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Officials Deny Deportation Reprieve For Bi-National Couple



Brian Anderson and Anton Tanumihardja

PHILADELPHIA (Observer Update) - A gay Indonesian man fighting to remain in the U.S. with his American husband has been denied a reprieve from deportation – a decision that appears to contradict Obama administration promises that members of same-sex binational couples can be considered lower-priority cases among the nation's 300,000 current deportation proceedings, reports advocate.com.

During a brief meeting at Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Philadelphia office, Anton Tanumihardja, who in June married his American spouse, Brian Andersen, was denied a request for what's known as deferred action. He was ordered to return to the local branch on January 13 for another appearance.

If the Department of Homeland Security or an immigration appeals board within the Justice Department does not intervene, immigration officers will require Tanumihardja to make travel arrangements back to Indonesia or be taken into custody and removed from the U.S. by ICE.

Lavi Soloway, the couple's attorney and cofounder of Stop the Deportations, said he believed that the Friday decision means the administration has not implemented recently updated deportation guidelines in the field, which could have severe consequences for binational gay couples such as his clients.

"The Obama administration made a commitment to stop deportations that would tear apart families, including same-sex couples, and yet in its decision the ICE Office in Philadelphia is failing to make good on that commitment," Soloway said. "The administration must take immediate action to ensure that the new deporta-

tion policy is being implemented fairly and consistently by ICE deportation officers in local offices, or this policy announcement is meaningless."

On August 18, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano announced that DHS will initiate an intra-agency working group tasked with a case-by-case review of pending deportation orders (the review has not yet begun). A senior administration official later told reporters in a conference call that cases deemed lower-priority can include those of individuals with "strong community ties, with community contributions, and with family relationships." That criteria is based on a June memo from ICE director John Morton to field agents and attorneys on prosecutorial discretion in deportation proceedings.

Though gay couples are denied immigration sponsorship rights under the Defense of Marriage Act, they would be included under the definition of "family," the administration official said in August. No written guidance on the matter has been issued since, however.

Matt Chandler, deputy press secretary for DHS, told The Advocate, "The working group is currently finalizing the process for reviewing cases and will begin the review in the coming weeks. While the working group undertakes its efforts, ICE is enforcing immigration law in line with the June 2011 prosecutorial discretion memorandum from ICE director John Morton. ICE is also beginning additional training for field personnel on the proper application of prosecutorial discretion."

But Soloway maintains that DHS should have placed an immediate

House Republicans Triple Budget To Defend Gay Marriage Ban

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - House Republican leaders have agreed to triple the budget for defending in court The Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), the 1996 law that forbids federal agencies from recognizing the legal marriages of gay and lesbian couples, gay weekly the Washington Blade reported.

The contract modification, which took effect on October 1, authorizes up to \$1.5 million to defend the law, reports ontopmag.com.

In March, House Speaker John Boehner appointed and led a committee that instructed House counsel to defend the law in court after the Obama administration announced it would no longer do so. The president has said he believes the law that bans federal recognition of the marriages of gay and lesbian couples is unconstitutional.

The House has retained the legal services of Bancroft LLC attorney Paul Clement. A spokesman for Boehner asserted that the cost for the litigation would be borne by the Department of Justice, "which is

shirking its responsibility to defend the law."

Clement, and House General Counsel Kerry Kircher, are defending the law in at least 3 cases.

New York Congressman Jerrold Nadler, the sponsor of a bill that would repeal DOMA, denounced the move. "In the current climate of Republican-sponsored deficit hysteria, draconian spending cuts, and an ongoing recession ... it is shocking and supremely hypocritical for Republican Leadership to spend additional taxpayer dollars on the unwarranted, unconstitutional and unnecessary defense of DOMA," said Nadler in a statement. "It seems that the only jobs program the House is creating is one for high-priced lawyers to defend an unconscionable law."

