindr back into shape."

Couple wins challenge against B&B owners

By Julie Bolcer
ADVOCATE

The Canadian bed-and-breakfast owners who denied service to a gay male couple because of their personal religious beliefs must pay a fine of more than \$4,500, the human rights tribunal of British Columbia ruled last week.

According to the Vancouver Sun, the tribunal did not accept the argument from Les and Susan Molnar, a retired couple from Grand Forks, that they had barred Shaun Eadie and Brian Thomas only from their private home in July 2009. Tribunal member Enid Marion held that the bed-and-breakfast area was separate, which made it subject to the discrimination rules that govern commercial spaces. The Riverbed and Breakfast closed shortly after the incident.

Three years ago Eadie called the B&B to reserve a single room. The Molars suspected that the reservation was for a gay couple, so they called back to cancel the reservation. Eadie and Thomas filed a complaint.

Les and Susan Molnar, devout Christians, testified that they have suffered harassment because of the publicity surrounding the episode. According to the Sun, "the Molnars were ordered to pay each of the complainants \$1,500 for damages, \$340 for travel expenses, and more than \$400 for lost wages to attend the hearing in Kelowna."

Thomas told CBC News that he and Eadie were pleased with the outcome.

"Sometimes you have to stick your neck out, and we stuck our necks out and we feel good and vindicated that we did for the benefit of people coming behind us," he said.



Chinese dictionary refuses to turn 'comrades' gay



Couple kiss during their ceremonial 'wedding' to raise awareness of homosexual marriage, in Wuhan, in central China's Hubei province.

By Molly Gray
CNN

A newly published edition of an authoritative Chinese dictionary has come under fire for leaving out the homosexual definition of a word commonly used to refer to gay men and lesbians.

The word "tongzhi" traditionally means "comrade" and has been widely used by the Communist Party. But in recent decades the word has evolved to refer to homosexuals.

The committee charged with revising and updating the dictionary said they chose to leave out the definition because they didn't want to encourage its use, the director of the committee Jiang Langsheng told *Chengdu Business Daily*.

The dictionary, which had its sixth edition published July 15, is one of the most renowned sources of information in China. According to CNTV, this latest edition contains 69,000 entries – an increase of 4,000 from the fifth edition published in 2005.

"It's unacceptable that the 'gay' meaning of 'tongzhi' was excluded from the dictionary, a reference book written for all, simply because of the compilers' own preferences and values," Nan Feng, a gay rights activist told the state-run news agency Xinhua.

"Tongzhi" serves as a substitute for "tongxinglian," which is the formal Chinese term for homosexuality. The 2005 edition of the Contemporary Chinese Dictionary defines "tongxinglian" both as same-sex love

and as a psychosexual disorder, according to Xinhua.

Homosexuality's classification as a mental disorder was removed in China in 2001, despite the dictionary's definition.

Like activists, linguists are also unhappy with the decision to leave out a term that is widely used in daily Chinese dialogue.

"There have always been good words and bad ones," Cui Yan, a planning editor for Science and Technology Document Press, told *Beijing Business Daily*. "But they are all linguistic phenomena. Just because the dictionary doesn't include them doesn't mean they don't exist."

Across the web, people have spoken out about the lack of the colloquial definition of "tongzhi."

One user on China's microblogging site Sina Weibo, who calls himself "Yves Hugo" said "Tongzhi are there. They are a group of people. Whether you 'encourage or not,' Tongzhi means gay people. The definition will be in dictionary at some point."

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Tucson rapper Murs honors LGBT equality in music video

Observer Staff

'Animal Style' a single released in November is now causing buzz in the rap community over its pro-gay bent. The music video for the song, filmed in Tucson, was recently released online causing a slew of anti-equality comments and backlash. The video follows two teenage gay lovers trying to make sense of their lives, reputations, and love.

Jonathan is an out teen "fresh out of high school" flipping burgers while awaiting collage. His deeply closeted beau Roderick (Murs) flips out when Jonathan tries to kiss him in the company of his friends. Roderick quickly turns to violence and crime ending him in jail, a prisoner of his own self-hatred. The last frame is a park bench kiss showing what could have been.

