

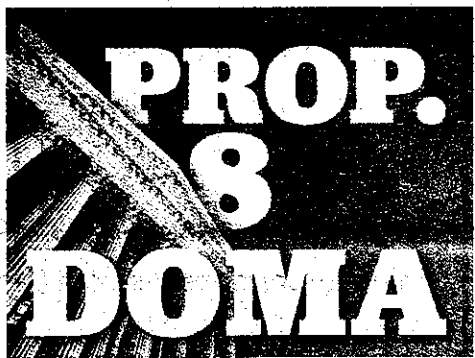
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The big gay 2012 year in review



By OBSERVER STAFF

Last year was a banner year for LGBTQs. We didn't get everything we wanted. But we did see many advances in the struggle for equality. So much happened all over the globe 2012 truly was a big gay year.

From pop-culture icons and public officials to court cases and whacked-out fundamentalists, LGBTQ issues remained in the headlines for the past twelve months.

It's not possible to mention everything that happened or to list every champion of the cause. But we'd like to wade through last year's news cycle and mention some of the most notable.

Let's start at the top with our Commander and Chief. On May 9, in an interview with ABC's Robin Roberts, Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to support marriage equality. Despite V.P. Joe Biden coming out a week earlier in support of marriage equality, Obama's "evolution" on the matter encouraged politicians, religious leaders and pop culture figures to get on the right side of history.

Not everyone wanted to join the growing enlightened crowd in support of LGBTQ rights. Some Neanderthals made big headlines

swinging their clubs, pounding out a call for more bigotry. Company president of Chick-fil-A, Dan Cathy, announced he opposed marriage equality and operates his fast-food chain according to "biblical principles."

The Sothern Poverty Law Center revealed that the company donated more than \$5 million to anti-gay groups. The media frenzy that followed saw boycotts of the food chain as well as a Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day led by conservative former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. LGBTQ activists responded with a kiss-in protest making the fundies even more upset and on and on went the fried bigotry till it got cold and stale around September.

Meanwhile, with all the supportive interfaith coalitions springing up around marriage equality, antigay conservative Christians went on the defensive. North Carolina pastor Sean Harris said parents should "punch" and "crack" the "limp wrists" of children who exhibit gender-variant behavior. Later, a video that went viral captured another minister in the state, Charles Worley, giving a sermon suggesting that all LGBTQs be sequestered behind an internment-style electric fence until we die off.

This kind of hate rolling off men

Seventy-seven lesbian New Year's resolutions

By OBSERVER STAFF

In the wee hours of yesterday morning, folks all over the globe drank, sang, and pecked a loved one or a complete stranger on the cheek before eventually pouring themselves into a cab for the slow ride home.

Important rituals were undertaken Monday night in observation of the most significant event of the year -- saying goodbye to the old year and its accumulation of habits and eagerly embracing the new year with its promise of a clean slate upon which countless visions of prosperity are imagined.

We live in a world where this happens just about every 365 days. (Think leap year.) And every new year, just about every adult on the planet takes up the challenge of envisioning a better year ahead. And not only for themselves, but often for their loved ones and the whole world as well.

In striving toward these visions folks make yearly resolutions.

of the cloth galvanized some Republican presidential candidates looking to rile up their constituencies. Rick Santorum said it's better for kids to have a father in jail than to be raised by a same-sex couple. The nut went on to declare that if he were president he'd invalidate existing same-sex marriages. A fellow bird of the feather, Rick Perry released an ad bemoaning the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell." And eventually the GOP ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan fell into lockstep on nearly every one of each other's antigay positions. A lot of good it did them.

As dark and gloomy as they were on the idea of equality for any one not rich, white and male, the U.S. populace had already begun to embrace the idea. The year started off with 49 percent of adults supporting same-sex couples getting married with 40 percent opposed, according to a Feb. 29 NBC/Wall Street Journal poll. On May 10 just one day after Obama went on record supporting same-sex marriage

These resolutions include stuff we really doesn't want to do anymore and things we want to start doing. The more courageous among us make their resolutions public.

It's easy to feel faint when standing by oneself and publicly declaring ones new year's resolutions.

Here at the *Observer* offices the editors, like a band of meerkats defending their burrow from a hungry snake, have banded together to publicly state the following resolutions:

-- Continue to server our community by diligently covering the events and news that affect every letter in the LGBTQ acronym.

-- Continue to provide a competitive vehicle for local LGBTQ and allied businesses to reach our community.

-- And finally we will only use sensational or misleading headlines when nothing better comes to mind.

a Gallup Poll showed 51 percent of Americans agreed with the president's endorsement.

The support didn't stop and in November the country saw Maine, Maryland and Washington State citizens approve same-sex marriage with the citizens of Minnesota voting down a proposed state constitutional amendment that would have defined marriage as between one man and one woman.

And finally, the U.S. Supreme Court entered the marriage equality conversation by agreeing to hear two important cases on the issue -- the challenge to California's Proposition 8 and the case involving 83-year old lesbian widow Edie Windsor who is challenging the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act.

In addition to advancements on the marriage equality front in the U.S. LGBTQs and allies here and abroad were busy hustling for the

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Body found in river identified as ASU freshman

By Matthew Hendley
PHOENIX NEW TIMES

TEMPE — The medical examiner has identified the body found Dec. 21 in the Salt River north of Tempe Marketplace as that of Arizona State University freshman Jack Culolias.

Tempe police expected the body to be that of Culolias, last seen around the time he got kicked out of the Cadillac Ranch restaurant/bar the night of Nov. 20.

The only physical clue of Culolias' whereabouts was a single red shoe, found by Culolias' mother north of the shopping center a few days after he was last seen. Tempe police said the body had a red shoe on one foot when it was discovered.

Investigators searched that same general area for several days, but completed their search Dec. 7.

A Maricopa County Sheriff's Office helicopter was brought in, as were K-9 units specifically trained to find humans, a robot with sonar that could find objects underwater, and investigators on the ground, but they didn't find any physical clues.

Although it seems strange that the body would be found after what seemed to be a thorough search, there is a likely answer, albeit a morbid one.

In a similar situation a couple of years ago, a Tempe cop explained to *New Times* that a body often will sink to the bottom of a body of water and remain there until an amount of gas forms inside the body, eventually pushing the body to the surface, where it will then remain.

Volunteers searching for Culolias spotted the body and phoned it in to police.

Hobby Lobby to deny contraception to employees

OKLAHOMA CITY — Craft store chain Hobby Lobby announced on Friday that it will ignore the ruling of U.S. courts and refuse to provide copay-free birth control access to its employees. It will do so despite whatever costs it may incur, even if they are higher than the cost of birth control itself.

Upon learning that Obamacare required employers and insurance

companies to provide birth control with no cost to employees, Hobby Lobby sued, saying that, despite the secular nature of the business, the company's owner's religious objections should be taken into consideration. When a court denied that line of reasoning, Hobby Lobby took its grievances to the Supreme Court and asked for an injunction. The highest court in the land denied that request, telling Hobby Lobby that it must allow its employees access to birth control as it seeks further litigation.