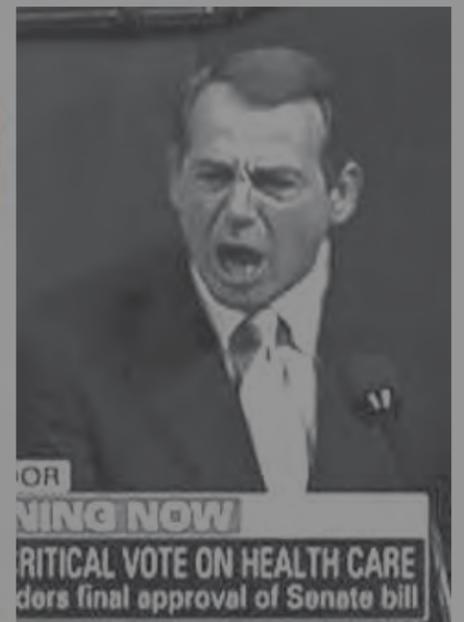
"Republican Leadership has exhibited an alarming lack of transparency or good faith in its defense of DOMA, repeatedly ignoring requests for briefings on DOMA defense and refusing to explain to the American people how and for what purpose it is spending the public's money," he added.

Boehner Criticizes Obama's Gay Marriage Decision

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - House Speaker John Boehner criticized President Obama over his decision to no longer defend in federal court the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), the 1996 law that bans federal agencies from recognizing the legal marriages of gay and lesbian couples, reports ontopmag.com.

In March, Boehner appointed and led a committee that instructed House counsel to defend the law in court after the Obama administration announced it would no longer do so. The president has said he believes the law is unconstitutional. Speaking at the 2011 Values Voter Summit in Washington D.C., Boehner chided the administration for abandoning the law and reiterated that legal fees would be assessed to the Department of Justice.

"If the Justice Department isn't going to defend this act passed by Congress, then we will," the Ohio



Republican said. "We'll take away the money from the Justice Department, who's supposed to enforce it, and we will," Boehner added.

Busy Weekend Coming.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 15
PRIDE IN THE DESERT**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 16
AIDS WALK**

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UPDATE

City of Tucson 2011 General Election Update

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Ballots for the 2011, City of Tucson general election, will be mailed out on Wednesday, October 19.

All registered voters in the City of Tucson will receive their general election ballot in the mail, as this election will be conducted as an all-mail ballot.

Tucson's primary election was conducted in the same fashion, with the most votes being cast in a primary election since 1999.

Voters will have choices for the four political seats up for consideration: Mayor, Councilmember - Ward 1, Councilmember - Ward 2 and Councilmember - Ward 4. Tucson's general elections, unlike the primary contest, are citywide affairs per the City Charter.

For more information, call the Tucson City Clerk's office, 791-4213.

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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Pride In The Desert, Oct. 15

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Pride in the Desert has moved to Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium, 2500 East Ajo Way.

Tucson's annual pride event will take place, Saturday, October 15, with gates opening at 11:00 a.m. and going until 8 p.m. This is Tucson's 34th annual festival and is organized by Tucson Pride.

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- Lisa Otey & Diane Van Deurzen

In addition to the multitude of entertainment venues, Pride in the Desert features commercial and non-profit exhibitors, a food court, and interactive displays and activities. Every year, Pride in the Desert grows to accommodate an ever-expanding number of vendors, exhibitors, and entertainers.

Tickets are \$10 in person (\$11 online) in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at tucsonpride.org.

Tucson Pride, Inc. (TPI) is an Arizona non-profit corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that produces and promotes cultural, educational and recreational events for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community in Tucson,

As of 2010, Tucson Pride has given back more than \$45,000 to local organizations. Tucson Pride currently produces and/or promotes these events each year.

Two GOP Mayoral Candidates In San Diego Are Gay

SAN DIEGO (Observer Update) - District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis and Councilman Carl DeMaio are gay, Republican and campaigning to run San Diego, America's eighth-largest city, the AP reported on ontopmag.com.

Sexual orientation hasn't been an issue for either candidate on the campaign trail. "People get to know that our lives are the same as their lives," Dumanis, 59, said. "It's easier to hate a stereotype than it is a person. I make a point of introducing Denise wherever I go."

"[Sexual] orientation is not an issue. It's a not a plus or a minus," DeMaio, 36, said.

DeMaio, however, has been criticized for not speaking out against Proposition 8, California's gay marriage ban, and for answering that he's single in a questionnaire for The San Diego Union-Tribune, despite a two-year relationship with Jonathan Hale, publisher of San Diego Gay & Lesbian News.

A third leading contender for the GOP nomination is state Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, 34, a Marine combat veteran and a strong gay rights ally. Fletcher was the only Assembly Republican to vote for a bill that requires California public schools teach about the historical contributions of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans. The Democratic candidate is California Rep. Bob Filner, a former San Diego councilman.

