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Obama's New Proposal: LGBTs Still Missing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - President Obama released a new health care reform bill that he says incorporates work done in the House and Senate and adds ideas from Republican members of Congress. But there's no inclusion in this new proposed measure of any of the gay-related provisions in the original House bill, reported the Keen News Service.

But it's not all bad news. The president's proposal calls for $11 billion for "the operation, expansion, and construction of community health centers" around the country. And that money could help at least some LGBT and HIV centers around the country.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), the openly gay member of Congress who was a leader in adding pro-gay provisions to the House health reform bill, says she hasn't given up hope. She called President Obama's proposal Monday "an important step forward" that "helps to regain our momentum" on health care reform efforts.

But, she added, "it is not the final word."

In fact, it's not even a bill, yet. The president's proposal is a "new starting point," as White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs put it during a routine press briefing Monday. Gibbs and other White House spokespersons have been cautious in laying out what they believe will happen next on the proposal. A key turning point, they say, will be a much-publicized summit between the President, Democratic leaders, and key Republicans.

But prospects for the leaders to agree on at least a draft bill for the Senate and House to take up anew has already been dimmed by statements from Republican leaders who are supposed to be heading into that crucial February 25th meeting.

"The President has crippled the credibility of this week's summit by proposing the same massive government takeover of health care based on a partisan bill the American people have already rejected," said House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio). Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) echoed Boehner, calling the president's proposal "another partisan, back-room bill."

Prospects for adding back in the pro-gay House provisions are, of course, even worse and have clearly not improved since last December when they failed to make it into the Senate bill. And the Senate bill is where the president's proposal starts.

"The President's proposal assumes the base Senate bill," said Shin Inouye, a spokesman for the White House with LGBT media. But Inouye pointed out that the president's proposal does include "data collection."

The "data collection" mentioned in the House bill called for the establishment of an office of Assistant Secretary for Health Information to promote the collection of data about "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" (along with a great many other categories) to help identify health issues and the need for programs. The proposal posted by the White House Monday calls for improved "data collection and analysis, facilitates better data sharing, and requires the development of standards for the collection of data regarding the nation's health and the performance of the nation's health care, including health disparities."

Ronald Johnson, deputy director of the AIDS Action, said he is concerned that some aspects of the House bill that were favorable to the LGBT communities will be left out but that the proposal is still "a moving ball."

Johnson and Darrel Cummings, chief of staff for the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, said the $11 billion designated for community health center money is a definite plus.

Cummings noted that the Los Angeles center has earned designation as a "Federally Qualified Health Center-Look Alike"–a designation that means it is eligible to receive funding under the Public Health Service Act money for underserved populations but has not yet received any.

"We have been awaiting notice of funding availability for some time now and are very hopeful that this legislation would create the funding necessary for that to happen," explained Cummings.

Most LGBT and HIV activists had supported the House bill because it included key LGBT specific provisions, including provisions. In addition to the data collection, it prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the provision of health care; enabled people with HIV and low incomes to obtain Medicare coverage earlier in the course of their illness; and eliminated the tax that gay employees must pay if their same-sex partners or spouses receive health coverage from their employers' plan. Straight employees don't pay that tax but, for gay couples, the coverage is characterized by the federal government as additional income for the gay employee.

Baldwin said she would "continue to fight for all of my priorities in the final health care reform bill, including those related to LGBT health."

Baldwin warned last September that there were "many reasons why people in the LGBT community ought to be following the health care reform very closely."

"Our lives are very much going to be affected by this legislation," said Baldwin at the time, in a videotaped message, "and certainly our health is."

Lieberman Hailed As Quarterback Of DADT Senate Bill

Senator Joe Lieberman (I-Conn)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Servicemembers Legal Defense Network applauds Sen. Joe Lieberman's (I-Conn.) historic announcement that he intends to introduce a bill next week repealing the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law. A statement by Aubrey Sarvis, SLDN executive director, follows.

"After 16 long years, we anticipate the first Senate repeal bill, thanks to the leadership of Sen. Lieberman. He has a long history of supporting a strong national security and in opposing discrimination of all kinds. We welcome the senator's leadership and commitment.

"We've already heard this morning from a few of the 66,000 gay and lesbian troops currently serving. They know this is another big step toward ending the 1993 ban and to improving the U.S. military's effectiveness in fighting and winning the nation's wars.

"We remain hopeful the Senate bill introduction will be bipartisan and look forward to the specifics on language and a timeline. We hope the Lieberman bill closely mirrors the Military Readiness Enhancement Act in the House of Representatives (HR 1283), though with the extended implementation period SLDN proposed to the Defense Department, White House, and members of Congress last month. Senior Pentagon leaders have requested time to review how to implement a new policy of nondiscrimination. Our revised legislative implementation language tacks on additional time for the Pentagon Working Group to complete its review.

"Congress, however, must do its job and repeal DADT this year while the Department of Defense conducts its study. Both can and should happen concurrently. The best way to erase the law from the books in 2010 is for the Obama Administration to include repeal in the defense authorization bill and for Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, to also include repeal of the law in the defense bill he reports out of his committee. Our job at SLDN is to help Chairman Levin get the needed repeal vote in committee."

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Senior Pride Breakfast Feb. 27

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Come join Senior Pride on Saturday, February 27, 9:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Royal Sun Restaurant, 1015 N. Stone Ave., just south of Speedway.

Senior Pride will meet in a separate dining room and order individually from the menu.

