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## Goldwaters endorse Democrat for Congress



Richard Carmona

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PARADISE VALLEY – Joanne Goldwater, eldest daughter of the late Arizona icon Sen. Barry Goldwater, and members of her family endorsed Democrat Richard Carmona over Republican Jeff Flake for the U.S. Senate last week.

"There's no doubt that my dad viewed himself as a conservative, but he put serving Arizona over serving any ideology," Joanne Goldwater said.

"I don't see the same from life bringing people together to get Congressman Jeff Flake. He has tried to claim the 'conservative' mantle, but my dad's brand of conservatism is not reflected by Flake or the modern-day Republican Party," she added.

Pointing to Associated Press coverage of the announcement, Carmona's campaign issued a statement saying, "Serving the people over a political party seems like a simple concept – and yet, it's somehow a reportable event these days."

Barry Goldwater was the Republican presidential candidate in 1964 and is often cited as the model for today's Tea Party movement. He was also, however, one of the first major political figures to speak out in favor of gays serving openly in the U.S. military.

Joanne Goldwater and her daughter, CC, praised Carmona's independent nature, his support of women's rights, and his proven ability to work with both political parties.

Carmona said, "I've spent my life bringing people together to get results – and I know we can't afford more of the same old politics."

## Don't let fact-checking influence anything!

Commentary

By R.D. Smith

OBSERVER STAFF

It may be a rule of thumb that political candidates lie, but the recent statement by a Mitt Romney campaign aide that their campaign will not be influenced by fact-checkers certainly marks a new low in not being embarrassed when they get caught at it.

Commentators from across the political spectrum have said that the sheer amount of lying so far in this presidential campaign cycle outdoes any other campaign in U.S. history. Could be, but I doubt it – this country has had presidents like Warren G. Harding, and some of them apparently seldom uttered a truth even while occupying the White House.

But it may be true that we never had candidates who are less embarrassed about the voters knowing their pants are on fire.

Consider the case of Paul Ryan, Romney's vice-presidential running mate, stating on Hugh Hewitt's right-wing radio show that he (Ryan) once ran a marathon and finished in less than three hours.

A marathon time of less than three hours apparently is something extraordinary to people who know about such things, so *Runner's World* magazine decided to find out when and where Ryan accomplished this. (Marathon times are recorded.) Turns out there was no record of such a feat, and it eventually turned

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## Turnabout for TIHAN wows with 50-foot Glamazons

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TIHAN's 16th annual benefit – Turnabout for TIHAN – rocked the packed grand ballroom of the Doubletree Hotel Sept. 2.

Over 550 folks attended the "Invasion of the 50-foot Glamazons." The invading army comprised of Tucson's LGBT bar-staff who donned their finest clothes, wigs and makeup in order to flirt, dance, and raise a record setting \$18,250 for the cause.

Both Tempest DuJour and Janee Starr were hilarious as they emceed the two-hour event introducing the night's talent from Brodie's Tavern, BT's, New Moon Tucson, and Woody's, as well as, the Human Project, Spin Babez, and Musical Mayhem.

A special guest appearance by DiVa, Miss Gay Arizona America 2012, brought the house to their feet and helped loosen the purse strings a steech more.

Scott Blades, TIHAN's executive director, was on hand to publicly thank the many donors and volunteers that make TIHAN's mission possible.

Blades gave a heartfelt thank you to David Zinke and his crew for creating the stage and set; Cathy Ernst and friends for managing the raffle and silent auction and Dean R. Taylor and company for tallying the night's donations.

By all accounts TIHAN's yearly event was a huge success. The money raised will help the largest privately-funded provider of support programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in the state to continue providing HIV/AIDS awareness, education, and services.

The success of the Turnabout was made possible by a very long list of volunteers and donors. Because that list of minions is so long, we can't include it here. However, we are including some of highlights of the 50-foot invasion on page 6.

## Democrats unveil platform endorsing marriage equality

By Julie Bolcer  
ADVOCATE.COM

Democrats released their 2012 platform Monday with language inclusive of marriage equality and an overriding focus on the contrast between the party's economic vision and the approach of the Republican Party.

The Associated Press reports the unveiling of the document as the party prepared for the start of its convention in Charlotte, N.C.

The platform contrasts President Obama and the party's vision of an economy built from "the middle out" with what it calls Mitt Romney and the Republican Party's "top down" approach. The document calls the maintenance and growth of the middle class "the defining issue of our time."

"This election is not simply a

choice between two candidates or two political parties, but between two fundamentally different paths for our country and our families," says the platform.

Part of the difference between the parties includes LGBT civil rights, which are addressed under the Democratic platform's "Protecting Rights and Freedoms" section. The section includes an endorsement of the Employment Non-discrimination Act, saying that, "People should not be fired based on their sexual orientation or gender identity."