Majority Support DADT Repeal, Including Most Republicans

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - A majority of Americans and a plurality of Republicans support repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The military ended its 18-year-old policy that banned gay and bisexual troops from serving openly on September 20, nine months after Congress repealed the law with the help of few Republicans, reported ontopmag.com. According to a new CBS poll, 68 percent of Americans support the move, including 50 percent who said they "strongly" favored repeal. The survey also found a plurality of Republicans favor repeal.

Forty-eight percent of Republicans surveyed said they favor "strongly" or "somewhat" the open service of gay troops in the military, while 41 percent remain opposed. Only 12 percent of Republicans "strongly" oppose gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military. However, a majority of candidates vying for the GOP presidential nomination support "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." And three GOP candidates have vowed to reinstate the policy, including former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, Minnesota Rep. Michele

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hold on executing all final deportation orders until the working group begins its review. "The problem, which DHS seems to concede, is that the June 19 prosecutorial discretion guidelines are not consistently applied by ICE officers or prosecuting attorneys," Soloway said in response to Chandler's statement. "This is patently evident from Anton and Brian's case. It is because of that lack of consistency that this working group was necessary."

Tanumihardja, 46, had fought a nine-year battle for asylum that he ultimately lost. Following intervention from LGBT advocacy groups, his deportation was postponed just hours before he was set to board a flight back to Jakarta in February.

But three months later, the Board of Immigration Appeals issued a final order of removal in his case, though one that came prior to Homeland Security's updated guidance on prioritizing deportation cases.

In June the couple married in Washington, D.C., and filed a petition for a marriage-based green card. If not for DOMA, Tanumihardja and Andersen could request that the case be reopened and remanded back to immigration court, Soloway said.

Andersen, 29, said his husband fits the criteria for what Homeland Security considers to be low-priority deportation cases. Tanumihardja has no criminal record, is legally married, has lived in the country for nearly a decade, and has strong community ties.

"It almost seems like they were written for him," Andersen said of the guidelines. "Except [immigration officers] are not applying them. It's very disappointing. At any given time, Anton could basically be deported. There's really nothing keeping him here if they don't reverse this decision."

Update: ICE spokeswoman Barbara Gonzalez said in a statement regarding Tanumihardja's case, "ICE exercised discretion and granted Mr. Tanumihardja a stay of removal pending the decision of the motion to reopen his case. He is not in ICE custody, but is on an order of supervision."

Soloway replied: "While we are thankful that ICE did not execute the final order of removal today, this statement does not reflect ICE's decision to deny protection to Anton beyond today's short reprieve," he wrote. "ICE has informed us that unless the Board of Immigration Appeals re-opens his case, Anton will be deported to Indonesia. By rejecting his request for deferred action, ICE has refused to provide meaningful, long-term protection for Anton and Brian despite the fact that Anton clearly meets the criteria for this relief, and despite the Obama administration's stated commitment to protecting same-sex binational couples facing deportation. ICE should reconsider its decision and grant deferred action so that Brian and Anton are not torn apart."

Occupy Wall Street Protests Go Global

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - The Occupy Wall Street protest gained more strength as protesters across the nation - including hundreds, perhaps thousands of LGBTQ activists - marched in their own cities to show solidarity with the protest that began in New York City three weeks ago, advocate.com reports.

OccupyTogether, a website that sprung up as a hub for all the regional protests, lists 749 cities planning protests, rallies, or meet-ups this month, from places as diverse as Denver, Louisville, Chicago, Minneapolis, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Pocatello, Idaho or Birmingham, Ala. Organizers of the latter city's protests say October 15 is expected to be the largest protest day yet: "Something big is going to happen on that date," reported a self-proclaimed member of Anonymous about what's in store for Occupy Birmingham.

Protests have been staged in far-ranging locales, as well, from Honolulu to Dublin, some with only four or five activists planning meet-ups to decide how to bring the spirit of Occupy Wall Street to their hometowns. Dozens of protests took place today alone. In New Orleans, reportedly very orderly queer protesters carried signs that read "NOLA Is the Other 99%" and in Cleveland, signs read "If I Had a Job, I Wouldn't Be Here." Protesters in Seattle battled rain, then police removed their tents and left them little shelter from fall torrents.

In Los Angeles, about 500 protesters took over a popular intersection at Seventh and Figueroa streets (near banking centers), and police in riot gear were dispatched to make arrests (as of press time, only

about 10 arrests had been made).

