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## Wingspan honors stars of LGBT community

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Wingspan's 14<sup>th</sup> annual dinner packed a ballroom at the JW Marriott Starr Pass on Saturday night.

More than 300 generous supporters attended the much anticipated event, described as one of the premier charity events in the community. Tucsonans had missed the dinner for the past few years but were thrilled to come out and be a part of its rebirth to raise funds to further Wingspan's mission of promoting freedom, equality, safety and well-being of LGBT people.

Emceed by a snappily dressed David Morden, the well-attended night went off without a glitch. Earrings and cufflinks glinted in the dimly lit but jovial ballroom as the community schmoozed, noshed, and laughed away the evening.

Casey Chimneystar Condit presented Sharon Schubitzke with the Community Ally Award for her decade-long support of the transgender community while working with the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance. Noel de la Tierra

was presented with the Steve Hall Award for her outstanding volunteer contributions. Joyce Bolinger was awarded the Godal Award for making the community a better place with her work as a member of Wingspan's board of directors, and using the spoken and written word to bring attention to LGBT causes.

The evening's entertainment was provided by the bawdy comedienne Shann Carr. She kept the audience in stitches while they dined on gourmet cuisine. A gay cruise comedy superstar, Carr provided hilarious insight as a seafaring lesbian saddled with the task of entertaining thousands of bombastic queens and an occasional boatload of "do-gooder lesbians."

After the dinner, fashionably dressed attendees hit the dance floor, the silent auction, and the casino tables. Lucky gamblers racked up scads of raffle tickets from the roulette, craps and blackjack tables, but the real winners of the evening were the community members Wingspan ardently and passionately serves.

## Romney got bin Laden.

### Oh, you missed that?

Commentary  
By R.D. Smith  
OBSERVER STAFF

Arizona seems to be losing its place at the top of so many heaps these days. Not that long ago, if you heard some outrageous comment from some ludicrous out-of-touch Republican douche-nozzle, you'd automatically cringe or smile. You knew it came from one of ours.

Now our team sits on the bench while other states lead the way to glory.

Some of them don't even deserve their gold medals. U.S. Rep. Todd Akin got all that publicity by saying vaginas can tell the difference between rape sperm and love sperm, and all he was doing was parroting the teaching of Dr. John C. Willke, former president of the National Right to Life Committee.

Willke has been trumpeting this tinhorn twaddle for nearly 30 years, since at least 1985, but he couldn't seem to capture the headlines. Akin sure took care of that.

And speaking of Akin, how much press coverage pointed out that Akin teamed up with Rep. Paul Ryan, the GOP vice-presidential nominee, to push legislation based on such a view? There was some, but not much considering Ryan could soon be one step away from the presidency.

But if you heard about Public Policy Polling's results earlier this month about who gets the credit for capturing Osama bin Laden, you already know that Arizona is simply not maintaining the pace when it comes to keeping reality at arm's length.

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## Conversion therapy tossed into 'dustbin of quackery'



Photo: Daniel Gonzalez

By Christopher L. Pankratz  
OBSERVER STAFF

Gov. Jerry Brown of California signed SB 1172 into law Saturday banning the use of sexual orientation conversion therapies in the treatment of minors. California is the first state to enact such a law.

"This bill bans nonscientific 'therapies' that have driven young

people to depression and suicide," Brown said in a statement given after signing the bill. "These practices have no basis in science or medicine, and they will now be relegated to the dustbin of quackery."

Starting on Jan. 1, no "mental health provider" shall provide minors

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## Ex-leader of state GOP lands in trouble again

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TEMPE - Nathan Sproul, a former executive director of the Arizona Republican Party, appears to be in trouble again over allegations of voter-registration fraud by his company, now known as Strategic Allied Consulting.

The brouhaha emerged Friday after the elections supervisor for Palm Beach County, Fla., notified the state of 106 questionable registrations turned in there, noting among other things that the signatures appeared to be in similar handwriting.

By Friday night, officials in other Florida counties were reporting forms filed for dead people, party preference being changed from Democrat to GOP and other apparently fraudulent activities.

Ann Bodenstein, elections supervisor for Santa Rosa County,

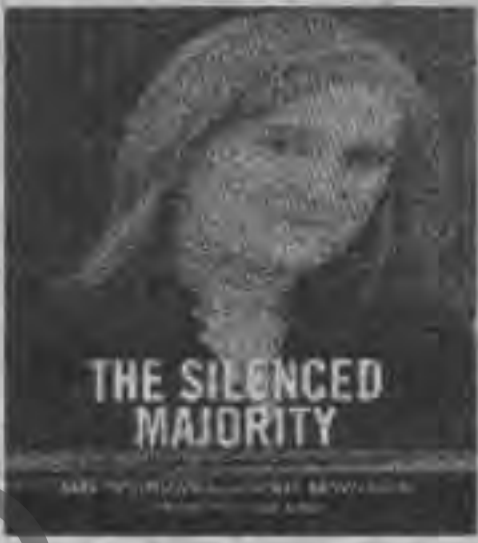
told *The Palm Beach Post* that questions arose in her county after a member of her staff noticed that a neighbor's home address was wrong on one of the forms.

Details are still emerging, but Strategic Allied also had been hired for voter registration in several other swing states. The company had reportedly already been paid \$1.3 million by the Florida Republican Party and \$3 million by the Republican National Committee. Both entities reportedly fired the company once scandal threatened.

