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Pentagon: No Segregation Of Straight And Gay Troops

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Pentagon has denied allegations that it would segregate straight and gay troops if Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) is repealed, 365Gay.com reported.

The allegations came from prominent blogger John Aravosis after a Defense Department spokesperson defended a survey that was distributed to 400,000 servicemembers asking their opinions about Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Some gay veterans' organizations accused the survey of having a pro-DADT bias, when they saw some of the survey questions that were leaked, including questions that asked servicemembers if they would be comfortable sharing showers and barracks with gays and lesbians.

In a briefing, Department of Defense spokesperson Geoff Morrell defended the survey and its questions. He said that he didn't think the department would have done a comprehensive job with the survey if they did not address the issue of privacy concerns.

"And part of the privacy concerns is in very personal situations, i.e. bathing situations, living situations, socializing situations," he said.

Aravosis, who writes for Americablog, found issue with Morrell's comments on possible adjustments that would come with a DADT repeal.

"Because when DADT is repealed, we will have to determine if there are any challenges in those particular areas, any adjustments that need to be made in terms of how we educate the force to handle those situations, or perhaps even facility adjustments that need to be made to deal with those scenarios," said Morrell.

Aravosis wrote, "The Pentagon confirmed on Friday that it is considering segregating gay troops, specifically with regards to creating separate showers and/or barracks for straight and gay troops."

He continued, "Segregation, folks. Separate but equal. In the year 2010. And from a black president, no less."

Morrell denied Aravosis' accusations. CBS news reports that he said, "No one is talking about segregating gay servicemembers from straight servicemembers. We don't know that any adjustment will have to be made, but in the event that's a recommendation from the review group, it would not result in any 'separate but equal' facilities."

The "facility adjustments," he clarified, would be more along the lines of adding shower curtains, not creating segregated showers.

AIDSWALK Tucson Oct. 17

TUCSON (Observer Update) - October 17 will mark the 22nd Annual AIDSWALK Tucson. This event provides tremendous support to Southern Arizona in helping to provide services like medications assistance, food programs, case management, housing, prevention programs, HIV testing and more .

This year also marks the 25th Anniversary of Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT), the Shanti Foundation, and now SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation providing programs and services to members of our community who are infected, at risk, or affected by HIV/AIDS.

This year's goal is to have 6,000 walkers and raise more than $180,000 to help support programs and services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

For more information, call (520) 628-7223 or go online to aidswalktucson.com.

ENDA No Longer On Senate Agenda

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) is not on the agenda for Senate floor action for the next few weeks, prior to the August 9 recess, the Keen News Service reported.

A spokesperson for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the Senate will take up work on as many as nine matters during the next month, but none of those are ENDA.

The nine include the Defense authorization bill, which incorporates language aimed at repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell; and the nomination of Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court. They also include Wall Street reform, energy (including oil spills), and the extension of unemployment benefits.

The Hill, a newspaper reporting on Congress, said Senate Democratic leaders met in consultation with President Obama, decided to focus on these latter three bills during the next two weeks. It also suggested the three bills were chosen, at least in part, for their ability to bolster support for Democrats during the mid-term elections in November.

Congress returns from its summer recess on September 13, and The Hill said "Senators acknowledge...little legislating will be possible" between September 13 and elections.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs acknowledged the administration's deep concern about the mid-term elections. He told NBC's Meet the Press Sunday, "there is no doubt there are enough [Congressional] seats in play [in November's mid-term elections] that could cause Republicans to gain control" of one or both chambers.

A number of recent polls show Republicans gaining support over Democrats among voters. A July 7-11 poll of 1,288 registered voters by ABC/Washington Post found that 47 percent would vote for the Republican in their Congressional district, while 46 percent would vote for the Democrat. Sixty-two percent said they were inclined to "look around" for other candidates than their current representative in Congress. Other polls showed similar findings.

There are 255 Democrats and 178 Republicans in the House; 56 Democrats, 41 Republicans, and 2 Independents in the Senate.

In May, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said ENDA and a measure to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell would get floor votes this year. She reassured a group of LGBT leaders that, while a measure to repeal DADT may move first, ENDA would also move under her watch.

The DADT repeal measure did get a floor vote by the House in May and passed; it also passed a Senate committee -both as part of an annual Defense spending bill. The full Senate is expected to consider the measure before the August 9 recess.

But the dwindling number of legislative days and the growing number of urgent legislative and political priorities have squeezed ENDA out.

Drew Hammill, a spokesman for Pelosi, said Tuesday, "Passing ENDA this year is a top priority for the Speaker, but we believe that passing ENDA before DADT repeal has been finalized, jeopardizes both initiatives."

"Until then," said Hammill, "we should encourage the Senate to develop a course for ENDA to ensure that when the House passes the legislation, the Senate can move quickly to send the legislation to the President's desk."