All are welcome, as usual! Come meet others in our community and share conversation and ideas for future senior events. Please call Lee or Merlin at (520) 207-5336 to RSVP.

Invisible Theatre Benefit Performance Feb. 28

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Invisible Theater of Tucson has graciously offered to do a benefit performance of "Iron Kisses" for PFLAG. All funds raised will be used for scholarships. "Iron Kisses" is about a gay man's relationship with his sister and parents and how his parents cope with his being gay, a theme fundamental to PFLAG's mission. The man invites his parents to his wedding in San Francisco, which creates a quandary for them even though they are generally accepting of who he is.

The benefit performance will be Sunday, February 28, at 7:30 pm, and tickets will be $25. For this performance only, reservations must be made through PFLAG Tucson by contacting Donna Rochester at (520) 577-7967, donna@jchristopherdesign.com. PFLAG must purchase all 80 seats at a base price and gets to keep any money above this. We are thus hoping for strong community support. PFLAG will provide free wine, cheese, and desserts following the play.

The Invisible Theater is located at 1400 N. First Avenue at Drachman, one block west of Euclid Avenue and three blocks north of Speedway Boulevard.

2nd Annual Oscar Gala Featuring "Reveille Reaches Out" Awards

TUCSON (Observr Update) - Join Reveille Men-s Chorus for the 2nd Annual Oscar Awards Gala on Sunday March 7, 2010 from 6-10pm! We will be rolling out the red carpet, and watching the telecast on big screen televisions in a lovely downtown location (Casa Chadwick, 227 S. 4th Ave.).

This year Reveille is proud to honor Joel Meister and Allen Kinzey with the -Reveille Reaches Out Award- for their tremendous work in the Tucson LGBT community. Featuring performances by Reveille Men-s Chorus, a silent auction of glamorous items, fine food and drink, door prizes, raffles - all hosted in Reveille-s unmatched style!

Tickets are $10 per person and are available online (http://reveillechorus.pmailus.com/pmailweb/ct?d=LB1cqwGhAAEAAAWSAAOlZw) ! Tickets may be also be purchased at the door, from any Reveille member, or by calling (520) 304-1758.

The Corporate Construction Of The Lesbian On 'The L Word' Website, March 1

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The Corporate Construction of The Lesbian on Showtime's The L Word presented byKelly Kessler, PhD, Monday, March 1, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Student Untion Tucson Room, University of Arizona.

In 2004 Showtime launched its dyke drama with a less-than-stellar website that allowed fans to login and talk about the show (or whatever they liked). Over time, Showtime pimped out the site with all of the emergent bells-and-whistles: blogs, social networking, Second Life (SL) portal, wiki, online-only video materials, and message boards.

Indicative of trends in corporate driven cyberspace, these sites simultaneously provided lesbians – perhaps once isolated in the closet or rural Wyoming – an easy-access online community and created a corporate-controlled space that spoke to Showtime's own economic imperatives. This business-driven visibility and access allowed the powers that be to define just who was worthy to engage in "seemingly"

independent conversations about who s/he was and what s/he desired (Liberals? Butches? Lesbian mothers? Intellectuals?).

In order to partake in these new, sexy online toys, fans were forced to conform – wittingly or no – and define themselves in ways most conducive to Showtime's vision. Through an examination of the site's strict reins on identity construction as produced by its texts, interfaces, inclusions, and striking omissions, this presentation seeks to shed some light on the more subtle means by which corporate fingers placed in fannish pies may lead to a less than savory dish.

Kelly Kessler is an Assistant Professor of Media and Cinema Studies in the College of Communication at DePaul University. Her work has focused on issues of gender, sexuality, and genre in both television and film, specifically engaging with the mainstreaming of lesbianism in television and film and the articulation of masculinity in the Hollywood musical. Her book, Destabilizing the Hollywood Musical: Music, Masculinity, and Mayhem, is forthcoming from Palgrave. Current projects like the one being presented seek to examine the various ways in which the user "freedom" and "agency" provided through fan sites, social networking sites, and role-playing games come with a catch: the corporate fingerprint behind the user-friendly content.

Presented by the School of Media Arts Visiting Artists and Scholars Series, co-sponsored by the Hanson Film Institute, the UA Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the Institute for LGBT Studies, the Department of English, and the Department of Gender & Women's Studies. For more information, contact Beverly Seckinger (520) 626-3421.

Move To Repeal D.C. Marriage Rejected

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A Washington, D.C., superior court judge has rejected a motion to delay the effective date of the city's marriage equality law, reported advocate.com.

Opponents sought a preliminary injunction to stop the law, which was approved by D.C. council and Mayor Adrian Fenty in December, from going to effect, but Judge Brian Holeman denied the motion, ruling that the court lacked the power "to usurp the legislative process," according to the Human Rights Campaign's Back Story blog. The law is expected to take effect March 3, the end of a 30-day congressional review period that has been interrupted by bad weather.

The D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics has rejected several attempts by opponents to put the law to a popular vote. The board said any proposal to rescind the marriage law would violate the city's Human Rights Act.

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Wingspan Learns From National Gay And Lesbian Task Force

DALLAS (Observer Update) - Four of Wingspan's AVP staff attended the 22nd annual National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Conference on Creating Change through funding by the Arizona Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. Alison Davison, Mark Fetgatter, Kristi Smith and Oscar Jimenez arrived early at the Dallas Sheraton Hotel. Says Alison Davison, SAGA Coordinator and AVP Programs Advocate, "We felt a little like a quasi queer commando unit" until the other 1996 conferencees arrived.

