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### President Talks Gay Rights At Human Rights Campaign Dinner

WASHINGTON — President Obama forcefully called for the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act at the annual Human Rights Campaign fundraising dinner, but he did not come out in support of marriage equality, as some hoped he would do, reported the Huffington Post.

The 3,000 attendees at the dinner, which took place at the Washington Convention Center, gave the president multiple standing ovations when he touted the repeal of “don’t ask, don’t tell,” hospital visitation rights for same-sex couples and spoke out against the bullying of LGBT youth.

The most electric reaction, however, came when Obama sharply criticized the GOP presidential candidates for staying silent when audience members at a debate booed a gay soldier who asked a question about DADT.

“We don’t believe in the kind of smallness that says it’s okay for a stage full of political leaders — one of whom could end up being the president of the United States — being silent when an American soldier is booed. We don’t believe in that,” said Obama to loud cheers and a standing ovation.

“We don’t believe in standing silent when that happens. We don’t believe in them being silent since. You want to be commander in chief? You can start by standing up for the men and women who wear the uniform of the United States, even when it’s not politically convenient. We don’t believe in a small America. We believe in a big America — a tolerant America, a just America, an equal America — that values the service of every patriot.”

Notably at the dinner, there was a table filled with servicemembers — both active-duty and retired — wearing their uniforms. HRC spokesman Michael Cole-Schwartz said it was a first for active-duty members to do so, since it’s also the first post-DADT dinner.

Obama also chastised the audience at the GOP debate for booing the soldier, but this is the first time that he forcefully went after the candidates for their silence.

Obama referenced the remarks he gave at the annual HRC dinner two years ago, when he acknowledged the frustration that many LGBT activists had with his administration. He said it wasn’t appropriate to tell them to wait anymore than it was for “others to counsel patience to African Americans petitioning for equal rights half a century ago.”

“We’ve got more work ahead

of us. But we can also be proud of the progress we’ve made these past two and a half years. Think about it,” he said, mentioning the repeal of DADT, new hospital visitation rights for same-sex couples and hate crimes legislation protecting LGBT individuals.

“I need your help to fight for equality, to pass a repeal of DOMA, to pass an inclusive employment non-discrimination bill, so that being gay is never again a fireable offense in America,” said Obama. “And I don’t have to tell you, there are those who don’t want to just stand in our way, but want to turn the clock back, who want to return to the days when gay people couldn’t serve their country openly. Who reject the progress we’ve made. Who ... want to enshrine discrimination in state laws and constitutions — efforts that we’ve got to work hard to oppose, because that’s not what America should be about. We’re not about restricting rights and restricting opportunity.”

Obama also cited the White House summit he held to fight youth bullying, saying it was an issue his administration would continue to press.

“Together, we also have to keep sending a message to every young person in this country who might feel alone or afraid because they’re transgender,” he said. “They may be getting picked on or pushed around because they’re different. We’ve got to make sure they know there are adults they can talk to, that they are never alone, that there is a whole world waiting for them, filled with possibility. ... And I want all those kids to know the president and the first lady is standing right by them every inch of the way. I want them to know we love them and care about them, and they’re not by themselves.”

The dinner was the last one under the helm of HRC President Joe Solomnese, who has led the organization since 2005 and recently announced he would be stepping down.

“No president has done more to improve the lives of LGBT people than President Obama,” said Solomnese in his introduction of the president. “No longer will gay and lesbian couples be kept apart when we are at our most vulnerable, at the hospital, thanks to President Obama. He kept his word, and he ushered in the end of DADT while others promised to reopen the wounds of that discriminatory policy. And unlike those who want to keep same-sex couples as strangers under federal law, our president has called the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional and indefensible.”

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### Gay Groups Cheer Pentagon Decision To Allow Chaplains To Perform Gay Marriages

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Gay groups have cheered new guidance announced that allows military chaplains to officiate the marriages of gay service members, reported ontopmag.com.

The decision comes 10 days after the end of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” the policy that for 18 years banned gay and bisexual troops from serving openly. In a memo issued this morning by Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Clifford Stanley, chaplains may officiate the marriage and civil union ceremonies of gay couples, including on a military installation.

Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of SLDN, cheered the news. “We are pleased the Department of Defense has made it clear that a military Chaplain is allowed to perform any lawful ceremony that is consistent with his or her beliefs and is not required to perform a ceremony that is inconsistent with those beliefs. We are also pleased that access to military facilities will be granted on a sexual-orientation-neutral basis. The guidance issued today strikes the right balance between respecting the faith traditions of chaplains and affording all service members the same rights under

current law. This is another logical step in the direction of full equality for gay and lesbian service members, and we hope the Department will continue to move down that path,” said Sarvis in a statement.

“Today’s decision reflects the basic constitutional rights and respect for marriage that those serving our country, like all of us, deserve,” said Evan Wolfson, president of Freedom to Marry. “Discrimination has no place in the military, or in marriage - and of course people, gay or non-gay, should be able to celebrate their love and commitment in ceremonies without interference by the government.”

Several lawmakers have previously objected to military chaplains officiating at gay unions, saying it would violate the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), the 1996 law that bans federal agencies from recognizing the legal marriages of gay and lesbian couples.

### Tucson Pride On Parade Oct. 8

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Tucson’s GLBT community will take to the streets to march in Pride of who they are and who they love. Now in its 6th year, Pride on Parade will continue to delight Tucson with a colorful procession taking place this year on Saturday, October 8, 8 p.m., at a new location: Congress Street, between 6th Avenue and Stone.

So why a parade? Even today, with all of the strides that have been made towards equality, GLBT persons are far too-often pressured into keeping who they are a secret out of fear and shame.

The focus of Pride on Parade is to allow GLBT persons the opportunity to be out and proud about who they are. To be part of such an event gives hope and strength to those who are struggling with acceptance, helping them to be honest about who they are when they go to work, go to school, or

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Also attending the event were Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), musician Cyndi Lauper, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, actress Sarah Jessica Parker, former Second Lady Tipper Gore and actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson.

## Arizona Appeals On Same-Sex Partners Benefits Ruling

PHOENIX – Two top state officials are asking the full 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to let it deny benefits to the domestic partners of its gay state and university employees.

Legal papers filed by Attorney General Tom Horne contend that a three-judge panel of the appellate court got it wrong when it concluded earlier this month that it is illegal for the state to provide health care and other benefits to the partners of married workers while refusing to do the same for same-sex couples. He said the state is allowed to make such distinctions, reported Capitol Media Services.

Horne, who filed the appeal on behalf of Gov. Jan Brewer, also said it is legally irrelevant that Arizona voters constitutionally banned gays from getting wed, even if that means that, unlike same-sex couples, they have no legal way to get benefits for their partners. The legal papers his office filed also charge that the ruling of three-judge panel "attempts to indirectly invalidate Arizona's marriage laws," something the state contends the U.S. Supreme Court has

ruled is beyond the purview of federal judges.

And Brewer, in a prepared statement said the appellate court was "bent on installing a social agenda." Hanging in the balance is whether gay workers will lose benefits they have had since 2008. That is when then-Gov. Janet Napolitano got her Department of Administration to rewrite the state's personnel rules to expand the definition of who is a "dependent" for purposes of state employment.

Under those rules, that included someone living with the employee for at least a year and expected to continue living with that person. The rules, which did not specify the gender of the partner, also required a showing of financial interdependence and an affidavit by the worker affirming there is a domestic partnership. But in 2009, after Napolitano resigned to take a post in the Obama administration, the Republican-controlled Legislature approved – and Brewer signed – a state law narrowing the definition and specifically excluding unmarried couples.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund sued on behalf of gay workers, saying that they, unlike heterosexual employees, had no other legal remedy. A federal trial judge and, more recently, the three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit, agreed, blocking the state from cutting benefits, at least for the homosexual workers; straight employees lost domestic partner benefits last year. Horne said the state does not discriminate based on sexual orientation, noting the same insurance is available to gay employees as for their straight coworkers. He said, though, lawmakers can decide to spend taxpayer dollars extending those benefits only to partners of workers who are legally wed. "Why the heck can't the domestic partner get a job and get health care coverage?" he asked. Horne said lawmakers do not have to ask the same question of spouses.

"Sometimes the spouse is a mother who is raising children and wants to be home with the children," he explained. Nor was he dissuaded by the fact that some gay couples also are raising children. "I think that may be an argument to be made to the Legislature," Horne said. "But I don't like the idea of federal judges dictating to the state what it can spend money on, and what it can't."