Turnabout For TIHAN Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - It's all set: Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 5th for Turnabout for TIHAN, the most fun drag show benefit of the year!

The event will take place at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park at 6:00 p.m., (doors open at 5:00pm). Tickets are $10 in advance, or $15 at the door. This year's theme is Mardi Gras, but we're calling it Party Gras! Lots of new twists and surprises, so make sure you're there. Soon we'll be unveiling our emcees and special performers.

Tickets will be on sale at participating bars and at the TIHAN office. Join us for a benefit for TIHAN that features the staff of Colors, Coyote Moon, IBT's, and Woody's, along with some special surprise guest performances that you won't want to miss!

If you are interested in helping with the benefit, we have lots of volunteer opportunities, contact Scott at scott@tihan.org or (520) 299-6647 to get involved and find out how you can contribute to creating a great fundraising event that will be remembered for years!

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To the Tucson GLBT community, past, present and future:

This past month has been very difficult for many of the "old-timers" in our community. With the loss of one of our own, Gary Clark, we had to face his unexpected death, our own mortality and the need become a part of taking care of each other, again.

Your passion, commitment, unconditional love and generosity made me feel a lot like the '80s and '90s, when we rallied to take care of one another as a "family", because we had to.

When I asked for your help, financially and otherwise, on Bob Ellis' behalf, without hesitation, you came through.

Willie, Aviva, Penny, Lucy, Aja, Tommy, Nancy and Armando, Harry, Heather, Darrell, Danny, Frank and Dave, Hal, George and Fred, Jeff, Warner, Tim, Deb and Janet, Armando Z., Rich, Mike V., and Mike (IBTs), you all stepped up and pitched in. No one asked why or said, "No". One of our friends needed us and we were there, in a significant way.

Optimistically, I hope that our present and future GLBT community has the same consciousness and commitment to act as swiftly and passionately for each other.

Bob, I offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of Gary, your partner of 34 years. Very few of us could imagine or understand the depth of your grief.

With all my love,
Natalie

TO THE COMMUNITY

We challenge you Tucson!

Every year, on Labor Day Weekend, a group of dedicated volunteers (designers, drag queens, bartenders, bar owners and their patrons) come together to stage the annual Turnabout for TIHAN benefit show.

Audiences have always enjoyed a complimentary buffet of finger foods and sweets before the show. This tradition sprang out of the practice of TIHAN volunteers bringing a dish to pass in appreciation of the hard work the bartenders and drag queens put into every show. But when the event outgrew its original home (the Stonewall/Eagle) and moved into hotel formats, that tradition was squelched by host hotel and city regulations. Now, any food provided to the public must be produced in commercial kitchens. And there is the rub.

As the years flew by, restaurants have been very generous and thoughtful. But times are tough for restaurants these days and the number of requests they receive every year to provide food for good causes doesn't shrink. In fact, they field more requests when the economy is slow.

Which brings me to my challenge. No small task this, and a thankless job for the most part. TIHAN needs an aggressive team of volunteers to take on the task of securing donations from local restaurants, collecting those donations on the day of the show and serving them to the audience before the show.

Anybody up to the challenge? Call me. 247-2567 David Zinke Stage Manager/Set designer -OR- 748-1275 Cathy Ernst Decorations Coordinator.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Please take a minute and look at our expanded "WISH LIST" of items, and see if you can help make a wish come true. Also below are our latest announcements and opportunities.

Scott Blades, Executive Director
TIHAN (www.tihan.org)

1. Making Wishes Come True - Check Out These Items on Our Newest "Wish List"

We wish for many things–that everyone is accepted and loved, that no one is alone or hungry, that we find an end to AIDS, and so much more. AND we also wish for very practical things to help make lives better. Take a look at the list of items below. We're betting that you, your business, or your congregation has one of these (or the ability to purchase and donate them)! Make a wish come true and support TIHAN in our work of changing lives. Items may be dropped off at the TIHAN office, or call us for more information. Thank you!

Cross-cut (micro-cut) paper shredder, Small appliances for CarePartners (microwave oven, crockpot, coffee maker, fan, space heater), Three (3) fireproof locking file cabinets - preferably 3 drawers, Paper towels, toilet tissue, and Kleenex for office use, Ink for a HP DeskJet 5150 Printer (black, and color).

Easel for Poz Café, Small sturdy ice-chest/cooler for Poz Café, Lightbulb for video projector (Infocus SP-LAMP-018), Tri-fold display board for community events, Poster-sized pads of paper, plain or self-adhesive, for easels, 1-inch white view 3-ring binders, Reams/cases of paper - 8.5" x 11" (letter size) 24 lb. - white, Reams/cases of paper - 8.5" x 11" (letter size) 24 lb. - variety of colors, esp light green, light yellow, bright blue, and bright yellow, Items for CarePackages (soap, shampoo, razors, feminine hygiene products, deodorant).