"I felt like I had to do this. I had to commit. My goal was to, as a rapper, to bring some legitimacy to the art form. You know, Straight Outta Compton was jarring, because America didn't want to see or hear these things. Now it's been sensationalized, and now it's the status quo. Public Enemy said some jarring things initially, too. But no one is using rap as a vehicle to shake things



Rap artist Murs

up," Murs said about the pro-equality message of the video.

Tucsonans will recognize scenes from Reid Park's lake and rose garden, as well as in-N-Out Burger and San Xavier Mission. Murs has lived in Tucson for several years, preferring our social climate to that of his birthplace, L.A. When asked why he chose 'the 520' Murs told Jerry Portwood of OUT.com:

"Tucson is probably the Berkeley or Austin of Arizona. The rest of Arizona is very anti-Obama. The only thing they are pro, is pro-Jesus and pro-gun. But I just always liked the people here [in Tucson]. I grew up in L.A. and everyone is always networking all the time. People here just wake up, go to work, and go home. They drink a lot of Bud Light. I grew up with people who were going to be actors, or legitimate drug dealers or legitimate killers. Here people are living and enjoying life."

Macklemore's pro-equality single endorses gay/lesbian marriage

By Kevin Burra
THE HUFFINGTON POST

With the release of "Same Love," Seattle-based hip-hop artist Macklemore is once again using his influence as a positive force to address social ills. At first, it might seem like Macklemore's scathing lyrical critique of homophobia and heteronormativity is simply him cashing in on recent hip-hop events -- earlier this month, Frank Ocean described an impassioned same-sex relationship, and a slew of artists reacted by voicing support for LGBT acceptance.

But after a listen, that cynicism goes out the window.

"Same Love" begins with Macklemore's candid reflection on his third-grade fear of being gay, because of a "buncha stereotypes all in [his] head" at such a young age, and moves to challenging religious hypocrisy, gay conversion therapy, mainstream hip hop, bullying in schools ... the list goes on.

"It was not easy to write," Macklemore explains in a blog post about the song. "I struggled with how I, as a straight male, could genuinely speak upon this issue."

When he climactically proclaims, "I might not be the same, but that's not important. No freedom 'til we're equal, damn right I support it," it's clear that not only does he genuinely care about civil rights, but he also understands how deeply embedded inequality is in American society.

In a testimony for Music for Marriage Equality Macklemore says:

"I grew up with two gay uncles on Capitol Hill... I was always around a community of gay people ... as a hip-hop artist, it's still a taboo issue... that is crazy to me... there's so much fear, and so much of it dates back to religion... I think that we have evolved as a society, and this is our time to create the change that is right."



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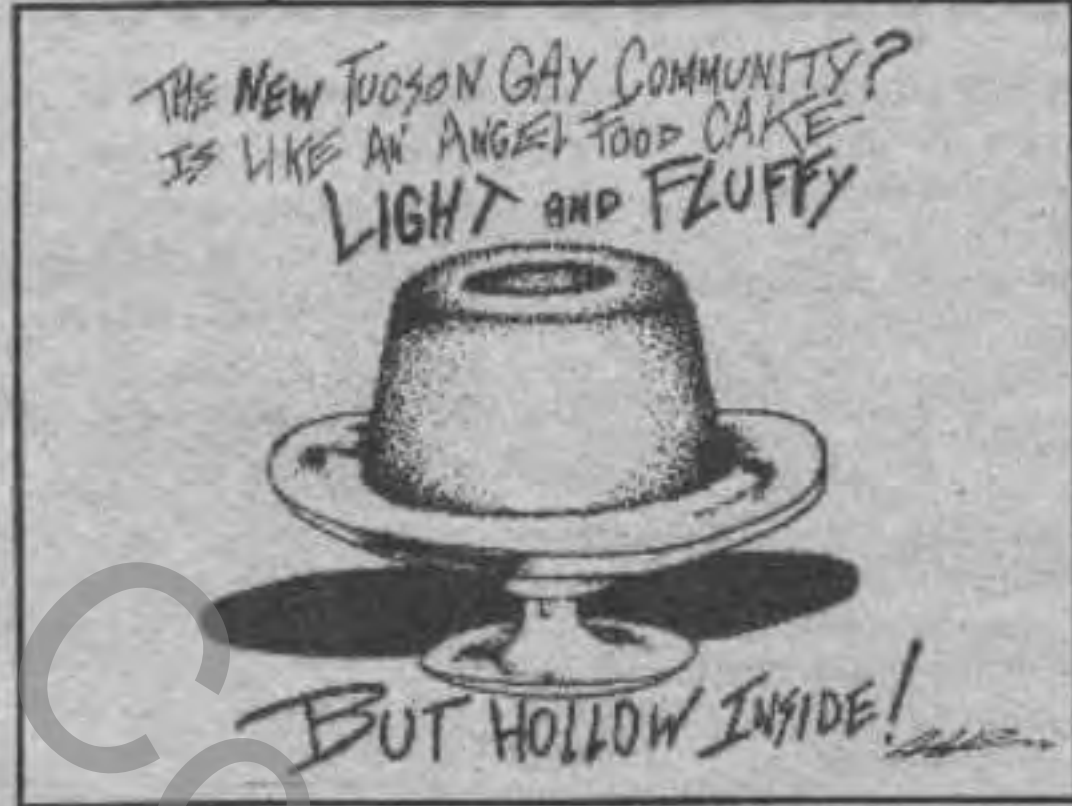
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20 openly gay and lesbian Olympic athletes