Judge Mary Schroeder, who wrote the appellate opinion earlier this month, agreed that Arizona lawmakers are free to decide whether to spend tax dollars to provide or not provide benefits to workers. "But when a state chooses to provide such benefits, it may not do so in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner that adversely affects particular groups that may be unpopular," she wrote.

In the state's legal brief, though, Horne defended the distinction. "Married state employees have a legal responsibility to care for their partners, whereas no such duty is imposed on domestic partners," the legal papers say.

According to the Department of Administration, there are 226 employees of the state, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University who are receiving same-sex domestic partner benefits. He said the annual cost is slightly more than \$5 million a year. Northern Arizona University, which is subject to the same law – and the same injunction – has a separate insurance program. Cost figures were not immediately available.

## Chuzapalooza 2nd Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser Oct. 15

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Check your closets, drawers and around the house because Chuzapalooza 2012 is in need of your unused or no longer needed good that are cluttering your life.

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# Data On Same-Sex Couples Reveals Changing Attitudes

CHICAGO (Observer Update) - As bans on gay marriage and civil unions spread across the majority of America in the past decade, new U.S. Census figures reveal a starkly different trend: The number of same-sex partnerships skyrocketed even in the most prohibitive states, npr.org reported on advocate.com.

from 20 percent in 2000.

The census data provided plenty of room for interpretation among those on both sides of the debate over marriage rights for gays and lesbians.

"It shows an exponential increase in the number of same-sex couples that are standing up and being counted," Brian Moulton, chief legislative counsel for the gay-rights group Human Rights Campaign, says. "It continues to demonstrate to policymakers, in particular, that their families are out there, they do exist and need protection."

However, opponents say the small number of married same-sex couples fails to justify advocates' call for marriage rights.

"This shows that most same-sex couples living together don't choose to marry," says Peter Sprigg, a senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council, a conservative group that opposes same-sex marriages and civil unions. "That suggests to me that the majority of homosexuals aren't really interested in participating in the institution of marriage, which calls into the place the whole movement for same-sex marriage, in my mind."

While same-sex partnerships remained most heavily concentrated in the socially liberal areas of the Northeast and the West, many states in the South and Midwest with the most restrictive gay-marriage laws recorded big jumps in same-sex households.

I think it tells us how same-sex couples view their relationships, as apart from the legal definition. Many of them view themselves as spouses but live in states that don't recognize them in any way. - Gary Gates, Williams Institute

Among the 10 states with the largest increases in same-sex couples, six of the states have laws or constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage and civil unions.

The largest population of same-sex couples resides in California, where a voter-approved ban on gay marriage is being challenged in federal court. The number of same-sex households there increased by 46 percent to more than 98,000 since 2000. The state briefly granted marriage licenses to same-sex couples in 2008 before voters passed Proposition 8, which defined marriage as being between one man and one woman. (California recognizes same-sex marriages and civil unions granted in other states.)

Florida and Texas, respectively, recorded the second- and third-largest numbers of gay couples. Both states have constitutional amendments restricting marriage to a man and a woman. Florida's total rose to 48,496 and Texas's jumped to 46,401, with the groups in each state posting an increase of more than 85 percent over the decade.

Socially and religiously conservative North Carolina and Georgia were among the states with not only the greatest increases but the largest populations of same-sex households.

The number of North Carolina's gay couples soared 118 percent to 18,309, as the state earlier this month approved a ballot initiative for 2012, which aims to prevent constitutional challenges to existing law that already prohibits same-sex marriage.

Georgia had the sixth-highest number of gay couples, at

21,318, due to an 80 percent increase over the decade. Georgia voters approved a constitutional ban in 2004, following one of the nation's most widely watched demonstrations in support of it - notably because one of its leaders was the Rev. Bernice King, a daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. Her mother, civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, had been a public supporter of gay rights.

The Census Bureau issued the figures this week to correct its initial release in August, when it put the number of same-sex households at more than 901,000. The initial results also produced a far higher estimate of gay married couples, at a count of more than 349,000.

The bureau says the results were "artificially inflated" because some heterosexual couples checked boxes on the 2010 census form identifying themselves as same-sex couples. The bureau attributes the error to a poorly designed questionnaire that census takers used in recording people's information on door-to-door visits. Some demographers say the form may have produced similar mistakes in the 2000 count.

In all, 29 states have amended their constitutions to effectively outlaw gay marriage by defining marriage as being between a man and a woman. Twelve other states have laws against recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Roughly 19 states have laws against recognizing same-sex civil unions.