Stick-on name badges, Certificate paper to print on, Gift Cards to Michael's Arts & Crafts Store, Artwork and antiques for auction items, Gift Cards to Office Depot or Office Max, Postage Stamps - 44-cent and 28-cent stamps, Canopy/Awning for outdoor events, Gift certificates for local restaurants, Plastic disposable color table cloths for 74" x 74" tables at Poz Café, Cleaning Supplies, air fresheners, and Clorox® wipes, Rolls of toilet tissue for CarePartner care packages, 2-drawer filing cabinet with lock/key(s), Cork board - 20" x 30", Clear shredder bags (from Office Depot) - 10 gal. (item # 422-420), Long distance telephone calling cards.

Plastic clear 8 1/2" x 11" stand up holder portrait (bottom loading), Boxes of envelopes - clear seal, security tinted #10 (4 1/8" x 9 ½"), Post-it notes of all sizes and colors, Computers (at least 3GB of memory and at least a dual-core processor), Three-part money receipt book (triplicate),

Customizable buttons and baseball caps (new only), New, quality video camera, Boxes of address mailing labels (Avery 5160), Holiday gifts and back-to-school gifts for CarePartners and their kids, "Thank you" note cards, Pads of lined note paper - 8.5 x 11, Digital camera, $25 gift cards for grocery stores for CarePartners, Yellow highlight markers, Gift certificates/trade credit at Bookman's, Raffle and auction prizes for events.

Calling for friendly and reliable people to join SAAF's Client Services Team as volunteer Peer Counselors.

If you are interested in offering peer support to clients, educating on HIV/AIDS and more, contact Volunteer Resources at 628-7223 or volcoord@saaf.org

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White House Unveils National HIV/AIDS Strategy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The Washington Post reported that the White House on Tuesday (July 13) unveiled the first formal national HIV/AIDS strategy, a plan that aims to reduce the number of new cases by 25 percent in the next five years, officials said.

Noting that the number of new infections in the United States has been static – and that the number of people living with HIV is growing – the new policy directs more resources toward four high-risk groups: African Americans, gay and bisexual men, Latinos, and substance abusers.

"Fighting HIV/AIDS in America and around the world will require more than just fighting the virus," President Obama said, according to the Associated Press. "It will require a broader effort to make life more just and equitable." Obama spoke at a White House reception honoring people who work on HIV/AIDS issues.

The new strategy comes as President Obama faces pressure from gay rights advocates to do more for their community, including hastening the repeal of the ban on homosexuals serving openly in the military. The new HIV/AIDS policy has been summarized in a 60-page report that credits the Bush administration for its efforts to address the disease but also laments that Americans' concern about HIV seems to have declined.

"We've been keeping pace when we should be gaining ground," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said at an event earlier on Tuesday announcing the plan, according to the Associated Press.

In addition to slashing the infection rate, the strategy calls for increasing patients' access to care so that 85 percent of those infected receive care within three months of being diagnosed, up from 65 percent who do so now. It says that 90 percent of all people who have HIV or AIDS should be aware that they are infected, up from the current 79 percent. Another goal is to reduce the HIV transmission rate by 30 percent.

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It's More Than You Think.....

LGBT Groups Laud Shift In AIDS Strategy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - LGBT groups are cheering the Obama administration's just-announced AIDS strategy, reports On Top Magazine.

The report outlines a strategy for combating the AIDS epidemic by shifting resources to the disease's highest at-risk groups, which include gay and bisexual men and African-Americans.

"Such a plan is long overdue, and implementation can't happen fast enough," Rea Carey, executive director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, said in a release. "Each day without action means lives are changed forever, lives that are disproportionately gay, bisexual, transgender, people of color, and the financially disadvantaged."

The administration aims to curb the number of new HIV infections by 25 percent over the next five years and increase by 20 percent the number of HIV-positive people receiving treatment within 3 months of their diagnosis, up from the current 65 percent.

Officials at the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP), the federal agency tasked with implementing the strategy, said they can accomplish these goals without increasing federal spending by focusing on groups most at-risk for infection.

Sharon J. Lettman, executive director of the National Black Justice Coalition, a group that seeks to eradicate racism and homophobia, welcomed the changes, saying that the Black community has been "devastated by HIV/AIDS."

"African Americans represent approximate 12 percent of the population in the United States, and according to the CDC, account for nearly half (46 percent) of people living with HIV in the United States, as well as nearly half (45 percent) of new infections each year," she said.

Some AIDS advocates criticized the plan for not doing much for those already coping with the disease.

The administration's three-pronged strategy also calls for combating stigma and discrimination associated with the disease.

AIDS activists have criticized previous administrations for not outlining a comprehensive strategy for combating the epidemic domestically. Work on the national AIDS strategy began at the start of the administration.

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COMMENTARY. . . .

by Lisa Neff

Aloha, Hawaii Boycott

Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle said goodbye to civil unions. Now she can say hello to a civil suit and a likely tourist boycott.

