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News and Events for the GLBTA Communities

God Punishing GI's Over Gays

By BETH RUCKER Associated Press Writer

SMYRNA, Tenn. Aug 28, 2005 — Members of a church say God is punishing American soldiers for defending a country that harbors gays, and they brought their anti-gay message to the funerals Saturday of two Tennessee soldiers killed in Iraq.

The church members were met with scorn from local residents. They chased the church members cars' down a highway, waving flags and screaming "God bless America."

"My husband is over there, so I'm here to show my support," 41-year-old Connie Ditmore said as she waved an American flag and as tears came to her eyes. "To do this at a funeral is disrespectful of a family, no matter what your beliefs are."

The Rev. Fred Phelps, founder of Westboro Baptist in Kansas, contends that American soldiers are being killed in Iraq as vengeance from God for protecting a country that harbors gays. The church, which is not affiliated with a larger denomination, is made up mostly of Phelps' children, grandchildren and in-laws.

The church members carried signs and shouted things such as "God hates fags" and "God hates you."

About 10 church members protested near Smyrna United Methodist Church and nearly 20 stood outside the National Guard Armory in Ashland City. Members have demonstrated at other soldier funerals across the nation.

The funerals were for Staff Sgt. Asbury Fred Hawn II, 35, in Smyrna and Spc. Gary Reese Jr., 22, in Ashland City. Both were members of the Tennessee National Guard.

Hundreds of Smyrna and Ashland City residents and families of other soldiers turned out at both sites to counter the message the Westboro Baptist members brought.

So many counterdemonstrators were gathered in Ashland City that police, sheriff's deputies and state troopers were brought in to control traffic and protect the protesters.

The church members held protesting permits, and counterpro-

testers in Smyrna turned their backs to Westboro Baptist members until time expired on the protest permits.

"If they were protesting the government, I might even join them," Danny Cotton, 56, said amid cries of "get out of our town" and "get out of our country."

"But for them to come during the worst time for this family it's just wrong."

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE

All womyn are invited for an evening of music, womyn-spirit and cruising the Missouri River on the historic River City Star.

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TIME: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Boarding around 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Boarding at Freedom Park Road, Carter Lake, Iowa

It's been a sellout almost every year, so don't miss your chance. **ADVANCE TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SEPTEMBER 7.** If any tickets are available after that, they will be sold at the boat. Remember to bring appropriate clothing since it is cooler on the river at night. Please pass on this invitation to all interested womyn you know. For further information call Tauni or Sheryl in Lincoln at 467-5737. Rain or shine. Ticket price is \$15.



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a benefit for Michele's Fund

Monday, September 5

Happy Hour Prices 2PM - 1AM

Kyle's Bed & Breakfast by Greg Fox

WOW... IT'S LATER THAN I THOUGHT. THE REST OF THE GUYS ARE ALL ASLEEP.

LOOKS LIKE KYLE AND I THOUGHT THE REST OF THE GUYS ARE ALL ASLEEP.

YEAH. BETWEEN THE FARSCAPE DVD... AND ALL THOSE PLAYSTATION GAMES... I SORTA' LOST TRACK OF TIME.

MAYBE NEXT TIME I'LL LET YOU WIN ONE, FERRELLI.

I HOPE THERE IS A NEXT TIME DAVE. I...

...HAD A GOOD TIME TODAY.

UM...YEAH. ME TOO.

YOU KNOW, WE GOT SOMETHIN' IN COMMON. SORT OF. BESIDES US BOTH BEIN' SCI FI GEEKS AND METAL FANS. AND KNOWIN' ABOUT CAR ENGINES.

WHAT'S THAT?

SEPTEMBER 11TH. I KNOW THAT'S WHEN YOU... GOT INJURED.

OH. RIGHT. YOU WERE A FIREFIGHTER. EDUARDO TOLD ME THAT.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THERE THAT DAY, THOUGH.