Earlier this year, Sproul was linked to voter-registration problems in Sacramento County, Calif., where more than 1,000 voter registrations were questioned. But according to news reports, the national GOP hired the company despite earlier allegations of illegality after its name was changed to avoid association

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## Democracy Now! host returns to Tucson



**TUCSON** – Democracy Now! host Amy Goodman returns to Tucson Oct. 13 as part of her book tour in support of *The Silenced Majority*, co-authored with the show's Denis Moynihan. The event is at the historic Fox Tucson Theatre in downtown Tucson.

*The Silenced Majority: Stories Of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance and Hope* shows how the work of ordinary people (aka The Silenced Majority) is pulling back the veil of corporate media and changing the world.

Goodman's appearance is a fundraiser for KXCI Community Radio and Access Tucson, the entities that broadcast the show in Tucson.

General admission tickets (\$5) may be purchased during business hours at KXCI (220 S. Fourth Ave.), Access Tucson (124 E. Broadway, limited hours) and Antigone Books (411 N. Fourth Ave). Tickets will also be available at the Fox Box Office on the day of the show.

A limited number of VIP tickets, which include a luncheon reception with Goodman and Moynihan at Eroteca Restaurant, a copy of the book, and reserved seating in the Fox, are available. Please contact KXCI at 623-1000, ext. 13, to learn more.

## Phoenix to slice Pie Social 2012

**PHOENIX** – Four more bakers were recently added to the list of celebrity bakers for Pie Social 2012.

Open your pie hole from 2 to 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at Second and Roosevelt streets near downtown Phoenix as *Phoenix New Times'* Chow Bella teams up with Roosevelt Row for the third annual sugar binge.

Community bakers, no worries -- you don't need to sign up. Just bring two pies and get five tasting tickets (or bring \$10 for five tasting tickets) on the day of the event.

A croquet tournament also is planned.

## At Antigone Books Rustic Southwest Retreats

**TUCSON** – Lili DeBarbieri will discuss her new book, *A Guide to Southern Arizona's Historic Farms and Ranches: Rustic Southwest Retreats* (History Press \$19.99) at Antigone Books, 7 p.m. Oct. 5.

Pack your bags and join travel writer DeBarbieri for a journey into the rural West south of the Gila River. With roots dating back to the mid-1800's, southern Arizona's historic guest ranches and farm stays include Spain's first mission in the continental United States, a former World War II prison camp, a boys' boarding school and a Butterfield Stagecoach stop. Come hear about these gems and the ways in which they continue to enrich our present day communities by sharing their rich southwestern heritage, culture and cuisine.

The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Light refreshments will be served.

## Paradise Bakery for breast cancer awareness

**TUCSON** – In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, both Tucson locations of Paradise Bakery & Café (Oracle & Weimore, Broadway & Wilmot) will be selling Pink Ribbon Bagels throughout the month of October.

Beginning on Oct. 1, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of each pink, ribbon-shaped bagel, (made with cherry chips, cranberries, brown sugar, honey, and a touch of vanilla) will be donated to El Rio Community Health Center's Breast Health Program. Additionally, on Oct. 12, 100 percent of all Pink Ribbon Bagel sales will also be donated to El Rio.

In an effort to inspire other local businesses to join in the fundraising, Paradise has issued a "Business Challenge." Every week in October, businesses that purchase at least a dozen Pink Ribbon Bagels will be entered to win lunch for 10 people at the Paradise of their choice (including the new Grant and Swan location opening November 12th 2012).

Orders for the Business Challenge must be placed 48 hours in advance with either Paradise Bakery & Café location: 4362 N. Oracle Road (520) 888-0940 or 6129 E. Broadway Blvd (520) 514-9470.

## AIDSWALK just around the corner

**TUCSON** – The 24<sup>th</sup> annual AIDSWALK Tucson will take place on Oct. 14.

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation is partnering with Tucson Meet Yourself in order to broaden the exposure of the event and to help both Tucson Meet Yourself and AIDSWALK maximize resources by collaborating on planning and facilitation.

This year's fundraising goal is \$150,000 to be raised by 6,000 walkers expected to gather downtown at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library starting at 8 a.m.

The fundraiser aims to support SAAF's community efforts such as food programs, case management, medication assistance, housing and HIV testing and prevention.

## Napolitano fights for gay immigrant rights

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced on Sept. 28, that the Department of Homeland Security will take into consideration LGBT relationships when making deportation decisions.

Same-sex couples will no longer necessarily be split apart if one is undocumented. The decision comes as a clarification to the Obama administration's ongoing policy of prosecutorial discretion in regards to the deportation of undocumented immigrants.

The new policy empowers prosecutors to consider an individual's ties to his or her community, including relationships, in making decisions about who to deport from the country. Napolitano's announcement enables prosecutors to now consider same-sex relationships as equal to heterosexual relationships in making these decisions.

While the announcement is a step forward, prosecutorial discretion merely gives prosecutors the option of taking same-sex relationships into consideration. It does not necessarily provide same-sex couples the legal right to petition for legal residency.



## Churches vandalized with gay Jesus posters

**BUFFALO, Minn.** – A man was arrested for vandalizing at least six churches last weekend, some with messages stating that Jesus was gay.