Lingle vetoed House Bill 444 on July 6, which would have allowed for same-gender and opposite-gender couples to join in civil unions, with some of the benefits of marriage.

Following that veto, activists initiated talks of calling for a tourist boycott of the islands – a big worry for the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Meanwhile, LGBT civil rights attorneys pressed ahead with plans to sue – in a court that has ruled in their favor in the past.

Lingle apparently spent weeks deliberating whether to sign or veto HB 444 and then came to the disappointing conclusion that the top-ranking officeholder in the state can't sign the bill into law because, in part, emotions run too high on the issue.

Here's what Lingle said: "From time to time, there are issues that require reflection, collective wisdom and consent of the people and reserves to them the right to directly decide those matters. This is one such issue."

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Gee, don't emotions on legislative issues - from gun control to education standards to environmental protections to healthcare reform – often run high?

But here's what Lingle said: "The subject of this legislation has touched the hearts and minds of our citizens as no other social issue of our day. It would be a mistake to allow a decision of this magnitude to be made by one individual or a small group of elected officials."

The governor is mistaken if she thinks bringing any bill – regardless of legislative maneuvering – into law is the "decision of one individual or a small group of elected officials." Hawaii has a democratic government with lawmakers elected by its citizens. The state legislature is a bicameral body, with 51 representatives in the Hawaii House and 25 members in the Hawaii Senate. I think much more than a decision by one individual or a small group of elected officials was involved in moving civil unions forward in Hawaii.

Beyond that, it is a gross error on Lingle's part to think that the civil rights of a minority should be put to a popular vote. How far would the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 gone in a ballot referendum?

There was something else in Lingle's veto statement – eloquently written to obscure its offensiveness. She called a civil union "essentially marriage by another name."

But of course a civil union is not the equivalent of marriage, an institution recognized around the world and a legally binding relationship that in this country earns a heterosexual couple more than 1,000 federal benefits and rights.

A civil union is a compromise on marriage, a second to marriage, and it seems so hurtful that Hawaii would first deny gays parity on civil marriage – that was back in the 1990s – and then it would deny gays access to even sub-par civil unions.

So now, with the governor's veto, there will be another legislative attempt to pass civil unions.

There likely will be a boycott.

And there will be a lawsuit. The preparation of that case began months ago by Lambda Legal and the American Civil Liberties Union, when it seemed the civil unions bill had died in the legislature.

And perhaps, by skill and with justice on their side, the attorneys in that case will win not civil unions for the Aloha state but civil marriage for same-sex couples.

A rose by any other name might smell as sweet, but such is not the case with marriage.

The situation in Hawaii stinks.

(Neff is a columnist for 365Gay.com from which this is reprinted.)

Home Summer Tips To Save Energy - And Money

MIAMI (Observer Update) - This summer, the Gulf Coast is covered in more oil than a hot guy tanning in Miami Beach, reports 365Gay.com. And if the sight of all that crude increases your urge to save the planet, you're in luck. We'vegot five easy ways to cut greenhouse gases right in your own house.

1. Take a dip on the cooler side by turning down the water heater. Who needs a 140-degree shower in the middle of summer? Try 115 degrees and you'll use 12 percent less energy.

2. Bump the thermostat five degrees (say, from 72 degrees to 77) and cut your energy use by 15 percent. Feel free to shed clothing to make up for the increased temperature.

3. Install a ceiling fan. They work by creating a wind chill effect, so the more exposed skin, the cooler you'll feel - and the less AC you'll need.

4. Now that you're cool - and nearly naked - turn off the lights, or at least the incandescent bulbs. Switch them for compact fluorescent lamps or light emitting diodes (LEDs) and save energy and money.

5. Stop sucking power. Sure, vampires are cool this year, but not when they drain electricity. Unplug your Ipod, coffee maker and DVD player when they're not in use and save about $100 a year.

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Palm Springs Police Aim To Mend Fences In Community

PALM SPRINGS (Observer Update) - The Palm Springs Police Department plans to review its policies on how it enforces laws against lewd conduct, following a meeting with about 40 of the city's residents, business owners and leaders, reports the Palm Springs newspaper and media outlets.

The closed meeting, held at police headquarters, aimed to help repair the department's relations with many in the local gay community since the Warm Sands sex sting operation last summer. "The meeting was very honest, emotional at times and everyone had an opportunity to speak their truth," Thomas Van Etten, a member of the police Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Outreach Committee and outspoken critic of the police's sting action, wrote in an e-mail.

Palm Springs Police Chief David Dominguez "reached out to all of us to work with them to mend fences with the LGBT community," Van Etten wrote. Dominguez was not available for comment. Department spokeswoman Sgt. Melissa Desmarais called the meeting a "positive step in the right direction."

Attendees said some of the meeting included discussion of adding outside lighting, sensors, police patrols and public education to discourage public sex around the Warm Sands neighborhood's eastern edge, a popular cruising spot.