I WASN'T. TUESDAYS JUST HAPPENED TO BE MY DAY OFF.

I WAS OVER IN NEW JERSEY AT MY AUNT'S HOUSE.

BUT MY BOYFRIEND WAS THERE. HIS NAME WAS FRANK. HE...

...DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT. A LOTTA' MY FRIENDS ON THE SQUAD DIDN'T, EITHER. I FELT LIKE...

...I LOST EVERYTHING THAT DAY.

WOW. I'M SORRY, NICK. THANKS.

YOU KNOW, I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYBODY HERE AT THE B&B ABOUT MY BOYFRIEND DYIN' THAT DAY. IT WAS TOO PAINFUL FOR ME TO TALK ABOUT FRANK.

I'VE JUST BEEN TELLIN' EVERYBODY MY LAST RELATIONSHIP ENDED BADLY.

SO... WHY'D YOU TELL ME?

I DON'T KNOW.

MAYBE 'CAUSE YOU WERE THERE THAT DAY. OR MAYBE IT'S JUST... I FEEL LIKE I CAN TALK TO YOU... ABOUT ANYTHING.

YOU CAN, NICK. ANYTIME.

BUT... IF IT'S O.K. WITH YOU... I'M STILL GONNA' BE AN IRRITATING WISE-ASS AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.

I SURE HOPE SO. NOBODY ELSE AROUND HERE HAS THE BALLS TO GIVE ME ATTITUDE LIKE YOU DO. I RESPECT THAT.

COOL. IT'S JUST TOO BAD YOU SUCK AT PLAYSTATION.

I DEMAND A REMATCH...

Benefit for persons living with HIV/AIDS

Monday

September 5th, 2005

Vennylyst Park

9100 N 31st Street

1pm-6pm

\$10.00 Donation

**Donation includes
Soda, Beer and one
plate of food.
(ID Required to Drink)**



NO Pets, Please!

Labor Day Picnic

PRIDE WALK 2005 PICTURES

The 2005 Pride Walk was held on August 20, 2005, at First United Methodist Church. The GLBT Center would like to thank everyone who participated - the pledgers, the volunteers, the sponsors, the exhibitors, and the walkers! Thank you for helping raise funds for GLBT-allied nonprofits by supporting this first of many great Pride Walks to come. We look forward to seeing you at the 2006 Pride Walk!



"Beautiful weather greets some Pride Walk participants as they warm up in front of the sign-in tent."



"Cheers went out to Dave England from Proud Horizons who decided to run the entire 5-km course and finished first."



"Some Pride Walk participants at the starting line ready to take on the 5-km course."



"The grounds of First United Methodist Church provided a picturesque setting for the Pride Walk."



"Participants socialize and enjoy the shade during the Pride Walk."



"Betty Dorr from PFLAG Omaha tackles the Pride Walk with a smile."



"Rev. Elizabeth Dilley's beagle Leroy Brown is dubbed the official 2005 Pride Walk mascot."



"Participants take up their own pace while enjoying the Pride Walk."



"Pride Walk volunteer James Lunbeck stretches out and enjoys a well-deserved rest."



Hold On to the Rainbow

Come join Deanna Carmichael and friends as they "Hold on to the Rainbow" at DC's Saloon on Friday October 14th from 7:30 pm until 9:30pm. This is a benefit for the Rainbow Outreach

Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center at 1719 Leavenworth.

Brent meets a hot guy.....

.....in a gay bar. They talk, they connect, and they end up leaving together.

When Brent gets to the guy's place, he notices that the bedroom is completely packed with teddy bears. Hundreds of small bears are on a shelf all the way along the floor, medium sized bears are on a shelf above that and huge bears are hanging along the top of the wall.

Brent is kind of surprised that this guy would have such a large collection of teddy bears, especially one that is so extensive, but he decides not to mention it.

After a full night of hot sex, they are lying together in the after glow. Brent rolls over on the sweaty sheets and asks, "Well, how was it for you?"

