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Kennedy Brain Surgery Successful

DURHAM, NC (Observer Update) - Sen. Edward M. Kennedy underwent what his doctors called successful surgery Monday (June 2) to treat his cancerous brain tumor, and told his wife shortly after that he felt "like a million bucks," a family spokeswoman said.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy

The surgery at Duke University Medical Center took about 3 1/2 hours. He is expected to undergo chemotherapy and radiation in coming weeks, and will remain at the North Carolina facility for about a week.

The 76-year-old Massachusetts Democrat was diagnosed last month with a malignant glioma, a lethal type of brain tumor. Experts had said Dr. Allan Friedman - the top neurosurgeon at Duke and an internationally known tumor and vascular surgeon - was likely try to remove as much of the tumor as possible while balancing the risk of harming healthy brain tissue that affects movement and speech.

Friedman said the surgery "was successful and accomplished our goals." Kennedy was awake during the procedure, and should not experience any permanent neurological effects, he said.

"After a brief recuperation, he will begin targeted radiation at Massachusetts General Hospital and chemotherapy treatment," Friedman said. "I hope that everyone will join us in praying for Senator Kennedy to have an uneventful and robust recovery."

Family spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said Kennedy spoke to his wife, Vicki, and told her: "I feel like a million bucks. I think I'll do that again tomorrow."

Kennedy was hospitalized May 17 at Massachusetts General Hospital after undergoing a seizure at his home on Cape Cod. Doctors later announced that he had a malignant glioma in his left parietal lobe, a brain region that governs sensation but also plays some role in movement and language. A malignant glioma is one of the worst kinds of brain cancer, and malignant gliomas are diagnosed in about 9,000 Americans a year.

Kennedy said in a statement released by his office earlier in the day that he and his wife "along with my outstanding team of doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital, have consulted with experts from around the country and have decided that the best course of action for my brain tumor is targeted surgery followed by chemotherapy and radiation."

Details about Kennedy's particular type of tumor, which plays a key role in survival odds, have not been disclosed. Some cancer specialists say it appears likely to be a glioblastoma multiforme - a serious and tough-to-remove type - because other kinds of brain tumors are more common in younger people.

Typical radiation treatment is five days a week for a month, using 3-D imaging techniques that narrowly deliver the beams to the tumor, affecting as little surrounding tissue as possible. Experts said the surgery could give subsequent treatments a better chance of working.

"Almost no malignant gliomas are cured by surgery, but many of us believe that the more you get out, the next treatments, whether they be radiation or chemotherapy, have a better chance of working because there's less tumor there to fight," said Dr. Matthew Ewend, neurosurgery chief at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Kennedy has a history of seeking top medical care available for his family. He pulled daughter Kara out of Johns Hopkins and brought her to a Boston hospital when he was not satisfied with the initial course of treatment she was getting for lung cancer five years ago.

In addition to his congressional health insurance plan, which is often described as one of the most generous in the country, Kennedy's wealth gives him the means to afford the best possible health care. The senator is known to reach into his own pocket and pay supplemental salary to staffers who otherwise might be tempted to leave his office for better paying jobs.

Colo. Governor Signs LGBT Protections

DENVER, Colorado (Observer Update) - Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter signed a nondiscrimination law Friday (May 30) that offers new legal protections to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. Gender identity and sexual orientation are added, effective immediately, to Colorado's ban on bias in housing, public accommodation and other areas.

Prior to the signing, Colorado's nondiscrimination law covered only the categories of race, sex, religion and disability.

State Sen. Jennifer Veiga and state Rep. Joel Judd carried the bill that added LGBTs to the list.

PERSPECTIVE

Flunking Rights 101

By Joan Garry

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Hunter College just released the results of a comprehensive study, touted by that institution as the most comprehensive study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual attitudes and behavior to date.

When the results went public, the headline news was its finding that roughly 2.9 percent of Americans are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual. Instinctively that number feels low to me (my kids might argue, in the context of that stat, that I know all the Gay people in America). But this is not the finding of most interest to me. And it's certainly not the most disturbing statistic.

Respondents to the survey who identified as Gay were tested on their knowledge regarding the law as it relates to their rights. They were asked four questions. And no, the first one was not "why are you as a person different from all other people?"

Rather than give you the answers, I'll pose the questions, so you can play along. For each question below, see if you know the answer. And then, for each question, guess what percentage of Gay people surveyed answered the question correctly.

Ready? Here goes.

1. Is marriage between two men or two women legal in your state?

2. Can Gay men and Lesbians serve openly in the military?

3. Does the U.S. Constitution have an amendment that bans same-sex marriage?

4. Is there a national law making it illegal to fire someone for being Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual?

OK, I'll give you a minute. … Time's up.

Here are the answers:

1. If you are from California, you should have gotten that one right. Massachusetts is the only other state where U.S. Gays can legally marry. A small number of other states offer civil unions and other kinds of relationship recognition. No one gets the federal benefits of marriage and if you move from California or Massachusetts to another state, best of luck to you. They won't have a clue what to do with your marriage license. See, I told you it was complicated.

2. Gay and Lesbian people CANNOT serve openly in the military (even my mother knows that one).

3. There is currently no constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. But if a Republican is inaugurated on 1/20/09, all bets are off.

4. There is no national law protecting a Gay person from being fired.

OK, so there are the answers. How did you do?

I sure hope you did better than the Gay people surveyed by the gifted Ken Sherrill and his colleagues at Hunter.

Only 38 percent of Gay men and Lesbians answered all four questions correctly.

Let me say that again in a different way.

Sixty-two percent of the Gay people surveyed are clueless about their own rights.

For those of you who think the big challenge of the Gay rights movement is to educate straight people about the rights and protections we don't have, I suggest you think again.

Not that this isn't a challenge. A straight friend of mine, who assumed she had aced the quiz, answered question four incorrectly. "I really did think that a national law passed a few years ago."

My straight friend is in good company.

Or should I say, poorly informed company. Forty-one percent of the LGB people surveyed thought that law passed years ago, too.

I struggle to understand how this could possibly be. A college student who reads my blog offered this explanation: "I bet a lot of LGBT students here would flunk the test. I think it's in part a lamentable side effect of increasing acceptance of LGBT people. They come out early, their parents are OK with it and they therefore think they can live their lives just like everyone else – marriage, suburbs, picket fence, no problem at all. So they know zip about Gay rights … and assume everything will be hunky dory."

Hunter College offers this explanation: " … Research generally finds that Americans tend to be poorly informed about politics."

This ain't politics, folks. It's about the laws relating to where you work, how you live, who you love. I wouldn't use the word "politics." I'd use the word "life."

The survey was conducted in the midst of one of the most exciting political seasons in which Democratic candidates talked quite a bit about Gay people. It is beyond embarrassing to think that Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama seem to know more about our rights (or lack thereof) than we do.

We aren't paying enough attention.

You can't fight for what you don't have if you don't know you don't have it.

(Joan Garry, formerly the Executive Director of GLAAD is now a columnist for the Washington Blade, from which this is reprinted.)

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UPDATE

Community Conversation June 7

TUCSON - Wingspan's Community Conversation series is celebrating Wingspan's 20th anniversary, Saturday June 7, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

History Matters: Looking Back on LGBT Life. From the 60s to Now, explores intergenerational perspectives on how national and local events over the decades influenced the rise and the sustained fire of the activist spirit of local people. Local LGBT activism gave birth to Wingspan, and Wingspan gave birth to more local activists.

For more information, go online to wingspan.org or call (520) 624-1779.

Man2Man Seminar June 7-8

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Free Weekend retreat, June 7-8, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., SAAF, 375 S. Euclid. for Gay, Bisexual, and Questioning Men… Let's talk Man to Man.

You are invited to attend a two-day seminar providing education on sexuality and intimacy between men. All men who have sex with men or are attracted to men, and are 18 or older are invited. Seminar Goals and Topics: •Learning about healthy sexuality •Sexuality across the life span •Understanding effects of fear, violence and abuse •Sexual identity formation •Developing assertiveness and empowerment •Male intimacy and relationships •Breaking isolation and developing networks •Bisexuality and sexual diversity •Being sexual in the age of HIV/AIDS •Sexual functioning

All participants will receive a free digital camera and will be entered in a raffle to win a new iPod Nano! Lunch, snacks and refreshment will be provided. The Man 2 Man seminars are a collaboration between Body Positive Inc. and The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). For more information contact Cesar Egurrola, (520) 628-7223, cegurrola@saaf.org online at azman2man.org.

Gay West Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Old Tucson Studios will again proudly serve as "party central" for Southern Arizona's largest Gay Pride event, Gay West 2008. Gay West is a western-themed fundraising event that benefits Wingspan, Southern Arizona's non-profit, charitable organization and community Center.

Headlining this year's event is none other than Disco Diva and Grammy Winner Thelma Houston, a huge favorite among the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community. Ms, Houston's personal anthem, "Don't Leave Me This Way" is sure to bring down the house at Old Tucson Studios which has hosted the event for nine years. Houston will be presented with the 2nd Annual Gay West Humanitarian Award for her work in the fight against AIDS. Throughout her career, Ms. Houston has campaigned tirelessly on behalf of people with HIV/Aids, donating her talents to organizations such as AIDS Project Los Angeles and the Minority AIDS Project.

The event also includes a one-of-a-kind drag show, dancing to the hottest music, great food, stunt shows with flair, and much, much more! The event kicks-off at 6pm and runs until 12 Midnight. Tickets are $16 in advance (before June 18) or $19 at the gate. VIP ticket ($100) includes exclusive meet and greet with Ms Houston, VIP seating for the concert and special gifts to mark the occasion. Reduced price $75 VIP tickets may be purchased at Tucson's Woody's Bar. General tickets can be purchase at the Old Tucson website, oldtucson.com.

OUT LOUD! Open Mike June 10

TUCSON - Wingspan Arts presents: OUT LOUD!, a new series happening in your community at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St., June 10, 6 - 8:00 p.m.