However, Desmarais said no commitment was made at the meeting to continue or discontinue the stings as a deterrent.

Police also plan to have an openly gay Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department sergeant, who addressed the meeting, help the department put together its first training specifically devoted to LGBT issues in eight years, police officials said. "The chief does not want his department to be perceived as not being inclusive of all members of our community," said Councilwoman Ginny Foat, who attended the meeting. "I think the department as a whole is" inclusive, she added.

Warm Sands inn owners, neighborhood organization leaders, Police Advisory Board members and city tourism officials – including Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism Director Mary Jo Ginther – all joined Tuesday's meeting, attendees said.

Media coverage of the controversy "has affected some of the hotels in the Warm Sands area," Foat explained, regarding Ginther's participation. Ginther could not be reached for comment.

The meeting also explored stereotypes police and gay residents commonly have of each other. "We have a lot of work to do – how we look at each other, depending on where we come from," Foat said.

"I think it raised a whole lot of good points on how to go forward on policy for police action" police LGBT outreach committee member Andy Linsky said. "It was a big deal."

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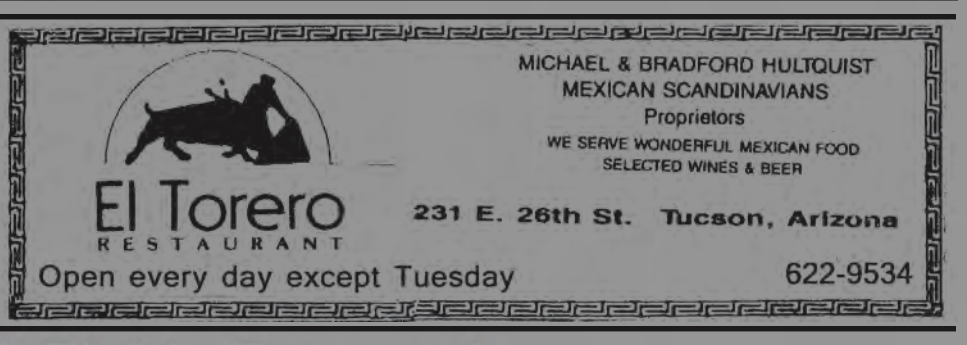

Provincetown Named 'Dog Town USA 2010'

PROVINCETOWN (Observer Update) - Provincetown, Mass. has been named "DogTown USA 2010" by the popular dog magazine, Dog Fancy, reported 365gay.com.

The small town located just outside of Boston won first place in the annual DogTown USA competition, which celebrates America's most canine-friendly cities. Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the contest selected the Top 40 dog-friendly cities in the nation. The winning cities were selected based on the availability of dog-friendly resources including dog parks, veterinary care, dog-friendly municipal laws and other canine services. Of the 40 celebrated cities, Provincetown is the only among them where "virtually every establishment opens its doors to dogs – even the bank," said Dog Fancy editor, Ernie Slone.

"Where else can you take your dog along for a whale-watching or sunset cruise, walk miles of off-leash scenic beaches year-round and enjoy one of the nation's finest dog parks?" he said. "Provincetown nearly swept our major awards this year, with its Pilgrim Bark Park finishing at No. 2 in our national ratings of dog parks."

The site of the Pilgrim's first landing, Provincetown is also wel- known as a destination for gay-friendly tourism with a host of gay-friendly hotels and businesses.

"Here in Provincetown, we welcome visitors from all walks of life: Gay, straight, bi, trans, or furry, friendly and four-legged (and we're not just talking about Bear Week)," wrote Scoot Kearnen of Ptown.org.

Completing the list of Top 10 dog-friendly cities are: Carmel, Calif.; Madison, Wisc.; Benicia, Calif.; Fort Bragg, Calif.; Lincoln City, Ore.;; San Diego, Calif.; Virginia Beach, Va.; Sioux Falls, SD; and Salem, Ore.

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Salt Lake LGBT Panel Discusses Need For Improved Safety

SALT LAKE CITY (Observer Update) - The Salt Lake Tribune reported that law enforcement is there to help, but members of Utah's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community also need to work together to improve safety for one another.

That was the theme of a LGBT panel discussion hosted by the Utah Pride Center and other community groups at the Salt Lake City Main Library.

"I can't help you, if you don't call me," said speaker Sgt. Julie Jorgensen, a member of the West Valley City Police Department and the inter-agency LGBT Public Safety Liaison Committee. "Some people are reluctant to call the police because they're afraid ... [but] officers are required to be objective in their investigations."

Jorgensen encouraged people who do feel they were treated poorly by a police officer to lodge a complaint with the agency.

Panelists also included Salt Lake County Sheriff Jim Winder, Salt Lake City Chief Prosecutor Sim Gill and Paul Parker, chief criminal deputy in the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office.