Over the next five days, there were more workshops, training sessions, gatherings, caucuses, and receptions than any one person could attend. The hotel "Draft Media Sports Lounge" was transformed with over 2000 LGBTQIA folks and became the LGBTQest sports bar in the country. "Most folks were not watching basketball and hockey," said Alison.

Diversity and inclusion were the obvious broad themes threaded throughout the conference. Except for workshops addressing the needs of a singular population, the wide array of ages, ethnicities, races, gender identities, orientations, and expressions did not segregate themselves into homogeneous groups. The diverse mix of attendees took great efforts to analyze, deconstruct, explain political trends and to evaluate the successes and shortcomings of LGBT advocates to educate the masses on equality issues.

Each of Wingspan's representatives found something of special relevance to themselves and their work.

Kristi Smith and Mark Fetgatter, AVP Programs Advocates, and Alison attended Challenging and Transforming White Supremacy in Our Work, Our Vision, and Our Roles on the first day of sessions. Alison noted, "This powerful workshop pushed us to look deeply at our individual and institutional attitudes, policies, and behaviors." Kristi experienced this day from a different angle. "At first it was intimidating to feel I was part of the white, heterosexual majority, but by the end, I was able to believe my work as an ally has its unique place in the fight for equality for all," said Kristi.

"One of the highlights for me" said Oscar Jimenez, AVP Manager, "was the film Two Spirits about the murder of Fred Martinez from the Navajo reservation. We will definitely want to bring this film to Tucson." Mark added, "It hit on a lot of the disparities our Native community faces, especially in the Transgender community and around hate crimes."

Oscar also noted the importance of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform workshop. He reported he "will be sharing information via the electronic newsletter on how CIR affects the LGBT community and why it is important that we address these issues."

Having worked in the area of AIDS/HIV education, Mark went to Enhancing HIV/STD Prevention to Diverse Communities. "I found that a lot of the challenges [in other communities] are similar, but the understanding of the virus and its transmission are still, sadly, misunderstood or in many cases unknown!"

Alison found the Trans Rights Now session provided a great opportunity to learn what others around the country are doing and to network with activists and educators. The session gave her a positive perspective on Wingspan's AVP work, stating, "Much of the content of this institute was more affirming than ground-breaking."

Mark saw the screening of, Straightlaced: How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up! and felt it resonated with many "...of the thoughts, challenges and experiences I've had as a gay male. Throughout the film I kept thinking...Oh do I know some people who could get some education from this film!"

The material included in Ally Training helped Kristi come up with ideas to incorporate in Wingspan's Volunteer Training that specifically address issues that might arise for allies wanting to feel more central to LGBT causes.

Mark attended the Gay Student Alliance (GSA) session. "We all shared experiences, strategies and successes that we have had with our local GSA's. It was a great opportunity to hear of the different ways both GSA's and communities benefit from the work of GSA's in their local school systems."

"Reclaiming Sexuality" infused much of the conference. An all day Sexual Liberation focus of workshops, seminars, and even leather caucus allowed participants to express a growing frustration with the "normalizing" of "queer." Intense discussions on the merits and costs of a more overt expression of LGBTQ sexuality continued well into the evening. Says Alison, "Talking About Sex in the Trans and Trans Allies Community and the Leather Caucus were liberating and just plain fun. The opportunity to meet, plot, flirt, and connect with folks from all over the country was . . . . priceless."

The time spent socializing with each other and with people seeking similar goals was empowering. Said Kristi, "Hanging with the gang made the menacing cold in Dallas more bearable. Still I'm eager to get back to working in fabulous weather."

Oscar concluded, "Creating change is always a wonderful experience." For more information on the conference, see the NGLTF website.

Alison Davison and Oscar Jimenez

Mark Fetgatter and Kristi Smith

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Gay Soldiers Don't Cause Disruption, Study Says

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - A comprehensive new study on foreign militaries that have made transitions to allowing openly gay service members concludes that a speedy implementation of the change is not disruptive. The finding is in direct opposition to the stated views of Pentagon leaders, who say repealing a ban on openly gay men and women in the United States armed forces should take a year or more, reported the New York Times.

The study, "Gays in Foreign Militaries 2010: A Global Primer," was released Tuesday (Feb. 23) by the Palm Center, a research group at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The Palm Center has no official position on "don't ask, don't tell," the American law that bans openly gay service members, but the group has become a leading force among advocates for repeal. The principal author of the study is Nathaniel Frank, who also wrote the book "Unfriendly Fire: How the Gay Ban Undermines the Military and Weakens America."

The 151-page study, which updates existing studies on gay service members in Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa and other countries, offers the first broad look at the issue in foreign militaries since Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called for an end to "don't ask, don't tell" earlier this month.

The report concludes that in foreign militaries, openly gay service members did not undermine morale, cause large resignations or mass "comings out." The report found that "there were no instances of increased harassment" as a result of lifting bans in any of the countries studied.

In addition, the report says that none of the countries studied installed separate facilities for gay troops, and that benefits for gay partners were generally in accordance with a country's existing benefits for gay and lesbian couples.

On implementation, the study said that most countries made the change swiftly, within a matter of months and with what it termed little disruption to the armed services. Mr. Frank said the study did not look at what happened if the change was implemented gradually because, he said, "I don't think any of the militaries tried it."

