

Gates Warns On DADT Repeal Failure



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES

PENTAGON (Observer Update) - Secretary of Defense Robert Gates urged Congress to act on repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" before the end of the year, warning that its failure to pass a bill would put the military at the "mercy of the courts."

According to The Wall Street Journal, Gates spoke aboard a U.S. military aircraft, one day after the latest repeal attempt failed to advance in the Senate. "There is still roughly a week left in the lame-duck session, so I would hope that the Congress would act," said Gates, who warned that a court-ordered action could force the military

to take steps immediately without time for preparation.

"My concern is being faced with the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law being overturned with no time to prepare," he said, according to the Journal. "The way we get that time most assuredly is with the legislation that's before the Congress today." Shortly after the stall of the repeal effort Thursday, repeal backers announced that they planned to bring a standalone bill to the floor before the session ends. It remained unclear whether they can move the bill in the limited time that remains, reported advocate.com.

NYC Health Department Releases Graphic HIV PSA

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - In an obvious response to the complacent attitude toward HIV taken by some in the gay community, the New York City Health Department has just released a graphic public service announcement that explains "It's Never Just HIV."

The 30-second spot informs that those suffering from HIV can also be afflicted with severe osteoporosis, dementia and anal cancer. The goal of the PSA? To increase condom use,

towleroad.com reported.

A department official said in a statement: "We have made tremendous progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, but this is no time for complacency. HIV continues to take a major toll on men who have sex with men - regardless of whether they identify as gay - and the virus is spreading more each year in those under 30. This spot should serve as a wake-up call. Unprotected sex is still dangerous, and more partners means more risk."



Court Weighs Constitutionality Of Gay Marriage Ban

SAN FRANCISCO (Observer Update) - A line of questioning at an appeals court hearing over California's gay marriage ban suggested the three judges could issue a decision that would legalize same-sex marriage in that state but leave intact bans in other western states under the court's jurisdiction, reported the AP on 365gay.com.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard nearly three hours of arguments Monday (Dec. 6) during a televised hearing that reached a nationwide audience anxious for a final decision on whether voter-approved Proposition 8 and similar same-sex marriage bans violate the U.S. Constitution.

The judges appeared troubled over whether they could recognize marriage as a civil right for all same-sex couples or only those in states that already grant gays the rights of marriage without the title.

Theodore Olson - who argued a portion of the case on behalf of the two same-sex couples who sued to overturn Proposition 8 and persuaded a lower court to strike it down - said denying gays the right to wed constitutes discrimination that cannot be justified under any circumstances.

"What this comes down to, it seems to me, is that California has built a fence around its gay and lesbian citizens and it has built a fence around the institution of marriage, which the Supreme Court says, not based on procreation or anything else, is the most important relationship in life," Olson said.

His oratory prompted Judge Stephen Reinhardt, the panel's most liberal member, to ask if Proposition 8 were a unique case because it amended the California Constitution to outlaw same-sex marriages five months after the state Supreme Court had legalized them.

"Your closing speech would require a holding that any state that did not permit gay marriage would be in violation of the Constitution," the judge said. "There is a possibility, I think in this case, that Proposition 8's withdrawal of the right of marriage from gays and lesbians is unconstitutional under the circumstances that they enjoyed that right, that they are given every aspect of marriage and the only thing taken away is the honorific of marriage."

Attorney Charles Cooper, who represents sponsors of the 2008 measure, argued that same-sex couples can be treated differently

when it comes to marriage without running afoul of the Constitution because "sexual relationships between men and women naturally produce children."

"Society has no particular interest in a platonic relationship between a man and a woman no matter how close it might be, or emotional relationships between other people as well, but when the relationship becomes a sexual one, society has a considerable interest in that," Cooper said. "Its vital interests are actually threatened by the possibility of an unintentional and unwanted pregnancy."