"President Obama and the Democratic Party are committed to ensuring all Americans are treated fairly," says the document. "This administration hosted the first-ever White House Conference on Bullying Prevention and we must continue

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## Native American LGBT history

ROCKVILLE, MD. – Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Native American Center for Excellence will be hosting an online webinar to examine historical perspectives on the current condition and state of the Two-Spirit community.

The webinar, entitled "Two Spirit People: Then and Now – Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Historical Contemporary Native America" will address the barriers and challenges of this population in seeking and accessing services. A detail report for current resources and key recommendations will be addressed.

To electronically attend, reserve your space now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/366290542>

## "Strange Botany" at Conrad Wilde

TUCSON – Conrad Wilde Gallery announces "Strange Botany" which will run from Sept. 15 through Oct. 27 with a reception on Oct. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Strange Botany" brings together three Arizona artists whose works impart the opulence of organic form infused with an undercurrent of the strange or uncanny.

Artists featured include Barbara Rogers, John Randall Nelson, and Mary Meyer.

The exhibit will run concurrent with "Barbara Rogers: The Imperative of Beauty, A Fifty Year Retrospective" at Tucson Museum of Art, opening Oct. 6.

The gallery is located at 439 N. 6th Ave. No. 195 and is a specialist in contemporary abstraction and innovation. The gallery features painting, sculpture, and works on paper from established and emerging artists based locally and nationally.

To learn more about the gallery or "Strange Botany" visit: [www.conradwildegallery.com](http://www.conradwildegallery.com).

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## Turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in U.S.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – With an AIDS-free generation within reach, AIDS United and other partner organizations in North Carolina and from around the country are urging delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention to reinvigorate their commitment to ending the epidemic in the United States.

At a non-partisan event during the Democratic National Convention titled "Turning the Tide of HIV/AIDS in the U.S.," physicians, community leaders and people living with HIV/AIDS will discuss the current state of national HIV/AIDS legislation and policy, as well as issues related to access to care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS. A similar event was held during the Republican National Convention on Aug. 28.

"This event, along with our event held during the Republican National Convention, presents a key opportunity to remind convention delegates from both parties that we have tools to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in this country, if we choose to exercise our political will to do it," said Ronald Johnson, AIDS United Vice President of Policy and Advocacy.

"We must ensure that candidates both commit to and are held accountable for ensuring that people living with HIV in the U.S. get the life-saving treatment and care they need, and that people who don't have HIV remain HIV-free."

## California passes conversion therapy ban affecting minors

California lawmakers officially passed a bill to ban sexual orientation conversion therapy on minors, with Gov. Jerry Brown expected to sign the legislation.

The bill prevents licensed psychologists and therapists from attempting to change the sexual orientation of anyone under the age of 18. The American Psychological Association has condemned such therapies, and Alan Chambers, the leader of Exodus International, has backpedaled on the effectiveness of so-called reparative therapy. His organization previously had been a staunch proponent of such treatment.

Brown has until Sept. 30 to sign the bill, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

## Chick-fil-A vandal won't face charges



LOS ANGELES – A gay artist who admitted to painting the words "Tastes Like Hate" on the side of a Torrance, Calif., Chick-fil-A restaurant will not face criminal charges, said the Los Angeles County district attorney's office, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

"The suspect has acknowledged his wrongdoing and offered to make restitution," prosecutors announced Wednesday. "Finally, the record does not establish the suspect was motivated by religious hatred."

Manny Castro, 30, a West Hollywood artist, was arrested Aug. 10 on suspicion of vandalizing the Southern California Chick-fil-A location on Aug. 3. The graffiti included a painting of a cow holding a paintbrush, similar to the advertising campaign the company has long used, urging patrons to "Eat Mor Chikin."

Castro promised to pay the estimated \$700 required to repaint the vandalized wall, but told the *Huffington Post* he felt compelled to use the paint to make a statement against COO Dan Cathy's opposition to marriage equality.

The graffiti appeared amid the media firestorm surrounding Cathy's comments, which saw former Arkansas gov. Mike Huckabee call for a Chick-Fil-A Appreciation Day on Aug. 1 supporting the company, and LGBT activists hold a National Same Sex Kiss Day protesting Cathy's comments and the \$5 million in donations Chick-fil-A has given to antigay and certified hate groups.



## Man pleads guilty in Mich. hate crime

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Everett Dwayne Avery, 36, of Detroit, Mich., pleaded guilty in federal court on Aug. 29 to a federal hate crime, admitting that he assaulted a victim because he believed the victim was gay, the Justice Department, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade and Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Robert D. Foley III, announced.