A recent survey conducted by the Pride Center and the Liaison Committee, which offers LGBT sensitivity training to law enforcement agencies along the Wasatch Front, found many people who are LGBT often don't feel safe being themselves in public.

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City Pays $20K For Banning Gay Musical

Naked Boys Singing

MILWAUKEE (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that the city of Milwaukee, Wisc. issued a check for $20,000 to the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center after the court ruled a forced closure of Naked Boys Singing! unconstitutional.

The city ordered that the musical close in August 2005 in the face of content complaints and licensing suspicion, according toPlaybill. City ordinances mandated that the Common Council of Milwaukee, who was not scheduled to meet until after the show's run would have ended, review the license.

The Gay Arts Center's non-profit status, however, allowed for a settlement in their favor. Non-profits are not required to undergo the same licensing procedures as for-profit organizations in Milwaukee. The city awarded the group a $20,000 settlement and clarified their licensing procedure for non-profits.

"Requiring any theater to get a license before putting on a play comes dangerously close to the kind of 'prior restraint' on speech the First Amendment was designed to prohibit," said Larry Dupuis, American Civil Liberties Union Wisconsin legal director. "We are pleased that the City has clarified the process so that non-profits will know they are not required to get a license. However, we continue to believe that the City should amend its ordinance to limit the time the City has to issue any theater license. It's too easy for the authorities to just delay giving the permit to performances they don't like." The Milwaukee production was the fourth production of the show to be forcibly closed by local authorities. Previous closures include Atlanta, Ga., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Provincetown, R.I.

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"The Kids" win big. Lisa Cholodenko's critically acclaimed film "The Kids Are All Right" was a box office smash in its highly anticipated debut. The family dramedy stars Annette Bening and Julianne Moore as a lesbian couple raising teenagers in suburban Los Angeles. Opening nationally July 9 on seven screens, the film grossed $505,000 this weekend. According to the Los Angeles Times, "Kids" had the highest performance of any 2010 release to date with a $72,143 per screen average. Apparently, the kids are more than all right!

Just weeks before Gay Games 2010 opens in Cologne, Germany, the next iteration of the quadrennial event in Cleveland appears to be on shaky ground. Details are sketchy and representatives in Cleveland aren't talking, but the matter is being discussed. "There is discussion about a shift in management, being dictated by the Federation of Gay Games," Samantha Fryberger, communications director for Positively Cleveland, a group that markets Cleveland as a tourism destination, told gay weekly Gay People's Chronicle.

Fryberger added that the intention of the discussions is to keep the games in Cleveland.

Actor John Barrowman said he wants to play one of the gay dads on Fox's Glee. Barrowman, originally from Scotland, told the UK tabloid Heat, "I have no idea if I'll be in it, I met with their casting people and I said I'd love to be in it - I'd be good as one of Rachel's gay dads!" "The ball's in their court, though," he added. Rachel Berry, played by Lea Michele, is the often bullied, but very talented star of the glee club. While the Rachel's gay dads are mentioned in the show, they have not debuted as characters themselves.

Popular costar Tammy Lynn Michaels filed for the dissolution of her marriage with singer Melissa Etheridge. A L.A. Superior Court judge has denied Michael's request for full physical custody of the couples two children and $25,000 in spousal support. According to TMZ, "Tammy's lawyer wanted the judge to order Melissa to immediately pay 25k to his client, whom he claims is destitute. The lawyer wanted another 25k from Melissa for legal fees, but Melissa's attorney, Neal Hersh, convinced the judge Melissa was paying for everything – housing, food, schools, the works – so Tammy's claim that she can't afford to live is bogus." The couple is expected to return to court in September.

Homophobia On Trial In DADT Case

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that in a second day at trial, attorneys challenging "don't ask, don't tell" relied on witness testimony by DADT experts as well as critical statements made by President Barack Obama and a seminal tweet by a top defense official in making their case against the 1993 law.

Attorney Daniel Woods, representing the plaintiffs in Log Cabin Republicans v. United States of America, cited Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen's testimony during a February Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the policy, where he said, "I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens." Woods also submitted to the court a February 2 tweet from Mullen's personal Twitter account, which read, "Allowing homosexuals to serve openly is the right thing to do. Comes down to integrity[.]"

"This is one of the greatest admissions of all time," Woods said to U.S. district court judge Virginia A. Phillips during the proceedings.

Nathaniel Frank, a DADT scholar and author of Unfriendly Fire: How the Gay Ban Undermines the Military and Weakens America, testified for a second day about research he conducted as a senior fellow for the Palm Center, including studies on foreign militaries that had successfully integrated openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members.

Assistant U.S. attorney Paul Freeborne assailed Frank's testimony as that of a biased advocate whose credentials did not merit expert witness status in court. During cross-examination, Freeborne quoted Gen. Colin Powell, who during 1993 congressional testimony said that although other militaries had integrated gay troops, no other nation had military operations comparable to that of the United States. (Powell has since said that he does not believe the military should institute a law banning gays and lesbians from openly serving.)