The guy replies, "You can have any prize you want from the bottom shelf."

PUMPS FOR PILLS

A Benefit for Secondary Medications

On Sunday September 4 at DC's Saloon Guardian Monarchs to Emperor Dan and Empress Lana, Jeff McKenzie and Faleena Katz will host a benefit show for Secondary Medications. Show performances include Jennifer Jett, Monroe, Tom, Jaquelin Bordoaux, Anita Piercing, Montana, Stella Dallas, Paco and many others.

Please help us support this much needed cause. We look forward to seeing you at DC's Saloon on September 4. Cocktails at 8PM and Show at 9PM. No cover so bring all your friends.



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
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Visit: Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center, 1719 Leavenworth. Free Parking. Walk-in Hours: Sun. 1-6PM, Mon. 1-3PM, Tue. 7-9PM, Wed. 7-9PM, Thu. 1-3PM, Fri. 1-9PM, Sat. 1-4PM. Closed most major holidays.

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Center Wish List

Do you have something that the GLBT Center could use? Please call us at (402) 341-0330 or email wishlist@rainbowoutreach.org

Some Objects on our Wish List

Items for Raffles (event tickets, etc.); 6ft-tall 5-shelf Bookcase; Games (board games, card games, roleplaying games, chess, puzzles); Laminator (8.5"x11" or larger); Laser Printer (600 dpi or greater, PC compatible); Library Materials (Books, Magazines, Books on Tape, Videos, etc.); Overhead Projector; Public Address System; Slide Projector; Tables (three collapsible, 6-8 ft. long); Toolbox; VCR; TDD/TTY (Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf/Teletypewriters); TeleBraille (TB) machines for the Blind.

Wish List Contributors

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THE SKINNY ON "CARBS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY" REVEALED AT THE READING GROUNDS

Holistic health counselor and Omaha resident, John Mixan, will discuss

"Carbohydrates: the good, the bad and the ugly (or everything you ever wanted to know about carbohydrates but were too confused to ask)" at The Reading Grounds, Wednesday, September 14, 7pm.

"Ideally, armed with good solid information, the audience will be empowered to make wise food choices especially as it pertains to carbohydrates," says Mixan. Topics to be discussed include: what is a carbohydrate, examples of carbohydrates, how carbohydrates work in the body, insulin resistance, carbohydrates as they relate to weight control and weight gain, and high/low carb diets.

The audience will be challenged to take an action step in the direction of improving their choice of foods in general, especially carbs.



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Bob Knows Best

Dear Bob,

Do you have any suggestions on how I can approach a friend about coming out? She is 37 and unhappily married. She shuts her husband out and she pulls me in and then pushes me away again. I have never directly asked if she is gay but clearly she is. I just am tired of being pushed away and her going back to her husband.

-Door Mat

Dear Door Mat,

It sounds like you are only assuming she is a lesbian. Tell her you are and ask her flat out if she is. If she opens up to you, then maybe there is something there. Talk to her about being gay, and how you feel about being pushed away. Maybe if you open up and be direct, she will venture out too.

Remember, she is married, and possibly has children. You have to realize that she may need time to come out to her husband and family. If you really feel strongly for her, you will need to be supportive and patient.

*If you have a question, please send an email to: BobKnowsBest@RainbowOutreach.org. You may also send your letter to: Rainbow Outreach Center, C/O **Bob Knows Best**, P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, NE 68108.*

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We will use the name or an alias of your choosing on any questions we select for inclusion. We will also attempt to privately answer as many questions as possible.

'Naked Boys' Shut Down in Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin (AP) -- "Naked Boys Singing!" has gone silent in Milwaukee.

A local production of the musical-comedy revue, which fea-

tures a cast of men performing in the nude, was shut down last week by the Milwaukee Police Department's Vice Control Division because of what it said were license violations.