During the time of the plea, Avery admitted that on March 7, 2011, he struck the victim in the face while they were customers at a convenience store in Detroit because he believed that the victim was gay. The victim suffered a fractured eye socket and other facial injuries as a result.

"Hate-fueled incidents have no place in a civilized society," said Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.

Avery faces a maximum of ten years in prison. His sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 28, before Judge John Corbett O'Meara.



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# Hot for marriage? Better have a plan for divorce!

Commentary  
By Tony Smart  
OBSERVER WEEKLY

So you and your partner decided to go to New York City and get married. Why not?

It's gay de rigueur. Fly to NYC, take in a Broadway show, hang out in Chelsea, then off to City Hall to pay the filing fee for your marriage license, say "I do" to your snookums and fly back to Tucson as Mr. and Mr. Gay Homosexual.

No blood test needed. No residency required. Quicker than a bj in the parking lot of Brodie's.

By having the government sanction your relationship, you can now officially introduce each other as "my spouse" when attending those naked pool parties.

But getting married was the easy part. Living together, working everyday on the marriage and feeling the societal pressure to have children is more difficult.

A large majority of marriages include having children, even among LGBTQ couples. But an even larger majority of marriages result in divorce. Dissolution is the polite term used these days. The numbers are not in yet on the percentage of same sex marriages that result in divorce, but as sure as there's a drag show at IBT's on Wednesday night, there will be same-sex divorces.

Now that you and snookums want to call it quits, its not so easy to pack up the car, move back to your apartment and renew your ADAM account.

Once you get married, what is yours is his and vice versa. Welcome to the straight world of community property.

But before you can fight over who gets the Cher-Madonna-Lady Gaga collection, or custody of the German shepherd if you are lesbian, you first have to decide where you can get a divorce, dissolve your marriage.

Arizona does not recognize same-sex marriage, so you cannot file for divorce here. What about another weekend trip back to where it all began, the Big Apple? Nope. Although there is no residency requirement to get married in New York, there is a one-year residency requirement to file for divorce.

Other states that recognize same-sex marriages also have a residency requirement to file for divorce - from ninety days to one year.

There are options: You and snookums can sign a prenuptial or even a postnuptial agreement outlining who gets what in the unfortunate event of a divorce.

If there is a dispute over the pre/post nup, any court will hear the case as a simple contract action. But creating a contract covering property and personal effects sort of defeats the purpose of getting married. You could have done that without the trip to New York.

Some legal scholars suggest entering into a domestic partnership even though you are married and then ask the court, if you live in a state that recognizes domestic partnerships, to dissolve the domestic partnership and distribute the property. However, this option has been used with limited success.

Another option is to do what my parents did. Stay married and miserable until one of you dies. Now that's a traditional marriage.

# Don't let fact-checking influence anything

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out that Ryan's time was more than four hours, or quite average.

Ryan laughed off the whole thing as a simple error, leaving people scratching their heads over how one could achieve a perfectly average time and mistake it for a whiz-bang performance.

The fact that Ryan would lie about something that wouldn't seem to gain him anything is a puzzler, but more important to voters (and the future of the country) is that he hasn't exactly established himself as a beacon of honesty on issues that do matter.

If you follow politics at all, you must have read or heard several times that the Congressional Budget Office concluded that Ryan's famous budget proposal (the basis of his fame, actually) would reduce the national deficit. Actually, the CBO concluded that there is not enough information in the plan to evaluate.

So Ryan told the CBO what to assume about what the economy will be doing over the next several years, and then ran with THAT conclusion as if it pertained to the budget proposal he submitted, failing to mention the CBO's notation that "No proposals were specified that would generate that path."

That's the level of truthfulness permeating the campaign so far.

Romney and his tribe have loudly

and lengthily claimed that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was telling a bald-faced whopper when he claimed Romney didn't pay income tax for 10 years. They ignored the fact that Romney has the income-tax returns to prove Reid was lying, and if he just released those returns (as presidential candidates have been doing for 40 years, beginning with Romney's own father), there'd be an end to it.

But even if Reid is lying, it doesn't help Republicans' credibility any to keep harping on it. Their side is the one that keeps allowing its nut cases to claim there's a mountain of evidence that President Obama wasn't born in Hawaii, and that he's a Muslim with a long history of pretending to be a Christian.

If they had a shred of real evidence, don't you think they'd have revealed it by now?

Once the dust settles from the Democratic National Convention, we'll no doubt be treated to new rounds of lying from both sides - maybe even something to outdo what we've seen so far.

But based on what we've seen so far, the Republican campaign of 2012 takes the gold in the lying-for-the-fun-of-it event, at least in modern times. The Democrats aren't even in the same race.