At the opposite end of the issue, six states and the District of Columbia have legalized same-sex marriage. Massachusetts was the first state to do so, in 2004. New York became the latest earlier this year.

Some 646,464 gay couples said they lived together in last year's census, an increase of 80 percent from 2000, according to revised figures released this week. Same-sex couples make up just 1 percent of all married and unmarried couples in the U.S., but as a group they nonetheless made large gains in every state.

The results include the first estimate of the nation's gay married couples. More than 131,000 same-sex couples identified themselves as husbands or wives, accounting for about 1 in every 5 gay couples who live together.

But the new numbers may not represent a real increase in gay couples as much as a change in attitudes. Some demographers say the stigma of homosexuality is easing, emboldening more people to disclose their same-sex partnerships. As evidence, some of the biggest increases in gay couples occurred in unlikely places.

"I think it tells us how same-sex couples view their relationships, as apart from the legal definition. Many of them view themselves as spouses but live in states that don't recognize them in any way," says demographer Gary Gates at the UCLA law school's Williams Institute, which analyzes census data on gay and lesbian couples.

Gates, one of the demographers asked to confirm the data's accuracy for the Census Bureau, points to his own post-census survey that indicated increasing openness among gays and lesbians. His report found that 10 percent of same-sex couples declined to reveal their relationship to census takers, down



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against HIV/AIDS and in what was an unexpected segment of his speech the President spoke up for the safety of Gays and Lesbians around the world. It was a clear call for civil and human rights and words I have not heard before in a speech to the United Nations. Whether or not the President can convince Palestinian and Israeli leaders to resume negotiations now and whether the United States can avoid using a veto in the Security Council is yet to be seen. But this speech was a good beginning.

(This oped was reprinted from gaycitynews.com.)

### Gay Marriage Foes In Mexico Push For 'Family' Law

GUADALAJARA (Observer Update) - Gay marriage foes in the Mexico state of Jalisco are pushing for a new law that would define the concept of "family."

Last year, the city-state of Mexico City legalized gay marriage. While gay and lesbian couples can only legally marry in the nation's most populous city, the country's remaining 31 states must recognize their marriages as valid, Mexico's highest court ruled last year, reports advocate.com. The new effort to define family as a heterosexual unit is being promoted by the coalition of socially conservative groups Mexicanos por la Vida de Todos (Mexicans for the life of everyone) which is spearheaded by the Catholic Archdiocese of Guadalajara.

This "shield" could outlaw gay marriage and the adoption of children by gay and lesbian couples, said activists Rodrigo Rincon of Cohesion de Diversidades para la Sustentabilidad (CODISE) and Guadalupe Lopez of Lesbianas en Patlatonalli, the 25-year-old lesbian rights group. The state of Jalisco has the nation's third largest economy and its capital city of Guadalajara is the second largest metropolitan area in Mexico with more than 4 million people.

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### Barack Obama Spoke Truth At The UN

Barack Obama's speech to the United Nations was a clear call for peace with recognition of the realities of what is needed before peace can come. He stated clearly that the Palestinians and Israelis must sit down together and work out their issues and borders and that the UN cannot do this, or end hostilities, simply by declaring a Palestinian State.

The President went on to speak poignantly of the right of Palestinians to bring their children up in a free and secure state and that all Israeli and Palestinian children must have the right to grow up with a future that is based purely on what they can accomplish with the right to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

He rightly brought up the continued threats to the very existence of the State of Israel by its neighbors and the history of the persecution of the Jewish people including the holocaust where 6 million were exterminated simply for who they were. Obama said the world must recognize this truth. But he also said it is past time for the Palestinians to have their own state with clear delineated and safe borders. He said that Palestinian/Israeli negotiations to achieve the two state solution must move forward now. But the reality is that we cannot just wave a wand and make that happen and neither can the United Nations.

This was a good speech but everyone recognizes that even great speeches cannot solve the problems that exist. What made this speech even more difficult for the President to make was the need to direct it at both the world and to those who will vote in next year's Presidential election. He had no choice but to do this because as David Gergen, an advisor to both Democratic and Republican past Presidents said, "The Republican candidates have crossed the line of what had been previously out of bounds which is to criticize a President as he was speaking for the United States to the world." Rick Perry clearly believes that there are no lines of

decency and appropriateness when it comes to attacking a President as he is speaking on an international situation in an international venue. Perry's attack on the President the day before the speech was meant not to add anything to help move the Israeli/Palestinian peace talks forward but rather for purely partisan consumption of Jewish voters and contributors in next year's Presidential election.