Frank also addressed the "close quarters" argument often made by conservatives and opponents of allowing homosexuals to serve openly. Sharing close quarters with gays and lesbians is nothing new to military life, he said, pointing out that gay people have always served in the armed services.

Stephen Vossler, a former Korean interpreter for the Army and a "don't ask, don't tell" repeal activist, also testified. Early in his military career, Vossler, who is straight, was given a room assignment with Darren Thomas, a soldier who was in the process of being discharged under DADT. Vossler said his roommate was highly qualified in his work as a language specialist but was given menial tasks, such as cleaning latrines and filing paperwork, as punishment due to the DADT investigation.

"Homosexuality was fair game. There were rules protecting gender, rules protecting religion and race, but no rules protecting homosexuality," Vossler said. "So it was something to make fun of ad nauseam."

The court proceedings concluded with testimony from University of California, Hastings College of the Law, professor Elizabeth Hillman, a military law expert who spoke about the disproportionate amount of women discharged by the ban. Though women comprise 14% of military personnel, they account for about 34% of all discharges. Women of color are particularly vulnerable to the policy, she said.

"Women are a minority," Hillman said. "Women in male-dominated positions are more likely to face resentment and barriers put up by their male colleagues."

During cross-examination, assistant U.S. attorney Scott Simon, representing the Justice Department, asked Hillman whether the disproportionate impact on women due to "don't ask, don't tell" was a deliberate action, to which she replied, "No, I believe it was not intended by leaders of the military." The trial continues.

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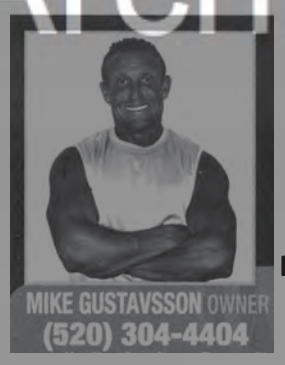

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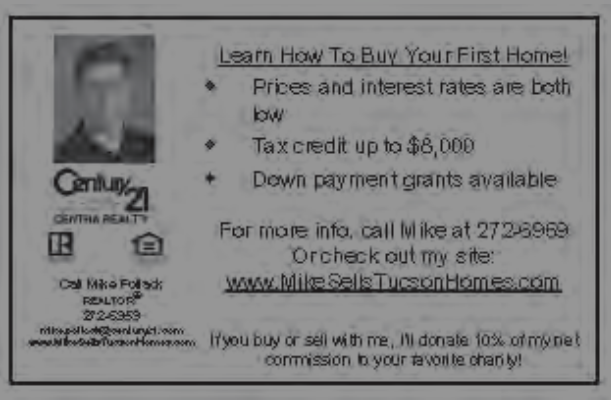

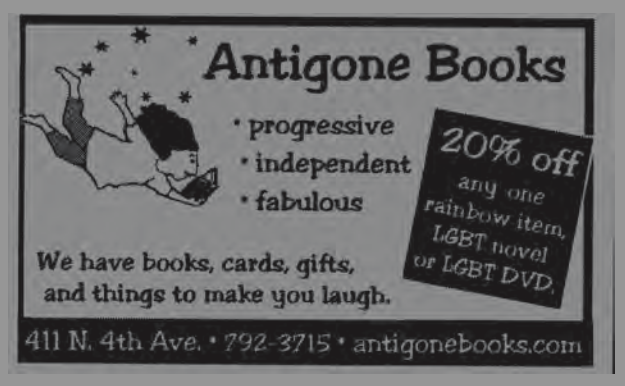

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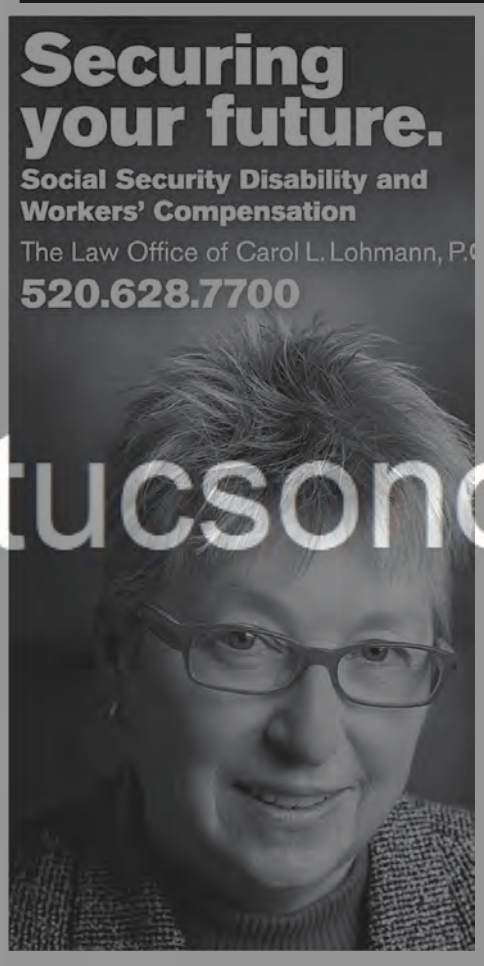

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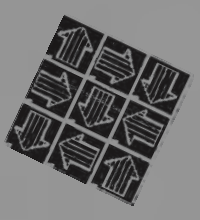

After A Month Of Silence, The View Responds

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LOS ANGELES (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that after nearly a month of receiving thousands of petitions, ABC has released a statement regarding The View's June 22 HIV discussion. GLAAD, however, says it isn't enough.