But Hobby Lobby is saying no.

The store plans to ignore the provision anyway, opting to pay a fine instead of provide birth control, including the morning-after pill commonly known as Plan B, which the owner feels goes against his personal religious values.

Simon Cowell wants to fire Britney Spears

LOS ANGELES — Guess Britney wasn't enough of a slave for Simon. Simon Cowell reportedly wants to fire Britney Spears from *The X-Factor*, sources told *Us Weekly* on Thursday.

"Britney will get the boot," one source said, indicating the singer had not offered enough energy to the show to warrant her \$15 million contract.

Another source said it even more harshly: Cowell "wanted crazy Britney, but he got boring Britney."

Mexico lifts blood ban for gay and bisexual men

MEXICO CITY — A little-noticed procedural change that removes Mexico's ban on blood donations from gay and bisexual men went into effect on Christmas day, according to *Blabbeando*. The new health norm was first approved in August, published in the nation's regulatory diary in October, and went into effect on Dec. 25, doing away with the two-decade-old ban, reports Andrés Duque.

Duque reports the old policy explicitly banned gay and bisexual men from donating blood due to their "practices" and "increased probability of acquiring HIV or hepatitis infection." The new norm eliminates this carte-blanche ban on blood from gay and bisexual men, instead banning donations from people with HIV or hepatitis and their partners who engage in "risky sexual practices" regardless of

sexual orientation, according to *Blabbeando*.

Murder/suicide plan disrupted at Mesa high school

By Matthew Hendley
PHOENIX NEW TIMES

MESA — The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office claims it ended a 16-year-old girl's "serious murder/suicide plot" at Mesa's Red Mountain High School.

According to information provided by the sheriff's office, the girl posted threats on YouTube about killing herself "and some of her peers" at the school.

The sheriff's office stated that part of the online post read, "I now literally have a plan of seriously hurting ... killing ... murdering people in my high school. And a playlist to do it."

The sheriff's office also says the girl was arrested before Christmas at her parents' house and "admitt(ed) to making the post, among other statements."

Post holidays, Tucson Clean and Beautiful talks trash

TUCSON — Tucson Clean and Beautiful Inc. released a statement Sunday clarifying frequently asked questions about recycling gift wrapping related refuse.

Wrapping paper is acceptable to recycle unless it is composed of plastic or foil. Wrapping paper must be free of non-paper items such as bows and ribbons, but small amounts of tape are allowable.

Plastic bubble wrap or the air filled cushions are not recyclable but the organization suggests consumers check with their local packing or shipping store to see if these items can be donated for reuse. If not, these plastic items can usually be recycled in the bins at the entrance to the grocery store along with used plastic bags.

Scientists develop dissolving condom

SEATTLE — Researchers at the University of Washington have developed a new type of contraceptive that combines previously used technologies to create a discreet and effective new female condom which dissolves internally after use.

The condom is made from a revolutionary nanofabric composed of electrospun fibers. These fibers are made from a liquid which is passed through an electric field. The research was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Features of the experimental contraceptive include its subtlety, versatility, and eco-friendliness. The condom is believed to block pregnancy and STDs, but can also be embedded with preventative drugs such as antivirals to be released in the body as the unit dissolves similar to a vaginal ring.



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cause — making 2012 a year of both public and private successes.

Nils Pickert, a German father revealed that he sometimes wears skirts to support his preschool-age son who prefers to wear skirts and dresses. Pickert said his son is the talk of his small, conservative town, "But I only had one option left: to broaden my shoulders for my little buddy and dress in a skirt myself." The interview and photos went viral.

Marine Sergeant Brandon Morgan was returning from a six-month deployment to Afghanistan. Morgan's boyfriend, Dalan Wells, was at the base to greet his partner as he returned home, along with the spouses and girlfriends receiving their returning soldiers. When Morgan saw Wells, he was so moved that he leapt into his boyfriend's arms, where the two shared a passionate kiss, caught on camera by bystanders. The photo quickly went viral, a visceral, visual reminder of the progress made by repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Anderson Cooper, CNN anchor and host of eponymous talk show

in an email conversation that was posted online in July, the newsman told blogger and friend Andrew Sullivan that he's gay.

In July 2012, Barney Frank married his long-time partner, James Ready, becoming the first member of Congress to marry someone of the same sex while in office.

After years of fighting on *American Top Team*, Jessica Aguilar told *Sports Illustrated* in May that she'd learned to be more open about her sexuality and came out as bisexual.

Ahead of winning gold for the U.S. team in the Olympic, the Seattle Sounders midfielder, Megan Rapinoe came out during an interview with *Out* magazine.

Sally Ride the famed space explorer came out only after her death when an official obituary posted on her organization's website included mention of her partner of 27 years.

So much more happened in 2012 but we've run out of space. Let's hope that in 2013 all the LG-BTQ advancements will fill two or three issues of the paper.

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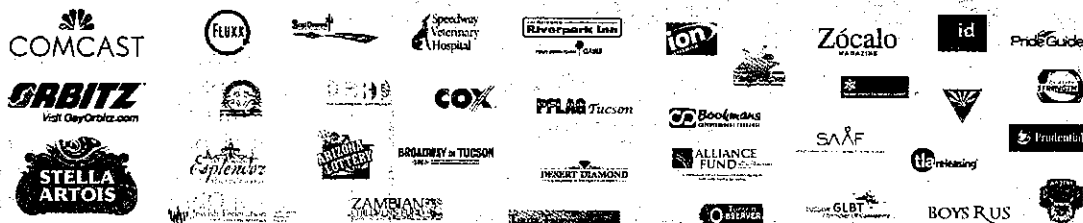
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Accidental Viewpoint

No election worry now, so maybe he's just a DINO: Ya think?

Commentary By R.D. Smith OBSERVER STAFF

I'm writing this before Congress votes on what's being reported as President Obama's clothespin-on-the-nose stinker of a proposal to deal with the federal money problems.

Remember how all through the past four years we thought President Obama must be the worst negotiator in the world, offering Republicans what they wanted before they even sat down to negotiate?

We thought he seemed to play on the Republican team because he was a nice guy trying to be bipartisan -- on the assumption that in order to be re-elected he had to be seen as middle-of-the-road moderate.

Well, now that he doesn't have to worry about re-election why doesn't he throw off the cheesy disguise and act like a Democrat? I think you're beginning to get an uneasy, sneaking suspicion in the gut that tells you the reason: The man's a DINO. (That's Democrat-in-name-only.)

The public hasn't yet been allowed to know much about what the president is offering, of course. But news sources, chiefly The New York Times, report that Obama's latest offer would extend the "temporary" Bush tax cuts on incomes up to \$400,000 rather than the \$250,000

that Obama campaigned on and voters supported.

I don't know that there's anything magic about \$250,000 except that it's what the man said and that's what we voted for. But \$400,000 ... well, OK.

The problem, if the news reporting is correct, is that the president's offer doesn't even address either the automatic spending cuts set to go into effect Jan. 1 or the federal debt ceiling.

Say what? What's the point in reaching a "deal" if it doesn't address either of the problems you're dealing on?