The hearing also focused on whether Proposition 8's supporters have legal standing to challenge a lower court ruling that the ban was unconstitutional. The issue surfaced after outgoing California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown both refused to challenge the ruling that overturned the ban.

The panel appeared dubious about whether the ban's supporters were qualified to appeal but also seemed worried about allowing the governor and attorney general to effectively kill Proposition 8 by refusing to defend it.

Opponents of Proposition 8 contend it violates the due process and equal protection rights of gays and lesbians under the U.S. Constitution by denying them the right to marry the person of their choice and by singling them out for disparate treatment without a legitimate rationale.

C-SPAN's coverage of the hearing gave the public outside the 9th Circuit headquarters in San Francisco its first - and possibly last - direct look at the debate raging in the landmark challenge that could impact gay marriage bans in other states.

Matt Walker, 60, of Los Angeles watched the hearing with about 20 other people at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center in West Hollywood and said the lives of many of his friends would be affected by the final decision. He found the hearing fascinating.

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Study: Circumcision Barely Averts HIV For Gays

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Though circumcision has been touted to reduce a man's risk of contracting HIV from heterosexual sex, it does not appear to be as effective for men who have sex with men, reports HIV Plus Magazine.

The risk of contracting HIV over an 18-month period was not significantly different between circumcised and uncircumcised gay and bisexual men, according to a new study of 1,800 American and Peruvian men, Reuters reports.

Most men who have sex with men (MSM) around the world don't have access to HIV testing, counseling, or free condoms, according to a new study of health care providers and MSM.

Thirty-nine percent of the 4,884 surveyed (3,875 men and 1,009 health care providers for MSM) said they don't have easy access to free condoms and lubricant.

As many as 70% said it was difficult or impossible to access HIV treatment

Texas To Define Bullying In Schools

AUSTIN (Observer Update) - Texas lawmakers intend to hammer out an authoritative definition of bullying early next year, reports advocate.com.

According to KWTX, at least seven bills relating to bullying in schools and online have already been filed for consideration in the legislature next session, which opens January 11. Two of those bills would require schools to report annually on its incidents of bullying, making note of which were based on race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

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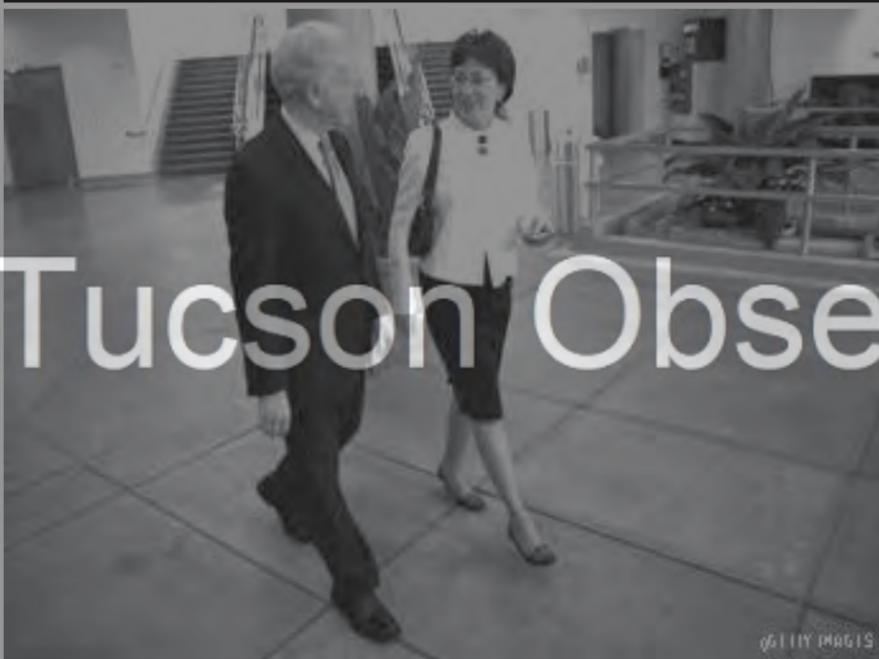
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New DADT Repeal Bill Introduced

Senate Republicans Block DADT Repeal



SENATORS JOSEPH LIEBERMAN AND SUSAN COLLINS

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Two prominent senators introduced a bipartisan to end the ban on gay and lesbian troops serving openly in the military, reports advocate.com.