OUT LOUD! will be held the second Tuesday of the month and has been created as a safe space for all performers to share their talents with the community! From spoken word to dance to singing to comedy to drag, the list is endless. This is your night to shine. OUT LOUD! Is a place where respect for self and others is key! OUT LOUD! is always free and welcomes all ages. Wingspan will provide basic equipment; mics, stands, speakers, CD players, you provide the talent and each performance should be no longer than 5 minutes in length.

For more information, contact Len Tecson, (520) 404-7553, E-mail: azoutloud@wingspan.org.

Around The Old Pueblo

Tucson Pride and Wingspan's Reel Pride join up to present A Four Letter Word on June 20 at the Loft. Casper Andreas's sexy comic follow-up to Slutty Summer nabbed the Grand Jury Award for Best Screenplay at L.A. Outfest. "A Four Letter Word coasts on a good-natured raunchiness that's explicit but never sleazy ... it's a surprisingly endearing romantic comedy that explores gay relationships with low-budget verve. - New York Times Come out with Community to enjoy A Four Letter Word and give Pride Week a great start. For more information, go online to loftcinema.com/node/288.

On June 15, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., meet in front of the Center for Creative Photography, 1030 N. Olive Road, located on the UA campus, then have a personal guided tour with retired art professor, Maurice Grossman. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Park on the street or convenient visitor parking is available at the UA garage on Park Ave. just north of Speedway Blvd and walk through the tunnel under Speedway. The building is the second on your left. For more information, contact Penelope Starr (520) 624-1779 x 122, pstarr@wingspan.org.

In anticipation of author Armistead Maupin's visit to the Loft on June 25, come enjoy a free screening, Saturday June 21, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone in the Lower Level Meeting Room, of the original TV mini-series Tales of the City based on his work! Free popcorn will be provided. Then on Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Loft Cinema, 3233 East Speedway, Join the Pima County Public Library and the Library's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Committee in welcoming Armistead Maupin, author of Tales of the City, The Night Listener, and Michael Tolliver Lives to Tucson! Maupin will talk about and read from his books. A book sale and signing will follow. For more information go online to library.pima.gov/spotlight/maupin/ or loftcinema.com/node/299.

IN MEMORIAM

Mike Ball, dark haired, sometimes colored hair, 5'9", 31 year old tattoo artist, tattooed, and all around lover of life, passed away June 1, 2008. He was a fun guy, wore - crazy clothes, leopard shorts, checked shorts, and always danced his fanny off.

I called him Mikey. He was my baby son. Our hardcore tattoo shop closed in 2006. Mikey was too gorgeous inside and out to be dead. If you loved him too, please call his mom, Debi at 520-908-1441.

His my space is pokedbyapro@myspace.com. Ignore his profile, I changed it. Thank you to all who love him as I do, and he loved much and loved life. Call Please. The funeral will be this week,

Love, Mike's Mom, Debi

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Lerner Steps Down As Reveille's Executive Director

Linus Lerner

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Reveille Men's Chorus has announced that as of August 1 Linus Lerner will no longer be their executive director.

Lerner will continue though as the chorus's artistic director, a post he has held since 2003. Two years ago Lerner was hired full time by Reveille to be both their artistic director and executive director, the first time one man has held both positions at the same time with a GLBT chorus in the US.

"It has been an amazing two years for us at Reveille under Linus's leadership," said chorus president Jeffrey Bracker. "Not only has the organization grown artistically and in reputation but we widened the scope of our mission to include not only GLBT rights and diversity but the struggle against HIV/AIDS. Last summer Linus took us on a tour of Mexico doing benefit concerts in Guadalajara, Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta raising money for local HIV and AIDS support groups there. Here in Tucson he formed closer ties between Reveille and local groups such as SAAF and TIHAN. And if that was not enough we had the largest audience in the choruses 14 year history at our recent spring concert, Dim Sum and Then Some: A Foreign Affair, where Linus brought together local cultural groups from around the world to perform as our guests. The show received a rave review in the Star!"

The reason for the change in roles for Lerner, has been selected out of a candidate pool of 60 applicants to be the new conductor of SASO, Southern Arizona Symphony Orchestra. "We were thrilled for Linus to hear the news that he'd gotten the SASO conducting gig," Reveille board president Michael Monyak stated. "But we were worried that this would mean the end to a wonderful partnership between Linus and Reveille. To say the least we were ecstatic when he told us at our last board meeting that he would be able to stay on with us as artistic director." Lerner has exciting plans for Reveille for the 2008-2009 season including a holiday show featuring songs from beloved Christmas movies and a spring show called "Make 'em Laugh: Comedy in Music."

Bisbee Pride Festival June 13-15

BISBEE - On June 13-15, Bisbee Pride will be hosting the fourth annual Bisbee Pride Festival. Held in a number of venues in Olde Town Bisbee, the festival promises an array of entertainment including music, stage, cuisine, booth vendors and more.

The schedule is as follows: Friday, June 13 - Leather & Lace Street Party, 8 p.m. - 2 a.m., Drag Show with Ajia Simone, Tucson's Black Cat, 9:30 p.m. - midnight. Saturday, June 14 - Music in the Park, starting at noon, Desert Voices at 5:30 p.m., Grassy Park Vendors, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Pool Party BBQ, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Pub Crawl, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Luminary Lighting & Music, 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m, UnderStock Party, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., Helen's Place (Tinker Bell Park), Greek Food, 5 p.m. - 3 a.m., Obscure Productions presents "My Blue Heaven", 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Sunday, June 15 - Farewell Breakfast, 7 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. In addition, ten panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at various venues during the festival. Specialists from the U of A and representatives from the Arizona Department of Health Services will be on hand with their expertise. Bisbee Pride has been named one of the top five rural Pride Celebrations in the country in 2007 by a number of highly recognized web-sites and publications.

Bisbee, "Queen of the Copper Camps," located approximately 90 miles southeast of Tucson, offers old-world charm, new-world charisma and is Arizona's premier destination for arts and culture, western mining heritage and serves as a gateway to nature and recreation. For more information, contact Adam Lamb, (520) 236-3699, 432-2216 or online at bisbeepride.com.

SCR 1042 Update

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (Observer Update) - Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR 1042), the proposed state constitutional amendment by Cathi Herrod, Peter Gentala and the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), that would define marriage and prohibit legal and governmental recognition of civil unions or domestic partnerships (as the court case in Michigan showed), is not on the schedule for consideration by the Arizona Senate, as of press time for the print edition.

This doesn't mean SCR1042 won't be coming to the floor of the Senate since CAP in their radio broadcasts have proclaimed it a foregone conclusion and that voters will be casting ballots on November 4 on the measure.

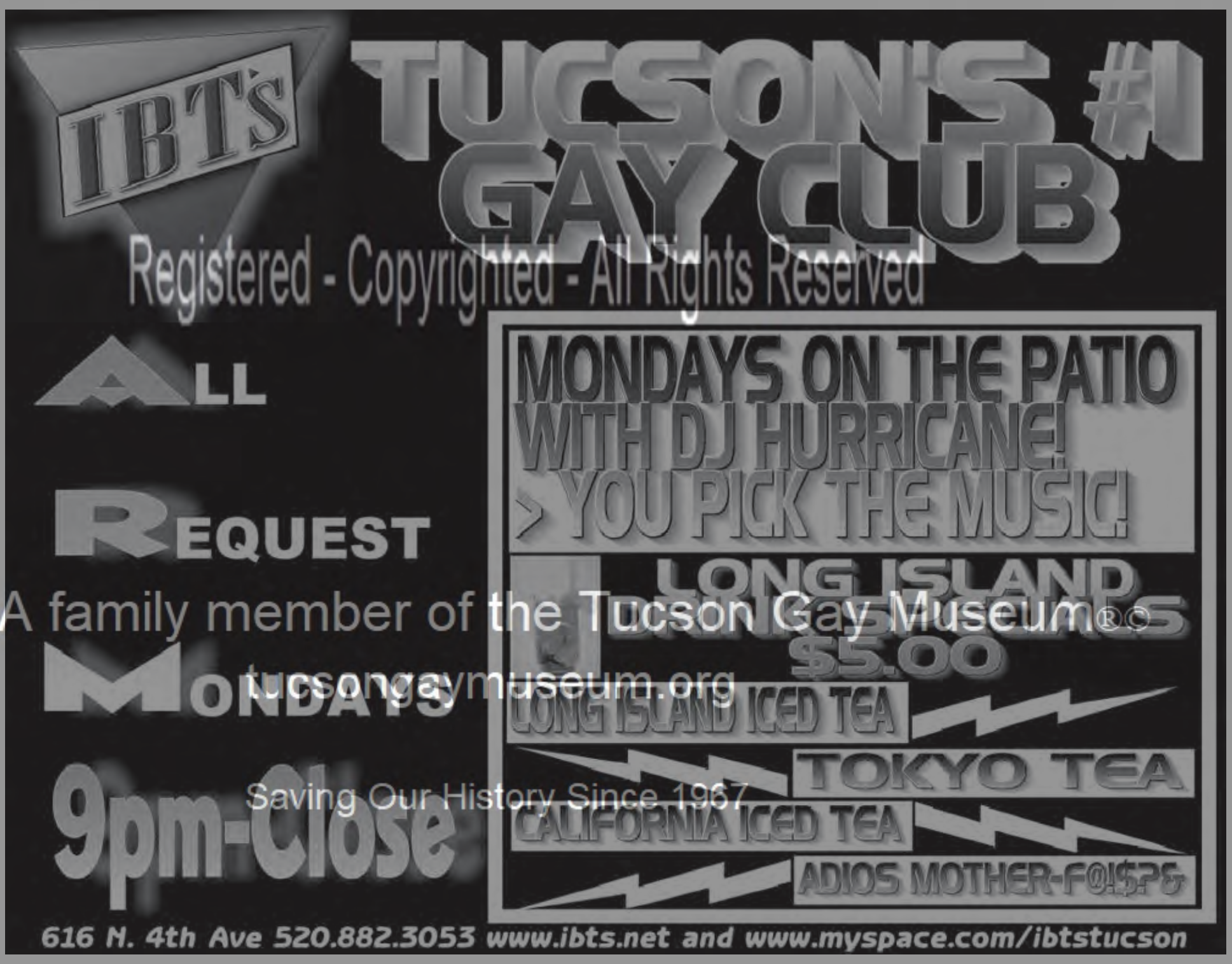
To check the Senate schedule go online to azleg.gov/FloorCalendars.asp and to let your Senator know what a travesty this is, either call (800) 352-8404 or send them an E-mail by going online to eqfed.org/archrf/alert-description.tcl?alert_id=24058619.