In Portland, Ore., at least 4,000 protesters marched downtown to Pioneer Square to begin what is expected to be a camp-in for several days at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Marchers chanted, "Who are we? We are the 99," as the event streamed live to viewers. Portland's gay mayor, Sam Adams, offered support for the protesters, telling reporters "I support Portlanders in their right to protest and exercise free speech rights, and I encourage all who participate to do so peacefully and with respect to the rights of others. Most of the people that are going to participate in Occupy Portland - as with most of the participants in cities across the country - are there to voice their legitimate concerns about national issues. A peaceful event is the most effective way for participants to deliver that message."

No official reports have been released by police, but activists posting on Twitter are still debating whether police were supportive or "working for the 1%."

Meanwhile, a Tumblr called "We Are the 99 Percent" (which alludes to the economic disparity of having 1% of the nation control the majority of its wealth) has sprung up featuring hundreds of personal stories from folks around the U.S. affected by the recession. Many talk about losing jobs and homes, lack of health care, environmental pollution, LGBT economic issues, and more. Handwritten stories are being posted online as the protests continue their national groundswell and attract folks eager to participate and also send in their stories and photos.

One of those notes, posted alongside this story, is from a trans man who says he will "probably never" be able to afford the expense of transitioning.

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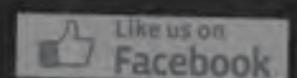
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**EQCA Says No
 To 2012 Gay
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 Repeal Effort**

SACRAMENTO (Observer Update) - Equality California (EQCA), the state's largest gay rights group, quietly announced that it would not back a 2012 effort to repeal Proposition 8, California's gay marriage ban, reports ontopmag.com.

"In 2009, we anticipated that 2012 would provide our best opportunity in the near term to overturn Prop 8 at the ballot, but after engaging in this comprehensive decision making process, we have opted not to lead a campaign to repeal Prop 8 in 2012," the group wrote in a blog post. The group cited divided support for gay marriage, the economy and an ongoing legal challenge to the law in explaining its decision.

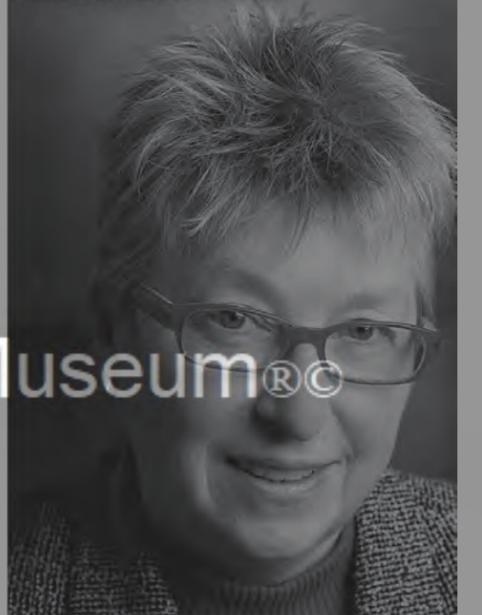
"Since 2009, public opinion in the state of California has changed, but not as much as we had hoped - support continues to hover near 50 percent. But the political landscape has changed dramatically. The struggling economy and complicated 2012 political climate have created an environment that is considered less favorable to a campaign to overturn Prop 8 and significantly increases the risk of loss."

"In addition, the Perry v. Brown legal challenge to Proposition 8 has provided hope that the freedom to marry can be restored in California."

Losing at the ballot box "could also embolden our opposition to try to roll back other hard-fought rights and protections across the state and the country," the group added.

Equality California was heavily criticized in 2010 for not backing a failed effort to repeal Proposition 8.

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Much Ado About Nothing
 Jack Melichar

Boys and girls, there is much I would like to write about today, but I have screwed around so long that if I tell you everything that is on my mind, I will miss my deadline. Besides, I want to take a nap!

It isn't often that I am really impressed by new - at least to me - talent in Tucson. However, last Sunday I wandered into the New Moon, and had the pleasure of being entertained by Melody Louise. Her rendition of tunes from Scotch and Soda to Blue Bijou and everything in between was awesome. One may only hope that she will become a regular performer at the Moon. If she does, children, you need to get off your dead butts and support her.