Introduced by senators Joseph Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, and Susan Collins, a Republican from Maine, the bill comes after the Senate failed to win enough procedural votes Thursday (Dec. 9) to move forward on the National Defense Authorization Act, which included an amendment to repeal "don't ask, don't tell."

According to The Washington Post, Lieberman and Collins collaborated on the idea for a stand-alone bill to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" during Thursday's failed vote. Senate majority leader Harry Reid reportedly told Lieberman that he would fast-track the bill to a full vote, rather than force it to go through the committee process. Democratic aides told the Post that a vote could come late Tuesday or Wednesday after senators consider the impending tax cut legislation.

White House officials said that President Barack Obama wishes to explore all legislative options to repeal the 17-year-old law during the lame-duck session, which is drawing to a close.

WASHINGTON DC (Observer Update) - On Top Magazine reports that Senate Republicans on Thursday (Dec. 9) successfully blocked a key vote on repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The Senate's GOP caucus, with the exception of Maine Senator Susan Collins, united to filibuster the National Defense Authorization Act, which includes an amendment to end the law that bans gay and bisexual troops from serving openly. Moderate Republicans who had signaled they might cross the aisle - including Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Scott Brown of Massachusetts and Olympia Snowe of Maine - did not follow Collins' lead.

Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), the largest group lobbying for repeal, called the 57-40 vote an "outrage."

"Today a band of Senators voted to continue the discrimination against gay and lesbian service members who are fighting and dying for our country," Aubrey Sarvis said in a statement. "This continued delay is an outrage against these service members and the more than 14,000 who

have already lost their jobs under this discriminatory law."

"History will hold these senators accountable and so will many of their constituents," he added. "There will be no place for Senators to hide."

Senator Blanche Lincoln, a Democrat from Arkansas who voted against repeal in September, arrived late for the vote, but told reporters, "Had I been here I would have voted yes." Republicans threatened to filibuster the measure unless Reid allowed for greater freedom to choose amendments and up to 34 hours of debate on the bill.

"It's clear that Republicans don't want to hold a vote on 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" Reid said. "They want to block a bill on this at all costs, even if it means not passing the defense authorization bill for the first time in 48 years."

After the vote, Alex Nicholson, executive director of Servicemembers United, called on Congress to approve repeal of the law as a stand-alone bill. "Since the votes are there in isolation, the Senate should still consider a stand-alone bill to repeal the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' law before adjourning for the winter holidays," he said in a statement.

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LOS ANGELES (Observer Update) - Bea Arthur served 30 months in the Marine Corps during World War II, driving a truck and working as a typist, according to website The Smoking Gun, reports advocate.com.

Arthur, then known as Bernice Frankel, began basic training in March 1943 and initially worked as a typist at Marine headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The beloved late Emmy award-winning star of The Golden Girls and Maude had previously denied serving in the Marines in an interview (see below) conducted on behalf of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, but a newly discovered Marine personnel file indicates that

Information in the file also indicates Arthur "was stationed at Marine Corps and Navy air stations in Virginia and North Carolina. During her military career, Arthur's rank went from private to corporal to sergeant to staff sergeant, the title she held upon her honorable discharge in September 1945."

Lesbian Engineer Wins \$480K For Grope Suit



NEW YORK (Observer Update) - A Long Island Rail Road locomotive engineer was awarded \$480,000 after a federal jury decided she was wrongfully accused of and arrested for fondling a coworker's breast, New York's Daily News reports.

locomotive engineer), gender, and sexual orientation - she is a lesbian.