The show had opened August 11 at the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center for a run that was expected to last through September 3. But after the initial weekend of performances, the revue was not allowed to continue when police said the center didn't get a required theater permit.

"Naked Boys Singing!" -- with productions currently playing in New York and Chicago -- has run into trouble with authorities before in such cities as Provincetown, Massachusetts; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Atlanta. Eventually, all three cities held performances of the show.

The center contends that police singled out the production because the center is a gay organization, and it filed a claim against the city this week alleging civil rights violations. The center said that it didn't need such licenses for previous productions and other venues have put on performances without one, too.

The claim notes that the center is exempt from the permit requirement as a charitable organization: It promotes and produces theater presentations that benefit gay-related and theater groups, and AIDS research.

"The show was closed unjustly because the licensing ordinance that the city claims was the grounds for closing us does not apply to nonprofit and charitable organizations like the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center," Mark Hooker, director of the show, said Thursday.

The American Civil Liberties Union threw its support behind the center's claim, which could lead to a civil lawsuit. "It appears that they have censored a constitutionally protected theater production on the pretext that the producers did not have the proper permits," said Chris Ahmuty, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin.

Anne E. Schwartz, spokeswoman for the Milwaukee Police Department, said the citation was for operating without a theater license. "It had nothing to do with the content of a show," she said.

Hooker said the production is "musical theater. The show features 15 feel-good songs celebrating the trials and tribulations of being naked."



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Mixan is a cancer survivor who was led into an incredible journey into the world of wellness and empowerment after a Stage 4 prostate cancer diagnosis. "I can honestly say," boasts Mixan, "that I have never felt better, spiritually, mentally and physically. It is my privilege, good fortune, duty, and honor to devote my life to sharing what I've learned."

Mixan holds a business and education degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is a graduate of the Institute of Integrative Nutrition in New York where he has completed Holistic Health Counselor Training. He is also a professional life training coach (Academy of Coaching Excellence) and has studied raw food philosophy, cleansing and juice at the Optimum Health Institute, macrobiotic philosophy at the Kuschi Institute, and yoga at Yogaville.

The Reading Grounds is located at 3928 Farnam St., (40th & Farnam), Omaha, 502-2008, www.readinggrounds.com.

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Omaha:

Connections, 1901 Leavenworth
The Diamond, 712 South 16th Street
DC's Saloon, 610 South 14th Street
Dixie Quick's, Restaurant 20th Leavenworth
First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney
Flixx 1019 South 10th Street Omaha
Gilligan's Pub, 1407 Harney Street
The Max, 1417 Jackson
The Reading Grounds, 3928 Farnam Street
Metropolitan Community Church, 819 South 22nd Street
Omaha Mining Co., 1715 Leavenworth
Mystery Bookstore, 1422 South 13th St
Nebraska AIDS Project, 139 South 40th St
Next Millennium, 2308 North 72nd Street
Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Resource Center,
1719 Leavenworth St.
Youth Emergency Services, 3910 Harney

Lincoln:

Panic Bar, 200 South 18th Street (as available)
Q Bar, 226 South 9th Street (as available)

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Adult Emporium, 1 blk. So. of 32nd & Broadway, Council Bluffs
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George W. Bush reads the Gayzette.
(Ok, he just looks at the pictures.)

Sunday SEPTEMBER 11TH

NCOD BENEFIT, 8PM, DC's Saloon

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

21ST ANNUAL OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE, 6 TO 9PM, Contact Tauni or Sheryl 467-5737

FRIDAY & SATURDAY SEPT 16 & 17

PRIDE GARAGE SALE, 9618 Calhoun Road, Omaha, We are taking any and all donations, we can pick it up or you can drop off. Call Johnnie at 455-3661

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST

SERIOUSLY FUNNY, the annual CFEP fundraiser will be held at Hot Shops, 13th and Nicholas St., Doors open at 6:30 and show begins at 8pm, silent auction and cash bar, tickets are \$25, local Lincolnite T. Marni Voss will perform