By Jim Buzinski
Outsports

The number of openly gay and lesbian athletes at the 2012 London Summer Olympics is ahead of the totals for Athens in 2004 and Beijing in 2008, with all but three being lesbians.

There are 20 openly gay and lesbian London Olympians, plus two coaches. There are also two gay Paralympians. This compares with 11 in Athens and 10 in Beijing, showing some progress in athletes being public about their sexual orientation, but it's still a low number.

The Outsports list of 20 openly gay and lesbians Olympic athletes are:



Edward Gal
(Netherlands, equestrian)



Megan Rapinoe
(U.S. soccer)



Rikke Skov
(Denmark, handball)



Lisa Raymond
(U.S., doubles tennis)



Maritjn Agliotti
(Netherlands, field hockey)



Maartje Paumen
(Netherlands, field hockey)



Judith Arndt
(Germany, cycling)



Carl Hester
(Britain, equestrian)



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(Australia, beach volleyball)



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(Netherlands, field hockey)



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(Sweden, soccer)



Alexandra Lacrabère
(France, handball)



Imke Duplitzer
(Germany, fencing)



Mayssa Pessoa
(Brazil, handball)



Hedvig Lindahl
(Sweden, soccer)

20 openly gay and lesbian Olympic athletes

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Lisa Dahlkvist
(Sweden, soccer)



Carole Péon
(France, triathlon)



Jessica Harrison
(France, triathlon)

In addition, Pia Sundhage, U.S. women's soccer head coach, is openly gay, as is Hope Powell, Britain women's soccer coach. The gay Paralympians are Lee Pearson, a male British equestrian athlete, and Claire Harvey, a member of Britain's women's volleyball team.

There was one more lesbian who qualified for London — U.S. wrestler Stephany Lee — but she was kicked off the team last month after testing positive for smoking marijuana. And with softball no longer an Olympic sport, that cut down on the number of potential 'out' athletes. *Outsports* knows of another male athlete who thought about coming out if he made his Olympic team, but he came up short at the trials.

Simple math dictates that there are many more gay and lesbian athletes in London than who are

publicly out. With 12,602 athletes set to compete, just 1 percent of them being gay or lesbian would be 126. Despite our best efforts, it's possible we have missed someone — especially non-Americans — who have publicly declared their homosexuality.

Greg Louganis, who won four Olympic gold medals in diving and came out after retiring, told *Outsports* why he thinks athletes are still reluctant to come out publicly.

"All I can do is relate to my own journey," Louganis said. "I was out to my friends and my family. It was just my policy not to discuss my sexuality to members of the media. I wanted my participation in the sport to be about the sport. I didn't want it to be about being the gay diver."

"Today, we have more positive images in media when it comes to

sexuality and representation — we're just regular people — so I think it's a more positive atmosphere. When I was on my book tour in '95, I had a lot of people come up to me and say they were gay and they weren't out and they were in a team sport. It's tough if you're in a team sport, because you're relying on your team. I think it's a little easier when you're talking about an individual sport because it's just you out there and you're pretty self-reliant."

American equestrian athlete Robert Dover said, "You spend a day with these athletes, and it becomes obvious that gay people are everywhere. The reason many of them aren't out is because they're focused on their job during this time when sports is the No. 1 thing in their lives."

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