Advocate.com reported that engineer Melissa Stampf tapped Angela Trigg's shoulder as a greeting in July 2006, but Trigg accused her of touching one of her breasts. Stampf, 43, was then arrested, but the Manhattan district attorney declined to prosecute.

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Heed Gates On 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

(Editor's Note - The following is an editorial which ran in the San Diego Union Tribune newspaper.)

The U.S. Senate's narrow failure to achieve the 60 votes necessary to repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay personnel is more than just a triumph of retrograde, divisive politics. It is also a decision that threatens to enshroud our armed forces with confusion and uncertainty.

That's why Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters Friday that it was his urgent hope that the Senate will change its mind in the final week of its lame-duck session. Gates expects the legal challenges to "don't ask, don't tell" to continue to play out, and he worries about the result. "Then we'll be at the mercy of the courts and all of the lack of predictability that that entails," he said.

In October, a federal judge ruled that "don't ask, don't tell" was unconstitutional and ordered its immediate repeal. The Obama administration won a stay pending appeal.

Gates wants to ensure that the change to a new way of dealing with gays in the military is done in an orderly, thoughtful fashion. "The way we get that time, most assuredly, is with the legislation that's before the Congress today," he said.

The defense chief is right - and so are people who think the time for "don't ask, don't tell" has come and gone.

Fantasia, Carmen Electra, Margaret Cho, Johnny Weir To Guest Judge 'RuPaul's Drag Race'

LOS ANGELES (Observer Update) - Guest judges on the upcoming third season of RuPaul's Drag Race include Fantasia, Carmen Electra, Margaret Cho and Johnny Weir, reported ontopmag.com. Before its Monday, January 24 premiere, all-gay cabler Logo will air the show's first-ever casting special.

barrage of fashion-related and talent challenges in their quest to win a prize package that includes a headlining spot on Logo's Drag Race Tour, a lifetime supply of Kryolan Professional Make-up and a cash prize of \$75,000.

RuPaul unleashed his first search for America's next superstar drag queen two years ago. After crowning two queens, and upping the number of contestants from 9 to 12, America's first drag queen superstar is ready for a third go-around. Contestants on the reality show face a

Also appearing this season to judge the drag queens will be singer LaToya Jackson, talk show host Sharon Osbourne, Mike Ruiz, celebrity photographer and star of Logo's The A-List: New York, Chloe Sevigny, star of HBO's Big Love, fashion model Cheryl Tiegs, comedian Lily Tomlin and actress Vanessa Williams.

Kramer: Obama "Useless" On HIV, Gay Issues

LOS ANGELES (Observer Update) - Darren Criss and Chris Colfer are paired up for a sweet duet on Glee's upcoming holiday special, reports ontopmag.com. Colfer's Kurt Hummel on the Fox musical-comedy has been run out of McKinley High by closeted football player Dave Karofsky, played by Max Adler. Kurt fled the school after officials decided against disciplining the bully, and towards the Dalton Academy, where he joined Blaine, played by Darren Criss, an out and proud gay student.

club, the all-boys Warblers. The Warblers, led by Blaine, performed a cover of Train's Hey Soul Sister to tie with McKinley High in sectionals.

On the holiday special, the pairing up of Kurt and Blaine in the holiday classic Baby It's Cold Outside suggests more than a friendship between the chorus boys. Glee ringmaster Ryan Murphy has promised romance this season for Colfer's gay character. And when Blaine gently nudges into Kurt begging him to stay it seems Murphy is preparing to deliver on that promise.

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Gay Marriages, Civil Unions And The Space Between Them

By John Culhane, Professor of Law, Widener University

What justifies restricting marriage to same-sex couples, and are civil unions an acceptable compromise? Those questions were at the core of Monday's oral argument in the Prop 8 case. They also direct Maggie Gallagher's response to my post on civil unions last week, where I pointed out that her position on this marriage-in-all-but name compromise has been inconsistent (a conclusion she denied, but the evidence seems to me compelling).