Mr. Frank's report cited a 1993 RAND study on the effects of allowing openly gay members to serve in the American military, which concluded that "phased-in implementation might allow enemies of the new policy to intentionally create problems to prove the policy unworkable." On personnel policy decisions of this nature, the RAND study said, "Any waiting period permits restraining forces to consolidate."

But Gen. David H. Petraeus, the commander of United States Central Command who oversees the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, joined with other American military leaders when he said Sunday that a lengthy review of "don't ask, don't tell" was warranted. On NBC's "Meet the Press" program, General Petraeus said that a review currently under way by the Pentagon, which is to include a poll of military attitudes on the change, "is very important to this overall process." The review, General Petraeus said, "will suggest the policies that could be used to implement a change if it does come to that."

General Petraeus, who said that allowing openly gay service members in Britain and Israel had in the end been "uneventful," declined to give his own view on the merits of allowing openly gay members of the United States military. "I support what our secretary and our chairman have embarked on here," he said, adding that he would offer his own opinion if he was asked in a hearing on Capitol Hill.

On the same program, Gov. Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, a potential Republican candidate for president in 2012, said that he continued to support "don't ask, don't tell" because "if it's not broke, don't fix it."

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EDITORIAL

Act Now To Stop Adoption Discrimination In Arizona

HB 2148 limits the ability for single people to adopt children from foster care because it mandates that the AZ Dept of Economic Security (DES) and adoption agencies give primary consideration to placement of a child with a married couple. Single people would only be eligible to adopt if a qualified married couple is not available, with certain exceptions.

We need to stand together to oppose this bill. This bill must be stopped dead in its tracks because there are many non-married people who make excellent adoptive parents. The best interests of each child should be the deciding factor in adoptions, without blanket rules that limit their chance for a forever home.

We need to send a strong message now to defeat HB 2148. Let your elected official know that you oppose HB 2148.

You can take action on this alert either via email (please see directions below) or via the web at: http://eqfed.org/campaign/hb2148_adoption/i38ngnnzyjtjk7wi?

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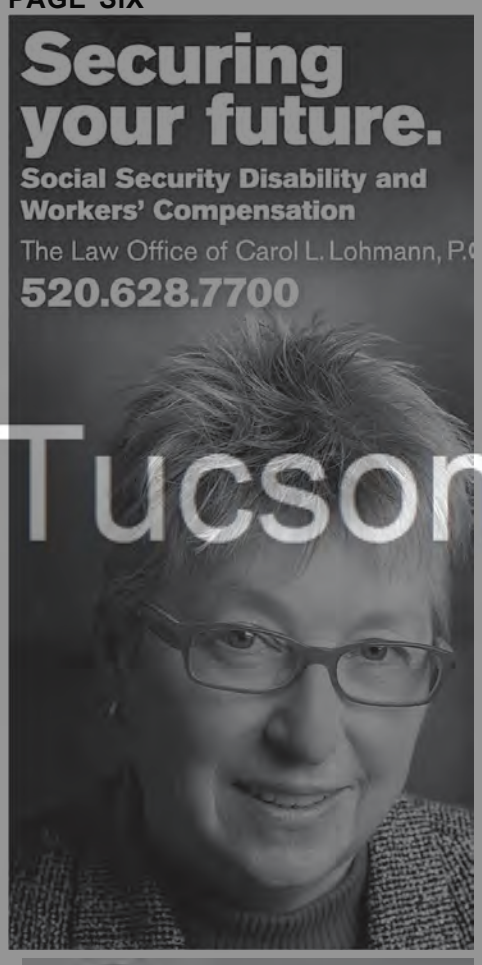

Mexican States Challege Gay Marriage

MEXICO CITY (Observer Update) - Five Mexican states are mounting a supreme court challenge to the new marriage equality law passed in Mexico City, reported advocate.com.

The Mexico City assembly approved same-sex marriages in December, passing the first such measure in Latin America. The law is scheduled to take effect in the city in March. According to Agence France-Presse, the five states planning the court challenge have governors from the Nation Action Party (PAN) of President Felipe Calderon. Elements within PAN have vocally opposed marriage equality.

The five states of Guanajuato, Jalisco, Morelos, Sonora, and Tlaxcala are taking action because they are concerned that the Mexico City law could oblige them to recognize same-sex marriages, according to AFP.

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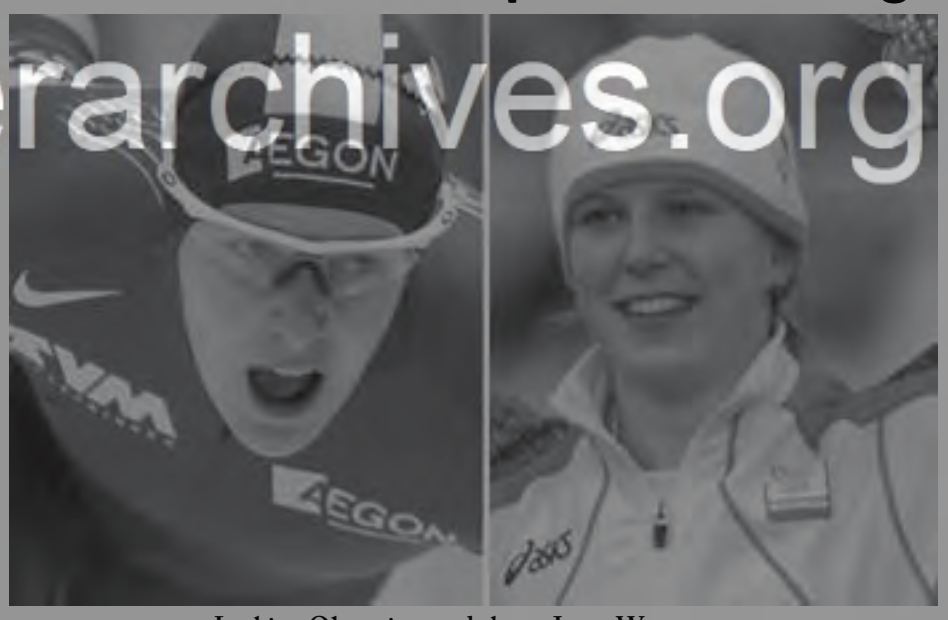
Dutch Lesbian Wins Gold In Speed Skating