Unfortunately, the Democrats haven't been doing much of anything else for years, either, except sucking up to the GOP. So much for a two-party system.



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## Same-sex couples get first dance at wedding

By Sunnive Brydum  
ADVOCATE

A pair of straight newlyweds in Indianapolis, Ind., called attention to marriage inequality on the day of their own legally recognized wedding by reserving the first dance for same-sex couples, reports *Truth Wins Out*.

Meg Liffick and Joe Ball got married last weekend in Indianapolis, and when it came time for the couple's traditional first dance, Ball read a statement explaining that they wanted to offer the privilege of the first dance to their LGBT attendees who are still legally denied the right to marry.

Best-selling author John Green posted an image on his Tumblr,

which has now garnered national attention. "This was a large and very diverse wedding in a state that doesn't even recognize same-sex civil unions, let alone marriage," wrote Green. "And yet

the ovation these people received while dancing to the Beach Boys' *Wouldn't It Be Nice* was like nothing I've ever heard at a wedding. If there were dry eyes, I didn't see any. Change is coming."

## Mary Kay Henry: Most power lesbian in U.S.?



By Sunnive Brydum  
ADVOCATE

Mary Kay Henry is the international president of Service Employees International Union, the country's fastest-growing labor union, with more than 2 million members.

In addition to being the first woman to lead the organization, she also happens to be the first out lesbian to hold such a position. According to *Seattle Gay News*, this makes her "the

most powerful lesbian in the country."

Henry accepted the position as president in May 2010, leaving her post as the head of the union's health care division.

That same year, the newspaper ran an interview where the leader talked about social justice, LGBT rights, and repairing the rift within the labor community after the union and five others left the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations in 2005.

Henry was pivotal in establishing the union's Lavender Caucus, the its LGBT member organization. She used the organization to educate and advocate for an end to oppression -- a plan she detailed in her

interview with *Seattle Gay News*.

"The fight against oppression is a series of steps — ENDA, marriage equality — we can use it as an opportunity to educate each other," Henry told the paper. "That's the beauty of the labor movement. It's a forum where people who might otherwise be pitted against each other can build unity."

According to Henry's biography on the union website, Henry has devoted her life — and her time with union since 1979 — to advocating for working people.

"Henry has stood side by side with nursing workers in Fresno, Calif., who fought for time to treat seniors with the dignity and respect

they deserve," reports Henry's bio. "And [fought for] suburban janitors in the Twin Cities, who wanted full-time work to support their families on a living wage."

"She has also worked with California state employees who sought to cut out waste and inefficiency from government, and registered nurses in Seattle, who wanted a partnership with management to improve the cost and quality of care throughout the state."

Henry, 54, was raised in Detroit inside a devout Catholic family. She has been with her partner, Paula Macchello, a senior organizer for the Teamsters, for more than 20 years according to a 2012 *Denver Post* article.



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## Tucson Pride is shaping up

By Karon Bohlender, President  
TUCSON PRIDE INC.

The 35th annual Pride in the Desert Festival will take place at Armory Park on 13th Street. We are bringing the event local. Not only are we moving downtown, we are filling our stage with only local entertainers.

There is no ticket needed this year for Pride in the Desert!

The parade route and time have been set! Come join everyone on Sixth Avenue between 18th Street and 12th Street for Pride on Parade at 11 a.m.

Under the newly formed partnership with Fluxx Productions, there will be a pool party and sing-along movie event to kick off the Pride weekend in Tucson.

Come out for our volunteer recruitment party on Sept. 22 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fluxx Studio and Gallery, 414 E. Ninth St. and have some food and drinks on us!

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# Family Equality Council asks support for all families



By Sunnive Brydum  
ADVOCATE.COM

The Family Equality Council, a national advocacy and support organization for LGBT parents and their children, called on political candidates across the spectrum to endorse LGBT "family values" in a report released Wednesday.

"Modern Families: Ensuring the American Dream for All Families" highlights 10 areas the council considers vital to the inclusion of all families in 2012 political platforms. Those areas include employment protections, with moves such as passing the

Employment Non-Discrimination Act; relationship recognition in the form of repealing the so-called Defense of Marriage Act; inclusive language defining family; immigration reform; and more.

"Every American, regardless of their background or station in life, should have the opportunity to realize the American dream," Family Equality Council executive director Jennifer Chrisler said in a press release. "In releasing this platform, we are sending a powerful message to would-be leaders in all political parties — we refuse to allow our families to be rendered invisible by party platforms, political posturing, or public policy. It's time for politicians who talk 'family values' to truly value families."

The entire report, complete with suggested action items, is available online.