The back-and-forth had a great result, as Maggie spelled out, more clearly than I'd see before, her position on civil unions and their connection to marriage. You should read the whole thing (it's not long), but I'll summarize here.

What she cares about is marriage, and, for her, supporting marriage means restricting it to those couples that can provide a mother and a father for kids.

Unlike some, she doesn't think that same-sex couples and our families should be ignored; in principle, she would favor some kind of civil union status that would identify and protect our interests, but she's clear that we don't have the right to civil unions - they are "a gesture of civic respect, crafted in ways that would minimize the impact on a marriage culture." And she's wary that civil unions lead to marriage.

Now I'm quite clear about our areas of disagreement - and, perhaps surprisingly, of agreement. First, she's right that civil unions and domestic partnerships are leading to marriage.

Here's some evidence: In Vermont, the first state to create the civil union, the legislature moved to full marriage equality in less than 10 years. Why? I'm sure each law-maker had his or her own reasons, but among them was surely a recognition - informed by a decade of experience and the report of a civil union commission - that this creative half-step was inadequate, confusing, and - most centrally - discriminatory.

They could see no reason in jealously withholding the word "marriage" from same-sex couples any longer, and plenty of reasons to move to full equality. Maggie's fear of civil unions leading to marriage was also dramatized during the Prop 8 argument.

Two of the justices - looking for a way to limit their decision to the unique facts surrounding California's battle over marriage equality - homed in on several related facts. I've ordered them syllogistically here to present what I think is the likely reasoning of the court's eventual decision:

(1) Before Prop 8, the California Supreme Court had held that marriage was a fundamental right;

(2) Prop 8 took that right away, leaving same-sex couples with the "virtual equality" (domestic partnerships, in California, but with full rights) they'd had before; and

(3) Since the only reason to grant full equality without the name is anti-gay animus, Prop 8 violates the Supreme Court's directive, in *Romer v. Evans* (1996), that the Constitution must "neither know nor tolerate classes among citizens."

Yes, there's something paradoxical about this argument (or "perverse," as Prop 8 defender Charles Cooper put it during the argument.) The closer a state moves towards full equality for its LGBT citizens - allowing adoption, enacting anti-discrimination laws, and (most importantly) granting relationship recognition short of marriage - the likelier it is that the denial of full marriage equality will be seen as discriminatory.

Judges Reinhardt and Hawkins, in particular, were looking for just this sort of narrower ground for what might be their holding (if the defenders' appeal isn't tossed for lack of standing, which is by no means certain). Had the case arisen in, say, Florida - which, legally speaking, hates LGBT people - the judges would have a heavier lift, because that state has held on its arguments (however misguided) for treating us differently. There's no civil union (or anything else) to build the bridge from intolerance to acceptance that then unmask the denial of full equality as discrimination simpliciter.

This is what Maggie Gallagher fears - and, from her perspective, rightly so.

Second, I also agree with her that there's no right to any such thing as a "civil union," at least as that term is currently understood. (There's a good argument for legally renaming all marriages "civil unions," but that's a different point.)

There is a right to equality, and it's by now clear that civil unions don't

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and never can confer it.

If I might be so presumptuous, I'd bet that Maggie would even agree with me so far: She doesn't oppose what she considers to be equality (I mean, who would oppose equality?), and she also knows that civil unions aren't the same thing as marriages.

Where we dramatically part company, of course, is in our conclusion about the meaning and purpose of marriage. Under her (to me) narrow and unbending definition, same-sex couples aren't "similarly situated" to opposite-sex couples with respect to marriage, so denying us the right to marry isn't denying us equality.

We can't be a mother and a father, obviously. So if marriage is really just about providing (and encouraging) only that form of parented family, it's easy to see why she and others oppose our marrying.