Lesbian Olympic speed skater Ireen Wust

VANCOUVER (Observer Update) - Lesbian speed skater Ireen Wüst will bring the gold home to the Netherlands after winning the gold medal in the women's 1,500-meter race, reported advocate.com.

Wüst, 23, was the unexpected winner, clocking 1:56.89, beating out Canadian Kristina Groves, who crossed the finish line at 1:57.14. Wüst broke down on the podium in an emotional moment as the Dutch national anthem played. Martina Sablikova won the bronze with a time of 1:57.96.

"Pulling all the pieces together, I'm so proud and happy," she said, according to The Washington Post. "I can't describe how happy I am. I don't have the words for it. I think I'm the happiest person on Earth right now.

She won gold in the 3,000-meter speed skating event at the 2006 Olympic games in Torino, Italy, which made her, at 19, the Netherlands' youngest gold medal winner. This year she placed seventh in that event and eighth in the 1,000-meter.

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Elton On 'Jesus Was Gay' Controversy

CHICAGO (Observer Update) - Elton John's comments to Parade Magazine that he believed Jesus was a "compassionate, super-intelligent gay man" caused a ton of controversy, with religious and conservative groups denouncing the singer, advocate.com reported.

Now, John has clarified those comments in an interview with WGN, saying that, to him, Jesus is gay.

"I think everybody's individual faith is their own business, and I do believe in Jesus and I believe he was a compassionate person, and from my point of view, and that's just my point of view, as a compassionate person – someone who was persecuted, someone who forgave people. And that's how I see him...I identify, in my own mind, as someone like that...I'm not saying to everyone that he definitely was gay. That's how I see him. That's my idea of faiith.

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Almodovar Musical To Open On Broadway

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - There will even more unbalanced actresses on Broadway this fall, as a date has been confirmed for the opening of the stage musical version of gay director Pedro Almodóvar's cult film Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown.

The musical is based on the popular 1988 Spanish comedy about a much put-upon soap opera actress. Women will begin previews October 2 before a November 4 opening at the Belasco Theater as part of Lincoln Center's 2010-2011 season.

A workshop production of the musical featuring Salma Hayek, Jessica Biel, and Glee's Matthew Morrison was performed last year, but the cast for the full-scale production hasn't yet been announced, reported advocate.com.

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Colbert 'Queen' At Olympic Pride House

BOSTON (Observer Update) - Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley says a federal law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman interferes with her state's right to regulate the institution.

Coakley's office filed a lawsuit in July challenging the federal Defense of Marriage Act. In papers filed, Coakley asks a judge to deem the law unconstitutional without holding a trial on the lawsuit. Coakley argues that regulating marital status has traditionally been left to the states. She also says the federal law treats married heterosexual couples and married same-sex couples differently on Medicaid benefits and burial in veterans' cemeteries.

Massachusetts was the first state to legalize gay marriage and is the first to challenge the law.