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our work to prevent vicious bullying of young people and support LGBT youth. The administration has said that the word 'family' in immigration includes LGBT relationships in order to protect bi-national families threatened with deportation."

The section also includes the new "Freedom to Marry" plank that the platform committee approved unanimously for the first time earlier this month.

"We support the right of all families to have equal respect, responsibilities, and protections under the law," says the document. "We support marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples. We also support the freedom of churches and religious entities to decide how to administer marriage as a religious sacrament without government interference."

"We oppose discriminatory federal and state constitutional amendments and other attempts to deny equal protection of the laws to committed same-sex couples who seek the same respect and responsibilities as other married couples," continues the platform. "We support the full repeal of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act and the passage of the Respect for Marriage Act."

Despite efforts from gay conservative groups, the Republican Party approved a platform at its convention in Tampa that stridently denounces marriage equality. The document endorses a federal constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage, criticizes the Obama administration for its decision not to defend DOMA from legal challenges, and supports the campaigns underway in the states to pass constitutional amendments against marriage equality.

# \$32 mil luxury riverside apartments are now complete

OBSERVER STAFF

HSL Properties is boasting the completion of their lush new development, Encantada at Riverside Crossing Apartments.

But this is not your grandma's apartment complex. With a 69,000 gallon resort-style pool & spa, one acre dog ranch for the canines of distinction, a 27 seat THX certified theatre, and a professional fitness center, tenants need only leave the grounds for shopping excursions to the nearby La Encantada Shopping Center. Sadly, the complex boasts only one on-site Starbucks coffee bar.

This has not kept prospective tenants away however. The complex, located at 1925 W. River Road, is already 90 percent leased. And just who are the new neighbors? With an average income over 100K the complex is filling up with up-scale Tucsonans who are forgoing home ownership to rent in this "resort style apartment community."

The project was good for Tucson at large as well. It employed 63 sub-contractor companies during its planning and construction, of which 53 were local companies. The project paid out approximately \$22 million to local contractors, and it took 296 workers an estimated 45,000 hours to complete.

And just what does \$32 million pay for these days? On top of contractor expenses, the development firm purchased 500,000 sq. feet of stucco and a whopping 1 million feet of copper wire for the construction. The project racked up \$2.9 million in impact fees and taxes alone.

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## Wednesday September 5

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 6:30-7:30p Wednesday Night Christian Bible Study, Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Ave.  
 7-8p Positively Sober, HIV+ Alcoholic Support Group, 840 S. Campbell  
 7-9p Weekly Bears Coffee at Crave, 4530 E. Broadway Blvd.

## Thursday September 6

- 9:30-10a Free Zumba Class led by Leslie Lundquist at Bookmans at 3733 W Ina. All skill levels, every Thursday.  
 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 September 7

- 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.

## Saturday September 8- National Literacy Day

- 9-10:30a ebook and audiobook drop-in help at the Nanini Library  
 9-11a Tanque Verde Democratic Club at Bear Canyon Library  
 9:30-12 Sit and Knit meeting at the Joyner Green Valley Library  
 10-2p The Bookbike celebrates National Literacy Day

## Sunday September 9

- 9-11a Co-ed Softball, all abilities welcome. Oury Park, 600 W. St. Mary's  
 2-5p Mamasitas! Men's Sports club at Menlo Park  
 4-6p The Men's Massage Group. Call 881-4582 or email-bleu55@gmail.com at least 3 days in advance to sign up.

## Monday September 10

- 12-3p Senior Games at Himmel Park Library, Ages 50+, 1035 N. Treat  
 4-5:30p In Our Own Voices, Women's therapy group for survivors of sexual trauma, SACSA, 1600 N. Country Club, 520.327.1171  
 4:30-6:30p Cancer Support Group for LGBT People, Arizona Cancer Center at UMC-North, Rm 1127, 3838 N. Campbell Ave. 520.694.0347  
 4:30-5:30p Eon Youth Support Group, Wingspan.  
 6:30-7:30p Regardless of... NA LGBT Meeting, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd.  
 7p SAGA Advisory Council at Wingspan  
 7-10p Revellie Men's Chorus Open Rehearsal, Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft  
 7-8:30p Tucson Women's Chorus rehearsal. Call for details, 520.743.0991  
 7-9p Desert Girlz meeting at Wingspan

## Tuesday September 11

- 4-5:30p Eon Youth Peer Working Group, all youth welcome, Wingspan.  
 8:30-10p Tuesday Night Community Bike Ride, All welcome, Meet at the UofA Flagpole in front of Old Main, 1200 E. University Blvd.