Obama won the election by campaigning to raise taxes on anyone making \$250,000 a year or more, plus preserving Social Security and Medicare basically as they are.

The guy won by nearly 5 million votes -- a pretty convincing win compared to other recent presidential elections. So a good majority of the people who bothered to vote endorsed what Obama said.

Two months later, why aren't we starting the public negotiations with Obama's campaign promise and what the voters endorsed? Oh well, you say, the House Tea Bagger won't go for it? Obama can't wait

to curry favor with that bunch of jackals?

OK, let's recap the past couple of months: The House Republicans LOST the presidency, LOST seats in the U.S. Senate, LOST seats in the U.S. House, LOST in the polls that show most people want this artificially created mess dealt with so the country can go on about its business, and simply because the House GOP now claims to have a mandate to govern, the president wants to defer to that?

#@!%# ... &#!@!*%@ ... !%#@!* ... Pardon me, I had to run to the bathroom and throw up.

I'm not saying people shouldn't have voted for Obama -- the competition stated more-or-less openly that they'd take the country down if necessary in order to get their own way. The competition wasn't even a serious option.

But I'm also saying that winning by 5 million votes was not such a big endorsement of Obama per se. I said at the time that a big chunk of those voters were simply voting for "not them," meaning that the Republican team was so bad that people only knew they didn't want THAT.

Now, in all fairness, I have to admit we had plenty of lessons in what kind of politician Barack

Obama is -- and maybe we'd even have heeded those lessons if there had been a more pro-democracy alternative. But there wasn't.

Back in his first campaign for the presidential nomination, Obama's camp repeatedly said he would filibuster the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act if it came up for a vote while it still included retroactive immunity for telecommunications giants. In February 2008, he even voted for an amendment to drop the immunity.

But when the full bill came up for a vote (in July, after he had secured the nomination for president) and included retroactive immunity, Sen. Obama not only didn't filibuster but voted FOR the bill.

So go ahead and say sweet things about the president. It's only fair to acknowledge the history-making fact that he's even in the White House, let alone his endorsement of same-sex marriage.

But if you let yourself think that he's really on the side of the average American, you're bound to wake up some morning and understand how the GOP faithful felt when the impossible (to them) happened and Romney got shellacked.

And you'll have just as much justification as those Republicans did!

Wendell's Fireside Chat

Truvada Talk Part 3: Wicked issues and ethical conundrums

By Wendell Hicks SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER

In Part 1 of my fireside chat, I expressed my concerns about how the media was marketing Truvada, an HIV antiretroviral drug, after the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) gave its approval for use to prevent HIV in people who had not been infected. How can the public make an informed decision when views being

provided by the media are incomplete at best and misleading at worst? In Part 2, I posed questions and raised concerns I initially had about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (known as PrEP) and Truvada. It turns out, I am not the only one.

The American Journal of Preventive Medicine published an entire supplemental issue devoted

solely to PrEP. Physicians, scientists, researchers and public health educators introduced some of the "wicked issues" around providing PrEP, including Truvada, to the public.

Wicked issues are not about morality or evil, though they could be compared to flying monkeys in the Wizard of Oz for their sheer

numbers and ability to stir up chaos. The simplest way to describe "wicked issues or problems" is "complex challenges that resist simple solutions".1 What makes issues or problems wicked?

- They are unique and difficult to define;
- They change rapidly;
- Many players or stakeholders

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Truvada Talk Part 3: Wicked issues and ethical conundrums

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are invested and involved, each with multiple explanations of the problem or issue that also change over time;

- There are no right or wrong solutions, only ones that are better, worse or good enough;
- Solutions create additional problems;
- Usually a wicked problem is the symptom of another problem.

Some examples of wicked issues include: global warming, poverty, and equality.

What makes PrEP a wicked issue? Consider the most vocal players involved. These include groups of people such as HIV/AIDS activists, research scientists, health care providers, government agencies, public health workers and educators, policy makers, the pharmaceutical industry and its shareholders, physicians, the media, and of course, members of the gay community. Each has their own stake in the issue, and hold varying and even conflicting viewpoints. There are few if any genuinely unbiased, disinterested parties. Who ultimately decides where, when and how PrEP is provided and Truvada prescribed? Who pays for it? Who benefits? And who profits?

The wicked issues surrounding implementation of Truvada and PrEP arise in three critical areas: 1) Public

Health; 2) Social and Cultural and; 3) Social Justice and Ethical.

A whole set of difficulties have arisen around actually providing PrEP to those people at high-risk to acquire HIV infection including gay men. Clinical research studies and trials are, by their very nature, highly structured and controlled. Most people receiving Truvada and participating in PrEP won't have the advantage of regular monitoring provided in studies which I believe were a key to its success.

Research scientists tout the effectiveness of Truvada. However, results varied depending on adherence (i.e. taking the medication as prescribed). One study with 3,900 high-risk women in Africa was stopped due to poor adherence and because 56 participants, 28 receiving the medication and 28 in the control group, tested positive for HIV. One likely assumption is the women were in the window period when HIV cannot be detected by a blood test which appeared when they were re-tested. There were concerns about participants in the study not taking the medication as prescribed.

A commentary in the Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care2 discussed a number of public health issues and ethical conundrums with no easy answers. This included the adherence issue. Trials focused

on safety and efficacy. As the article points out, since Truvada is not 100% effective, and relies on adherence, what happens if a person does become infected? The dosage for PrEP is not effective to treat HIV. If a person becomes infected with HIV while taking PrEP, they are at risk for developing a resistant strain of the HIV virus and passing it on to others which could create the loss of an effective medication for an entire group of people.

Another issue raised is "risk compensation" and the subversion (intentionally or unintentionally) of proven safer-sex practices due to the belief you can prevent HIV with just a pill. I watched an interview on Huffington Post where a therapist, someone who could be perceived as an "expert", stated he was "tired of using condoms" and asked his doctor to prescribe him Truvada. As a gay man, I understand condom fatigue and empathize with the therapist. As an HIV/AIDS leader and advocate, from a public health perspective, the therapist is making a dangerous assumption - that using Truvada alone will protect him from HIV - and the media is carelessly promoting that assumption. Condom use doesn't just prevent HIV, it also prevents a host of other sexually transmitted diseases including syphilis and gonorrhea, which has also become drug resistant.

From the social justice perspective: Who gets PrEP (or rather who is prescribed Truvada) and who really needs it? In the media, most of the conversations taking place are among affluent gay men. People who can benefit from PrEP include serodiscordant couples where one partner is living with HIV and the other is HIV negative, the African American community which is disproportionately affected by HIV, sex workers, injection drug users and as well as men who engage in high-risk sex. One bioethicist pointed out that because most of the groups to benefit are marginalized, PrEP may fail to serve community and public health as intended because marginalized groups lack financial resources, access to regular health care and may not adhere to the PrEP protocol. With a cost of \$7,000 to \$14,000 a year, Gilead Sciences, the maker of Truvada has a huge financial stake and stands to make a large profit on sales for HIV prevention no matter who pays for it.