The trouble, of course, is that there's no evidence to support her conclusions. That kids do better, on average, in two-parent homes where the parents are married than in other situations isn't relevant to this issue, because the studies so demonstrating didn't compare same-sex couples to opposite-sex ones.

Indeed, the studies that have assayed such a comparison show that kids do just fine in our families - even while we're denied the social glue of marriage.

And even if there were evidence that kids do better when raised by opposite-sex couples, the fact is that same-sex couples are raising kids, and doing so with state approval (compare: polygamous families).

In that context, walling us off from the protections and social approbation that comes along with marriage works a real harm, and one that the civil union can't entirely cure. So denying us the right to marry would have to be based, legally speaking, on some concrete - not speculative - showing of harm to the institution of marriage were we permitted entry.

And this, neither Maggie nor any of the anti-equality forces can show.

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ATLANTA (Observer Update) - The Atlanta city council passed a resolution to pay a \$1 million settlement in the dispute over its raid of the Atlanta Eagle gay bar last year, reported advocate.com.

was the city's police chief at the time of the raid." The city will also oversee police department reforms as part of the settlement. A federal judge must now approve the settlement.

According to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "The council voted 14-0 to make the payment of \$1,002,500 in the case of Calhoun v. Pennington, but it reserved deep discussion on the matter to executive session. Geoff Calhoun was a patron of the bar, and Richard Pennington

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of 19 patrons of the Atlanta Eagle, who claimed that police violated their federal and state constitutional rights by illegally detaining them in the September 2009 raid. They charged that officers did not present a search warrant for the raid and that police used antigay slurs during the operation.

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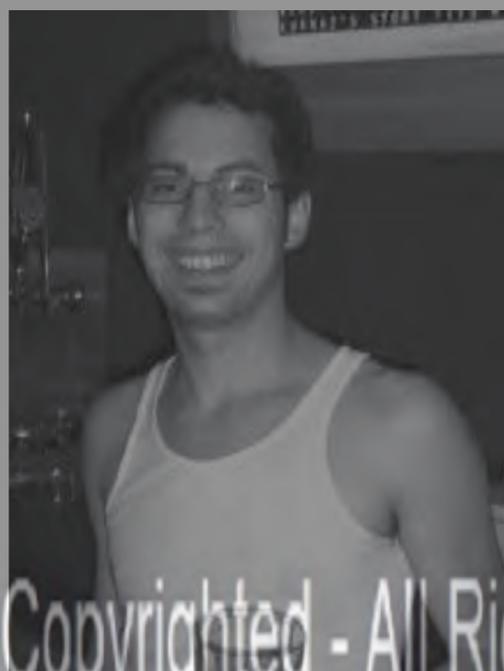
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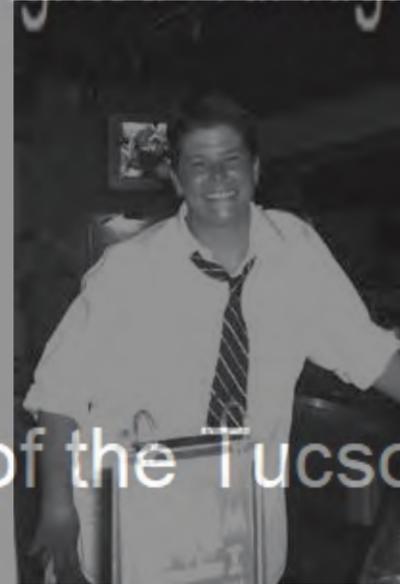
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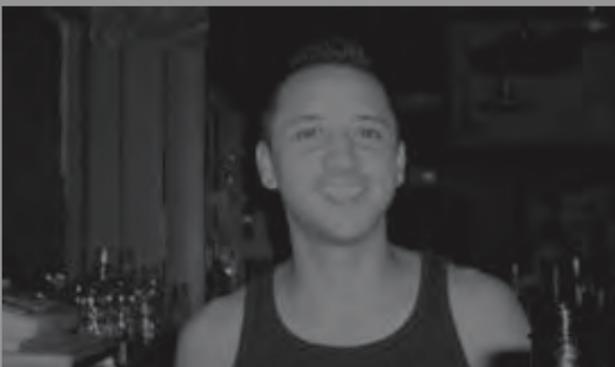
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NOTE: Before his untimely death, Gary Clark had worked on this newspaper for nearly 40 years as graphic artist and Entertainment Editor. Part of his heritage was producing a weekly humorous drawing of life 'as he saw it'. It is amazing that most of these drawings are as funny and entertaining today as they were in past years. We have decided to open the 'vaults' on these faultless viewpoints. Enjoy!