Wade Murray confessed to vandalizing the churches after being arrested because he said he believes God wants him to "hurt people," CBS News reports. Police said they believe he acted alone.

Murray caused more than \$7,500 worth of damage, by throwing rocks through glass windows and doors. He also posted handwritten posters containing messages insinuating that Jesus was gay.

It was initially believed that Murray's actions were tied to the upcoming marriage amendment vote, since all of the churches involved were in support of banning marriage equality, but police told CBS News that there don't seem to be any political motivations for the vandalism.



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# Romney got bin Laden.

## Oh, you missed that?

Continued on page 1 happened a year ago.

The poll question was "Who do you think deserves more credit for the killing of Osama bin Laden: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?"

In other words, do you think the guy who gave the order to go in and get bin Laden is more responsible for nailing bin Laden, or was it the guy who forgot to mention U.S. troops in his speech accepting the nomination for president of the United States?

Don't ask me to explain why anyone would have come up with the question in the first place, but the results left me slack-jawed and speechless. Not only the results, but the reaction to the results — everybody on the right blamed the pollsters for including a gratuitous question that only brought out how wacky the right wing has become.

North Carolina whisked away Arizona's gold medal on this one. Among Republicans in that state, 29 percent are sure Romney deserves most of the credit while 56 percent couldn't decide between Romney and Obama.

That's 85 percent of the North Carolina GOP denying the historical record on something that only

As Charles Pierce wrote in *Esquire*: "It's more than ignorance. It's more than being misinformed. (I don't know of a single commentator, not even the wingiest of wingnut public-access trolls, who's credited Romney with being involved in the raid into Pakistan.) This is simple reflexive tribalism — Democrat bad, Republican good."

Granted, we had been suffering through a mind-numbingly boring presidential campaign until recently: the campaign was giving people nothing to think about, so fantasizing might have served to perk things up. Starting before the Republican National Convention, it's been morphing into embarrassingly incompetent on the Romney side, so that might get people's attention back to reality.

Will Durst told us in *Humor Times* last week that "Willard (Romney) has taken bad to a whole new level. Bad like a Dumpster behind a fish market during a garbage strike bad."

Romney may set the tone for his campaign and staff, but millions of everyday voters he's never met are also doing what they can to elevate the stupidity quotient. Let's just see which web site can spawn the next dead herring.

### To the Editor

#### Eldercare should fuel our esprit de corps

Dear Observer,

I appreciated your reprinting the *Advocate's* look at Obama's and Romney's positions on LGBT issues. All good, until I got to the part about HIV/AIDS. I assume the *Advocate* wanted to guide voting, but until there's a candidate whose platform includes putting people with HIV behind barbed wire, can we stop making this an LGBT pet cause?

As I dodge the mental machetes readers are chucking right now, let me be clear that I'm not saying the world can turn it's back on HIV/AIDS, but we need to consider some facts:

- The World Health Organization reports 1.78 million people died of HIV/AIDS in 2010 (most recent data.)
- That accounted for about 3 percent of deaths worldwide, making it No. 6 on the top-10 killers list, just after diarrheal diseases and before car accidents.
- Here in the United States, the CDC estimates 50,000 new infections a year (2009 data, again most recent available.)

It's true that infections from homosexual sex were about double that from heterosexual sex, 29,000 compared to 13,000.

- But wait — read that again: 29,000 HIV infections from gay sex in a year. This makes it a political priority for the LGBT community?!

our esprit de corps today. We've got a whole lot of people hitting their senior years right now, and lots more to come: 72.1 million by 2030, nearly twice today's numbers.

Many will be LGBT without the "safety net" of kids and grandkids as caregivers — the backbone of U.S. eldercare. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 61 percent of eldercare providers last year were kids and grandkids caring for parents and grandparents.

The LGBT community did amazing things in redrawing the trajectory of HIV/AIDS and should feel so proud of that. Last year, the worldwide rate of infections and deaths dropped to its lowest since 1997. Prevention continues, and treatments get better every day. According to a study in the research journal *AIDS*, a 30-year-old gay man who became HIV+ in 2010 should have a median lifespan of 70+ years.

But what happens to him 35 years from now, when he's lost his husband, has no other family and has a heart attack (cardiovascular diseases are worldwide killers No. 1 and No. 2)? What happens to the 7 million Mr. Smiths and Ms. Garcias (if we assume a "1 in 10" ratio) suffering strokes, heart attacks, lung disease, cancer, malnutrition, depression and more come 2030?

AIDS is still a fight, but it's not our fight now. The landscape has shifted, and the force that changed the story of AIDS has a new calling. It's time to train that power forward to deal with the new earthquakes that will shake our community over the next 20 years.

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## Catholic priest raps for 'ex-gay' myth



By Sunnivie Brydum  
ADVOCATE

The Roman Catholic ministry Courage, which perpetuates the "ex-gay" myth and demands a life of celibacy from gay people, has released a terrifying video featuring a priest rapping about how sexual orientation and identity are a choice.

In one rhymes through spoken-word verses, The Rev. Claude "Dusty" Burns, a.k.a. "Father Pontifex," splits hairs over the Catholic Church's reading of same-sex attraction.

Recycling the tired, damaging "hate the sin, but love the sinner" theme, Pontifex says, "And how do we identify and not accept a lie / Because sexual desire is just one piece of the pie / Identity is a choice, a lifestyle is something you embrace / Same-sex attraction doesn't define you and can be set in place."