I also wanted to rail against the death penalty. I particularly wanted to tell you the story of George Tinney, fourteen years old who was electrocuted in - where else - the South. He was so small they had to put him on telephone books so his head would

reach the electrodes. I also wanted to discuss the recent Republican gathering when many cheered when it was announced that under Perry's watch, **236** people have been put to death in Texas. How different are these animals, sorry Republicans, from the crowds in the arenas of ancient Rome when they gathered to witness the gladiators go at each other? I should not single out members of the GOP, because there are Independents and Democrats who are not one bit better.

It is interesting to note that the United States belongs to the same club as China, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, to mention a few. I wonder how long it will be before we begin stoning adulterers, executing those who would mock Christianity, cut off the hands of thieves, and do all sorts of neat things to the miscreants (by the way, he is still on the loose!). Come on, boys and girls, if we are going to be barbarians, let's go all the way! I for one am all for having one day of open season on ex-

wives. I already know where I will build a tree stand.

Now it is time to say good bye. Last week, Andy Rooney left 60 Minutes. I for one will miss him he was my model of a curmudgeon. But at the age of 92, he had had enough.

This past week saw the passing of Roger Williams at the age of 87. His 1955 hit AUTUMN LEAVES was the only piano instrumental to reach number one on the Billboard pop charts. It remains the best-selling piano recording of all times. Williams played for nine U.S. presidents during his long career. It is difficult to see the ends of so many spectacular careers.

Well boys and girls, it is time to get on with my other duties, i.e. a nap! So long until next week.

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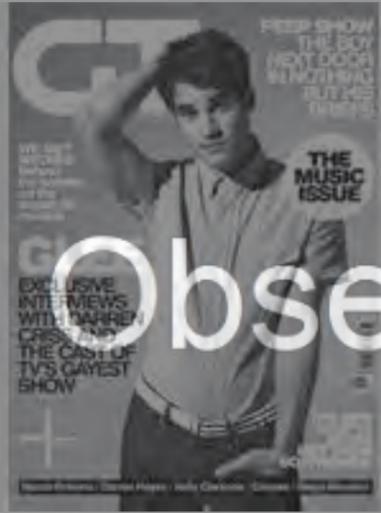
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Darren Criss Says 'Glee' Criss Colfer Romance Is Ordinary

LONDON (Observer Update) - Darren Criss says Glee romance with Chris Colfer is rather ordinary. In the premiere episode of the show's third season, Criss' Blaine Anderson transfers out of the Dalton Academy to William McKinley High to be with his boyfriend Kurt Hummel (played by Chris Colfer), reports ontopmag.com.



In a cover interview with UK gay glossy Gay Times, Criss said people have embraced their television romance not because it's unique but because it's ordinary. "Between somebody like Kurt and Blaine, the fact that they're together and the positive response that has come from that relationship isn't necessarily because of the fact that it's a young, gay, teen relationship, although of course that's there, that's undeniable," Criss said. "I think people have just responded to these two characters that they like and treat it as a rather ordinary couple,

heterosexual or otherwise."

"It's really cool that there's a popular show that can embody that and really put a positive light on it and not make it the center of attention about being a gay relationship," he added.

Google Axes 'Is My Son Gay?' Android App

SILICON VALLEY (Observer Update) - Google has deleted the controversial Is My Son Gay? app from its Android market, reported ontopmag.com.

The Mon Fils Est-Il Gay? French language app determined a boy's sexuality after asking the user 20 questions pertaining to masculinity, such as, "Does he like football?" and "Does he care how he dresses?" It sold for 99 Euro cents, or about \$1.34. Google took action after gay rights group AllOut.org launched a Twitter protest in which hundreds of members tweeted, "Demand that @Google & #Android dump homophobic 'Is My Son #Gay? app NOW, no excuses! #LGBT."

"We are pleased that Google developers have heard the voice of the LGBT community and pulled the app," said Andre Banks, co-founder of AllOut.org.com. "Apps such as these are outrageous and only serve to further negative stereotypes and homophobia."

The developer of the app, Emmene-moi, confirmed to Australia's Six Billion Stories that Google had deleted its app. Earlier the developer had defended its product by saying the gay test was for entertainment purposes only.

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow: Marriage Threatens Gay Culture

HOLLYWOOD (Observer Update) - MSNBC host Rachel Maddow says winning the right to marry would threaten gay culture, reports ontopmag.com.