## Wednesday September 12

- 12-1p Pink Triangle AA Meeting, 439 N. 6th Ave. Everyday.  
 6:30-7:30p Wednesday Night Christian Bible Study, Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Ave.  
 7-8p Positively Sober, HIV+ Alcoholic Support Group, 840 S. Campbell  
 7-9p Weekly Bears Coffee at Crave, 4530 E. Broadway Blvd.

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## Entertainment Calendar Theatre, Film & Stand Up

**Summer Comedy Showcase** every Thursday from Aug. 23, through Sept. 6 at Laffs. Email mark@towntv.com for info or to apply to perform.

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**Motherhood Out Loud** opens Sep. 4-23 at The Invisible Theatre. Tickets \$28. Call (520) 882-9721 or visit www.invisibletheatre.com

**Odyssey Storytelling- 'At the movies'** Sept. 6 at 7p at Fluxx \$7

**Kill Shakespeare**, a stage reading, kicks off this season of Cafe Bohemia at Arizona Theatre Company's Cafe Space on Sept. 8 at 8p

**Stand Up to Stop Violence** David Fitzsimmons, Eric O' Shea benefit Emerge Center to Prevent Domestic Abuse and the Blair Charity Group at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, at 7p: \$15 and \$25. foxtucsontheatre.org

## Music, Dancing & Drag:

**Tango Lessons** at Casa Vicente 375 S. Stone; free to all, no partner necessary. Class 7-8p every Wed. Dance from 8-9.

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**IBT's** - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm, Therapy every Thursday 2-4-1 Drink Specials (excludes top shelf, wine & draft). DJ Sid the Kid Inside 9pm, Million \$ DJ on the Patio 9pm. GoGo's Dancing @11pm.  
**NEW MOON** - Open at 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm: \$2 well, \$2 domestic longnecks and pints, \$2 New Moon shots. Kitchen open 5-9pm.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am. Bears Beer Bust and Chill Food 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.  
**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. 1" and 3" Fridays there is a Country DJ playing 8:30-10:30pm, followed by the Shimmer Show at 10:30. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6. Latino Night from 9pm-close.  
**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.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10am.  
**WOODY'S** - Happy Hour 11am-8pm.  
**ELEV8**: \*2-4-1 Cocktails and Bottle Beers 9pm-Close. \*excludes top shelf/draft/wine.

## Sunday

**BRODIES TAVERN** - \$1 Coronitas and Pacificos, \$3 32 oz. pitchers & \$6 64oz pitchers, \$2 domestic bottles & \$2 well cocktails. Sunday Recovery Session (back bar) 2pm-7pm: \$2 Zesty Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers. \$5 red cup draft beer with 50 cent refills. Patio Party 2-9.  
**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. Danding 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. 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.  
**IBT's** - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm. Reverse Happy Hour Monday's 8pm-Close. Dance to All Request Music or Lounge on the Patio 9pm.  
**NEW MOON** - Closed.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open noon.  
**WOODY'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm. Martini Mondays \$5 Absolut Martini's 8pm-Close.

## Tuesday

**BRODIES TAVERN** - \$1.50 shots. \$1 Coronitas and Pacificos, \$3 32 oz. pitchers & \$6 64oz pitchers, \$2 domestic bottles & \$2 well cocktails.  
**IBT's** - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm, Taco Tuesdays. \$1 Tacos. Drink Specials 9pm-Close: Mix-n-Match Mexican Beer Special, Tequila Specials (Patron \$6, Milagro \$4.50, Hornitos \$4, Cuervo \$3.50), Million \$ DJ Inside 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. Ladies Poker at 6pm. Karaoke at 9pm.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open noon. Double Darts 7pm: \$3 entry, Bar matches pot!  
**WOODY'S** - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm. 2 for Tuesdays + Karaoke 9pm-Close. Enjoy 2 for 1 cocktails and sing a song.

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## As Clark Saw It

By Gary Clark



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## Is actor Lockhart turning back into porn star Brent Corrigan?

By Daniel Villarreal  
GAY.NET

A few years back, gay porn star Brent Corrigan stopped performing in skin flicks and began acting in gay indie films under his real name Sean Lockhart.

He has since starred in films like *Judas Kiss*, *Chillerama*, and *Another Gay Secret: Gays Gone Wild* and he even had a cameo in Gus Van Sant's *Milk*.

However, several posts over at the gay porn blog *The Sword* suggest that Lockhart is dipping his toe back into the porn pool.

First off, Lockhart is still using his sexual heat to sell goods, most recently as a cowboy in an Andrew Christian underwear video.

But more conspicuously, earlier this month he made an appearance at *Cocktails with the Stars* at Micky's bar in West Hollywood, a regularly occurring evening when gay porn stars drop in for some sips and strips. He appeared alongside older porn star Rocky Houston and gay porn muscle-god Zeb Atlas, both of whom still actively make porn.