The preacher concludes his rap with the ever-comforting line "Although the church says no to gay

The Rev. Claude "Dusty" Burns marriage, it still says yes to you."

The video is produced by Spirit Juice Studios, which bills itself as a Catholic new media production company and includes a link to Courage in its YouTube description of the video. On its website, Courage promises that "you will learn about same-sex attractions and chastity. By developing an interior life of chastity, which is the universal call to all Christians, one can move beyond the confines of the homosexual identity to a more complete one in Christ."

Despite what the Catholic Church says on the matter, every major mainstream medical and psychiatric association in the U.S. has concluded that "ex-gay therapy," "reparative therapy," and attempts to "pray away the gay" are not only unsuccessful but dangerous and damaging to the people subjected to the fear-mongering, shame-based practices.

## Homophobia starts in elementary school

By SUSAN DONALDSON JAMES  
ABC NEWS

Clare Davidson-Sherman, the adopted daughter of Karen Davidson-Fisher, has "several mommies" -- her biological one, her adoptive mother's former partner who has joint custody, and now Davidson-Fisher's legal wife.

The 8-year-old has come face-to-face with bullying in her Omaha, Neb., public school. One of her third-grade classmates used a derogatory and "sing-songy" tone as she taunted, "Clare has lesbian moms!"

"She was upset," said Davidson-Fisher, a 39-year-old former mental health therapist. "But the teacher talked to the kid. There are at least three kids in my daughter's class who have same-sex parents. It's something that needs to be taken care of."

Since then, bullying hasn't been an issue for Clare.

Now, the first survey of its kind, "Playgrounds and Prejudice: Elementary School Climate in the United States," reveals that homophobia is pervasive in elementary schools and, unlike Clare's school, most teachers do little to intervene.

At this age, bullies use words to attack those who are different, but if not curtailed early, warn advocates, verbal teasing turns to violence at the middle school and high school level.

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network examined homophobia and gender nonconformity among 1,065 students in grades 3 to 6 and 1,099 teachers in grades K to 6 in a survey conducted

by Hams Interactive.

Students and teachers were asked about their school climates, including hearing biased remarks, witnessing and experiencing bullying, as well as lessons they received on bullying, gender issues and family diversity.

An estimated 45 percent of students and 49 percent of teachers said that the word "gay" was most often used in a negative way, for example, "That's so gay."

Many also report regularly hearing students make homophobic remarks, such as "fag" or "lesbo," and negative comments about race and ethnicity. Three-quarters of the students report that children are called names, made fun of or bullied with at least some regularity.

Victims were most often targeted because of their body size, not being good at sports, how well they did their schoolwork, not conforming to gender roles or because others thought they were gay.

But only 24 percent of teachers report having personally engaged in efforts to create a safe and supportive environment for families with LGBT parents, even though nearly half of them regularly heard students making homophobic remarks.

Nearly 1 in 10 of these elementary students revealed they do not always conform to traditional gender norms, according to the survey: "Either they are boys who others sometimes think, act or look like a girl, or they are girls who others sometimes think, act or look like a boy."

Those students also say that they are less likely to feel safe at school.

"Words like 'sissy,' 'fairy,' 'faggot' and 'dyke' are weapons of choice for children who want to hurt their peers," said the network's executive director, Eliza Byard. "Learning words can wound someone and turn into patterns of bullying... It can be painful and limiting for children who are outside some artificial norm."

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Studies in grades K through 12 reveal that when children reach middle school, 40 percent of all LGBT students report having been physically assaulted because of gender expression or identity.

"As a society, we have been witnessing for the past couple of years the dramatic evidence of what can happen when bias and bullying are allowed to mature and develop through the school years," said Byard.

The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center estimated that nearly 30 percent of American youth are either a bully or a target of bullying.

In addition, researchers at the Yale School of Medicine, in a review of studies from 13 countries, found signs of an apparent connection between bullying, being bullied and suicide.

The network's own research indicates that LGBT youth may be more likely to think about and attempt suicide than heterosexual teens.

Just last September, 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer killed himself after a year of tormenting by bullies at his Buffalo, N.Y., school. Students

posted comments online such as, "JAMIE IS STUPID, GAY, FAT ANND [sic] UGLY. HE MUST DIE!"

And in 2009, Carl Joseph Hoover-Walker was found dead, hanging from an extension cord in his Springfield, Mass., home after school bullies repeatedly called him "gay." The 11-year-old Boy Scout was ruthlessly teased, despite his mother's pleas to his charter school to address the problem.

"This problem is not going away," said his mother, Sirdeaner L. Walker, 46, who was instrumental in enacting anti-bullying legislation in Massachusetts. "And even if they survive elementary and high school, the scars are long-lasting."

Walker said her son's teachers failed to act, but now state law requires schools to have a plan of action that involves parents of both victim and bully, as well as teachers.

"Your child may be afraid to come forward and name bullies because they are afraid [the bullies] will not be punished and dealt with and [the child] will be attacked," she said. "When you don't handle the problem, it gets worse."

To help teachers intervene, the network published a new resource,

"Ready, Set, Respect," in partnership with the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association for the Education of Young People.