10 States Ask CaliforniaTo DelayGay Marriage

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - The attorneys general of 10 states are urging the California Supreme Court to delay finalizing its ruling to legalize same-sex marriage. The attorneys general say in court documents filed Thursday (May 29) that they have an interest in the case because they would have to determine if their states would recognize the marriage of gay residents who wed in California.

They want the court to stay its ruling until after the November election, when voters likely will decide whether to amend the state constitution to ban gay marriage. California Attorney General Jerry Brown is urging the court not to grant the stay.

The states involved are Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Carolina, South Dakota and Utah.



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POLL: Majority Of Californians Backs G/L Marriage

SAN FRANCISCO, California (Observer Update) - More California voters now support allowing same-sex marriage than oppose it, according to a new poll released, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

The results mark the first time in over three decades of polling that more California voters have approved of extending marriage to Gay couples than have disapproved, said Field Poll director Mark DiCamillo. The survey of 1,052 registered voters was conducted over the phone.

"I would say this is a historic turning point or milestone," DiCamillo said. "We have speculated in the past there would be some time in the future when a majority would support same-sex marriage. Well, the lines have crossed."

The poll found that 51 percent of respondents backed legalizing same-sex marriage and 42 percent opposed it, DiCamillo said.

In 2006, when participants were asked, "Do you approve or disapprove of California allowing homosexuals to marry members of their own sex?" 44 percent said they approved and 50 percent objected. In 1977, the first year Field posted the question to voters, 28 percent approved and 59 percent were opposed.

The poll was conducted from May 17 to May 26 in the days after the California Supreme Court handed down its historic ruling legalizing same-sex marriage in the nation's most populous state. A smaller percentage of respondants- 48 percent - said they agreed with the court's decision and 46 percent disagreed.

DiCamillo said the jump in support for same-sex marriage indicates that voters were "influenced in some way by the judgment of the high court."

"I am left to surmise that had some impact on voters who might have been on the fence or marginally opposed," he said.

Voters were similarly divided on the subject of a proposed ballot initiative that would overturn the court's ruling by putting a Gay marriage ban in the state constitution. Field asked respondents about it two ways - once referencing the specific measure a group is seeking to get on the November ballot and once talking about a marriage amendment more generally.

Fifty-four percent opposed the amendment when presented with the issue generally, a figure that dropped to 51 percent when respondents were told they might have the chance to vote on a specific measure in November. Support for the amendment stood at 40 percent and 43 percent.

DiCamillo said the numbers could change once the amendment qualifies for the ballot, but the early results indicate "the concept itself is not widely embraced."

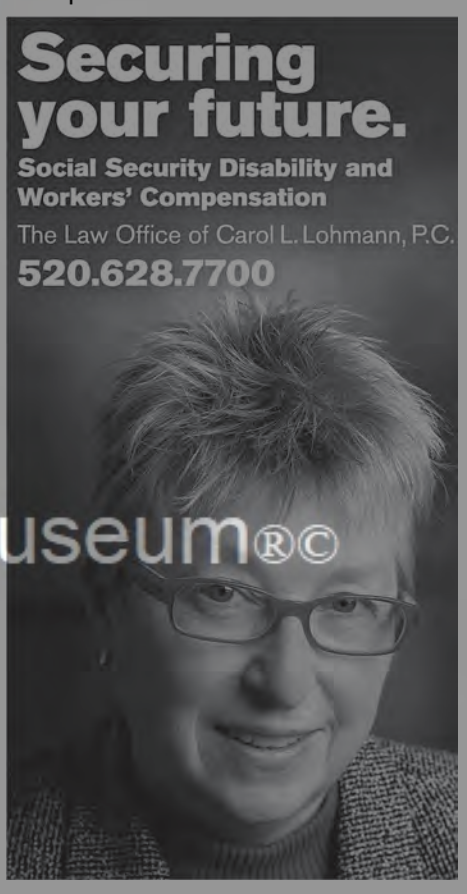
The Field Poll's finding conflicts with a Los Angeles Times/KTLA poll of 705 voters that found 54 percent backed the proposed Gay marriage ban and 35 percent opposed it. The Field survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus four percentage points on the general amendment question, and plus or minus five percentage points on the more specific question.

Lesbian Couple Told To Stop Kissing Or Leave Baseball Game

SEATTLE, Washington - Sirbrina Guerrero says she was approached at a baseball game and told to stop kissing her girlfriend after a woman complained to staff at Seattle's Safeco Field that they were "groping and making out," reported pageoneq.com. Guerrero was told by a seating host that the woman didn't want to explain to her son why two women were kissing, she said to KOMO 4 TV, but she refused to give in.

"If you want to kick me out, you're going to have to," she told the host. After the exchange, Guerrero took pictures of heterosexual couples kissing that were not targeted by staff. "We were eating garlic fries," Guerrero told the reporter, when asked if she and her partner were acting inappropriately or "carrying on." "The last thing we want to do is make out with each other."

While a portion of Safeco Field's code of conduct mentions "displays of affection not appropriate in a public, family setting," Mariners spokesperson Rebecca Hale told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on Thursday that they don't specifically target same-sex couples. "We would like folks to know that we're treating these complaints and concerns very seriously," Hale said. "We've definitely not got a policy that states that if you're gay, you can't kiss at Safeco Field. Our policy is, if your behavior is inappropriate in a public setting, we are going to proactively intervene." Hale also said that the couple were not kicked out by the seating host, but spent a "good chunk" of the game filing their formal complaint at Guest Services. "This is not a place where we are targeting people based on sexual orientation or any other classification," Hale went on. "Our goal is to have an atmosphere where everyone is welcome. If it turns out we were in error, we'll do what we can to make it right."



N.Y. Gov, Orders State To Recognize G/L Marriage

David Paterson

ALBANY, New York (Observer Update) - Gay and Lesbian rights advocates had reason to celebrate on both coasts with New York set to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere and California preparing to begin issuing marriage licenses to Gay and Lesbian couples on June 17.

Hours after California issued a directive authorizing that date, word came that New York Gov. David Paterson instructed state agencies - including those governing insurance and health care - to immediately change policies and regulations to recognize Gay marriages.

For years, Gay rights advocates have sought recognition for same-sex marriages so couples could share family health care plans, receive tax breaks by filing jointly, enjoy stronger adoption rights and inherit property. Many or all of those rights would now appear to be available to New Yorkers who legally wed same-sex partners in other states and countries, according to the memo sent earlier this month from the governor's counsel. Agencies have until June 30 to report back to the counsel on how, specifically, the directive will change existing state benefits and services for Gay couples.

"This is a milestone in the fight for fairness in New York," Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said in a statement. "Couples in New York who have never known true security for their families will be officially entitled to treatment by our state government that respects their rights."

The Rev. Duane Motley, director of New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, which has lobbied against the legalization of Gay marriage, declined to comment on Paterson's directive. State Conservative Party Chairman Michael Long didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Massachusetts is currently the only U.S. state that recognizes same-sex marriage, but its residency requirements would bar New Yorkers from marrying there.

New York residents could instead flock to California, where Gay couples will be able to wed beginning June 17 - unless that state's Supreme Court decides to stay its own ruling same-sex Gay marriage. Upon their return home, in the eyes of the state, their unions would be no different from those of their heterosexual neighbors.

Gay couples could also travel outside the country to marry in Canada or one of the other nations where same-sex marriage is legal.

The move by Paterson's administration does not legalize same-sex marriage in New York. The state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, has said it can only be legalized by the Legislature, which failed to pass a proposed measure last year. The memo, one of the strongest steps the state can take short of action by the Legislature, cited a February 1 ruling by a New York Appellate Division court in a case involving a woman wed in Canada who was denied benefits by her partner's employer.

The appellate judges determined that there is no legal impediment in New York to the recognition of a same-sex marriage. The state Legislature "may decide to prohibit the recognition of same-sex marriages solemnized abroad," the ruling said. "Until it does so, however, such marriages are entitled to recognition in New York."

Paterson spokeswoman Erin Duggan said the May 14 memo is intended to guide the actions of state agencies. It states that agencies must change policies and regulations to make sure "spouse," "husband" and "wife" are clearly understood to include Gay couples. The memo says failure to include Gay marriages in the dispensing of state services such as health care benefits could violate state human rights law. The agencies could face sanctions for any violations, it warns.

The agency changes can be instituted through internal memos or changes in regulations and would not require legislative action, Paterson counsel David Nocenti said in the memo, first reported by The New York Times.

Former Gov. Eliot Spitzer and Paterson, his running mate for lieutenant governor, campaigned in 2006 on a platform that included bringing equal rights to Gays. Spitzer, however, said the state constitution didn't sanction Gay marriage. Last year, a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in New York was approved by the Democrat-led Assembly, but the Republican-led Senate hasn't taken it up.

The guidelines from Janet McKee, chief of California's office of vital records, contained copies of new marriage forms that include lines for "Party A" and "Party B" instead of bride and groom. The gender-neutral nomenclature was developed in consultation with county clerks, according to the letter. "Effective June 17, 2008, only the enclosed new forms may be issued for the issuance of marriage licenses in California," the directive reads.