While the President has the responsibility to speak for the nation, Perry most likely without even knowing it rebuked all past Republican Presidents who share the current President's positions. Perry's lack of understanding of the world and his lack of decency make him a scary candidate.

The President in his speech also discussed the world financial situation and that the United Nations must continue to move forward on halting nuclear proliferation and curbing world hunger. He went on to ask for a continued commitment to the fight

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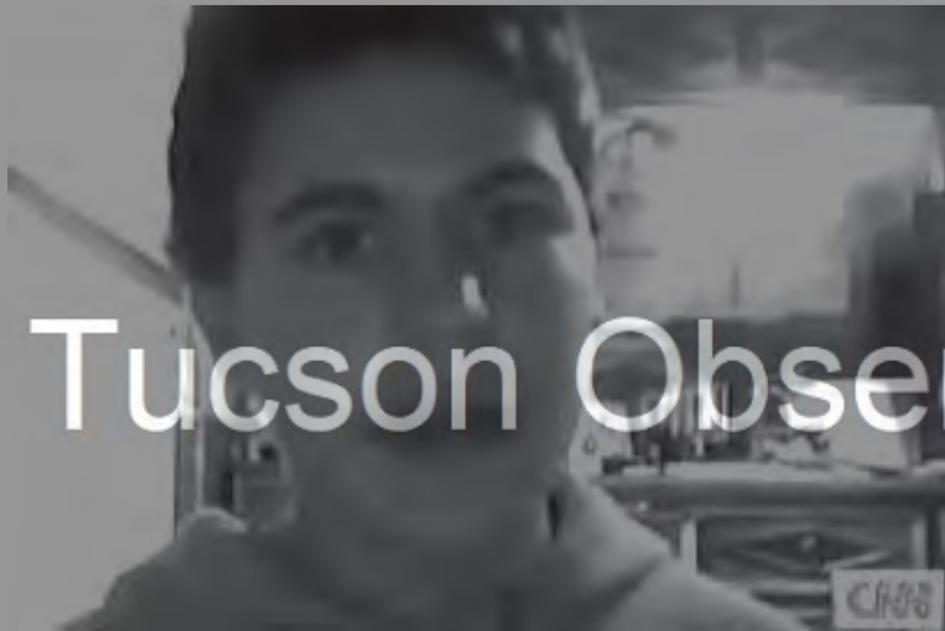


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# Teen Bullied In Death



Jamey Rodemeyer

BUFFALO (Observer Update) - Weeks after the suicide of 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer in western New York, school officials, police and lawmakers are grappling with ways to prevent the kind of schoolyard bullying being blamed for his death, reuters.com reported.

The openly gay teen's parents Tim and Tracy Rodemeyer are calling for changes in how New York schools handle the kind of chronic harassment that drove their son to kill himself outside their suburban Buffalo home on September 19. "It's the only thing that's keeping us going, to try and get the word out," Tracy Rodemeyer told Reuters.

Already the move has resulted in proposed state legislation aimed at stopping online taunts, known as cyber-bullying. It comes in the wake of neighboring New Jersey enacting the nation's toughest anti-bullying law after the suicide last year of a gay Rutgers University student who was bullied.

At the start of this school year, New Jersey officials worried tight budgets might make it difficult to uphold the law, which requires a uniform response to each and every incidence of bullying, including corrective action plans and time frames for intervention. In Buffalo, meanwhile, a painful reminder that little has changed came last week when a student at the school Rodemeyer attended was suspended for continued taunting of the teen even after his death.

This time the target was his 16-year-old sister at a school dance just hours after she attended a wake for her younger brother on September 22. "It sickens me," their father said of reports that some students chanted "better off dead" when dance organizers played a song in Rodemeyer's honor by his favorite singer, Lady Gaga, who has memorialized him in her anti-bullying comments. "Your mind just spins at 100 miles per hour. How can someone do that? I don't understand how someone could be so cruel," Tracy Rodemeyer said. "Everybody has a story about bullying but never, never have I ever seen it where somebody would be happy that someone is dead from their actions."