The kit helps teachers address biased language, LGBT families and gender nonconformity, issues that until now, many teachers have seen as controversial and "too frightening to take on, particularly in the younger grades," according to Byard.

"Issues emerge in the earliest years and need to be addressed forthrightly," she said.

According to the survey, 85 percent of teachers said they had received professional development on diversity or multicultural issues, but fewer than half had ever had specific training on gender issues.

But many teachers do not intervene because they are afraid of "push back" from parents and others in the community, according to Peter DeWitt, a New York elementary school principal and author of "Dignity for All: Safeguarding LGBT Students."

"More and more kids, especially in our public schools, are coming from diverse families and some have had no exposure to LGBT people,"

he said. "In my school there was a hate blog for a while."

"Nobody's pushing an agenda on kids," he said. "It's about accepting and creating an inclusive climate where all kids are accepted. It's not just about gay kids. When they go to the work force, they will be exposed to all types of people. It's a skill you need to know."

For Clare Davidson-Sherman, teacher intervention helped. In fact, she now goes to slumber parties with her former bully.

"It's important for kids to see that they need to take care of each other and help each other out, rather than take each other down," said her mother.

"I don't worry too much," said Davidson-Fisher about what the future will bring. "I think Clare will continue to bring stuff home and when she sees it's taken care of, she doesn't need to be afraid. She can tell us, and it will get handled."

"We weren't sure how the teacher would handle it and we were also trying to talk to her about things she could say to protect herself a bit," she said, then laughed. "When someone says, 'Your mom is a lesbian,' you can say, 'And?'"

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## Friday

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

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

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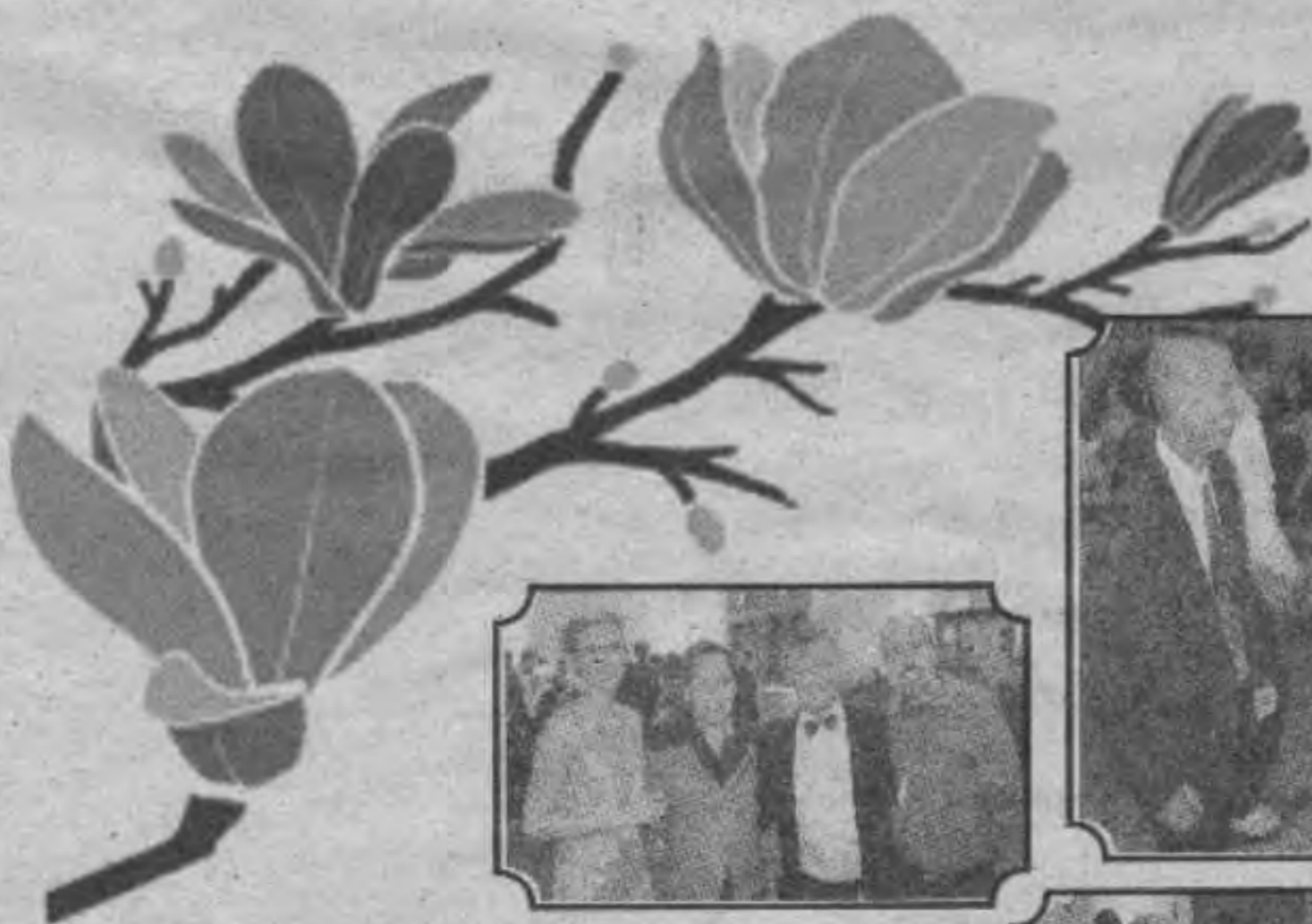
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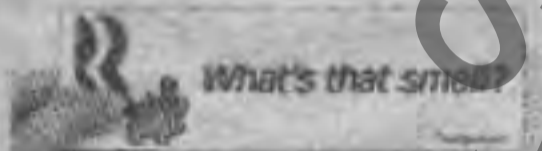
### What's that smell?