Orlando Merchants Hope Gay Days Equal Gay Old Times

ORLANDO, Florida (Observer Update) - Economic uncertainty and $4-a-gallon gasoline are not expected to dampen one of the biggest annual tourism events: the loosely affiliated collection of parties, gatherings and expos aimed at international Gay and Lesbian visitors.

Starting Tuesday evening (June 3) and continuing through the following Monday (June 9), tens of thousands of tourists are expected to descend on Central Florida, principally on Walt Disney World, around which the independent organizers of "Gay Days" have built their early-June festivities for 18 years.

Preregistrations, advance sales and bookings for many of this year's events are running ahead of last year's record pace, promoters said. More vendors are setting up booths this year at two competing expos, and more area hotels have signed on.

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Fueled By Petrol

by Jimmy Petrol

Flip Them Off

Go outside sometime and find your electric meter; watching it go around and around is almost as good as watching the clothes in a big washer tumble around, or fish in an aquarium wriggle back and forth in their little universe. Nearly as fun, but start counting the revolutions on the electric meter in pennies, dimes and nickels; now it's only fun for the utility company. For you it sucks. Every revolution of that little wheel sucks a little more money out of your pocket. Remember, lots of our electricity comes from coal-burning electrical plants located nearby. We burn coal to make electricity...this is not a green thing.

So get it and flip them off....all the little things that make that nasty, ever-spinning, cash-depleting wheel turn. Here are the things that make it go in most of our houses, in the order of their appetite for electricity:

Large appliances, like: air-conditioning, heating, stoves, clothes dryers, water heaters, washing machines, dishwashers, microwaves and refrigerators.

Small appliances next: toasters, coffee pots, electric can openers (if you use an electric can opener and don't have arthritis, stop it) televisions, computers, stereos and the like. All the little things we use for a little while.

After all those big and little machines come the lights. Lights make up the smallest energy use for most of us, but it is a big number when we add it up for all of us all at once. It takes a horrible amount of coal-burning to spin the turbines to light our nights.

Here's how the numbers work: there are may be as many as a million of us in the Tucson area (the 2000 census says there are 486,699 humans in Tucson proper). A cool million...easy to do the math on this one. If you are alone in your house and you have on one extra light, just one, and we all do the same lame-o thing, leaving lights on where we are not just because we can, then there are one million extra lights burning in Tucson. One million lights that we don't have to have on....hell of a big fire to spin those turbines to make a million little nasty lights burn for no reason. Hell of a fire. Get my drift? Anybody believe in the Hereafter? Your gonna go to Hell if you burn that extra light; the Devil's gonna get you, sure. All we have to do is turn them off to save a lot of coal. Pretty easy...just one light each.

After we all run into the back room and Flip It Off, can we rest? Nope. Still a lot of coal going up in smoke so we can watch the clothes go 'round and the fish jiggle frenetically in the aquarium. Edison started the light bulb business with bulbs almost exactly like the ones you are probably using for most of your light. Funny that a population that replaces computers (that most don't use to compute) every time a new chip comes out settles for stone-age light bulbs.

There are (surprise!) new light bulbs called compact fluorescent that put out (approximately) three times the lumens-per-watt! And, they last about ten times as long as regular (incandescent) bulbs. The 60-watt incandescent and the 18-watt fluorescent give off about 1000 lumens each, for example. Sixty watts burning...or 18 watts....same light...compact fluorescent lasts ten times as long and is therefore even cheaper....hm....what to do, what to do! Oh My Head! Such a dilemma! Get yourself down to one of the Big Box stores and make use of the warehouse philosophy; buy those new-fangled light bulbs by the ten-pack (just like beer, sort of...).

Next comes all the other stuff....you really don't need me to tell you most of it. Turn off everything when you are done with it. No-brainer. Don't use machines you don't need (Dante, perhaps would have provided a special level in his Hades for the electric-can-opening-monkeys, right next to the electric carving-knife murderers). Hang up stuff that takes forever to dry, like the little bathroom rugs and the fake sheepskin bedspread. Use a motion sensor on the porch light instead of leaving it on all night. Really, it is easy...just keep thinking about that hellacious coal-fire and those busy, busy, spinning turbines....all going, all the time....slow them down!

Remember, burn less coal here and maybe I can get you a cooler spot in the Hereafter. I'll check with the Pope. When he comes out.

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Doma Author, Now In White House Run, Denounces Law

DENVER, Colorado (Observer Update) - Libertarian Party nominee for president Bob Barr announced that he would repeal the Defense of Marriage Act if he were elected to the White House, according to a speech he delivered at the party's convention.

"The Defense of Marriage Act insofar has provided the federal government a club to club down rights of law-abiding American citizens, has been abused, misused, and should be repealed, and I will work to repeal it," he said.

Barr, 59, authored DOMA in 1996 as a Republican congressman for Georgia's seventh district. In a statement about his support for the California supreme court's recent ruling to allow same-sex marriage, Barr said his original intent in authoring DOMA was to ensure that each state determine whether to legalize same-sex marriage.

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POLITICS 2008

by Mark R. Kerr

The Real McCain

For those Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT), Log Cabin Republicans, straight supportive, open minded or for that matter, readers of this column and publication who are, for any reason considering voting for the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Arizona Senator John McCain on Tuesday, November 4:

In a press release, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) PAC, the federal political action committee of the nation's largest LGBT civil rights organization, has announced the release of a comprehensive report - "Senator John McCain: A Record of Opposing the Interests of LGBT Americans."

As the general election nears, Sen. John McCain and his "supporters" in the corporate hack media will tout his reputation as a maverick, an independent and a moderate, but a review of Sen. McCain's record paints a different picture.

HRC-PAC's report provides an in-depth view of Sen. John McCain's record on LGBT issues and the likelihood that a McCain presidency would be similar to that of President George W. Bush and which can be viewed online at hrc.org/McCain.

"We've witnessed President Bush over the last seven years repeatedly side with ultra-conservatives and the religious right at the expense of protections for LGBT Americans. Judging by his record, a McCain presidency would be another four years of more of the same," said Human Rights Campaign Vice President David Smith in the press release.

"Similar to Bush, Sen. John McCain opposes equal benefits for same-sex couples; opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to prohibit discrimination against LGBT Americans in the workplace; opposes expanding the hate crimes act to include sexual orientation and gender identity, and supports the military's discriminatory Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy."

"Sen. McCain voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment, which would have rewritten discrimination into our Constitution, but his position on equality for same-sex couples is no different than that of President Bush and the conservative right," said Arizona State Representative Kyrsten Sinema (D-Phoenix), who serves on the HRC Arizona Steering Committee and previously directed Arizona Together, the group responsible for defeating the 2006 Arizona constitutional amendment against marriage equality. "The same year Sen. McCain voted against the FMA, he worked to oppose equal rights in his home state of Arizona by appearing in a television advertisement in support of a constitutional amendment that not only would have banned same-sex marriage, but also would have taken away existing benefits and legal protections for unmarried families."

From the report, some examples of McCain's maverick, moderate votes on issues of concern.

Senator McCain cast a deciding vote against the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act;

Voted three times against expanding the federal hate crimes law to include sexual orientation and gender identity;

Supports Don't Ask, Don't Tell and does not believe that Gays should serve in the military;

Voted for the Defense of Marriage Act which prohibits same-sex couples from receiving federal rights and benefits in any state;

Voted to confirm President Bush's judicial nominees who had taken anti-LGBT positions and has pointed to Justice Samuel Alito as a role model for future Supreme Court appointments;

Supported a strategy to cut off funding for prevention efforts aimed at the G/B community and voted to prohibit foreign nationals with HIV from immigrating to the United States.

Exxon Shareholders Once Again Reject D.P. Proposal

NEW YORK CITY (Observer Update) - While Rockefeller family's attempt to get oil giant ExxonMobil to focus more on climate change got more publicity, there was another resolution that went before shareholders as well–Gay and Lesbian rights. ExxonMobil (XOM: 89.35, -1.08, -1.19%) shareholders voted down a resolution to add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to Exxon's non-discrimination statement.

Approximately 40% of Exxon's outstanding shares voted in favor of the clause, but it was not enough to send the issue to the oil company's board of directors.

The shareholder resolution has come up every year since 2000, when it got 8.2% approval among shareholders. The percentage that voted in favor of the resolution has grown every year since then.

Gay Mormons Tell Church To Leave Marriage Alone

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (Observer Update) - A support group for gay Mormons is urging church leaders to stay on the sidelines after the California Supreme Court said same-sex marriage there is legal.

The church has expressed disappointment in the May 15 ruling. Some critics want to overturn it through a constitutional amendment. In a statement Wednesday (May 28), leaders of the gay group Affirmation are asking The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints not to meddle in politics that harms gay families.

Instead, the group wants Mormon leaders to help people who are hurt by the church's teaching that homosexuality is a sin. The church believes God only sanctions marriage between a man and a woman. In 2000, it actively supported a California ballot measure similar to that stance.

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COMMENTARY. . . .

by Lisa Neff

The Lion's Path

The image has stayed with me – an anti-choice activist rushing toward Sen. Ted Kennedy as he stood at a podium addressing a group of delegates to the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

I watched with fear – certainly because of what had happened to Ted Kennedy's brothers, but even more because of who Ted Kennedy is and all that he has accomplished for me, for America.

Years ago, long before Democrats began wondering about a dream ticket of Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama (reverse the order if you prefer), I gathered with friends for drinks in Chicago and fantasized about another dream team – Ted Kennedy and Ann Richards (reverse the order if you prefer). The year was 1988, Kennedy had been an insurgent presidential candidate eight years earlier and Richards had just delivered a convention speech as memorable and historically significant as Obama's much-praised address in 2004.

Without Richards and without Kennedy, the Democratic Party's embrace of GLBT equality might not be so warm, so loving, so firm.

We lost Ann Richards in September 2006, and just typing that fact I get tears in my eyes. I'll confess to balling when I saw Clinton's tribute to Richards earlier this year just before the Texas primary.