Furthermore, this particular appearance was arranged by porn star manager David Forest, a man who has partially made his career arranging "private meetings" with big-time porn stars (and by "private meetings" we're probably not talking PowerPoint presentations).

Just because Corrigan is being managed by Forest, that doesn't mean that Lockhart is currently available for "private meetings." But then there's Lockhart's recent Rentboy.com profile to consider.

Rentboy.com is a website for finding hustlers (or "escorts" or "companions" or whatever term your prefer). And last week a profile for "Eros86" revealed several naked pics from Lockhart's Brent Corrigan days, Lockhart's San Diego phone number and a rate of \$300 an hour.

Shortly after *The Sword* reported eros86's Rentboy page, Forest sent



Brent Corrigan/Sean Lockhart

a message from Lockhart to *Sword* editor Zach Sire which read:

The ad is an impostor - someone who knows me or has my number has added it. I am working on getting the post taken down.

-Sean

But then four days later, Sean Van Sant, the Director of Rentboy.com wrote Sire saying:

"The ad was real; we confirmed the credit card belonged to the advertiser. It is our policy not to give out information about advertisers' real names, but in this case, the credit card used to pay for the ad was under the model's legal name and the billing address was confirmed by his credit card company. Rentboy.com has never commented on the ad until now, but we believe the model or his agent may be pulling a publicity stunt, obviously timed to coincide with fund-raising for his new video project. The advertiser logged in from an easy-to-trace IP address and turned off his ad as soon as it achieved notoriety. As the director of rentboy.com, I investigated the ad immediately when it came to our attention."

Van Sant is correct — Lockhart is helping raise \$30,000 at IndieGoGo.com for Rob Moretti's new film *Truth*. But will these hard economic times drive Lockhart back into porn's greasy legs or will he straddle a middle line by discreetly selling his escorting services online?

We'll keep you posted. But until then... anyone got \$300 we can borrow?

## Hook up with the sexy new web-series 'Hunting Season'



Scene from: *Hunting Season*

By Daniel Villarreal  
GAY.NET

Overpriced bars. Awkward dates. Hot sex. Judgmental friends.

Alex's life as a gay Manhattan blogger resembles the social life of most young gay 20-somethings, except for one thing — he blogs about it anonymously.

You see, in real life from 2005 to 2008, a guy calling himself Alex kept a blog called *The Great Cock Hunt* in which he gave hilarious and honest recounts of his real-life sexual misadventures. Kensington Books eventually published a novel of his stories and now the new web-series *Hunting Season* will pick up where the book left off — with Alex and friends drinking, dishing and dirty dating.

It's a bit like *Sex and the City*, except gay and online.

The fun starts Sept. 12 with the premiere of the show's first three episodes, and then continues with new episodes every Wednesday night until Oct. 17 — just check out [HuntingSeason.tv](http://HuntingSeason.tv) to watch.

And if the cute guys and comedy aren't enough to get you watching, there's also nudity. Oh yes. We will watch.

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## A life lesson from R. Kelly

Commentary  
By R.D. Smith  
OBSERVER STAFF

In 2008, a jury acquitted him of charges related to the tape, which apparently was 10 years old by the time the case went to trial.

Anyway, it struck me that while so many people "know" about the sex with a 13-year-old girl, hardly any of them seem to know that by the age of 8, this guy was already being passed around in adult orgies in his own home.

Now put aside your lovely electronic devices for a minute and try to imagine what you would feel like: An 8-year-old baby being sexually abused by all the adults in your life – and by strangers invited in off the street to join the fun.

At the same time, you see your schoolmates beginning to make sense of the world through this thing called "reading," for which you can't even grasp the concept because every time you look at the words, the letters seem to have re-arranged themselves.

Confronted with a horrendous, vile home life and unable to make heads or tails of school, why wouldn't this boy lash out by becoming a strangler of kittens and eventually maybe a serial killer?

But that brings us to the other thing I read this week: At the age of 9, when he had tried to understand the hell at home and the hell at school,

and he had failed completely, his mind created an escape: Cartoon-style musical notes appeared in his head and played the story of a world where he could not only cope but have some hope of control.

You've heard the words without realizing the horror that produced them:

*"I think about it every night and day,  
Just spread my wings and fly away –  
I believe I can soar ..."*

You may be one of those people who believe R. Kelly is a sorry example of a man, and for all I know, you may be right in many ways. But something inside the guy made him want to give the world "I Believe I Can Fly" instead of repaying us in the currency the world had given him – shooting into a theater full of people or killing people whose clothes and religion didn't meet his approval.