Local graphic artist David Hoffman needed to get something out of his system. "This election season is driving me to distraction. I cannot sit idly by any longer. I hate Romney's logo almost as much as I hate Romney," he told the *Observer*.

And the proof of his conviction is StinkyRomney.com! On Hoffman's impromptu website he shares his take on the Republican presidential candidate.

The website has downloadable flyers and web graphics as well as a link to a CafePress shop with T-shirts, stickers and more for sale.

Below are a few of the items StinkyRomney.com has for sale.



# Community Calendar

## Wednesday October 3

- 11a-2 p.m. Wingspan's Community Welcome Center open to all M-F
- 3-8 p.m. Wingspan's Eon Youth Program New Youth Orientation Wednesdays at 3p. Youth Center Open M-F
- 12-1 p.m. Pink Triangle AA Meeting, 439 N. Sixth Ave. Everyday.
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Christian Bible Study, Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Ave.
- 7-8 p.m. Positively Sober, HIV+ Alcoholic Support Group, 840 S. Campbell
- 7-9 p.m. Weekly Bears Coffee at Crave, 4530 E. Broadway Blvd.

## Thursday October 4

- 9:30-10 a.m. Free Zumba Class led by Leslie Lundquist at Bookmans at 3733 W Ina. All skill levels, every Thursday.
- 4-5:30 p.m. Support Group for Transgender Survivors of Sexual Trauma, SACSA, 1600 N. Country Club
- 6 p.m. Write Now! a writer's group open to all at Revolutionary Grounds 606 N. 4th
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Regardless of... NA LGBT Meeting, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd.
- 7-10 p.m. Triangle Tribe, Men's Support Group. Call 520.207.5336

## Friday October 5

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Oasis LGBT Social Group. Email oasis.wingspan@gmail.com
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## Saturday October 6

- 9:30-12 p.m. Sit & Knit Community Meeting at the Joyner-Green Library
- 1-2 p.m. Dungeons and Dragons Club at the Woods Memorial Library

## Sunday October 7

- 9-11 a.m. Co-ed Softball, all abilities welcome. Oury Park, 600 W. St. Mary's
- 2-5 p.m. Mamasitas! Men's Sports club at Menlo Park
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- 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group for LGBT People, Arizona Cancer Center at UMC-North, Rm 1127, 3838 N. Campbell Ave. 520.694.0347
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Regardless of... NA LGBT Meeting, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd.
- 7 p.m. SAGA Advisory Council at Wingspan
- 7-10 p.m. Reville Men's Chorus Open Rehearsal, Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N. Craycroft
- 7-8:30 p.m. Tucson Women's Chorus rehearsal Call for details: 520.743.0991
- 7-9 p.m. Desert Girlz meeting at Wingspan
- 6 p.m. PFLAG en Español Meets the 1st Monday of each month at Fortin de las Flores: 243 W. 33rd St.

## Tuesday October 9

- 8:30-10 p.m. Tuesday Night Community Bike Ride, All welcome, Meet at the UofA Flaggpole in front of Old Main, 1200 E. University Blvd.

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## Entertainment Calendar

### Theatre, Film & Stand Up

**Next to Normal** At Arizona Theatre Company and continues through October 6.

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**New Eyes**, written by and starring Israeli actor Yafit Josephson, Oct. 3 through 7 at Invisible Theatre. call 882-9721.

**Speech and Debate**, a hilarious high school comedy. continues through Oct 7 at Beowulf Alley Theatre. Call 882-0555

**Amy Goodman of Democracy Now!** is speaking along with Denis Moynihan for benefit for KXCI 91.3 FM and Access Tucson, at 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13; \$5. Proceeds benefit KXCI. foxtucsontheatre.org.

**Gen. Silent** (documentary film screening) and Discussion, brought to you by Wingspan's Senior Pride October 21, at the Jewish Community Center, 130 p.m. Free to the public.

### Music, Dancing & Drag:

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**T-Squares Dance Club** Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2909 N. Geronimo. Gay friendly square dance meets every Sunday from 4 - 6 p.m. Every Tuesday 6 - 8 p.m.

**Moist Heat** A drag cabaret fundraiser for Tucson Monsoon Womens Tackle Football Monsoon Oct. 25 at 10 p.m. at Fluxx.

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### As Clark Saw It

By Gary Clark





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# Same-sex couples get equal access to fertility services

By Sunnive Brydum  
ADVOCATE

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill Sept. 28 ensuring that single people and same-sex couples will have the same access to fertility services as those provided to opposite-sex couples.

With the governor's signature on Assembly Bill 2356, California becomes the first state to take legislative steps to reconcile the inequality faced by single people and same-sex couples seeking fertility assistance.