I'll also confess to supreme sadness after learning of Sen. Kennedy's illness. He has served in the U.S. Senate longer than I have lived and he has served in the Senate well. He is a champion of GLBT equality – a tireless advocate for hate crimes legislation, a staunch adversary of the federal anti-Gay marriage amendment and the ban against openly Gay servicemembers, a vocal proponent of increased HIV/AIDS funding and opponent of federally promoted abstinence-only education.

When he entered the Senate in 1962, Kennedy was 30 years old and, many speculated, too young to serve. He was a cub who would become an old lion, the pride of his party, perhaps the most important Democrat since FDR.

I think of Kennedy's reputation and record as I think of the "change" mantra coming from the Obama camp in pursuit of the presidential nomination. Change. Hope. New. Different. You've seen the signs, heard the buzz words.

For weeks now I've wanted Clinton to continue her fight for a selfish reason – so I can delay supporting Obama as the nominee for as long as possible.

Why?

What's going on in my political brain?

Or is it my heart?

In large part, it's this theme of "change." Obviously the Obama campaign wants change from the past seven years under the Bush administration, but listen (you don't even have to listen too closely) and you will know that "change" also implies a new direction for the Democratic Party, a change of the old guard, so to speak.

This eagerness for "change" concerns me because what's wrong with the left turn mapped out by liberal lions such as Kennedy?

Despite the length of this primary battle, Obama's course still seems to me uncharted, like a road trip with no definite destination – maybe it will be monumental and maybe a bust. Sometimes, as I follow the politics of 2008, I feel like an old-timer who doesn't get the new music or the new slang or the new fashion – "Eh, what does he mean 'change?'" But I share that question with so many others who say, "Exactly, what kind of 'change?' It's so vaguely described."

I know what Clinton's map to the future looks like, clear and as familiar to the party faithful as a Rand McNally highway map. I like her course, it will get me where I need to go – and the rest of America too.

But other than somewhere different, I don't quite get where Obama's course take us.

After learning of Kennedy's illness, Obama said on CNN, "I think you can argue I would not be sitting here as a presidential candidate had it not been for some of the battles that Ted Kennedy has fought. He's somebody who battled for voting rights and civil rights when I was a child. I stand on his shoulders."

I wish I knew better what he sees from that vantage point.

So, in these months before the party heads for the party in Denver, I'm still looking for Obama's TripTik.

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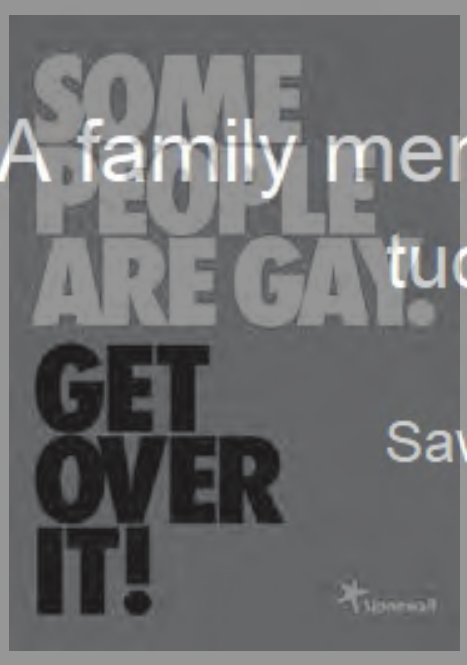

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Shifting Careers When Intolerance Becomes Intolerable

NEW YORK CITY - Many career shifts involve an "aha" moment. In Lisa Sherman's case, the moment was not only the catalyst for a career change but also led her to tell her boss she was a Lesbian, reported the New York Times. And her experience ultimately became memorialized in a case study for the Harvard Business School.

It all started in 1993 with a diversity training seminar at what was then Bell Atlantic, where Ms. Sherman was a vice president for marketing. She kept the fact that she was a Lesbian to herself at work because, she said, she worried that being openly Gay would derail her career. She was, by her own account, a master at what she calls the "black art of pronoun puppetry, substituting 'him' and 'we' for 'her' and 'she.' "

During the seminar, participants were asked to write on flip charts, filling in the blanks on a variety of sentences: "Blacks are ...," "Asians are ...," "Jews are. ..." Ms. Sherman said that many of the answers reflected certain stereotypes. "Latinos are family oriented," "Asians are hard workers," "Jews like big offices." (She admitted writing that last one.) But when she got to the page with Gay people on it, she said that seeing the words written by her colleagues literally made her sick. "Pathetic," "perverse" and "immoral" were among the ones she recalls. Some were written by people she had worked with for 15 years, many of whom she considered to be friends.

At that moment, she said, she decided she had to leave the company since she could not imagine working with people who thought those things about her. But before she left, she made an appointment to see the chief executive of the company, Raymond W. Smith, with whom she had a good relationship. She told Mr. Smith, she said, what had happened at the diversity seminar, and in the process, told him about being a Lesbian. Even though Bell Atlantic officially supported diversity, including sexual orientation, under its antidiscrimination policy, she said she wanted him to know the real atmosphere that people like her worked in.

The meeting lasted several hours. She said she told him about her life and about her partner, a side of her personal life she had never shared with him. She called the meeting "extraordinary," yet she stuck by her decision to leave the company, using this incident as a push to try other things in her career.

After a foray into entrepreneurship and another stint in corporate America (both in environments where she was open about her sexual orientation), Ms. Sherman, who lives in New York, is now the executive vice president and general manager of Logo, the Gay television channel owned by MTV. As she puts it, "I went from being in the closet to being a professional Gay person."

Last year, Ms. Sherman told a version of this tale in a speech at the annual Reaching Out Conference, a gathering of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender students in master's of business administration programs. After her speech, Jens Audenaert, a Gay student in the audience, asked her if she would agree to be interviewed for a case study for a class at the Harvard Business School taught by Bill George, author of the book, "True North" and the former chief executive of Medtronic. Ms. Sherman agreed, and Mr. Audenaert wrote up the case with guidance from Mr. George.

Mr. George said in an interview that he believed the case study was the first at Harvard to take a look at sexual orientation and leadership that also revealed the subject's name. But he said the case has far broader implications than the issue of sexual orientation. "The color of our skin and our genders are obvious, but many of us have hidden differences," he said. And in using this case, he said he wanted students to ask themselves the question, "Why am I afraid to tell you who I really am?"

The case consists of two parts, with the first part ending just as Ms. Sherman leaves the diversity training seminar. That way the students can place themselves in Ms. Sherman's shoes and discuss what they would do at that moment.

According to the rules of the class, if students know the actual outcome of a case, they should debate the issues as if they did not know. The case identifies four courses of action. She could quit. She could "face her reality and try to change her work environment for the better." She could meet with Mr. Smith and seek his advice. Or she could "just continue to do her job and build her career without saying anything."

"The question is what would you do in this situation, and these are not easy questions," Mr. George said. "Would you be a whistleblower?

Ms. Sherman's coming out left its mark on Bell Atlantic, where her departure spurred Mr. Smith to take significant steps to enhance policies and instill the kind of inclusive culture that Ms. Sherman thought was lacking. Now the chairman of Rothschild North America, an investment firm, Mr. Smith said he was disappointed but not completely surprised by Ms. Sherman's colleague's comments in the training seminar.

He testified before Congress in 1997 in support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a proposed federal law that would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation. And he wrote accounts of that experience for internal company publications to ensure that the entire company knew his views. He also made sure that the company moved forward on changing its benefits policies to include domestic partners, something that Ms. Sherman told him was being delayed by the committee responsible for putting through the changes. "I met with the group on a Thursday and made sure the policy was in place by the following Monday," he said.

Mr. George said he believed that policies and training could create an inclusive culture and change the minds of people who "wrote such ugly things."

"I've done it," he said. "But, to be blunt, some of them will have to leave."

Mr. Smith also takes a realistic view. "In any organization, there will be people with these kinds of intolerant and illegitimate feelings, so you can't be surprised when people behave this way," he said. "You do your best to enact policies, which can affect behavior if not what is in people's hearts. After a while, if people behave in a tolerant way, they may start to think in a tolerant way."

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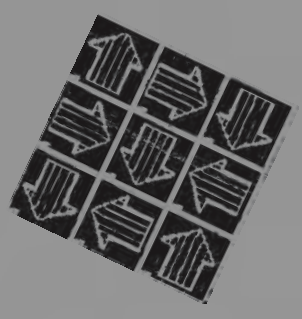