He could be in jail somewhere at this minute for all I know. I'm sure, at the least, he still has room for improvement, as we all do. But my hat's off to him for overcoming (to the extent that he did) things that most of us can't imagine.

He went on to produce a song that will be admired as long as English is spoken.

Get over the tragedy of the argyle socks, Billybob – the world's waiting to see what you're made of.

## David Zinke receives TIHAN's 2012 Stonewall Award



David Zinke/Echo Chanel

OBSERVER STAFF

Scott Blades, TIHAN executive director presented David Zinke with the organization's 2012 Stonewall Award on Sept. 2 during TIHAN's 16th annual fundraising event – Turnabout for TIHAN.

"For 15 years David Zinke has been our stage manager and set designer and all-around director of the show," Blades informed the audience. "He is a passionate advocate for justice and equality, and he works hard to help these drag queens and drag kings put on a benefit show to carry on the tradition of the Stonewall activists. He gives hundreds of hours of his time to make Turnabout a success, and has helped us raise over \$165,000 for AIDS awareness and support

programs for people living with HIV."

Before presenting the award Blades shared the origins of the Turnabout fundraiser.

Turnabout for TIHAN started 16 years ago at the Stonewall Eagle Bar on First Avenue. A group of employees decided to help raise funds to support the work of TIHAN. The owners of the bar, Ken Sullivan and Jerry Geller offered their full support in hosting the fundraiser and Turnabout was born. It was an annual event at the bar until it outgrew the space and moved bigger accommodations.

Last year's recipients of TIHAN's 2011 Stonewall Award were Sullivan and Geller.

## Phantom chandelier falls flat but Bieber saves the show

By Christopher L. Pankratz  
OBSERVER STAFF

The Gaslight Theatre is attempting to give Andrew Lloyd Webber a run for his money yet again with its remounted production of *The Phantom of the Opera* or "A Pain in the Mask."

While the melodramatic family show claims to be based on the novel by Gaston Leroux, it doesn't take a theater queen to pick up on the repeated Webber motifs embedded in the underscoring. The whole show narrowly skirts the edge of artistic copyright infringement; but with endless free popcorn who cares?

In typical Gaslight style, the story only partially parallels the plot of the source material, and intersperses the action "act in one" style musical interludes including retro favorites like *The Wanderer*.

Act 1 adheres to the novel's plot fairly faithfully, albeit a pared-down melodramatic riff. The Gaslight version, written and directed by resident playwright Peter Van Slyke, starts off backstage at the Paris Opera House where we meet the various characters including director Monsieur Poligny, diva Madame Carlotta and understudy Christine as well as an aged wench of the theater played by a granny-wigged Joe Cooper.

Mysterious notes and omens from the Phantom haunt the characters as they prepare for a performance. The Phantom, played by Gaslight favorite David Panning, demands that Madame Carlotta be replaced by her understudy. But when Poligny refuses, Carlotta is squashed by a somewhat underwhelming flat out chandelier.



The crashing fixture is synonymous with the heart-stopping Act 1 finale of the Broadway, but fails to bring the same power to Gaslight's end of Act 1 falling just short of impressive and undercut by anticlimactic fluff dialogue.

Act 2 picks up the pace nicely however, moving with substantially greater dramatic force. The show ultimately won over a large portion of the audience with Todd Thompson's unforgettable rendition of a certain Canadian pop-teen's song *Baby*.

Gaslight will do well to continue to reach out to their younger audiences with creative risks like this. The dinner theater continues to hold a virtual monopoly on entertainment of its kind here in Tucson and packs the house nearly every night – a feat most local producers would sell their first-borns to accomplish.

*A Pain in the Mask* continues through Nov. 11, tickets available in person or online at [thegaslighttheatre.com](http://thegaslighttheatre.com)

## GaymerCon is on!

OBSERVER STAFF

GaymerCon will be the first gaming and tech convention with a focus on LGBT geek culture.

The convention successfully raised over \$90,000 in pledges on KICKSTARTER.COM – an internet platform for funding creative projects. The convention will take place next year in San Francisco on Aug. 3 and 4.

The idea behind Gaymercon is to help shape a more tolerant and safer space in gaming.

"Hang around an online game long enough and you'll start hearing homophobic, racial, and misogynistic slurs slung around without a second thought. [W]e intend to create a space where all gamers and queer



geeks can come together in a welcoming and safe space," said Matt Conn, the convention's director.

While the convention's focus is on LGBT issues, Conn told [venturebeat.com](http://venturebeat.com) he doesn't want it to be a political statement. He just wants to give members of the LGBT community a place to enjoy what they want most: to be geeks, and themselves.

To learn more about GaymerCon visit: [GaymerCon.org](http://GaymerCon.org).



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