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

GLBT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER, Dinner & Auction 6:00 pm hosted by Nebraska Pride Foundation & Jade Esteban Estrada
nebraskapridefoundation.com

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH THRU 7TH

FALL HARVEST, Mara Keisling, Founder and Executive Director for Transgender Equality, will be the keynote speaker, for more information visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallharvest>

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO 11TH

2006 NEBRASKA GAY PRIDE

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ METHODIST 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: EpiscopalGLBT@yahoo.com

FIRST CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST, info at: www.firstcentral.org

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am services

FIRST UNITARIAN 3114 Harney, 11am services

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN, 1023 N 40 10am service

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Sunday Worship: 11am

NA RAINBOW GROUP, Narcotics Anonymous, every Sunday at 6PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 South 22nd St., for info contact Kip K. at 612-4648

SECOND UNITARIAN, 10:30am Sunday service, 3012 South 119th St., Omaha NE
UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am and 11am services

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM
FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

WIMMIN'S SHOW KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

GAMES DAY AT THE GLBT CENTER, 1719 Leavenworth, Noon to 3PM

GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

Every Monday

GAY/BI/STRAIGHT SUPPORT GROUP
HIV+ MEN, 7pm every Monday, NAP, 2147 S. 15th St., Lincoln NE, contact Nick or Rick at 402-476-3144

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"
Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

Every Tuesday

UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES
MCC OMAHA, Bible Study, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 13 9 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

LGBT A A 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

GILLIGAN'S PUB OPEN MIC NIGHT, sing to your hearts content, be a comedian for a night, it's an open mic night

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST, UN-L 472-7447, 3-4:30pm, University Health Center Room 158D (in Radiology on the first floor), Orasure test, no needles, Lincoln NE

GLBT AA 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

HIV TESTING, RESULTS IN 20 MINUTES, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

Every Saturday

GILLIGAN'S PUB KARAOKE NIGHT, have fun from 9 pm to 1 am

GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Friday

LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

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L2EP@aol.com 2pm, DC's Saloon

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Family Foundations Therapy for individuals, couples or families, for info call 558-3856

Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers group

Front Runners/Walkers, 6:30pm, Elmwood Park Parking Lot by softball field, Omaha

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Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

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Rainbow Celebrations, Box 241733, Omaha, 68124, 402-212-6302 locally, 866-NE-PRIDE toll free, sponsors of annual Gay Pride & National Coming Out Day, see www.rainbowcelebrations.org

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SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com

Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

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Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450

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Nebraska AIDS Project, 2147 S. 15th St. Lincoln, NE 68502. (402) 476-7000

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Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

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by David Stevens

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Daena Schweiger directs the play, *The Sum of Us*, which runs



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Same-Sex Marriage Faces Senate California Showdown

By Bill Ainsworth
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO – For two years, the focus of gay-rights advocates has been on passing legislation that's headed for a major showdown in the Senate this week – a bill that would legalize same-sex marriage.

But during the same period, gay and lesbian groups have succeeded in moving less-publicized bills that advance homosexual rights in a wide variety of areas, ranging from insurance to the military.

This year, they expect to pass bills aimed at reducing discrimination against gays in political campaigns, banning discrimination against gays and lesbians by businesses, and expanding the rights of domestic partners.

They also expect to pass a resolution that would put the Legislature on record as opposing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that prohibits openly gay people from serving in the military.

Supporters and opponents of same-sex marriage say such intense concentration on that issue has improved the political fortunes of the other bills, allowing many of them to sail through the Democrat-dominated Legislature.

Geoffrey Kors, executive director of Equality California, a gay-rights group, said opponents of expanding gay rights and benefits have diverted much of their attention from most of his group's agenda.

"They are focused so much on marriage that it's enabling these other issues to move forward," Kors said.

Randy Thomasson, president of the Campaign for Children and Families and backer of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage, basically agreed.