If PrEP is going to serve its intended purpose to prevent the spread of HIV infection, then we need to be sure that the people most at risk for acquiring HIV are prescribed Truvada, and receive appropriate counseling and testing and assistance to adhere to the medication as prescribed. And that someone covers the costs for those unable to pay.

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Community Update

Giving thanks for those who strengthen our community

By Scott Blades

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TIHAN—and Tucson—have been blessed by the work of great groups and organizations in 2012. Here are few that deserve special mention of gratitude:

Weekly Observer: Thank you for resurrecting a great publication that keeps our community informed, connected, and activated.

IBT's, Woody's, New Moon Tucson, Brodie's Tavern: Thank you for providing us with a great Turnabout for TIHAN show, and for keeping your doors open for entertainment, socialization, celebration, and benefit shows.

Wingspan: For being our community center and for bringing back the Wingspan Dinner.

Reveille Men's Chorus and Desert Voices: For bringing laughter and camaraderie to our lives, and touching us with your gifts of music.

Tucson Gay Museum, Tucson Gay Historical Society, Tucson Gay Archives: For keeping us in touch with where we have been, where we are, and where we are going, and remembering those amazing souls who have touched our lives and benefited our community.

Colors: Thanks for wonderful memories, and for your community

activism and support.

Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce: For providing opportunities for networking and supporting gay-friendly businesses and professionals.

Tucson's Drag Performers: For keeping us amazed and entertained, and for raising thousands of dollars for community needs (and a special thank you for weighing in on political issues in 2012!)

SAAF: For being an important community partner in AIDS awareness and prevention, and for supporting those living with HIV.

LGBT Jewish Inclusion Project: For your outreach and advocacy for all to be included.

LGBTQ Behavioral Health Coalition of Southern Arizona: For a successful LGBTQ behavioral health conference.

Tucson Pride: For keeping the fires burning and bringing back a wonderful Pride celebration.

Faith Communities that are Open and Affirming/Welcoming/Reconciling: For continuing to work for justice and equality and inclusion, reminding everyone that God loves everyone (thank you Rincon UCC, Water of Life, St. Francis in the Foothills, Cornerstone, Grace St. Paul's, and so many more)

Fluxx Productions, Studio and

Gallery: For creating a great space for community events.

Out in the Desert Film Festival and Fabulous Faygeleh Film Festivals: For showing important, powerful, and fun films that highlight our diversity and the causes that face our community.

Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) and Sonoran Rodeo Association (SRA): For providing opportunities for cowboys and cowgirls and those who appreciate them to gather, and for a great gay rodeo that benefits five charities, including TIHAN

Venture-N: For supporting important community causes through dart tournaments and other fundraising events.

Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA): For ensuring that the gifts, needs, and critical issues of the transgender and transsexual communities are highlighted.

UALGBT Groups: For advocacy and inclusion for a diversity of LGBTQ students, staff, faculty, and for the important initiatives of the Institute for LGBT Studies.

Habitat for Humanity's Rainbow Build: For bringing our community together to help build a house and a home for an LGBT family.

Parents and Friends of

Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG): For giving families a place to learn and understand what it means to have a gay family member, and for your advocacy and support.

And thanks too for community groups like Bears of the Old Pueblo, Pink Triangle AA, GLSEN, Triangle Tribe, Lesbian Looks, G2H2, Positively Sober, Eon, Odyssey Storytelling, Stonewall Democrats, Raytheon's GLBT Alliance, Project Visibility, Lambda Car Club, Buddhist GLBT Meditation Group, gay bowling leagues, Puertas Abiertas, Lutherans Concerned, Rainbow Families, PrimeTimers, Gay/Straight Alliances at high schools, GayTucson, Positively Beautiful, T-Media Productions, City of Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues, and so so many more.

Tucson and Southern Arizona are blessed to have so many people and groups that work to provide socialization, support, celebration, and services to our community.

I am proud to work with one of these groups—the amazing people, businesses, organizations, and faith communities that make up the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.

May 2013 bring more opportunities for us to work together to build a stronger, healthier, more inclusive and compassionate community.

Scalia too biased to judge marriage cases

Op-ed

By Jim Morrison

Host of Here! TV's For and Against

George Takei is kind of a hero of mine. Yes, I'm a total Star Trek geek. But's it not because of his role as Hikaru Sulu. It's because of his tireless LGBT activism and, most recently, his

call for Justice Scalia to recuse himself from the DOMA and Prop 8 cases the Supreme Court recently decided to take.

Recusal is when a judge removes herself or himself from hearing a case because of an actual or perceived conflict of interest. So why should

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Jan 23rd

**7pm Opening Night - Divine Decadance
Opening Night Party**

Coffee & Pie

A couple must come to terms with the fact that theirs is a love that could never be.

Slant

A college professor in his early 50s looks for a romantic connection long after the loss of his partner to AIDS.

Shabbat Dinner

Two high schoolers discover they both share a secret during a ridiculously boring Friday night dinner on New York's Upper West Side.

The Gay Who Wasn't Gay Enough

A mockumentary - inspired by true stories - about one man's quest to find himself.

Rites of Passage

A devout Muslim from India undergoes sexual reassignment surgery in Bangkok, despite resistance from her family and religious community.

Harvey & Peter

Two Hebrew hotties celebrate their marriage vows with a wholesome wedding reception complete with friends, family, a yummy kosher spread and Mazels all around.

Neighbors

NEIGHBORS is about a quirky shut-in, Maggie, whose only connection to the outside world comes in the form of her new neighbor, Lamey, a transgendered woman with man troubles

Grill Check

A troubled child comes back home to confront an abusive father.

Flamingo Pride

The story of the only heterosexual flamingo, in his desperate attempt to find love...

TSUYAKO

In Post war Japan, Tsuyako, a factory worker and mother must decide between duty and love, her family and Freedom.

My Night with Andrew Cunanan

Based on events in 1997, one young gay drunken man's decisions during an encounter in San Francisco with future serial killer Andrew Cunanan asks us to consider if fate can be changed and the murder of fashion icon Gianni Versace thwarted.

James

A day in the life of a lonely old man, James.

Cherry Waves

A story of love, loss and finding oneself set in the world of underground streetfighting.

The Shining Night

Eric Roberts & Kevin Brown star in a film about the magic of watching your children grow.

The Divine Decadence of the Cheesecake

A gay man's fantasy of forbidden love, Golden Girls and a face full of cheesecake.

Thursday
Jan 24th

**3:45pm - 4:35pm - Positive Youth
Free Screening**

Positive Youth

HIV+ KIDS Courageously Live, Love and Fight for Change in the New Documentary "Positive Youth"

**4:50pm - 5:50pm - Indie Queers
Admission by Donation**

The Queen of My Dreams

As a young girl, Fawzia Mirza fell under the spell of Bollywood heroines and as an adult, she looks back and reimagines the epic romance in the classic film Aradhana.

White Paper

The world can not resist the change, when we are together.

The Confession of Father John Thomas

When you're a penis AND a priest, it's bound to cause some, uhm, inner conflict.