The law removes a barrier that required women seeking artificial insemination from someone who is not an "intimate partner" to have the sperm tested with each new insemination effort, even if the mother had already been exposed to the donor semen from previous insemination attempts. The policy was particularly hard-hitting for single women and same-sex couples, who can now define a "designated donor" who can provide a fresh donation

for each insemination attempt, without having the sample frozen for repeated tests that can reduce the likelihood of successful conception.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights and Equality California lobbied in favor of the legislation, which was introduced by Assembly member Nancy Skinner of Berkeley.

"This law allows doctors and providers to provide services that are currently only available to different-sex couples to people using known donors," center's Family Protection Project director, Cathy Sakimura, said in a press release. "Many intended parents who would not otherwise be able to afford any fertility services will be able to access safe and more effective procedures under this new law. We applaud the governor and the legislature for recognizing that same-sex couples, transgender people, and single women should have equal access to fertility services."

The law will take effect January 1, according to NCLR.

# GaymerCon gets backing from Electronic Arts

By Leslie Dobbins  
SHEWIRED

Gaming powerhouse Electronic Arts is the first publisher to lend its support to the first-ever gaming and tech convention solely geared to the LGBTQ community.

The company responsible for mega-franchises including Madden NFL, Battlefield, Sims, Medal of Honor, Dead Space, Mass Effect, and Dragon Age, will have a significant presence at the convention that is slated for Aug 3-4, 2013, in San Francisco.

"EA believes that to be truly innovative, you must be inclusive. We are proud to be a part of this event," said Ginger Maseda, head of the Global Diversity and Inclusion initiatives at the company.

GaymerCon Industry Relations Director Jack Devries added, "EA



not only publishes some of the best games in the world, but they're the most progressive company in the industry. We're thrilled and honored to have them involved."

The company, based in California, was founded in 1982, and was named one of the best places to work for LGBT equality in 2010 by the Human Rights Campaign. The campaign gave it a rating of 100 percent on the corporate equality index.

If you want to learn more about the convention visit, GaymerCon's website.

# Church drops Boy Scouts troop over gay ban

By Michelle Garcia  
ADVOCATE

A church in Delaware that has provided a meeting place for the local Boy Scout troop for four decades has dropped its ties with the Scouts over the organization's recently reaffirmed stance against openly gay troop leaders and scouts.

The Silverside Church in Wilmington, will allow Troop 70, also known as the Paacemakers, to convene at their space until they find a new meeting ground. USA Today reports.

Scout executive Jason Pierce, director of the Del-Mar-Va Council, is helping the troop find a new space, but says no other space sponsors in his jurisdiction have dropped out after the Boy Scouts of America reestablished its long-held ban on gay members.

According to the report, about 70

percent of Boy Scout sponsors are churches, and half of those churches are Mormon.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Greenwich, R.I., ended its charter with the group for the same reason. Meanwhile, Cub Scout Pack 24 in Redlands, Calif., said they will not adhere to the national organization's rules, and will continue to welcome all of those interested in joining the Boy Scouts.

Individually, a movement of former and current Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts have taken a stance against the national organization by returning their medals.

Bruce Smith, leader of Silverside's lay Church Council, told USA Today his church has had a good relationship with Troop 70, but "at the same time, we have what our church stands for. When you're a sponsor, somebody is saying, 'We agree with the other's belief system and values' and that isn't the case anymore."

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# Sinema faces new GOP star in race for U.S. House seat

## ACLU sues Scottsdale PD



Kyrsten Sinema



Vernon Parker

**OBSERVER STAFF**

PHOENIX -- Tucson native Kyrsten Sinema, who in August won a Democratic primary for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, faces rising Republican star Vernon Parker in the Nov. 6 general election.

Sinema was the first openly bisexual member of the Arizona Legislature.

The new Congressional District 9 originally was considered to be leaning toward the Democrats. That was when it looked as if the Republican candidate would be U.S. Rep. Ben Quayle, but Quayle moved rather than run in the new district, in which Independents outnumber

both Democrats and Republicans. (Quayle was defeated in the GOP primary in his new district.)

Once it became clear who the candidates would be, the district became a tossup.

Parker is a charismatic black former official in both Bush presidential administrations.

RedState.com, a Republican web site, states that whichever candidate wins this race will automatically become a national figure, Sinema because of her progressive views on gay issues and abortion, Parker because ... well, he's a black conservative Republican.

By Matthew Hendley  
PHOENIX NEW TIMES

SCOTTSDALE -- Scottsdale police officers have engaged in several questionable shootings in recent history that were determined by the department to be justified.

This -- along with Officer James Peters' involvement in a sixth fatal shooting -- is why representatives of the ACLU of Arizona filed a lawsuit against the department and the city of Scottsdale.

The ACLU, along with Alexandra Loxas, filed the lawsuit specifically in response to the fatal shooting of Loxas' father, 50-year-old John Loxas.

Alexandra Loxas went beyond stating that her father was killed as a result of Peters' poor judgment, as she said her father essentially was used for "target practice" by Peters.

The Loxas shooting has been

compared to that of David Hulstedt, in which two SWAT team officers shot Hulstedt in the back. An internal review by Scottsdale police found officers' actions in the Hulstedt case to be "in policy," but the family sued in federal court -- and won.

In John Loxas' case, a neighbor called police Feb. 14 claiming Loxas had just confronted him with a gun.

Police responded at Loxas' home, and he answered the door with his grandson in his arms. He was not armed, but Peters shot him in the forehead, killing him instantly. No other officer fired a shot.