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New Social Network Takes The Gay-Straight Alliance Online

MISSOULA (Observer Update) - Earlier this summer, Andy posted about seven same-sex couples who are suing the state of Montana to receive the same rights as married heterosexual couples. The ACLU is representing the couples. Reacting to a move last month by Attorney General Steve Bullock to dismiss the case, lawyers for the plaintiffs have filed a motion asking the judge in the case to make a pre-trial judgement, reports towleroad.com.

The Missoulian reports:

In a motion for summary judgment filed in Lewis and Clark County District Court Friday, the attorneys say the couples aren't seeking to be married, but simply want the same relationship recognition and abilities afforded to man-woman couples with that status - like decision-making authority in health care and end-of-life situations, filing joint tax returns and transferring assets if a partner dies without a will.

"The state can't distinguish or give protections and benefits to one set of couples and deny it to another," said Betsy Griffing, ACLU of Montana's legal director. "With this motion, what we are saying is that we are entitled to



judgment as a matter of law." Griffing added that Friday's motion is in response to a move to dismiss the lawsuit filed in November by Attorney General Steve Bullock. He's argued on behalf of the state that spousal benefits are limited to married couples, which is defined by the Montana Constitution as being between a man and a woman, and the court doesn't have the authority to require the state to extend spousal benefits beyond that definition.

The judge will decide on January 25, 2011 if the case will be dismissed or proceed to trial.

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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. Beer specials and Trailer Trash Martini's All Day. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Closed

BRODIES - Open 10am-2am. Happy Hour 4-7.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 8pm.- 1am

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. Service Industry Night - Employee prices all day..

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Closed Tuesdays

BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 4pm - 1am. Happy Hour 4-8. \$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. 2-4-1 Night

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-9pm (2 for 1). College Night 18 & Over. Drink & Shot specials every half hour.

BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am.

COYOTE MOON PUB -Open 4pm - 1am. 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 Domestic.. 11pm --close "Reverse Happy Hour".

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am;. Happy Hour Prices all day.

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-9pm. 2 for 1 All Night Long.. Karaoke 9pm. Come out and play.

BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 4pm.- 1am. Happy Hour 4 - 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 Domestic. 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; Free pool and Happy Hour prices all day.

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-9 pm (2 for1) Latino Night. \$2 Tequila, \$1.50 Tecate. \$5 Buckets of Beer.

BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Karaoke 9pm.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 4pm. 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 Domestic. 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 vocals and piano stylings of Susan Artemis 6-9pm. Tori Steele Show 10pm

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. \$10 and drink for pennies. All night long.

BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 4-7.

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San Diego Gay Newspaper Publisher Dies

SAN DIEGO (Observer Update) - Advocate.com reported tghat Michael Portantino, the longtime publisher of San Diego's Gay & Lesbian Times, was found dead Wednesday night (Dec. 8) from an apparent suicide. He was 52 years old.



MICHAEL PORTANTINO

The Los Angeles Times said that Portantino appeared to have jumped from a seven-story hotel near Balboa Park. A colleague said he had been depressed since his newspaper closed two months ago because of financial problems.

"He was tenacious, a fighter, but it just got to be too much for him," said Nicole Murray-Ramirez, a long-time columnist for the newspaper, according to the Times. He is survived by a daughter.