Icon controversy

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Zeus & Ganymede: Two Loves

Animation film about the ancient, same-sex Greek myth of Zeus & Ganymede.

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Land: An Animation

This experimental animation asks how we might radically 'queer' our relationship to the earth in the face of human-caused destruction?

Moi

Living in a strict and very regulated world, a man has to hide his homosexuality and dance, dance, until the moment he finds the strength to face these rules and reveal who he really is.

This* is What Queer Looks Like

A film whose mission is to help dispel misconceptions of Queer people.

Troy: Naked Boys Behind Bars, Sing!

Troy: Naked Boy Behind Bars, Sing follows nice guy Troy-McDougall, a twenty-something, out-and-proud, gay actor as he gets what he believes will be his big break into The Business, a lead in the world premier of the new musical "Naked Boys Behind Bars, Sing"

6pm - 7pm - Working for the Man

Empire

A couple re-evaluates their relationship when one enlists in the military.

Fallen Comrade

A story about the bond between two Soldiers and the impact after one is lost in combat.

Torn & Frayed

Martin, caught between two lovers, must choose between who he wants to be and who he used to be.

Last Man Out

A closeted accountant and a Civil War ghost are set free on the 4th of July.

Viewer Discretion Advised (tape 96)

The fragile romance between two men is threatened by obsession - and the alluring secret of Tape 96

7:15pm - 8:40pm - Queer Voices

Teens Like Phil

Teen Bullying in High School

The Bridge

Sixteen-year-old Emilio braves the consequences of coming out in his tough Los Angeles barrio.

INCIDENT

A random, violent incident forces a young man to rethink his emotional attachments.

Liar

When a brutal teenage revenge plot gets pushed too far, 14 year-old Tara is forced to choose between standing helplessly on the sidelines or stepping in to defend the boyfriend that hurt her.

One Voice

A middle-school bully gets his comeuppance.

8:55pm - 10:15pm - Thru the Looking Glass

The Mirror

What do we see when we look in The Mirror

Satan's Angel: Queen of the Fire Tassels

A documentary chronicling the life of lesbian burlesque legend Satan's Angel, who famously invented fire tassel twirling.

Friday
Jan 25th

**12:40pm - 2:40pm - Raising Up
Admission by Donation**

Boys Village

In the ruins of an abandoned children's holiday camp in South Wales a young boy secretly approaches an older teenager.

Who Am I Happy

Who Am I Happy is about the longing to be accepted for what one is, even when making seemingly weird decisions; and about the courage to stand up for oneself, against all oppositions.

Genderfreak

A dorky high-school rocker and a new genderqueer student can't decide whether to be best friends or best enemies.

America's Most Unwanted

America's Most Unwanted is a candid glimpse into foster care through the lens of hope.

Friday
Jan 25th

3pm - 5pm - Untold Lives

Undressing Isreal: Gay Men in the Promise Land

Gay Life in Tel-Aviv

The Beginning

The true sexuality of Russian women has just begun waking up, and Daria is thrilled with it.

The Sisterhood

In amongst the vineyards of Stellenbosch, South Africa you'll find The Sisterhood of Pietie, Hope and Rollie, farmhands by day, divas by night.

5:15pm - 7:05pm - Chosen Family

Love is Not Enough

In Love is Not Enough, Eric must choose whether to stay with his polyamorous boyfriend, Conrad, after Conrad decides to share his love with another man.

Naked as We Came

Love, loss and hope are all explored in this powerful drama which asks the question: What is your dream?

**7:20pm - 8:35pm - Desert Heat
Center Piece**

Pursuit

Inspired by a gorgeous motorcycle policewoman (Cate), Diana breaks several traffic laws to spend a little more time with her.

Strong and Dreaming

Strong and Dreaming is an unpolished, raw, playful animation that tells a love story which explores gender, sexuality, perception, and archetypal contemporary queer symbology.

The Bears of San Francisco

Big bearded gay men find themselves in San Francisco.

**The Identity of Justice:
Trans Women in Cochabamba**

An examination of the experiences of transsexual women living in Cochabamba, Bolivia

Modeled

A close-up look at the work of photographer G. Elliott Simpson, whose haunting portraits of men covered in black paint are known for their disturbing beauty.

Leyenda

Three creatures are born together, explore different parts of their psyche and return to share what they've learned through performance art.

Linda and Angela

Carly Frieders is only 8, but her speech at a Freedom to Marry rally bring hope to any one who feels that the laws can't stop love.

Last Kiss

A memento mori to a Memorial.

The Violation

A gay teenager housesits at the home of his high school crush and his fantasies get out of control.

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9pm - 10:20pm - Family Secrets

Raymond

A terminally ill gay man comes home to seek forgiveness from the lover he abandoned. But redemption comes from an unlikely source.

One of These Things is not Like the Others

Josh, a New York grad student, surprises his southern, conservative family at Thanksgiving when he brings home his African-American boyfriend.

PRIDE

On the morning of his annual gay pride party, Stephen is forced to take in his homophobic father who had disowned him over 20 years ago.

Black & White & Grey

A soldier returns from war to meet his newborn son but before resuming his family life he will have to confront an unexpected ghost from the past.

The Commitment

An interracial gay couple adopting a newborn baby meets the pregnant Asian birthmother and receives a surprise that threatens their relationship.

10:30pm - 12:10am - Behind Closed Doors
(21 and older)

That Dam Bear

The sexual awakenings of a young man are found in a Disney movie.

Bruce La Bruce Shorts

Visionary underground director, artist and queercore thriller Bruce LaBruce delves into new frontiers of queerness in this group of compelling dark comedic and sexy shorts. **The Bad Breast, Give Piece of Ass a Chance, Weekend in Alphaville and Offing Jack.**

The Naked-Boy Business Pt 1

Episode one of an audio-visual odyssey through the world of the undressed male, The Naked-Boy Business Pt.1 finds that you can ask a straight boy, "Who's hot?"—but he won't necessarily tell.

The Naked-Boy Business Pt 2

In a dream-like confession set to music, two wrestlers, kicked off their team for posing nude, bare their souls and brave the consequences.

What Makes Us Queer

It's who we fuck, it's how we live. Queer is not an easily defined identity.

13 Wayz to Get Hard

An animated guide to hankie code, Flaggging in 60 seconds.

Every Woman

Narcissister clothes herself with articles of clothing from various orifices of her body to become the quintessential "Every Women."

Saturday
Jan 25th

9:45am - 11:05am - "Too Far In"

Do You Have a Cat?

A bisexual woman with a severe cat allergy searches for love.

Two Guys in a Backyard

A fighter puts his friendship on the line during a backyard sparring session.

Sometimes People...

Set in the early 1900's the film follows the story of Margaret Harkin, a lower class seamstress, and her encounter with Emily Blake, an elegant debutante from an aristocratic household. As these two young women begin to see beyond the strict divides of class they recognize in each other a shared yearning for freedom, and an unlikely relationship sparks between them.

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What You Looking At?

A Drag Queen and a woman in a burkha get stuck in a lift.

Baby Cake

A gay couple and a lesbian couple come together to make a baby, the old fashioned way.