The openly lesbian host of The Rachel Maddow Show made her comments in a cover story with entertainment glossy The Hollywood Reporter. "I feel that gay people not being able to get married for generations, forever, meant that we came up with alternative ways of recognizing relationships," Maddow said. "And I worry that if everybody has access to the same institutions that we lose the creativity of subcultures having to make it on their own. And I like gay culture."



The 38-year-old Maddow met her girlfriend of over ten years, artist Susan Mikula, in Massachusetts, the first state to legalize gay marriage, while finishing her dissertation at Oxford University. The women divide their time between homes in Manhattan and western Massachusetts. "We know a lot of people who have gotten married," she added, "but I don't think we feel any urgency about it."

Maddow, who appears as herself in George Clooney's upcoming political drama The Ides of March, also said she was a "Hollywood sucker" who would "do anything for George Clooney."



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Buck McKeon Would Reject Defense Bill That Doesn't Ban Gay Marriage



Representative Buck McKeon

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Rep. Buck McKeon, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has said he would rather pass no defense bill at all than one which doesn't ban marriage for gay and lesbian service members, reports ontopmag.com.

also wants a provision that seeks to direct suspected terrorists into military custody. "It's a give and take process," McKeon said, referring to the process of reconciliation between the House and the Senate.

Late last month Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Clifford Stanley issued a memo which stated that chaplains may officiate the marriage and civil union ceremonies of gay couples in states where it's legal, including those taking place on military installations. The issue had previously surfaced and the House responded in May by attaching a provision to the defense bill that bans such unions.

"It's a give and take process, but you're not going to give on those two issues," Donnelly asked. "Right," McKeon answered after a brief pause.

Aubrey Sarvis, executive director of Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), called McKeon's threat "shameful."

During an appearance on cable C-Span's Newsmakers to air Sunday, McKeon told host John Donnelly of Congressional Quarterly that he would rather see the bill fail than have the marriage provision stripped. McKeon

"It's nothing short of shameful that the Chair of the House Armed Services Committee, charged with protecting and authorizing funding for our nation's service members at war, would be willing to put at risk the equipment and supplies they need in order to advance his narrow, social agenda," Sarvis said in a statement.

Paula Ettelbrick, Veteran LGBT Leader,



Paula Ettelbrick

NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Paula Ettelbrick, an attorney who served the LGBT community for almost three decades in senior leadership positions at numerous high-profile organizations, has died. Friends reported that Ettelbrick, 56, died of causes related to cancer, reports advocate.com.

25 years, Ettelbrick worked for organizations including the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Empire State Pride Agenda, and most recently, the Stonewall Community Foundation. She also taught at the undergraduate, graduate, and law school levels.

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York City and global queer communities," he wrote in an email. "First and foremost I can say that I found her to be so genuinely deeply unfalteringly committed to our liberation as LGBT people."

Cary Alan Johnson, executive director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, which Ettelbrick led before joining the Stonewall Community Foundation last year, paid one of many tributes to her. "Paula was so many things to so many people - her family, the movement, the New

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Scott Anderson, First Gay Minister Ordained In Wisconsin Presbyterian Church

SUN PRAIRIE (Observer Update) - - More than two decades after Scott Anderson told his California congregation that he was gay and therefore must resign as its pastor, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) is preparing to welcome him back with mostly open arms.

Anderson was ordained in his new home of Madison, Wis., as the denomination's first openly gay minister, marking the latest mainline Protestant church to move toward accepting homosexual relationships, reported huffingtonpost.com.

During a recent interview, Anderson, 56, recalled being in the closet from 1983 to 1990 while serving as a minister in Sacramento. He told the congregation the truth and resigned as pastor after a couple learned he was gay and tried to use the information against him.

"That was really the best and worst moment of my life," Anderson said. "It was the best because I was able to claim for the first time who I was as a gay man. That was incredibly empowering. But there was also the sadness, the grief of leaving the ministry and what I loved."

The ordination at Covenant Presbyterian Church was made possible by decades of debate over whether openly gay people should be allowed to serve in the church. The church constitution used to include language requiring that clergy live "in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness."

The Presbyterian national assembly last year endorsed removing that rule. The change was approved in May by a majority of the denomination's 173 regional church bodies.

Voter Less Likely To Support Anti-Gay Marriage Presidential Candidates

WASHINGTON, DC (Observer Update) - Voters are less likely to support presidential candidates who favor gay marriage bans, a new ABC News/Washington Post poll found, reports ontopmag.com.