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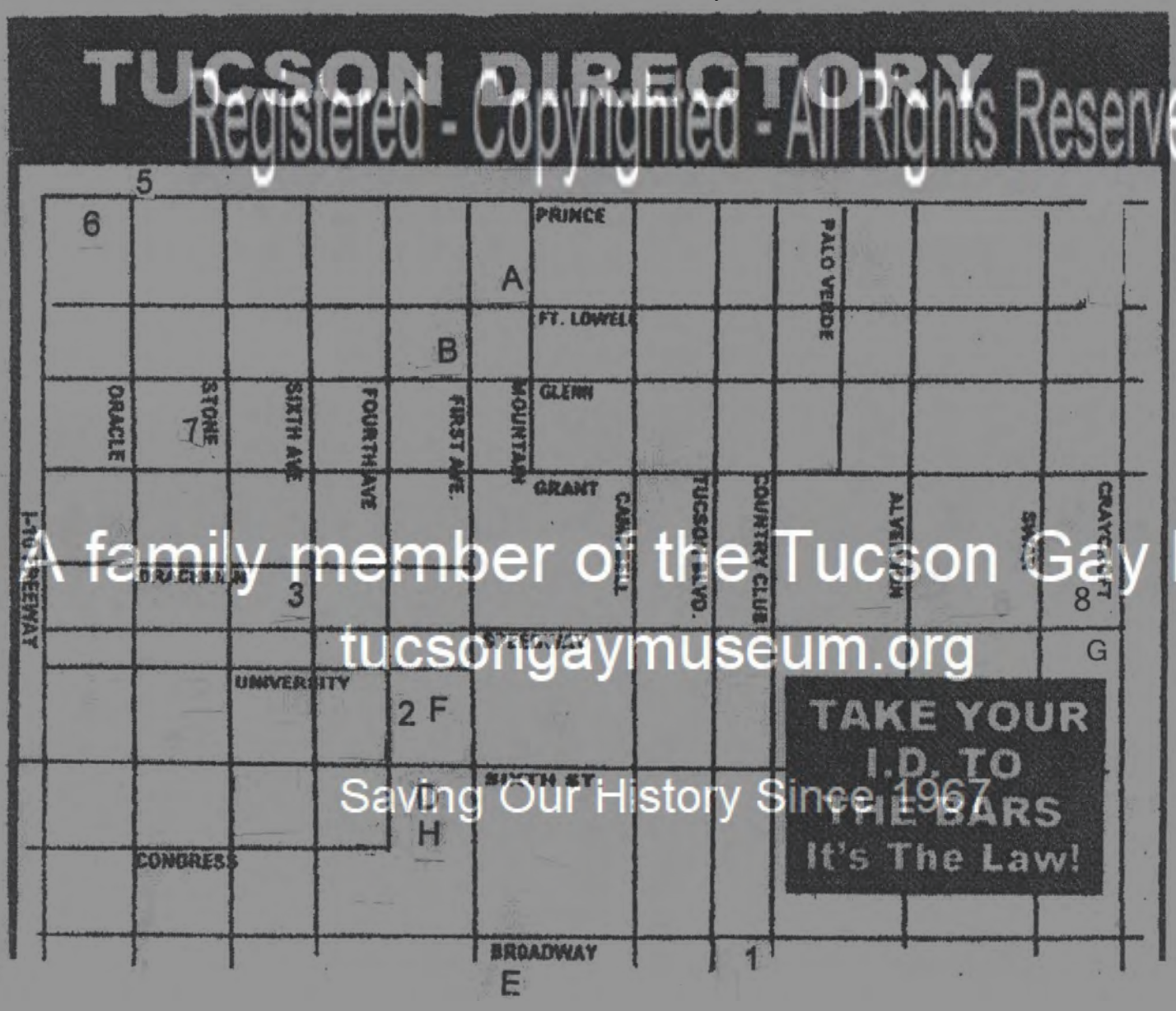

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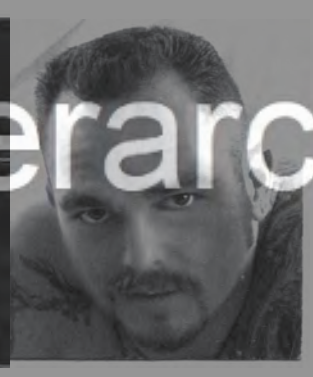

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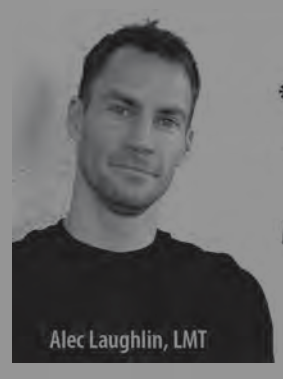

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Let's welcome in June with a rush of retrograding "Outer"planets -Neptune, Uranus, Pluto and Jupiter. They cajole us to upend the landscape and (hopefully) bring about meaningful change. Will you plant as you go or just toss around some mud?

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Retrograding planets set June off to a rousing start. Not only can proud Rams reinvigorate their corporate ascent, they may decide to change their entire life path and try something entirely new. Don't jump into anything permanent now though. There is still too much going on that changes in the next few weeks. For now, stay loose and take a long lunch.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

National Coming out month provides queer Bulls with opportunities to expand their base of operations worldwide. One small idea leads to another even greater one. Not only can you reach out and make your opinions known, your ideas manage to seep into the group consciousness and move things your way. Will you go overboard in your zeal? Why the heck not?

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Pink Twins are usually glib, chatty and flirtatious. But now, it is wiser for you to weigh your words with golden charms to give them greater heft. National Coming Out month is a good time to consolidate your dreams and desires and focus on what you truly value. This cannot be done quickly or superficially... even though you would wish it to be so.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Relationships undergo extensive change this June. Did I say "change"? Perhaps it is more like an upheaval. Blame it all on a plethora of retro planets that stir up your honey pot. Gay Crabs can go from the apple of someone's eye to the pit if they try to boss the course. To insure a happy outcome, try to give more than you get and give it all with a happy heart.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

If you think that you can continue to glide along in your job by doing as little as possible, think again. Proud Lions love to delegate to their minions. But times are changing. June is the time to demonstrate more of your initiative, enthusiasm and pluck (at least just enough to fool the powers-that-be). Do more than just show up. At very least offer to make the coffee.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Let your imagination soar! Fun has a way of getting entirely out of hand this June. Queer Virgins discover various ways of getting into mischief and can gleefully squander their assets on wasteful tawdry times. This is bad? But who will pay the piper when the music stops and the bill comes due? Enjoy every libidinous opportunity but keep your dollars ... and good sense.

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

There is more happening around the house than usual especially if you are in the mood to spruce your nest. Adding some new decor, moving or adding (or subtracting) a roommate will fill your June with activity and stress. Proud Libras should study all the possible outcomes before they take action. Or leave it to fate and see what is left on your doormat.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

It would be so easy for Gay Scorps to while away the summer in time wasting pursuits but that would be a mistake. In fact, June can be a very productive time for you, should you decide to make an effort. The most effective use of your time will be in the research arena - using your smarts to strategize and reach the most receptive audience. Once found, cash in!

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

It is time to calculate your net worth and find ways to increase it. Gay Archers are not usually obsessed with money but it would be a good thing to use at least part of June to plan a revised investment policy. Ask advice, create a sustainable budget and maybe even ask for a raise. Retirement should not be a life time away, although right now it feels like it.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

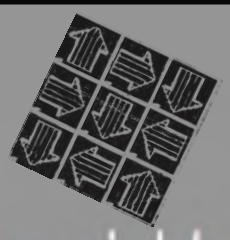
Your entire persona is going to undergo a dramatic change this June. Not only are pink Caps chaffing to do something new and totally out of character, they are also primed for success. This is a potent combination that should not be deferred. The only risk is doing too much too fast without the right planning. Don't dissipate your best efforts. Think first, then act up.

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Is there something going on behind the scenes that will prove to be interesting and useful to you? I don't know but if you don't sit back and listen to the background noise you will miss it. Aqueerians have a psychic moment or two through June. You can use it as a parlor trick or as a strategic advantage. Hmm, guess which one gets you what you really want?

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Friends are ready willing and able to turn up the frantic fun this June. Guppies with a few good ideas find themselves in the center of the party planning and the director of all the action. Don't sit back and wait for things to come to you. Get Out there and make your fun happen. Can things go too far and get out of hand? We can only hope so!



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Legendary Designer Yves Saint Laurent Dies At 71

PARIS, France (Observer Update) - Yves Saint Laurent, 71, died Sunday night (June 1) at his home after a yearlong battle with brain cancer, said Pierre Berge, Saint Laurent's close friend and business partner for four decades, reported the Associated Press on 365Gay.com.

"Chanel gave women freedom," and Saint Laurent "gave them power," Berge said on France-Info radio. He called Saint Laurent a "true creator" who went beyond the aesthetic to make a social statement. The Gucci Group, which acquired the Yves Saint Laurent fashion house in 1999, said the designer's death "leaves a great emptiness but also a sublime inheritance." "This genius of creation shattered the codes to create French elegance which today makes Paris a grand capital of fashion," Gucci said.

Berge, speaking Monday on the France-2 TV station, stressed Saint Laurent's "profound love" for women. He used fashion to "serve women" and not "use them," said Berge, who collaborated with the designer for four decades and was his former romantic partner. In his own words, Saint Laurent once said he felt "fashion was not only supposed to make women beautiful, but to reassure them, to give them confidence, to allow them to come to terms with themselves."

Saint Laurent widely was considered the last of a generation that included Christian Dior and Coco Chanel and made Paris the fashion capital of the world, with the Rive Gauche, or Left Bank, as its elegant headquarters. The designer raised the stature of fashion while making it more accessible, it is widely agreed.

French president Nicolas Sarkozy praised Saint Laurent for "putting his mark on a half-century of creation, in luxury as well as ready-to-wear." First lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, who graced Saint Laurent's runway during her modeling career, said she had a "heavy heart" on learning of his death.

Saint Laurent was born August 1, 1936, in Oran, Algeria, where his father worked as a shipping executive. He first emerged as a promising designer at age 17, winning first prize in a contest sponsored by the International Wool Secretariat for a cocktail dress design. A year later, in 1954, he enrolled at the Chambre Syndicale school of haute couture, but student life lasted only three months. He was introduced to Christian Dior, then regarded as the greatest creator of his day, and Dior was so impressed with Saint Laurent's talent

that he hired him on the spot.

When Dior died suddenly in 1957, Saint Laurent was named head of the House of Dior at age 21. He opened his own haute couture fashion house with Berge in 1962. The pair later started a chain of Rive Gauche ready-to-wear boutiques. When Saint Laurent announced his retirement in 2002 at age 65 and the closure of the Paris-based haute couture house, it was mourned in the fashion world as the end of an era. His ready-to-wear label, Rive Gauche, which was sold to Gucci in 1999 for $70 million cash and royalties, still has boutiques around the world.