A Backside Approach

Protect yourself from HIV

La Entrevista II

A dramatic narrative that highlights contemporary Queer Chicanao identity, culture, and social politics

Totally Smooth

Katri...About to lose her virginity, a nerdy twentysomething has to gain sexual confidence.

Dirty Talk

Nathan, a conservative English teacher, tells his best friend Zach about a one-night stand with a hot Latin man who loves to talk dirty during Sex.

11:15am - 12:35pm - Friends with Benefits

The Things I Cannot Change

The lives of a recently deceased drug addict's ex-lover and best friend unexpectedly collide for a heated confrontation.

Boys Like You

A young man struggles with the boundaries of friendship when he finds himself in an intimate situation.

Fluid

Hysterically breaking the tea/coffee binary.

The Ducks' Migration

Jeremy and Alphonse's friendship takes off towards somewhere new.

The Last Waltz

A flamboyant young man must find a way to go on when he loses everything.

12:45pm - 2pm - "Living With"

Simply Rob

Rob as he tells his turbulent life story through his poetry.

ub2

HIV+ men explore their reactions to words like "clean" and "disease-free", used on gay dating web sites.

Dying and Other Superpowers

Save yourself? Or save the world?

Ha(r)d to Say

A speechless story about two people and all they have to say.

Absolutely Positive

It only takes one person. It only takes one time.

2:10pm - 3:55pm - Unexpended Love

The Plan

A struggling musician is on the verge of her big break, as she deals with her ailing girlfriend and her contemptible boss.

The Apple Tree

An elderly man is forced to psychologically go back into the closet, when he moves into an assisted living home.

Tying the Knot

A closeted politician acts out a violent fantasy with a male prostitute.

Slashed: Tales of Forbidden Lust

Gangsters, Cowboys, Vampires.... Ohhhh my!!!

The Men's Room

A tense drama about a guy cruising for sex in a public park.

The Rookie and the Runner

A runner in the park gets more than he bargained for when he encounters two handsome strangers.

4:10pm - 5:55pm - In Transit

Along the Road

Two truck drivers that meet at a rest stop.

Berlin Angels

Three angels born from a culture clash spread their wings on a Berlin summer night.

Blood Flow

A young queer man's emotional capacities are put to the test after he discovers the lifeless body of his older, married lover.

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Sugar Cookie

The "L Word" meets "Eyes Wide Shut" Meets "Girl Interrupted".

Chaser

Alienated from his conservative Jewish family and community, a promising, young, gay schoolteacher seeks solace in New York's barebacking scene.

Half-Share

Imagine The Golden Girls summering on Fantasy Island if it were run by Patsy & Edina!

6pm - 7:55 - Jazz Sings the Blues

T'Ain't Nobody's Bizness: Queer Blues

Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Alberta Hunter and Ethel Waters were among the biggest blues singers of their day. Their nights, however, belonged to them and the ladies they shared them with.

I Stand Corrected

I STAND CORRECTED is the true story of Jennifer Leitham, formerly known as John Leitham, who risked everything when she transitioned publicly during the height of her career in order to be her true self.

8:05pm - 9:55pm - Forbidden Love

Who is Candy Bernardino?

A rich grandfather fakes his own death to escape his money-grubbing family, only to find himself in an open casket needing to sneeze.

The Strangley Normal

Having grown comfortably accustomed to watching her life pass her by, THE GIRL is compelled to finally make a choice: to progress, to regress, or to stagnate.

Lee

LEE is no ordinary warrior: he has a secret love..

Slip Away

Tangled in a web of desire, how far will one go?

Spare

This is a dark and somewhat comedic observation of the human condition, set in the sordid world of the mob.

Little Consequences

A man comes home early from a business trip to find a naked man tied to his bed.

Beside Her

Beside Her tells the story of the powerful connection love brings out in all of us.

Always Again

Coming out or not coming out to those who we don't know.

Little Ones

A question of neighbor vs. nurture. Every relationship takes a bit of sacrifice.

10:05pm - 11:44pm - Right One

First Six

A recreation of Jennie Lennick's first six kisse.

Scenes from a Gay Marriage

A recently single man finds solace in his upstairs neighbors' seemingly perfect relationship - until he suspects one of them is cheating.

With This Ring

An intimate encounter leads to a dark look at gay marriage and divorce.

Midnight - The Dark Side

Regrets

Neal wakes up in a strange bed with a strange man, but what happens next is even stranger.

Gyre

Dreams, reality, sex and sexuality blur leaving Lex stranded in her own nightmares (or are they realities?) in Gyre.

Shmor Alai

During his night out in the city Eitan, a fighter in a shady elite army unit, gets a chance for a whole different life and learns the true price of the choices he made.

Bug Chaser

Nathan's one-night stand ends abruptly when his date finds an alarming growth on his body.

Candy

A short horror film about safe sex...sort of.

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Bullying now shown to alter children's DNA

By Christopher L. Pankratz
OBSERVER STAFF

According to a recent study from England, children who have been the victims of bullying may actually exhibit changes in the chemical structure of their genes.

Children who have been bullied in their developing years are generally less able to respond to stress properly and are more prone to mental issues in later life.

This is nothing unheard of, but a new hypothesis about bullying's

effects on child development has scientists rethinking the traditional belief that the structure of genes is immutable and stable during a person's lifespan.

While the actual DNA strand is thought to remain constant, environmental factors such as bullying are said to affect the way that the genes are expressed, according to Isabelle Ouellet-Morin of the University of Montreal, lead author of a study in the latest issue of the journal *Psychological Medicine*.

As part of the Environmental Risk Longitudinal Twin Study, Ouellet-Morin's research team worked with 28 sets of identical twins. Each set

was selected because one of the twins had been the victim of bullying but not the other as determined by research and family interviews.

The children were studied from age 5 to 12 while researchers collected DNA and cortisol samples.

Due to changes in a bullied child's epigenes, they are left with less reactivity to stress and poorer social skills as well as increased aggression. Many victims are left without modes for reacting to stress which Ouellet-Morin warns can be as unhealthy as overreacting.

The cause of the differences in stressed reactions has been linked

to cortisol levels in the brain. Cortisol is a hormone which regulates stress but was found to be in low supply within bullied youths.

The low level of cortisol alters the structure that surrounds the gene that produces serotonin, a neurotransmitter that regulates mood and depression.

While there is no definitive answer as to whether the physiological alterations caused by environmental influences such as bullying can be reversed, the newfound understanding of developmental epigenetics may lead to hope for recovering victims in the future.

Mainers finally get married

By Lucas Grindley
ADVOCATE

Saturday couples began marrying in Maine after a long campaign to make marriage equality legal there, including a loss at the ballot box in 2009 when voters banned gays and lesbians from marrying.

As part of a wave of successes for LGBT activists in November, Maine became the first state where voters

approved a referendum initiated by marriage equality advocates. The measure won 53 percent to 47 percent. And the governor certified the results 30 days ago, which set up couples to begin marrying after midnight.