"We're focused on defending marriage," he said.

The success of the less-publicized gay-rights bills reflects a growing view among California voters and courts that gays and lesbians should be treated the same as others in employment, housing, benefits and even parenting, said Brad Sears, executive director of the Williams Project at UCLA, which studies sexual orientation law.

"They are filling in the gaps in discrimination law," he said. "It's pretty well accepted that sexual orientation shouldn't be the basis for discrimination."

Last week, the California Supreme Court expanded the rights and responsibilities of same-sex parents, ruling that they should be treated the same as other parents.

In recent years, the nonpartisan Field Poll has shown that most Californians support domestic partnership rights for same-sex couples, but they still oppose same-sex marriage.

The Legislature, which has passed a variety of legislation in the

past to expand gay benefits, has approved a bill this year intended to prevent discrimination against homosexual candidates.

Assembly Bill 866, sponsored by Assemblyman Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, would prohibit the use of "any negative appeal based on prejudice against gay and lesbian people" by candidates who sign the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

The code, which is routinely signed by political candidates when they file to run for office, is a voluntary pledge. By signing, a candidate agrees to refrain from using a negative appeal against his opponent based on race, sex, religion, national origin, physical health status or age.

Eddie Gutierrez, spokesman for Equality California, said the bill would be the first of its kind in the nation.

"We're hoping it will help avoid homophobic campaigns," he said.

But opponents say the language is vague and could be used to unfairly portray those who support traditional marriage and families.

"In reality, candidates are going to be pressured to sign it or they're going to be labeled as hatemongers," said Karen Holgate, legislative director of the California Family Alliance, which opposes the bill.

Meanwhile, the Assembly yesterday sent to the governor a measure that would prohibit businesses from discriminating against people based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Assembly Bill 1400, sponsored by Assemblyman John Laird, D-Santa Cruz, would amend the Unruh Act, a key California civil rights law.

"It would make sure that gays and lesbians are treated the same as everyone else by businesses," Gutierrez said.

But Holgate believes it will force business owners to betray their religious beliefs, go out of business or face lawsuits.

"It's going to open up the door to suing employers," she said.

Officials from Equality California also expect the Legislature to pass a bill by state Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, that would extend death benefits to partners of public employees who retired before the domestic partnership law was expanded this year to include death benefits.

Under the legislation, Senate Bill 973, a retired public employee's partner could elect to have death benefits equivalent to those of a spouse if the partner can prove he or she was in a partnership with the public employee.

Last year, Equality California sponsored several bills to end discrimination, including one that required any insurance company that covered spouses in its policies to also cover domestic partners, and another that toughened hate-crime laws.

All those bills were signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the group said. The governor did, however, veto legislation that would have set up a commission that would look into building a war memorial to gay and lesbian veterans.

Schwarzenegger's spokeswoman, Margita Thompson, said the governor wouldn't comment on whether he would sign the gay-rights bills heading his way in the final two weeks of the legislative year because he doesn't discuss pending bills.

Schwarzenegger has said he's unlikely to sign a bill that would legalize same-sex marriage because he believes the people or the courts should decide. In 2000, California passed an initiative stating that marriage is between a man and a woman.

The same-sex marriage bill was defeated earlier this year in the Assembly, which will get another crack at it if the measure passes the Senate this week.

Regardless of how the fight over same-sex marriage comes out this year, Equality California plans to continue to promote legislation in other areas.

"We're going to make sure that gays, lesbians and transgender people get included in all the codes that protect people from discrimination," Kors said.

Thomasson said, however, that the Democrat-dominated Legislature's decision to pass so many gay-rights bills doesn't help its image.

"It sours the public on the Legislature even more than it already is," he said. "These bills show the special-interest agenda of the Democrats."