Saint Laurent had long been rumored to be ill, and Berge said on RTL radio Monday that he had been

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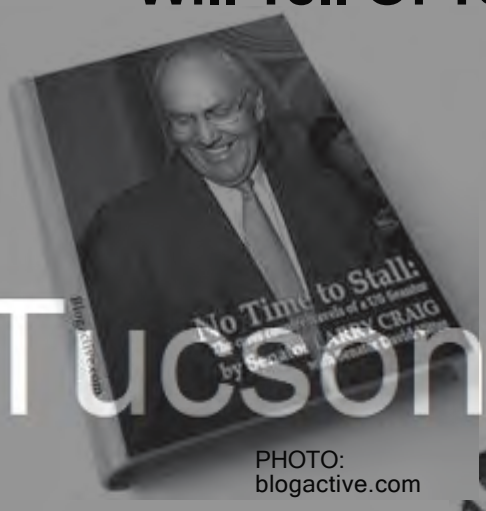

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BOISE, Iadao (Observer Update) - Next year, we can expect to see a new tell-all "tapping" tome by none other than Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho).

Craig talked at length about his book plans in an interview this week with KTVB in Idaho. The main question, of course, is whether Craig will address the infamous airport bathroom sex-sting incident and the ensuing scandal that forced him to announce he would not run for re-election this year. "There'll be a bit of what happened in the last year and the way it evolved," Craig said in the interview. "I think that's important for Idaho and those outside Idaho [who] are interested to know."

While he's at it, Craig plans to address "the state of politics in Washington today and across America" and the "dysfunctional and hyperpartisan Senate" he will soon be leaving.

"Greys' Knight Says He Has No Plans To Wed Boyfriend

Grey's Anatomy star TR Knight with partner Mark Cornelson

LOS ANGELES - T.R. Knight and beau Mark Cornelsen won't be following Ellen DeGeneres and Portia De Rossi down the aisle just yet - but they are happily living together. "Mark just moved here from San Francisco," Knight gushed to Usmagazine.com at the Butterfly Ball in L.A.

The Grey's Anatomy star dismissed rumors they're planning to wed and that he'll officiate a commitment ceremony. "To clarify, we are not having a commitment ceremony and I am not performing a commitment ceremony," he told Us. Knight said the recent legalization of Gay marriage in California gave him an "extraordinary feeling."

"Once you are given something that you were never allowed before, you realize how much of a second class person you were before," he told Us. "That is horrible and fantastic at the same time. It makes me want to sob and scream with joy all at the same time."

Boy Scouts Sue Philly Over Rent Or Gay Policy Change

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (Observer Update) - A Boy Scouts chapter engaged in a long fight over Gay rights has sued the city of Philadelphia to try to avoid paying $200,000 a year in rent to stay in the city-owned space that has been its headquarters for 80 years.

The Cradle of Liberty Council currently pays $1 annually for the space, but the city has given it until Saturday (May 31) to open their membership to Gays or start being charged fair-market rent. The federal suit filed Friday (May 30) accuses the city of censorship for targeting the Scouts but maintaining free or nominal leases with other groups that limit membership, such as Baptist and Roman Catholic church groups and The Colonial Dames of America.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2000 that the Boy Scouts, as a private group, have a First Amendment right to bar Gays. But the policy has had consequences, with municipalities, charities and donors withholding support.

Gay Basketball To Be Olympic Ambassador

LONDON - Former NBA player John Amaechi will be Amnesty International's first sporting ambassador at the Beijing Olympics this summer.

The 37-year-old, who is the only basketball player in the history of the NBA to come out of the closet, is attending the Games as a BBC commentator.

The exact scope of his additional role for Amnesty is unclear, but Amaechi has already urged athletes to speak out about China's record on human rights.

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NON-BAR CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 4th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Bruce at 743-3890.

Thursday, June 5th
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for dates and times.

Friday, June 6th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Join Merlin and Lee for an evening of Charades. Come out and totally enjoy putting your acting/miming and pantomime skills to the test! For directions and reservations [(a limited space event, please plan ahead and phone early)], place a telephone call to Lee and Merlin, your gracious yet competitive emcees and moderators, at207-5336.

Saturday June 7th
Wingspan's 'Community Conversation' series is celebrating Wingspan's 20th Anniversary from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th St.

Free Weekend Man2Man retreat begins tonight and continues Friday, June 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid for Gay, Bisexual and Questioning Men - Man to Man talk. All participants will receive a free digital camera and will be entered in a raffle to win a new iPod Nano Lunch, snacks and refreshments will be provided. Man2Man seminars are a collaboration between Body Positive, Inc. and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). For more information contact Ceasar Egurrolo (520)628-7223, cegurrola@saaf.org and online at azman2man.org

#1 Men's Social Network Saturday April 5th Coffee at the Crave Coffee Shop 4530 E Broadway at 1pm.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. MSN Potluck at Casa Adobes Church, located at 6801 N. Oracle Road. This month we will have a Hawaiian Luau theme. So bring a friend and get laid while enjoying a great meal with your friends at MSN.

Sunday June 8th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Dinner Out at Gourmet of China. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com .

Monday, June 9th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Trivial Pursuit. Please call Lee and Merlin at 207-5336 for information and to reserve your place at this limited seating event.

Tuesday, June 10th
Wingspan Arts presents: OUT LOUD!., a new series happening in your community at Wingspan, 4425 E. 7th St., 6-8:00 p.m. From spoken word to dance to singing to comedy to drag, the list is endless. OUT LOUD! Will be held the second Tuesday and of month and has been created as a safe space for all performers to share their talents with the community. For more information contact Len Tecson (520) 404-7553, e-mail: azoutloud@wingspan.org

Wednesday, June 11th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00pm Hand and Foot with Marv and Steve. 745-0304

Thursday, June 12th
#1 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Triangle Tribe-A Men's Circle. According to a recent study, very few people have as many close friends as they would like. Are you as connected with other men as you want to be? Do you get the support you need for issues in your life? Do you wish you had more meaningful friendships and relationships with other men? Join like-minded men at Wingspan to share feelings, thoughts and ideas in a safe, respectful space. For the same experience with both straight and gay men, join us at the regular Circle of Men meetings. Call Tom at 591-2828 for time.

#2 Men's Social Network. Bridge Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Contact Dick at 296-4392 for location and directions

Friday-Saturday-Sunday June 13-15
4th Annul Bisbee Pride Festival held in a number of venues in Olde Town Bisbee. The festival promises an array of entertainment including music, stage, cuisine, booth venders and more. For more info call Adam Lamb, (520)236-3699; 432-2216 or online at bisbeepride.com

Saturday, June 14th
#1 Men's Social Network Coffee at the Crave Coffee Shop 4530 E Broadway at 1pm.

#2 Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Shuffle over for Floating Pinochle every Saturday of the month except for first Saturday. Contact Marvin at 745-0304 for directions and information.

Sunday, June 15th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Dinner Out at China Phoenix. For reservations and directions, contact Thom 908-6160, e-mail thomsepals@hotmail.com.

1:00 p.m. meet in front of the Center for Creative Photography, 1030 N. Olive Road, located on the UA campus, then have a personal guided tour with retired art professor, Maurice Grossman. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more info (520) 624-1779 x122. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. pstarr@wingspan.org

Monday, June 16th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 6:30p.m. Meet Stephen and the group monthly for dinner and discussion of an agreed upon work of gay fiction. Currently, the group meets the 3rd Monday. Contact Stephen at 241-7854 to add yourself to their e-mail list.

Wednesday, June 18th
Men's Social Network Open to men of all ages, newcomers welcomed: 7:00p.m. Hand and Foot with Jack at 887-3736.

Thursday, June 19th
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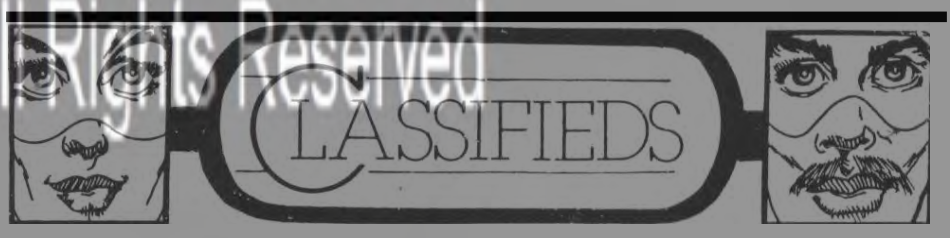

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ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 838-3975.

THIS WAY OUT, 1/2 hour national GLBT show. 4:30 p.m. on Sundays only on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI.

THEATER / DINNER / MOVIES / ETC! Nonsmoking Lesbian Network meets every month. If you'd like to meet women 50+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment, please call or email: 888-8010 'til 9pm, or joycesmth1@aol.com. The group dines OUT! and attends shows, movies, comedy events, etc. Now in our 23rd year, 7th in Tucson.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). The Southwest's largest transgender and gender-diversity advocacy organization. Speakers and panelists available. General meetings monthly on the 1st Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Girlz (MTF Support) meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm; Dezert Boyz (FTM Support) meets 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm. Also serving partners, youth, intersex, service providers and allies. Call (520)624-1779 x26 for more info.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION, whose focus is providing information and education for people interested in the BDSM lifestyle, meets monthly for group discussion and social events. Visit our web site http://www.desertdominion.org or call (520)792-6424

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E.7th Street. 743-4800.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520) 745-0775 for current information.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)906-0669 and or Mona Garcia 256-8723.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED – Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Thursday evenings 7-10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

LGBT Buddhist Meditation Group. Join us for two 20 minute silent sitting meditations, and reading from Buddhist Spiritual text and discussion. Bring a friend and a pillow or cushion. Takes place every Sunday from 10-11:30AM at 3 Jewels, 314 E. 6th St. Donations accepted. Contact Maurice Grossman for more info. 323-2293.

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/ SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Lori at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 20. Services are free.

MEN'S HIKING CLUB - A peer-run MEN's outdoor club for hiking, biking, camping, boating etc, is now up and running in the Tucson area. To join, go to SAGE-Tucson-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. See you on the trails.

MEN'S KINK DISCUSSION GROUP (Open to all who identify as male and are 18 or older) meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Desert Dominion, 3843 E. 37th Street, Tucson, AZ. (Map available at www.desertdominion,org) For those who are kinky or just curious. No fee, contributions are appreciated, but not required.