USA Today reports that the first couple to wed, Steven Bridges and Michael Snell, a retail manager and a massage therapist respectively, were serenaded by crowds gathered outside the Portland city hall with the Beatles' "All You Need Is Love."

UN leader out for LGBT rights

By Andy Humm
GAY CITY NEWS

NAIROBI, Kenya — At the sixth annual United Nations conference on "Leadership in the Fight Against Homophobia" that marked Human Rights Day on Dec. 11, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's voice was the most rousing in unequivocally condemning homophobia wherever it lurks in the world.

"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights," he said. "All

human beings — not some, not most, but all. No one gets to decide who gets human rights and who does not."

Ban paused before declaring, "Let me say this loud and clear — lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are entitled to the same rights as everyone else... I stand shoulder to shoulder with them in their struggle for human rights." He was "proud," he added, "I have a global platform to highlight the need to end violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity."

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Tucson theaters kick off 2013 spring season with comedy, contemplation, and controversy

The New Year is upon us and it is time to shift out of Nutcracker and Christmas Carol mode and look forward to the spring theater season in Tucson. 2013 promises to be a very good year for theater-goers of all types. Supporting these local artists is a great way to give back while enjoying good theater.

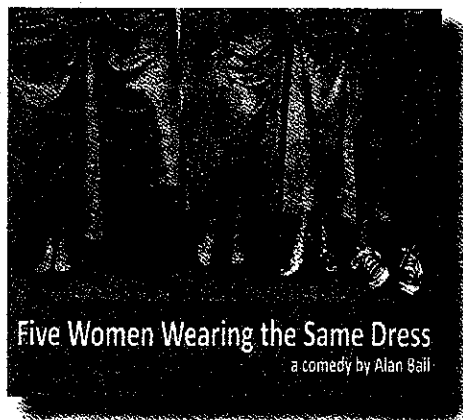


Three Hotels

Jan. 4 - 20

A two-character play originally written for television by Jon Robin Baitz and inspired by his parents. Later Baitz adapted the show for the stage winning multiple awards and accolades. The show explores a poisoned marriage drowning in moral compromises.

Beowulf Alley Theatre Company, 11 S. Sixth Ave. beowulfalley.org



Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

Jan 10-27

Don't miss this irreverent comedy from playwright Alan Ball, creator of "True Blood" and "Six Feet Under." Watch as complex friendships and identical bridesmaids dresses make for hilarious situations as five women of the wedding party hide from the bride and groom. The women are hiding out in an upstairs bedroom, each having her own reasons to avoid the proceedings going on below. Directed by Terry Erbe. For mature audiences.

Arizona Onstage Productions, at the Cabaret Space, Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. arizonaonstage.org



Mother Courage and Her Children

Jan. 19 - Feb. 9

Brecht at his Brechtiest. In what many regard as Brecht's masterpiece, Mother Courage profiteers from a constant state of war, as she loses her children to it one by one. Her cynical manipulation of the miseries of others robs her of her title, and at the play's end she is mother to no one. Written in a burst of energy after the invasion of Poland, it is one of our principal ruminations on the nature of war.

The Rogue Theatre, 300 E. University Blvd. 551-2053

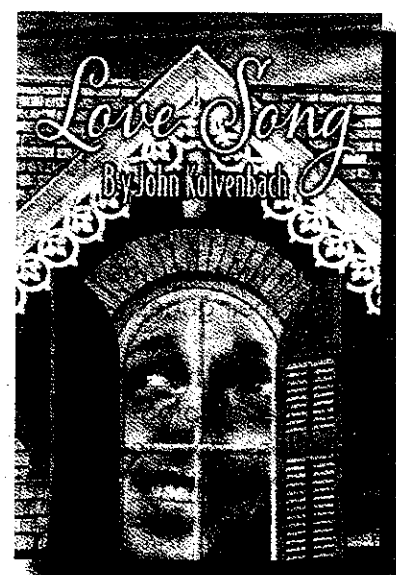


Freud's Last Session

Jan. 19 - Feb. 9

Reserve your tickets now for the intellectual cockfight of the season. In one corner sits psychoanalyst cigar aficionado Sigmund Freud; in the other writer C. S. Lewis. The razor's edge dialogue that ricochets between the two makes for a riveting and controversial show about God, love, and sex that has enjoyed considerable success off-Broadway. Directed by Stephen Wrentmore.

Arizona Theatre Company, Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. arizonatheatre.org



Love Song

Feb. 6 - 24

Beane is an oddball. In fact, he rarely talks. His well-meaning sister, Joan, and brother-in-law, Harry, try to get through to him, but no one really can. When a thief named Molly breaks into his apartment, Beane is suddenly transformed. This captivating, quirky comedy is a tender and humorous rhapsody to love's power in all its forms. Written by John Kolvenbach and directed by Laura Lippman.

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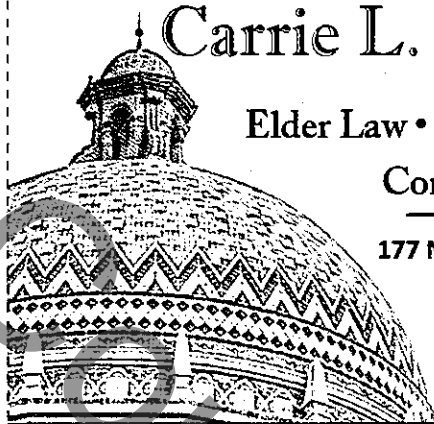
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 12-1 p.m. Pink Triangle AA Meeting, 439 N. Sixth Ave. Everyday.
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Christian Bible Study, Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Ave.
 7-9 p.m. Weekly Bears Coffee at Crave, 4530 E. Broadway Blvd.
 7:30p.m. Yoga at Fluxx \$5 suggested donation.
- 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 p.m. Weekly Meditation Classes in Central Tucson, cost: \$10, Kadampa Meditation Center Arizona 1701 E. Miles St.
 7-10 p.m. Triangle Tribe, Men's Support Group. Call 520.207.5336
- Friday**
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Oasis LGBT Social Group. Email oasis.wingspan@gmail.com
 6:30 p.m. Bingo at MCC Every Friday call 207-9354 for info.
- Saturday**
 9:30-12 p.m. Sit & Knit Community Meeting at the Joyner-Green Library
 2:30-4:30p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Potluch 2nd Saturdays 520.444.2275
- Sunday**
 9-11 a.m. Co-ed Softball, all abilities welcome. Oury Park, 600 W.St. Mary's
 10-11.30 a.m. Advice for Life & Prayers for World Peace. Buddha's teachings, Kadampa Meditation Center Arizona 1701 E. Miles St.
 11a.m. Zumba at Fluxx. \$5 suggested donation.
 2-5 p.m. Mamasitas! Men's Sports club at Menlo Park
 4-6 p.m. The New Men's Massage Group will meet on Sunday at 4:00 pm. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up. Call or email- bleu55@gmail.com in advance. It's a great place to meet men. Safe, non-sexual but very sensual and a little erotic fun. Donation.
- Monday**
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 4-5:30 p.m. In Our Own Voices, Women's therapy group for survivors of sexual trauma, SACSA, 1600 N. Country Club, 520.327.1171
 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. Reveille 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**
 8:30-10 p.m. Tuesday Night Community Bike Ride, All welcome, Meet at the UofA Flagpole in front of Old Main, 1200 E. University Blvd.
- Wednesday**
 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.