Forty-two percent of respondents said they would be less likely to support a candidate who favors a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, while 25 percent said they would be more likely to support such a candidate. Only 20 percent said they would be much more likely.

A plurality of Republican-leaning respondents, however, said they supported such candidates. Thirty-eight percent of Republicans said they would be more likely to support a candidate who favors a constitutional amendment banning gay men and lesbians from marrying, including 29 percent who said they would be much more likely, while 27 percent said they would be less likely to support such a candidate.

Jamison Foser at Equality Matters crunched the numbers to conclude that 47 percent of Democrats and independents would be less likely to support a candidate who favors gay marriage bans, while 21 percent would. "[A]mong the vast majority of Americans who are not Republican base voters, support for a ban on gay marriage is increasingly toxic," Foser noted.

And when pollsters asked of Republican-leaning respondents, "What's the single most important issue to you in your choice for the Republican candidate for president?" fifty-one percent answered the economy, while only 3 percent cited social issues (asked as moral/family values).

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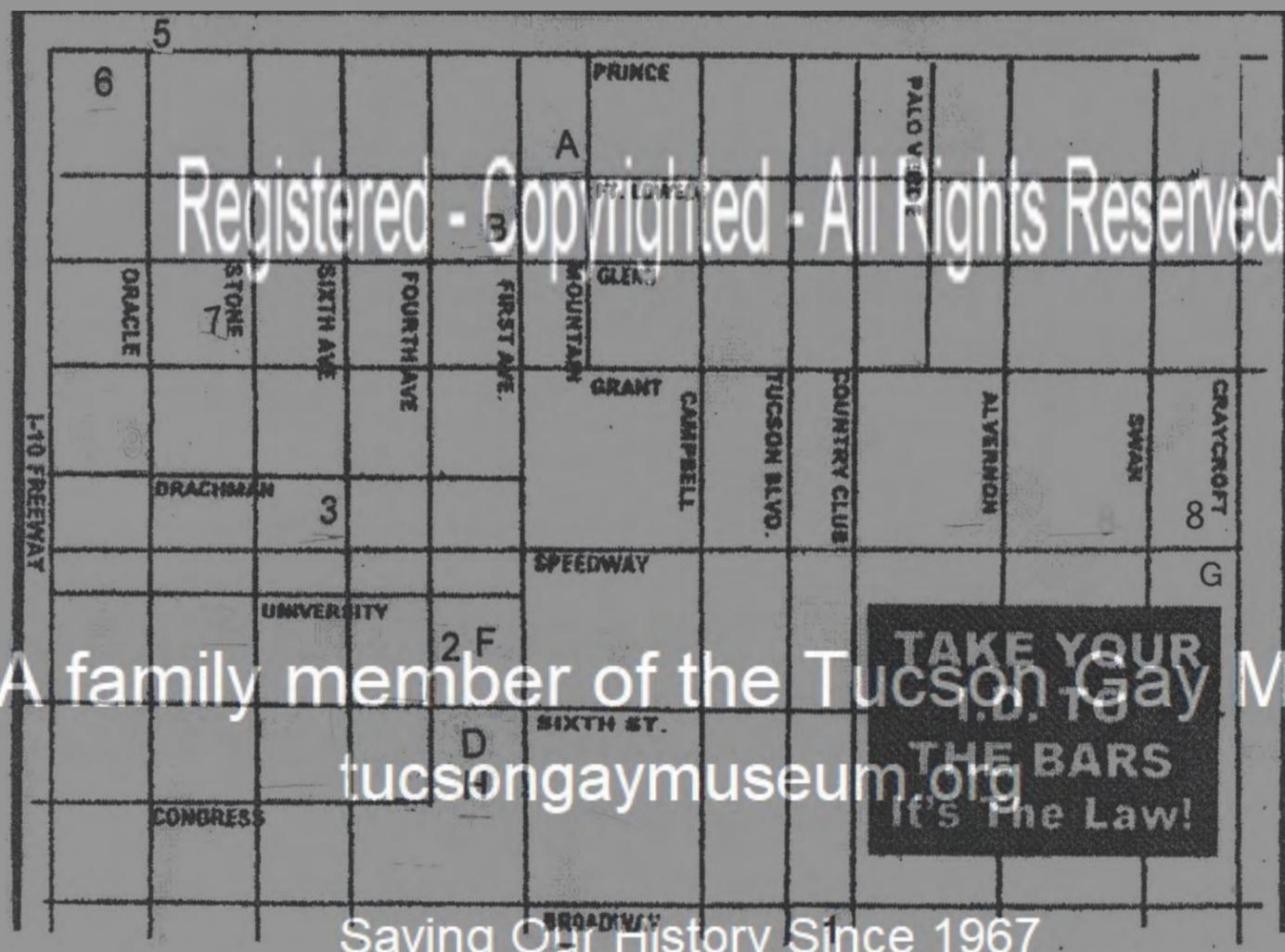
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Strong Plurality Say They'd Be Less Likely To Support A Presidential Candidate Who Backs A Ban On Gay Marriage