ACLU legal director Dan Pochoda thinks the ACLU has a pretty good case, with Peters being involved in seven police shootings -- six of them fatal. Most cops never shoot anyone during their careers.

"This is a bad cop," Pochoda said. "It goes beyond the word 'bad.'"

## Arizona's tutu photographer grabs winning NFL pass

By Claire Lawton  
PHOENIX NEW TIMES

PHOENIX -- It's been almost six months since Bob Carey's world completely changed.

The photographer (who grew up in Phoenix but now works in New York) had been working on a series of self-portraits. In each, he wears only a large tutu surrounded by landscapes and city scenes across the country.

And this October, Carey will add a few more epic backgrounds to the list -- National Football League stadiums.

Carey started photographing himself in a tutu as a means of expression when his wife, Linda,

was diagnosed with breast cancer more than six years ago.

The series (which he calls "Ballerina") has been showcased in galleries and museums and quickly caught the attention of a few foundations that approached him with an opportunity to raise money for breast-cancer research.

From "Ballerina," "The Tutu Project" was born.

Carey recently announced that the NFL will support the project by granting access to stadiums across the country, including the New York Giants' MetLife Stadium, the Indianapolis Colts' Lucas Oil Stadium and the Arizona Cardinals' University of Phoenix Stadium.

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### Artist's Blog

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# Conversion therapy tossed into 'dustbin of quackery' Ex-leader of state GOP lands in trouble again

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with therapy intended to change their sexual orientation, including efforts to "change behaviors or gender expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex," according to the new law.

The targeted treatments consist of what a small faction within the mental health care profession call "reparative therapy." Practitioners of these techniques aim to link homosexual desires to feelings of deep emotional and personal abuse in order to discourage such desires.

The law is causing quite a stir among supporters of the controversial treatments. Dr. Christopher Rosik Ph.D. attacked the bill in a so-called study featured on the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality's website,

claiming that the bill was built entirely on rhetoric.

Opponents of SB1172 including Rosik's association, argue that the treatments work, and that the law is a violation of parental freedom to choose their child's treatment.

The association's fears are substantiated by a quote from the bill's author, California State Sen. Ted Lieu: "The attack on parental rights is exactly the whole point of the bill because we don't want to let parents harm their children..." (The Orange County Register, Aug. 2, 2012)

The persecution of questioning or suspected children has become deeply ingrained in segments of society. The law is a milestone in the protection of LGBTQ youths, with similar bills in the works in New Jersey and other states.

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with the earlier problems.

Sproul's firm also is known by the names "Sproul and Associates" and "Lincoln Strategy Group."

More problems were emerging in California last week with voter registrations turned in by a company called "Grassroots Outreach," which reportedly shares the address of Sproul's Tempe company.

Paul Lux, election supervisor for Okaloosa County, Fla., said his staff is still combing through registrations after finding dozens of questionable forms.

Lux identified himself as a Republican. He said he warned officials of his local party as soon as he heard that Strategic Allied had a paid staff conducting voter registration.

"I told them 'This is not going to end well,'" Lux told the Post.

It has been estimated that the LGBTQ community has a net disposable income totaling: **\$835,000,000,000.00**

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## Lesbian daughter of Hong Kong businessman who set marriage bounty 'touched' and 'moved' by dad's concern



By SheWired Editors

The story of Hong Kong's wealthiest businessman, who offered roughly \$65 million American dollars to the man who could "woo" his lesbian daughter away from her wife, went viral.

While many may view property

developer Cecil Chao Sze-tsung's marriage bounty as homophobic, regressive and downright emotionally abusive, his daughter Gigi Chao (pictured) has now come to father's defense saying she was "touched" and "moved" by his concern for her.

"At first I was entertained by it (Cecil's marriage bounty) and then that entertainment turned into the realization and conviction that I am a really lucky girl to have such a loving daddy," Gigi told *The Telegraph*. "It's really sweet of him to do something like this as an expression of his fatherly love."

Cecil was inspired to offer a bounty upon hearing reports this

week that Gigi married her female partner of seven years, Sean Eav, in Paris on April 4.

Although Cecil did say he would not force his daughter to marry anyone, he did put out the call for eligible — namely that they have a penis and not be a complete ass — suitors. It is comforting to know that while Cecil is opposed to Gigi's lesbian marriage he does not discriminate against poor men, as he also offered the right guy start-up capital for his own business.

Since Cecil put the call out Gigi has been treated to upwards of 1,500 date requests per day from suitors of all stripes, some of who have sent poetry and nude photos,

according to *The Telegraph*.

Nude photos in her inbox must be a sign of fatherly love because Gigi said she understands her Cecil's motives.

"It's not that he can't accept me," Gigi told *The Telegraph*. "It's that he can't accept how society would view me and the status that it would incur. Marriage is still a form of social status. I do understand him. I understand why he's doing this."

A fair warning to men hoping to win the Gigi Chao lottery, she's not ready to leave her wife. She said of her marriage to Eav, "I'm very happy when I'm with her."

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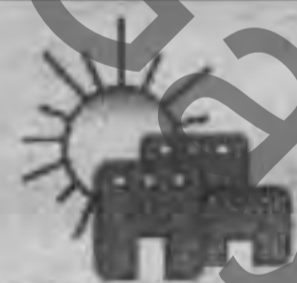
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