Entertainment Calendar

Theater, Film & Drag

- Three Hotels** by Joe Robin Baitys Jan 4 - 20 at the Beowulf Alley Theatre, 11 S. Sixth Ave.
- Odyssey Storytelling: Myths - Monsters Under the Bed** plays Jan. 10 at Fluxx Studio, 7 p.m. 414 E. Ninth St.
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Music & Dance

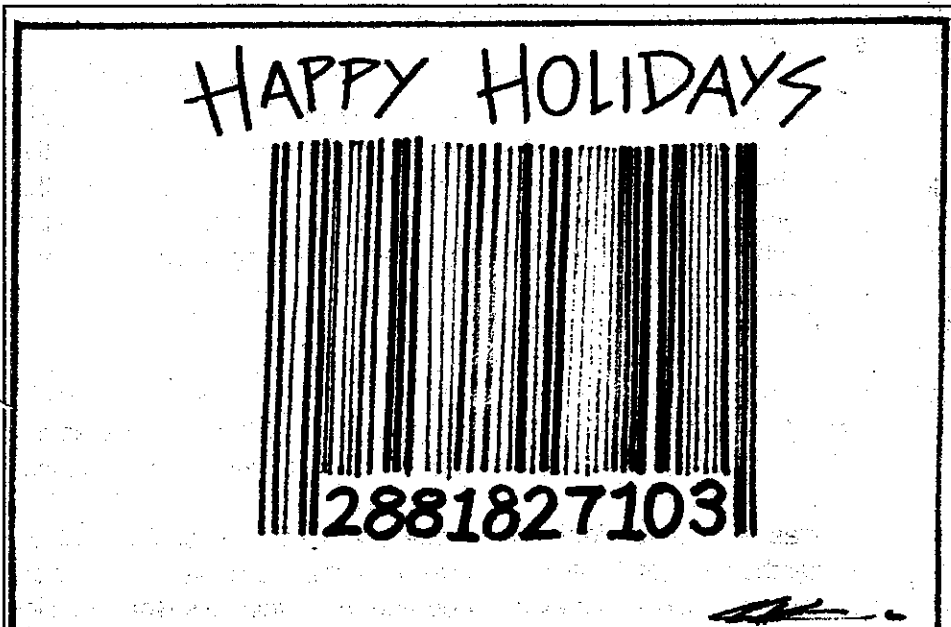
- Soledad Barrio's Noche Flamenca** will be performed at UA's Centennial Hall, 1020 E. University on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. 621-3364
- Twilight Tango Milonga**, a free Argentine tango class is held at 7 p.m. on Second Saturdays through Jan 27. Cafe A La C'Art, 150 N. Main. 290-5699
- Tango Lessons** at Casa Vicente 375 S. Stone; free to all, no partner necessary. Class 7-8 p.m. every Wed. Dance from 8-9 p.m.
- Lets Dance Club** at Tucson Women's Club 6245 E. Bellevue. Ballroom dancing every Wednesday 7 p.m. \$10/\$8 members.
- 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.

As Clark Saw It

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By Zoe



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NEW MOON - Open at 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. Kitchen open 5-9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open noon. BBQ on the patio 5-7pm.

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

Monday

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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 - \$3 You-Call-It from 9 p.m. till close. **IBT's** - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm, Taco Tuesdays. Drink Specials 9pm-Close: Mix-n-Match Mexican Beer Special, Tequila Specials. 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.

Wednesday

Brodies - All day long: \$1 Coronitas & Pacificos, \$3 32oz domestic pitchers, \$2 domestic bottles, \$2 well cocktails. Service Industry Night featuring \$3 You-Call-It from 10 p.m. till close.

IBTS - Happy Hour 12pm-8pm, "Viva La Diva" Drag Show Hosted by Jane Starr 9pm. "Whiskey Breath" Drink Special Every Wednesday 9pm-Close. \$2 Well, \$3 Call, \$4 Select Top Shelf Whiskey and Scotch Blend Whiskies. \$3 42-Below Vodka Drink Special 9pm-**Woodys** - Happy Hour 11am-8pm. XL Margarita Special ALL DAY. \$4.50 XL Margarita Varieties.

Thursday

BRODIES TAVERN - All day long: \$1 Coronitas & Pacificos, \$3 32oz domestic pitchers, \$2 domestic bottles, \$2 well cocktails. Underwear night, patio bar opens at 9 p.m.

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 Chili Feed 3-7p.

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

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Bear's Happy Hour 5:30-7:30pm: \$3 wells, domestic, pitchers, wine! **WOODY'S** - Happy Hour 11am-8pm. Wine till 9-1/2 off bottles and glasses of selected wines. Gin+Sin 9pm-Close. Enjoy our selection of gin's all at a discounted price.

Saturday

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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 Cockatils and Bottle Beers 9pm-Close. *excludes top shelf/ draft/wine.

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Scalia too biased to judge marriage cases

Recently a Princeton student posed a great question to Scalia, asking if he regretted some harsh language he employed in LGBT rights cases. Not only did he not regret the language he used, he answered with a totally repugnant (Takei's spot-on characterization) equating of homosexuality with...wait for it...murder.

"If we cannot have moral feelings against homosexuality," Scalia retorted, "can we have it against murder? Can we have it against other things? Of course we can. I don't apologize for the things I raised."

Of course he quickly added that he wasn't comparing homosexuality with murder, saying that he was making a reductio ad absurdum argument. But that is precisely what he did do by the very act of using "murder" to make the argument. He doesn't get off the hook by doing something and then saying otherwise. So what language was he referring to? And is it bias?

Two landmark cases that stand out due to Scalia's involvement are Romer v. Evans and Lawrence v. Texas. In Lawrence Scalia wrote:

"The Texas statute undeniably seeks to further the belief of its citizens that certain forms of sexual behavior are 'immoral and unacceptable' the

same interest furthered by criminal laws against fornication, bigamy, adultery, adult incest, bestiality, and obscenity"

It's actually hard to read his dissent in Romer and not find candidates for anti-gay bias, an odd aggressive ignorance about the lives of LGBT Americans, and just plain meanness. It's everywhere, including his punctuation choices.

"...one could consider certain conduct reprehensible—murder, for example, or polygamy, or cruelty to animals—and could exhibit even 'animus' toward such conduct. Surely that is the only sort of 'animus' at issue here: moral disapproval of homosexual conduct..."

It is clear to me at least he believes not only that there is some "gay agenda" to teach our optional, alternative "lifestyle," but also simultaneously that gay people don't really exist, that is, there are only people who engage in "homosexual conduct."

Taken together, the words he uses when dealing with LGBT parties to cases before the Court show bias and prejudice. Sadly there's zero chance of recusal, as Supreme Court Justices make that decision for themselves, with no higher authority to review the decision. But I think it's worth making some noise

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