Superintendent Scott Martzloff posted a message on the district's web site condemning the dance incident and saying a student believed to be responsible was suspended. Police continue to investigate Rodemeyer's death to determine if criminal charges

should be brought against some of the teens accused of harassing him, officials said.

The high school freshman had talked to his mother about being gay for the first time about a year ago. In May, he contributed an online video to an international campaign called "It Gets Better," designed to help young gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people confirm their identity and survive the pitfalls of being different. She said the teasing that followed Rodemeyer through grade school and into high school included taunts of "fag" and "girly girl" hurled at the boy who kept mostly female friends.

While his online message in May was one of hope, his mother said it is clear now that he put up a strong front to hide the deep hurt within. School guidance counselors and social workers met with Rodemeyer over the years but none seemed to strive to help him, his father said. One counselor's advice was simply to stop spending time with girls, he said.

One big problem is that harassment may seem endless for some teens, deepening their despair, said Dr. Stuart Green, of the New Jersey Coalition for Bullying Awareness, who helped draft the New Jersey anti-bullying legislation. "In 12 years of taking phone calls from parents I've never once gotten a call where a parent was upset about something that happened yesterday. It's months and years," he said.

The proposed legislation in New York to make it easier to prosecute online bullying is aimed at creating a "chilling effect" to discourage the harassment, said Rich Azzopardi, spokesman for state Senator Jeffrey Klein, author of the bill. "Years ago, drunken driving wasn't viewed as a big deal, even though it has the potential to kill people. What we're doing with bullying is changing people's perception of it," Azzopardi said.

For the Rodemeyers, that shift can't come soon enough. "We're really supposed to be learning from our mistakes and this is the next biggest one," Tracy Rodemeyer said.

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# Father Of Late Gay Hockey Manager Says Slurs Are Common



Wayne Simmonds

Brian Burke

TORONTO (Observer Update) - The father of the late Brendan Burke, a pioneering voice for acceptance of gays in hockey, wants to ensure that the NHL acts if Wayne Simmonds really used a gay slur during a game, reports advocate.com.

Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke has carried on the message of his son, who was an openly gay manager for an NCAA hockey team before he died in a car accident and who was a catalyst for acceptance in a sport where homophobic comments had been part of the everyday.

The Philadelphia Flyers' Simmonds was caught on tape during a preseason game Monday appearing to call New York Ranger Sean Avery a "fucking faggot." But the NHL says it can't act because the tape didn't have sound, and Simmonds denies using the word even while Avery says he heard it.

"If that happened, that is just so embarrassing and the league should not tolerate it," Burke told ESPN. "That should be treated on the same level as a racially charged incident. It's the same level of offensiveness and inappropriateness."

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has said it's "abundantly clear," based on the video footage, that the word was said, and it has called on the NHL to reconsider its decision not act.

Both Avery and Brian Burke said use of gay slurs is commonplace in the NHL and that it has to stop. "I think sometimes it reflects the habitual rather than the homophobic," Burke told ESPN. "Players reach into their back pocket and that's what they say, not necessarily meaning to target someone's sexuality."

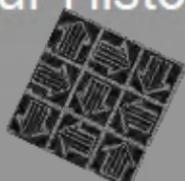
## Congressman Polis A Father



WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Congress has its first openly gay dad. Colorado Democrat Rep. Jared Polis and his partner, Marlon Reis, welcomed into the world their newborn son, Caspian Julius, weighing 8 lbs, 12 oz, reports advocate.com.

"Baby and parents are doing well, baby has learned to cry already! No gifts please, just nice thoughts for Caspian, humankind, the planet, and the universe!" Polis, one of four openly gay House members, and Reis announced in a brief statement.

"With the new addition to his family, Representative Polis now joins the list of one million LGBT parents, both single and coupled, raising two million children in America today," Family Equality Council Jennifer Chrisler said in congratulating Polis and Reis on the new addition to their family.



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# Newt Gingrich: Gay Marriage Is 'Temporary Aberration'



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FORT DODGE (Observer Update) - Newt Gingrich, GOP candidate for president, told a crowd in Fort Dodge, Iowa that gay marriage is a "temporary aberration," the Des Moines Register first reported.

amous decision in 2009. Troy Price of One Iowa, the state's largest gay rights group, condemned the remarks. "Mr. Gingrich's comments are out-of-touch with Iowans and I don't think that he is the right person to be lecturing Iowans, or anyone, about loving, committed marriages," Price told the paper.