	More Likely	Much Less Likely	Much
Overall	25	20	35
Leaned Republicans	38	29	20
All Others*	21	17	40

*Extrapolated based on results of Q. 901, which indicate 25 percent of those polled are leaned Republicans.



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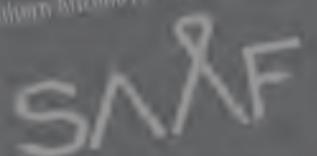
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"QUEEN" SOPHIE

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 When I smile, and slither
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 "King" George, my sexy husband
 Is hunting, that's my hunch,
 For a fat, plump playboy bunny
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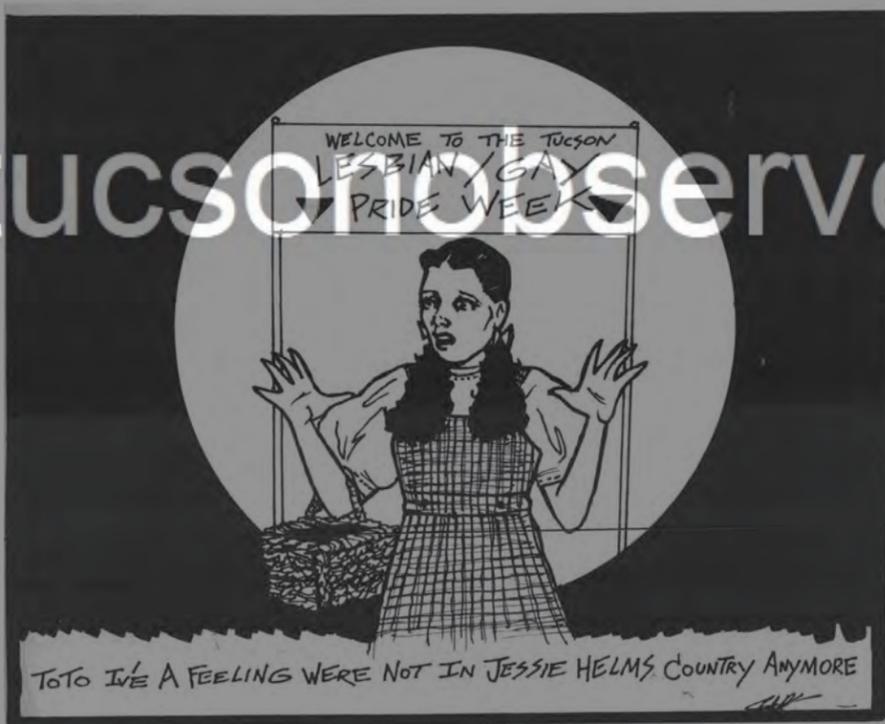
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Dan Choi, Gay Ex-Soldier, DADT Repeal Advocate Begins Process To Re-Enlist

WASHINGTON (Observer Update) - A gay West Point graduate who was discharged from the Army for revealing his sexual orientation says he has begun the process of re-enlisting now that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy has been repealed, reports the AP on huffingtonpost.com.

Dan Choi said he began the process of re-enlisting in New York on Sept. 22, two days after the end of the policy.

Since being discharged in 2010, Choi has spoken out against the policy and been arrested outside the White House during three "don't ask, don't tell" protests.

He was in Washington for a hearing in a case stemming from one of those arrests and says he's uncertain how it may affect his re-enlistment.

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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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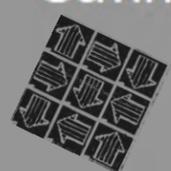
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June 1982 The First of Tucson's Gay Civil Rights Marchers Arrive In Phoenix

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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. As part of the **Tucson 1982 Pride Week** activities a **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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