Vatican Prepares To Ban Gay Priests

by Malcolm Thornberry 365Gay.com European Bureau Chief

(Vatican City) The Vatican is preparing to bar gays from entering the priesthood and is considering removing those gays who are already priests. The new regulations for the priesthood were prepared by the Congregation for Catholic Education and Seminaries - the body that oversees all Catholic seminaries.

The document was delivered to Pope Benedict earlier this month but was not made public because the Vatican did not want it to conflict with the papal visit to Cologne.

It is the latest attempt to lay blame for the child abuse scandal that for the past several years has rocked the church, particular-

ly in America, at the feet of gays. In the past the church has been silent on the issue of gay priests, believing the vow of celibacy that all priests take, was sufficient.

People within the church who are familiar with the workings of the Vatican say that it is doubtful the document contains a condemnation of homosexuality. Instead, it is expected that it has been written in careful language to appear pastoral rather than accusatory.

"It will not be an attack on the gay 'lifestyle'," John Haldane, professor of moral philosophy at the University of St Andrews, told the British newspaper The Observer.

"It will not say 'homosexuality is immoral'. But it will suggest that admitting gay men into the priesthood places a burden both on those who are homosexual and those they are working alongside who are not."

Whether the directive will be signed off by the Pope is not known. The document has already been rewritten several times, but Benedict has made the abuse scandal a key priority.

Next month the Benedict will send investigators to the US to gauge the scale of the scandal and to determine how many gay priests are in the priesthood.

Since his election to the papacy in April, Benedict has reaffirmed the Church's anti-gay stand. In June, he issued a stinging condemnation of gay and lesbian families. (story)

Repeatedly driving home his point that marriage can only be a union between man and woman, the Pope called same-sex unions "pseudo-matrimony".

Before becoming Pope, Benedict had long history of attacking same-sex unions. As Cardinal Ratzinger he was the Vatican's most outspoken opponent of gay marriage.

Ratzinger was the author of the a 2003 Vatican directive to priests around the world calling for a proactive stand to stop governments from legalizing same-sex marriage and for a repeal of those those already on the books that give rights, including adoption, to gay couples. (story)

The 12 page document called on Catholic bishops and lawmakers to oppose the legalization of same-sex unions.

He opposes contraception and the use of condoms to combat HIV/AIDS, advocates a diminished role for women in the Church and has called for mandatory celibacy for priests.

In 1999 he ordered two Americans, Sister Jeannine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent, to end their associated with New Ways Ministry which provides educational programs for gay and lesbian Catholics nationwide. Prior to the Pope's visit to Cologne, as part of World Youth Day earlier this month, European gay groups tried to arrange a meeting with Benedict in an effort to resolve their differences. The Vatican never acknowledged the invitation.

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These investors are people who buy ‘pools’ of mortgages of 50 million dollars at a whack! 50 million bucks! It's taken me 4 long years and it's been *really* hard to find these ‘fat cats!’ People who are ‘like-minded’ about what I do for the Omaha gay and lesbian community!” Mindy says.

“Not only is it *illegal* to discriminate against the GLBT community, it's just plain *wrong*!” Hahne says. “The self-limiting perceptions held by some in the community are just as much of a problem as the crooked people who perpetrate the discriminatory practices themselves!” she says.

Hahne says, “It's my *personal mission* to change the mindsets! And to *liberate everyone* from the restraints!”

“I grew up in a house where we didn't have much money! And my parents understood just how money *really* works even less! Nowadays, it's a lot of fun for me to help people get control over their money and their lives!” Mindy says.

Mindy Hahne can be reached at 402.934.9248 x1010. “I'm *really busy*, so those who don't get a live answer from me need to leave a detailed message and then give me at least 24 business hours to return the call!”

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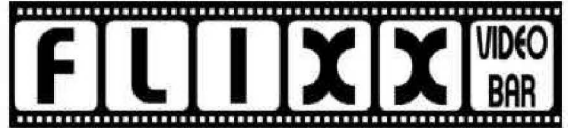


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