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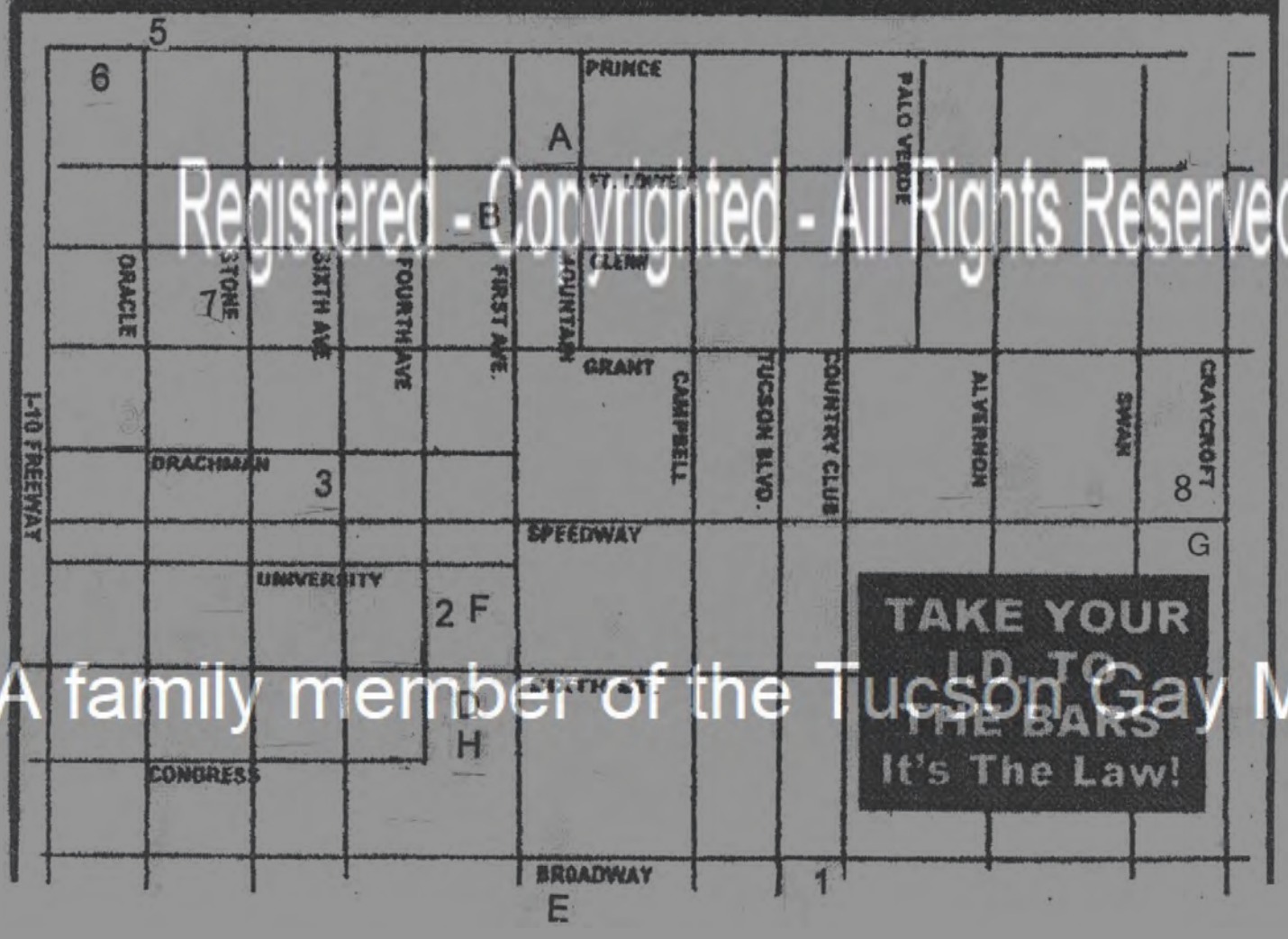

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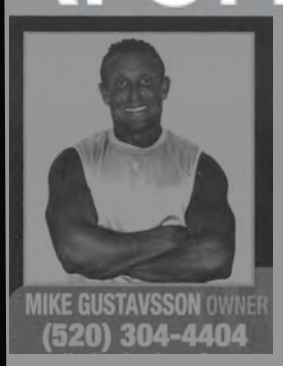

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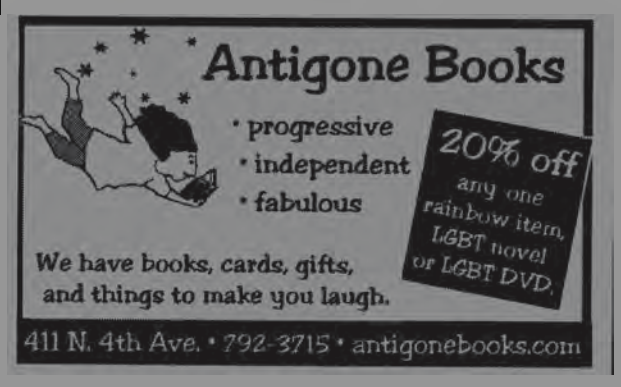

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 360-3795 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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TUCSON INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
For Information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 325-2111 - 7am-7pm M-F - 9am-5pm weekend and holidays.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 425 E. 7th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON- Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

T-Squares, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian square dance club, dances Tuesdays 6:30_9 pm at the Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo Ave (Northwest of 1st Ave & Glenn St). No experience needed, no partner required! For more information contact Barb at 886-0716, or visit www.azgaydance.org.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Family! For more information call Debbie 579-9827 or David 323-7943.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Chorus, has been singing songs of pride, hope and laughter for 20 seasons. Check out our website at www.desertvoices.org, or call (520)791-9662 for information about upcoming concerts or how to join.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Wingspan Annex, 425 E. 7th Street. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call 207-5336 for information and a newsletter.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GLBT, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info. www.tucsonglbtchamber.org

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Wednesday at Braun P.C. located at 6125 E. Grant Road at 6pm. Tucson Pride produces the following events each year: Pride Week; Pride In The Desert and Pride On Parade. For more information please call 622-3200 or visit their website at www.tucsonpride.org

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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.

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 256-8728.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 3rd Sunday, 5:30 p.m. each month at Lutheran Church of the Foothills, 5102 N. Craycroft Rd. For information visit www.lctucson.org or write: Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40702, Tucson, AZ 85717-0702.

REVEILLE MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Monday evenings 7_10pm at the Historic Y, corner of University Blvd. And 5th Ave. Join us!! Call 304-1758 for more info.

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP FOR VICTIM/SURVIVORS OF Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Hate Crimes, Bias Acts, Harassment. Call Megan at Wingspan, 624-1779, ext. 116. 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 toSAGE-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.
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

TUCSON LATINO M2M - http://groups.yahoo.com.TucsonM2M A social group for Tucson and Sonora Latinos, and those who appreciate them.

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Sponsored by TMC Hospice and Valor Hospice Care. 1st & 3rd Thursdays 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, Tucson. Located one quarter mile east of Swan on 22nd St. For more information please contact Steve Ross- Valor Hospice 615-3996; Karla Brockie - TMC Hospice 269-9573 or karla.brockie@tmcaz.com

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Gay 'Cure' Mandate Targeted In California

SACRAMENTO (Observer Update) - California assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal has introduced a bill that would eliminate a 43-year-old section of state code that mandates a search for a "cure" for homosexuality.