THE BROTHERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE WAY. Pagan spiritual group for gay, bisexual, transgendered men. Box 41623, Tucson,

NA MEETING WITH GLBT FOCUS meets Mondays, 6:30pm at Wingspan, 425 E. 7th Street. This is an open meeting of Narcotics Anonymous - all are welcome. For more info call Bernie W.: 406-0740

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am; Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Sports on all day!!! MLB; WNBA; You call it!! Music with DJ/Hill starts at 9pm.

COLORS - Open 10am - 10pm Champagne Brunch 10am - 2pm with choice of complimentary mimosa, Bloody Mary or Screwdriver included. Happy Hour 4-7pm $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well. Appetizers ½ price 4-6. Brunch served until 2pm. Full menu served until 10;m. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - $1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; $2 domestic long necks. Texas Hold-Em Poker at 3 & 6. No cash involved - Play for Points & Prizes. SIN Nite - drink discounts for Service Industry employees

IBT's -Troy's Recovery Bar noon-4pm. 4-7:30 Karaoke on the patio. Benefit B-B-Q for the Pride Parade 5:30-7:30 and dance with DJ Mike Lopez 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. $2.00 Bloody Marys or Screws til 3pm Patio Beer Bust 3-7.Burger BBQ 5-7. Selection of burger meats to choose from. $3 proceeds go to Pet Watch (helping HIV/AIDS clients with their veterinary bills).

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Peter's Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar 11am-2pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excluding special events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm-2am. Beer Bust 2pm-7pm. Karaoke with Michael D 9pm-Close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

YARD DOG - Open 10am - 2am. Mimosas & Bloody Mary Bar (Build your own)

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7. $3.50 Skyy Cocktails, $2.75 well & domestics. Appetizers ½ price 4-6m. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Bucket o" Beer - $10.00 Domestic, $12.00 Imports (5 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Guinness excluded). Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 p.m. No cash involved - Play for points & Prizes

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, DJ Craig Carter 10pm-2am $1.50 well vodka drinks, All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 6pm. Free pool til 4pm. $2.75 Skyy Martinis 4-8pm..

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am--8pm (excl spec events) Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm Back Pocket Patio Bar 8pm-close. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close.

YARD DOG - Open 11am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Visit the outdoor patio enjoy aa cocktail or two. Drink specials every hour.

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7 $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and well and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & Alaskan Amber). Ladies Only Texas Hold-Em Poker at 6:00 p.m.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Tropical Tuesdays $2.50 Tropical drinks and DJ Craig Carter playing Retro Music 70's, 80's and 90's 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Spaghetti Nite (2nd Tuesday every month $2.00).

WOODY'S - Open 11am- 2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close, Caribbean Party Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis with Tucson's Hottest Bartenders.

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. 1/2 Price Happy Hour til 8pm. Wild Wednesdays. DJHill Spins til 2am. This is an 18 and over event..

COLORS - Open 4-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and ½ price appetizers 4-6. Full menu served until 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON -Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Texas Hold-'Em Poker at 6 & 8:30 pm Play for points & Prizes. No cash involved.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, "Diva-Licious" show 9pm w/ Bunny Fu Fu& Friends. After show dance with DJ Q til 2am,

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. $2.75 Cuervo Margaritas 4-8pm

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am;. Happy Hour 11am-8pm excl. special events). Ful Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Bar open 8pm-close. Service Industry Employee Special All Day Long - $1 off all drinks except schnapps and draft. Different Themed Underwear Party 9pm-close with $1.00 off for those who participate (excl. Schnapps and Draft). Retro 80s & 90s Dance with DJ Clint 9 til close..

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm.

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Karaoke starts @9:30pm. With 2 for 1 starting after the first singer! (Poker Pub will resume in the Fall).

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm,$3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.. .

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Bicardi Thursdays - $2.50 Bicardi Rum - all flavors.

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, Boyz Nite Out with your Bartenders & GoGo Boys dancing in their undies and DJ Mike Lopez spinning Top 40 & All request $1.75 Long Islands and $1.50 Tequila shots 10pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm. Pool Tourney 7pm. $3 entry. Special prices for players. Steak Nite (3rd Thursday during summer). Bring your own or get it here $6.00.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl Spec Events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close. Cheap Party Day **FREE POOL**, $1.00 PBR Longnecks, $2.00 Tecate Longnecks. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm - close..

YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm..

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. With incredible Happy Hour pricing from 5-8pm. Noche de calor w/DJ Hill jugando la mejor en musicia latino! Todos los viernes por la noche, la musica comienza a las 9. Shot specials cada nora!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. Finlandia martinis $5.50 open to close! Full menu served until 10. "Hot Jazz, Cool Martinis" with Susan Artemis & Craig Faltin 6:30 to 9:30. "Guys & Dolls" drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials. Drink specials during the drag show.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. $2.25 All Mexican Beers. Free Dance Lessons at 7:30 p.m. Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 9pm Hot Dance with DJ Mike Lopez outside on the patio and DJ Raynman spinning club music inside.9pm-2am.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio open 7pm. Free Pool til 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live Blues/Motown/Soul sounds of Simon Crown 6-9 p.m.; Request your favorite Music Dance Night with DJ Clint 9pm-close. Monthly Birthday Party every 2nd Friday Night of the month. YARD DOG - Open 11am-2am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. Patio Bar Opens 8pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Patio opens @9pm. BEER PONG tournament on the patio every Saturday night!! DJ Hill 9pm. Don't forget to catch the WNBA games every Sat on our 51" flat screens!!

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.50 Skyy cocktails, $2.75 Domestics and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Pianist/Vocalist Marilyn Harris 6:30-9:30. Full menu served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

HOWL AT THE MOON - Open at 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Plus check out the bartenders choice of shot specials. $5.00 cheeseburger & fries. $3.00 Cuervo and $4.75 Jager Bombs. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, 5-8pm karaoke & Teryaki Kabobs on the patio. 8:30pm Show time w/ Bunny FuFu or Janee Starr. DJ Q spinning Club Music inside & Mike Lopez spinning on the patio 10pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Patio Bar open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

YARD DOG - Open 8am-2am. Patio Bar Opens 8pm.

BAR CALENDAR Of Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
HOWL AT THE MOON - DJ Libby will be playing music you can dance and listen to!

WOODY'S - Rainbow Pride Party 8:00 p.m. to close. Kick off Pride Month at Woody's. Drink specials, Great dance. Get your Gay West Tickets here for the June 21st event. $16 in advance or $19 at the door. Special VIP ticket includes transportation to and from, Reception with Thelma Houston. VIP Bar at Old Tucson and $99 room rate at Marriott Starpass.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
VENTURE-N - "Western Week" kicks off tonight and runs through Sunday, June 22. Tonight Venture-N welcomes Javina Hash House Harriers 1000th Run Celebration 9:30 - 10:30 p.m. All week long activities and drink specials. Come in a see what's happening!

SATURDAY, JUNE 14
HOWL AT THE MOON - Open Mike Night! Sing? Poetry? Dance? Sign up at 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15
WOODY'S - Special Fathers Day Brunch.

Sodomy Charges Dropped In Raleigh, N.C.

RALEIGH, NC (Observer Update) - Charges of crimes against nature have been dropped against two men who were arrested for having consensual sex in Wake County, N.C.

Nelson Keith Sloan, 39, and Ryan Christopher Flynn, 25, were each charged May 24 after Sloan called Raleigh police to report that he had been assaulted by Flynn, the News and Observer newspaper reported. Sexual-assault charges were not filed, but Flynn was charged for assault for biting Sloan on the lip. He said he had to pay $450 to be released from jail. Though the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Lawrence v. Texas in 2003 that consensual gay sex is not a punishable offense, North Carolina still classifies sodomy as an illegal activity, as it does cohabitation.

"I am grateful that the D.A.'s office has a better understanding of the constitution than the Raleigh Police Department," Sloan said in a statement Friday (May 30). "However, as long as this law remains on the books, it is a crime punishable by an arrest, a stay in jail, media attention, and a fine of $450."

Yves Saint Laurent Dies At 71

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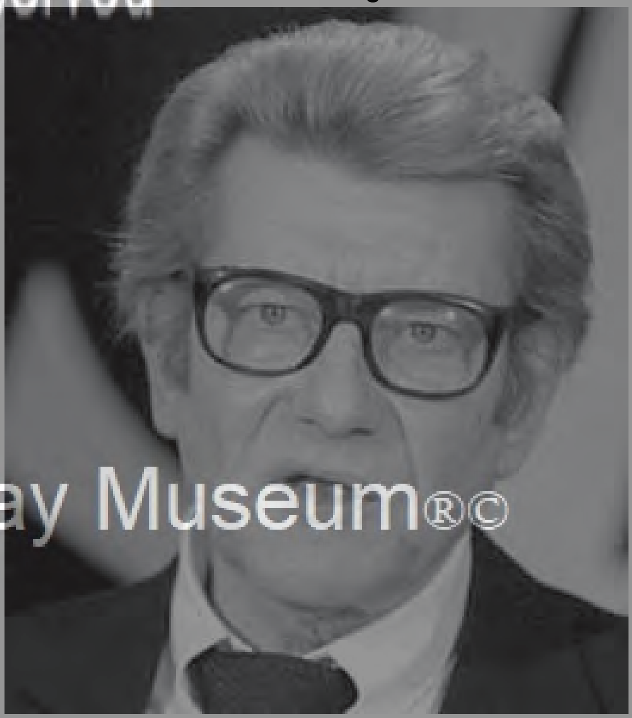

afflicted with brain cancer for the past year. "He no longer liked the world of today's fashion ... he said it didn't understand him," Berge said. After retirement, Saint Laurent spoke of his battles with depression, drugs, and loneliness, though he gave no indication that those problems were directly tied to his decision to stop working. "I've known fear and terrible solitude," he said. "Tranquilizers and drugs, those phony friends. The prison of depression and hospitals. I've emerged from all this, dazzled but sober."

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