In response to a question from the audience, the former House Speaker said: "I believe that marriage is between a man and a woman. It has been for all of recorded history and I think this is a temporary aberration that will dissipate. I think that it is just fundamentally goes against everything we know." Gingrich made his comments during an event he held at a Best Western hotel conference room.

Media watchdog ThinkProgress.org's Tanya Somanader expanded on Price's comments. "Given his own marital history, Gingrich's belief in the solvent nature of same-sex marriage is mildly amusing," she said, referring to the former lawmaker's three marriages.

The Iowa Supreme Court legalized gay marriage with a unani-

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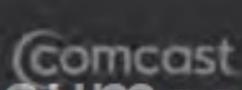
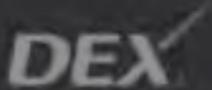
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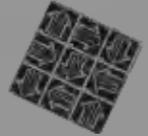
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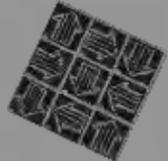
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## Retailers Backing Away From Anti-Gay 'Charity' Marketer

SEATTLE (Observer Update) - With  
 the aid of online petition sites like  
 Change.org, several LGBT advocates  
 have successfully pressured major  
 retailers to cut ties with an Internet  
 marketing firm that gives a portion of  
 purchases made through its portal to  
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search Council and Focus on the  
 Family. The purchases could be made  
 through retailers like Macy's, Barney's  
 New York, Microsoft, Apple and Netflix.  
 All have since left the network, leaving  
 companies like Office Max, Office  
 Depot and Elizabeth Arden.

"I said, 'You've got to be  
 kidding, Microsoft,'" Wilber told the  
 Times, about launching his petitions.



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## SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
 BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 10am-8pm  
 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.  
 NEW MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-8 = \$2 well, dom longnecks, dom pints, or New Moon shots. Kitchen open 5-9pm. Check our calendar for special events.  
 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 10am-8  
 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".  
 NEW MOON - Closed Mondays  
 WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Service Industry Night - Employee prices all day..

## TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Closed Tuesdays  
 BRODIES - Open 10am - 2am. Happy Hour 10am - 8pm.  
 IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic Beer.  
 8pm-close "2'sDay" - \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. DJ 9pm-close.  
 NEW MOON - Open 4pm. \$2 well, dom. Long necks, pints New Moon Shots. Kitchen open 5-9. Women's Texas Hold 'em poker 6pm. Karaoke 8pm.  
 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. Happy Hour 10am - 8pm.  
 IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic.. 11pm - -close "Reverse Happy Hour".  
 NEW MOON - Open 4pm. \$2 well, dom. Long necks, pints New Moon Shots. Kitchen open 5-9. \$2 off appetizer menu items\* with drink purchase (priced \$4 or higher).  
 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. Happy Hour 10am - 8pm.  
 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.  
 NEW MOON - Open 4pm. \$2 well, dom. Long necks, pints New Moon Shots. Kitchen open 5-9. Free Nachos 5-7. New Babies Drag Show 8pm. Check out the new talent!  
 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. Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Karaoke 9pm.  
 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.  
 NEW MOON - Open 4pm. \$2 well, dom. Long necks, pints New Moon Shots. Kitchen open 5-9. Women's Texas Hold 'em poker 6pm. Karaoke 8pm. First and Third Fridays are country, with dance lessons at 7pm and country DJ 8:30.  
 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 styling 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 10am-8pm.  
 IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio \$1Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starrlett's" w/ Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".  
 NEW MOON - Open 4pm. \$2 well, dom. Long necks, pints New Moon Shots. Kitchen open 5-9. Cheeseburger & Fries \$5.  
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## June 1982 The first Tucson Gay Civil Rights Marcher Arrives In Phoenix

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The march required camping overnights along the 7 day route, then ended in a two (2) mile walk down Phoenix main streets to the state capital building on Saturday June 26, 1982 for a joint protest by Gays and their Allies from Phoenix, two (2) chartered bus loads of the Tucson Gay Community, other Arizona communities, along with those Gays from other states. Gay Christian Outreach Services of Tucson provided support and security along the route. Tucson Gay Museum documented the event. As part of the Tucson 1982 Pride Week activities in Tucson an old fashioned Pride Fair was held as a fundraiser for sponsoring the local marchers at Michaels bar located at 140 S. Kolb Road on Sunday June 20, 1982.

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