AROUND THE GAY GLOBE...

On Human Rights Day, Susan E. Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, announced that the U.S. would "fight to restore" the LGBT protections stricken from a draft General Assembly resolution on summary, extrajudicial, or arbitrary executions last month. Rice spoke at a High-level Panel on "Ending Violence and Criminal Sanctions on the Basis of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity," which also included opening remarks by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and speeches from activists on the frontlines of the battle for LGBT human rights.

Last month, the Third Committee on social, humanitarian and cultural issues voted 79-70, with 17 abstentions and 26 absences, for an amendment to remove the reference to "sexual orientation" from the draft resolution on discriminatory executions. Although the resolution has mentioned sexual orientation for the past 10 years, this year Benin, on behalf of the African Group in the General Assembly, introduced an amendment arguing that the inclusion lacked legal justification. The amended resolution passed by a vote of 165-0, with 10 abstentions including the United States. ...

Researchers at the University of Cambridge said that Polari, a code language spoken by the gay community in the U.K. until the 1970s, and used in the title of the 1990 Morrissey album Bona Drag, could soon be extinct.

The Press Association reports that "of the 3,524 languages named in the database, around 150 are in an extremely critical condition with some retaining only a handful of known speakers." The endangered

languages include Polari, with its disputed origins that could date back as far as the 16th century when market traders and circus workers spoke the language.

The language was used in the title of the Morrissey compilation album Bona Drag, which means "nice outfit." The former Smiths front man also explored the subculture slang in "Piccadilly Palare," a track from the album. Researchers at Cambridge hope the project will allow them to gather more information about the endangered languages and to find associated folklore, stories and myths, reports the Press Association. ...

An Israeli reservist was knocked unconscious this month during a near-fatal brawl with soldiers in mandatory service who mocked the reservists as "homosexuals" for serving alongside women. Ynet reports that the reservist was hit on the head and lost consciousness in the fight that followed the antigay taunt. "According to eye witnesses, the soldiers held sticks, stones and a chair," reports Ynet. "One of them attacked a reservist with a stick while others hurled stones and the chair at him and his friend."

Eventually, the reservist's friend introduced a rifle into the chaos, but another soldier managed to push it away and possibly avoid a deadly outcome. "The Military Prosecution decided to indict one of the regular soldiers with assault with intent to injure, and one of the reservists with unlawful possession of a weapon," Ynet reports. Gay people have been allowed to serve openly in the Israeli military since 1993.

Golfer Demoted After Boss Learns She Is A Lesbian



MINNEAPOLIS (Observer Update) - Earlier this year, lesbian golfer Katie Brenny was hired to coach the women's golf team at the University of Minnesota. She claims that she was demoted to desk duty after her boss, the school's Director of Golf, John Harris, found out that she is a lesbian. It's unclear exactly how Harris learned of Brenny's homosexuality, towleroad.com reported.

Golfweek reports: Brenny, 30, alleges that Harris would not allow her to travel with the team or instruct players, effectively relegating her to a desk job, once he found out that she is a lesbian, Mark said. Asked whether

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there was any truth to Brenny's claim, Harris told Golfweek, "No," before referring questions to university attorneys. Messages left by Golfweek with the office of Mark Rotenberg, Minnesota's general counsel, were not immediately returned.

Brenny did not accompany the women's team to any of its four events last fall. The Gophers, ranked No. 42 in the Golfweek/Sagarin College Rankings, were coached by Ernie Rose, Harris' son-in-law and the Gophers' director of

instruction. Rose does not have a college degree, which is required by Minnesota for a head coaching position. According to the Star Tribune, the two sides are currently discussing a financial settlement, but if negotiations fall through, Brenny's lawyer will consider a discrimination lawsuit due to the hostile work environment in which she was exposed. He's said: "I am prepared to support the allegations with fact," Chance Mark said. "We've got enough evidence."