According to The Sacramento Bee, the bill targets a section of California's Welfare and Institutions Code placed into law in 1967 that "requires the Department of Mental Health to 'plan, conduct and cause to be conducted scientific research into the causes and cures of sexual deviation, including deviations conducive to sex crimes against children, and the causes and cures of homosexuality, and into methods of identifying potential sex offenders.'"

While it remains unclear how seriously the department ever followed the order, a spokeswoman for the department told the Bee that any research that did occur would have ended decades ago.

Bonnie Lowenthal

Lowenthal, prompted by LGBT advocacy group Equality California, wants to make sure any trace of the code is eradicated.

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DAILY BAR CALENDAR

SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am It's Latin Sunday like the good ol' days. Catch DJ Dmenace spinning the best Cumbias. Get your Bucket of Beer ... 5 Bud Bottles for $5!

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - $1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; $2.25 domestic long necks.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $2 Well or Domestic Beer. Karaoke on the Patio 4-8:30pm. Burger BBQ 5-8pm + $1 pint draft. 9pm-close Karaoke inside with Troy & $1.50 Well or Domestic Beer, $2.50 Call or Premium Beer. DJ Hurricane on the Patio.

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

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Closed for employee training.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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 Domestic, $12 Imports and microbrews (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded).

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close $5 Scratch Long Island Varieties. 9pm-close DJ Hurricane with "All Request Music".

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.

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8 and Game Night all night long. Play Wii, beer pong and pool with the staff.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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 & Dos XX Amber).Girlz Nite Out. Girlz pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m. Y-Not Karaoke with Anna at 8pm

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, $2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close "2'sDay" - $2 Well or Domestic Beer. DJ Q 9pm-close.

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.

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8pm. Wild Wednesday 18+ Party with DJ White Shadow spinning the hottest Hip Hop, R&B and top 40 remix dance of today. 21+ NO COVER. 18+ $8 Cover.

COYOTE MOON PUB -Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Karaoke with Ynot Entertainment at 9pm.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, $2 Well or Domestics. "Diva-Licious" show w/Bunny FuFu. 11pm - -close "Reverse Happy Hour". DJ Q Inside & DJ Mike Lopez playing 80s music on the Patio.

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..

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8pm. Y-NOT Karaoke 9pm-2am with Meco pouring the best drinks in town. Come out and play.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Boyz Nite Out - boys pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Bicardi Thursdays - $3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors.

IBT's -Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, $2 Well or Domestics. 10pm-close "Boyz Nite Out" w/Bartenders in their underwear. DJ Hurricane spinning Top 40 & DJ Mike Lopez on the patio. $1.75 Long Island, $1.50 Tequila Shots, $3 Skyy Cape Cods and $4 Skyy Cosos.

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..

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8 pm. GoGo Fridays with 2-4-1 drinks for the ladies til midnight. Catch Shorty spinning the hottest Hip Hop, R&B and Top 40 remix dance of today.

. COLORS - Open 4pm-midnight. Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.75 Skyy cocktails, $3.00 Domestics and Well and ½ price appetizers. 4-6 pm. Dinner served until 10pm. Finlandia martinis $5.50 open to close! . "Guys & Dolls" comedy drag show hosted by Lucinda Holliday at 10pm. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. $2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Dance lessons at 7pm $5 per person, Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, $2 Well or Domestics. 9pm -close DJ Hurricane inside. 10pm-close DJ Mike Lopez with "I'm a Sexy Bitch Night" on the patio.

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.

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Latin night with Latin Drag Show the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month. DJ Dmenace spinnin' the best Cumbias, Salsa & Merengue. $3 pitchers and $2 Tequila shotz all night long!

COLORS - Open 4pm-10pm, Happy Hour 4-7pm, $3.75 Skyy cocktails, $3.00 Domestics and Well, ½ price appetizers 4-6. Dinner served until 10. Nightly dinner specials.

COYOTE MOON PUB - 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 cheese-burger & 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, $2 Well or Domestics. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio $1Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starrlett's" w/Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Q spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".

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.

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Sara Palin's dumb.
Let's check her fund of knowledge,
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Leading and P.E.?
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She could even be elected,
That might be the perfect time
to flee.
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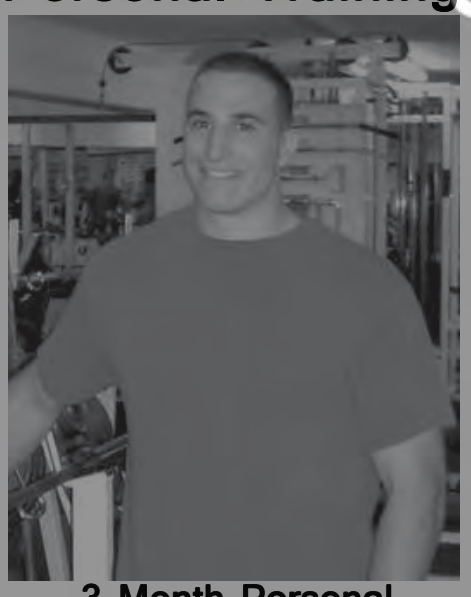

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Christians Claim Hate-Crimes Law An Effort To 'Eradicate' Their Beliefs

DETROIT (Observer Update) - A Christian group in Michigan has filed a lawsuit alleging that a package of hate crimes laws named after murder victim Matthew Shepard is an affront to their religious freedom, rawstory.com reported.