The ABC letter states, "On June 22, during a discussion about blood donation and the transmission of HIV/AIDS, a guest moderator on the show expressed his interpretation of data about one way the virus can be transmitted. The topic of HIV/AIDS has been raised many times over the show's 13 years, with many voices and opinions contributing to a conversation that we expect to continue as long as The View is on the air."

Unsurprisingly, GLAAD finds ABC's response underwhelming. E! online, one of many media outlets that picked up the story after GLAAD took out a full page advertisement in Variety, reports that GLAAD director of national news Cindi Craeger called the letter "evasive." The organization's website maintains its call to action against ABC and The View, reminding constituents that "this program reaches millions of viewers, and ABC must ensure that its platforms are not used to perpetuate dangerous falsehoods that put our community in harm's way."

The episode in question featured a conversation between Sherri Shepherd and guest host D.L. Hughley, in which the they blamed "down low" African-American men for the increased spread of HIV among African-American women.

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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. Hair of dog special $1.50 well bloody mary, screwdriver,,Cape Cod, salty dog or margarita.

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. Girlz Nite .75 for your favorite well drink or domestic drafts 6-8pm. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m. Y-Not Karaoke with Anna at 8pm. - Drink specials during karaoke $1 Michelob Ultra or Bud Light.

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.

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

COYOTE MOON PUB -Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, $3.50 sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Boyz Night - .75 for your favorite well drink or domestic draft beer for men 6-8pm. Karaoke with Anna at 8pm drink specials during karaoke $1 Michelob Ultra or Bud Light..

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. Latin Thursday: Latin music 8pm to close. $2,50 well margaritas. $3 Mexican beers, $3.50 Jose Cuervo.

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 Cosmos.

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.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, $2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. $3.50 Sm. Pitcher/$5.50 lg. Pitcher. Shots shot specials 8-close.. Dance lessons with Lawrence 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!

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.

Bar Specials

SATURDAY, JULY 24

COYOTE MOON PUB - Tea Dance from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with DJ Sparky

COYOTE MOON PUB - Veroninca's Closet show begins at 10:00 p.m. with Veroniica Chase and Friends.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

WOODY'S - Dance with DJ Michael Lopez and from 9:00 to closing and Spin sthe Driink Special Wheel throughout the night.

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Charges In White House Arrest Of Gay Activist Dan Choi Dropped

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Charges against two service members arrested outside the White House protesting DADT were dropped.

Army Lt. Dan Choi and Captain James Pietrangelo had pleaded not guilty in D.C. Superior Court for handcuffing themselves to the White House fence in protest of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the law that bans gay and lesbian service members from revealing their sexual orientation at the risk of being fired.

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The men were arrested in May and again in April by Park Police and charged with failure to obey an officer in DC's criminal court.

"Victory for truth today!" Choi tweeted. "Government drops case against us."

Prosecutors did not comment on why the government dropped the charges, but Choi told the AP that he believes the Obama administration doesn't want to draw unneeded attention to the policy as lawmakers consider repeal.

Choi, 29, was discharged from the Army under the policy last year after he announced he was gay on MSNBC's The Rachel Maddow Show. He is currently appealing the Army's decision.

Pietrangelo, 44, of Sandusky, Ohio, was discharged in 2004.

Choi has become the face of opposition to DADT since his national coming out. Polls show a near universal majority of Americans agree that the policy is discriminatory and a majority say it should be scrapped.

Village People Upset With YMCA Charge

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NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reports that the Village People said they are "deeply dismayed" by the YMCA's decision to change its name to the Y. Young man, there is a need to feel down.

The YMCA, long known informally as the Y, announced an official rebranding Monday to reflect its priorities of youth, community development, and healthy living.

According to the Huffington Post, the Village People registered their displeasure in a statement from the road. "Y.M.C.A." is the group's best-selling single to date, with sales of more than 15 million units worldwide.

"We are deeply dismayed by today's announcement from the YMCA that they feel a name change and a rebranding are in order after 166 years," the band said in the statement. "Some things remain iconic, and while we admire the organization for the work they do, we still can't help but wonder Y."

The Village People vowed to continue to perform the song with all four letters at their concerts.