Far from the intended purpose of severely punishing criminals who commit unspeakable acts against a persecuted minority group, the religious activists claim the laws are a guarded effort to "eradicate" their beliefs.

Filed by the Thomas More Law Center – which bills itself as the religious answer to the American Civil Liberties Union – the complaint claims that protecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people "is an effort to eradicate religious beliefs opposing the homosexual agenda from the marketplace of ideas by demonizing, vilifying, and criminalizing such beliefs as a matter of federal law and policy."

The suit was placed on behalf of American Family Association of Michigan president Gary Glenn, along with pastors Rene Ouellette, Levon Yuille and James Combs.

Claiming "there is no need" to extend hate crimes definitions, Thomas More chief counsel Richard Thompson attempted to minimize the impact of violent crimes against homosexuals.

"Of the 1.38 million violent crimes reported in the U.S. by the FBI in 2008, only 243 were considered as motivated by the victim's sexual orientation," he wrote on the group's Web site. "The sole purpose of this law is to criminalize the Bible and use the threat of federal prosecutions and long jail sentences to silence Christians from expressing their Biblically-based religious belief that homosexual conduct is a sin."

However, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act clearly stipulates that it does not apply to constitutionally protected speech.

(3) CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS- Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit any constitutionally protected speech, expressive conduct or activities (regardless of whether compelled by, or central to, a system of religious belief), including the exercise of religion protected by the First Amendment and peaceful picketing or demonstration. The Constitution does not protect speech, conduct or activities consisting of planning for, conspiring to commit, or committing an act of violence. (4) FREE EXPRESSION- Nothing in this Act shall be construed to allow prosecution based solely upon an individual's expression of racial, religious, political, or other beliefs or solely upon an individual's membership in a group advocating or espousing such beliefs.

The Thomas More Law Center's argument is eerily similar to a fundraising letter circulated by the Family Research Council at the end of 2009, in which the conservative group claimed that extending workplace non-discrimination rules is really Obama's secret plot to "impose" homosexuality on America.

However, according to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, "[the non-discrimination rule] exempts all religious organizations, which includes corporations, associations, and religious societies. In addition, all educational institutions are exempt if the educational institution is at least substantially controlled or owned by a religious organization or if the institution's curriculum is directed towards the propagation of a religion."

The Thomas More suit, however, goes even further than just challenging hate crimes protection for LGBT people; it challenges the findings of the Matthew Shepard investigation.

"Thomas More attorneys make the case that the perpetrators of the murder of Matthew Shepard were subject to more several criminal penalties under existing state criminal law than under the new federal Hate Crimes Act," religious news outlet Christian Post notes. "They also say there is evidence demonstrating that the senseless and brutal attack on Shepard was not motivated by hate or bias; rather, it was motivated by money and drugs." Matthew Shepard was a 21-year-old gay man from Wyoming who was tied to a fence and beaten to death in 1998. A foundation carrying his name played an important role in helping to broaden hate crimes definitions to cover LGBT people.

The Post's story, which does not point out that the actual law carries protections for constitutional speech, claims that plaintiffs are merely seeking "judicial reassurance" that they can continue to disparage homosexuals "without being investigated or prosecuted by the government." Writer Timothy Kincaid, blogging for the Box Turtle Bulletin, could hardly contain his sarcasm. "[Because] the law has no effect on their rights to belief or expression of belief, the only logical conclusion is that these four Christians wish to plan for, conspire to commit, or commit an act of violence," he opined. "Or, perhaps, this is just another example of folks who think that because 'homosexual acts, according to Scripture, are acts of grave depravity that are intrinsically disordered and are contrary to the natural law' then their religion trumps civil law."

President Obama signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act in 2009. The Thomas More lawsuit, filed in a U.S. district court in Michigan, names Attorney General Eric Holder as a defendant.

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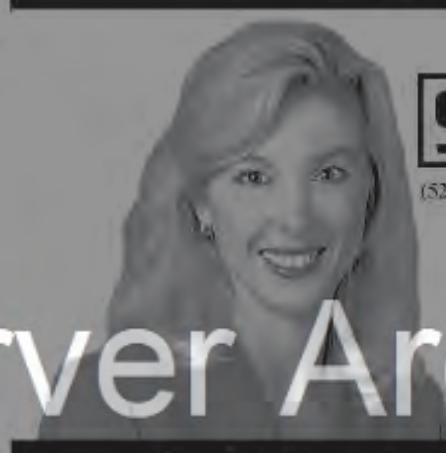
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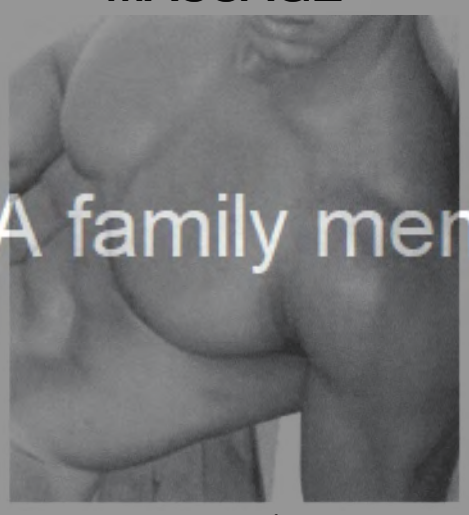
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