

Wingspan's New Program Director - Linda Thomas

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Wingspan is pleased to introduce a new staff member to the community: Linda Thomas, Wingspan's new program director.

"Over her career, Linda has successfully directed multimillion-dollar projects and managed several large organizations. We are pleased that she will bring her skills and experience to Wingspan," said Wingspan Board President, Cynthia Garcia.

Thomas has served as a colonel in the armed forces, worked as a city manager, and been active in national advocacy for LGBT servicemembers. She earned a masters of public administration from Troy State University and has served on numerous community boards and advisory groups, including the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending discrimination against, and harassment of, military personnel affected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

"From the time my partner and I first moved to Tucson in August 2008, I recognized Wingspan was a special place," Thomas said. "Not only is it the hub of the LGBT community in Tucson, it also enjoys a great reputation around the country. Being involved with this wonderful organization was something I knew I wanted to do from the beginning, but I never dreamed I'd actually be on staff. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and look forward to working with our incredible Board, staff, volunteers and community partners to serve Tucson's LGBT community."

Wingspan gratefully honors outgoing Program Director, Courtney Jones, who has shared her tremendous talents with Wingspan for the last six years.

"Courtney's leadership has been invaluable to this organization," said Garcia, Wingspan's board president. "Through her work, homeless youth in Southern Arizona have strong advocates not just at Wingspan but through a wide community network that Courtney helped build. Over the last year, Courtney's leadership has been essential to the organization. She has helped Wingspan to respond with increased efficiency and even more effective programs to meet the growing needs of our community, all while doing so with fewer resources."

Jones first became involved with Wingspan as an Anti-Violence Program volunteer, answering the crisis line one night a month. She was later hired as a youth outreach specialist and then became the Homeless Youth Project coordinator. She was instrumental in creating partnerships with groups in the community to increase services for LGBT youth in need.

"I am so proud of the individuals and organizations that have supported Eon's Homeless Youth Project and LGBT homeless and near-homeless youth," said Jones, who also worked as the Youth and Family Programs manager and most recently as Wingspan's program director.

"We often talk about the impact Wingspan's programs have on the participants, volunteers, and the community at large but don't express the incredible impact the organization has on staff," Jones said. "During my six years at Wingspan, I have had the pleasure to work in an environment that fosters professional and personal growth and ensures that our diverse LGBT and allied communities are empowered to not only survive but thrive."

New Media Campaign For DADT Repeal



WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - Servicemembers Legal Defense Network launched a new media campaign Monday to underscore the urgent need for congressional action and presidential leadership in the fight to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" this year. Every weekday morning as the markup of the Defense Authorization bill approaches in the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, SLDN and a coalition of pro-repeal voices will share a letter to President Barack Obama from someone impacted by the discriminatory law. The campaign is called, "Stories from the Frontlines: Letters to President Barack Obama."

"This is a critical hour as we're very close to reaching the 15 votes needed to include repeal to the Defense Authorization bill," said Aubrey Sarvis, executive director for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, in a news release about the new campaign. "We are just two or three votes away and we urge the President to engage now and help us line up key votes still needed to get DADT repealed this year. By people sharing their personal stories on how this

terrible law has impacted them, we can send a powerful message to the President and our own community as we build momentum going into this crucial vote."

People are encouraged to visit the campaign page, where they will be able to read the daily letter and take action. Actions including sending a letter to members of Congress, sharing personal stories about DADT, and posting the daily letter to their Facebook and Twitter accounts. A growing list of LGBT blogs is helping to spread the word, reported advocate.com.

Major Mike Almy of the United States Air Force wrote the first letter for Monday. He describes his discharge after distinguished service in Iraq because e-mail to the man he loved was found on his computer.

"Despite this treatment," writes Almy, "my greatest desire is still to return to active duty as an officer and leader in the United States Air Force, protecting the freedoms of a nation that I love; freedoms that I myself was not allowed to enjoy while serving in the military."

Calif. Lawmakers Modify Decades-Old Anti-Gay Law

SACRAMENTO (Observer Update) - The California state assembly voted 62-0 to change a 60-year-old law that classified gays and lesbians as "sexual deviants" and called for research into a cure for homosexuality, reported advocate.com.

The law, passed in 1950, was in response to sex crimes against children, according to the Associated Press. The bill passed Monday removes all references to gays from statute language and now moves to the state senate.

"Even [in 1950], there was no legal justification to say that gay people needed to be understood and

cured in the exact same way as sexual predators who rape and kill children," bill cosponsor and state assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal said earlier this month. "For us to leave it there would be wrong."

Initiative Seeks To Tax Gay Couples Equally

OLYMPIA (Observer Update) - Backers of an initiative to tax the income of Washington State's top earners want to ensure that registered domestic partners are taxed at the same rate as married heterosexual couples, advocate.com reported.

Initiative 1077 would institute a tax for couples making more than \$400,000 per year, or individuals earning \$200,000 annually, according to the Associated Press. The initiative was filed with the secretary of state's office Friday by a group including the father of Microsoft's Bill Gates. Washington is one of the few states without a personal income tax.

The language of the bill was adjusted to accommodate gay and lesbian registered couples. The initial language may not have treated same-sex couples equally, affecting one partner who earns more than \$200,000 even if the couple's income does not add up to \$400,000.

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Reveille On Broadway, May 1 - 2

TUCSON (Observer Update) - It's Reveille On Broadway! Fasten your seatbelts and get ready for a wild ride down the Great White Way! Reveille Men's Chorus, celebrating its 15th anniversary, is going to take you on a musical tour of some of the best music Broadway has to offer.

You'll be tapping your feet and humming along as Reveille performs some of your favorite songs from such musicals as Hairspray, Guys and Dolls, Pajama Game, Jersey Boys, Wizard of Oz, Avenue Q, Chicago, A Chorus Line, Grease, and Full Monty, just to name a few. Oh, and it wouldn't be a Reveille show without some parody and humor thrown in for good measure. Join the guys on Saturday May 1, 8:00pm and Sunday May 2, 3:00pm at the fabulous Temple of Music and Art! Tickets are \$10 for students/seniors, \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets available from Antigone Books at 411 N. 4th Avenue, by calling the Reveille phone at 520-304-1758, or online at reveillemenschorus.org.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Shawn Cullen, Reveille Men's Chorus is jazzed-up and excited to strut their stuff. "We're a (mostly) gay men's chorus!! This is the show Reveille was born to perform," says Mr. Cullen. After previewing their Broadway routine in Green Valley on April 5 to a standing ovation, Reveille is ready to take their fans on a journey through musical theatre in a big, BIG way! The historic Temple of Music and Art in downtown Tucson, 330 S. Scott Avenue, is the perfect setting for an evening of song and dance, and Reveille will be backed by a 10-piece orchestra for full, lush sound. These guys work hard to fulfill their mission: "Reveille Men's Chorus is dedicated to musical excellence and performs worldwide to promote human rights, diversity, and a world free of AIDS." Your attendance or donation will help Reveille to travel throughout Arizona, the United States, and even abroad! Learn more at reveillemenschorus.org.

The performances on May 1 and 2 are dedicated to the memory of Jim Gall, one of the founding fathers and first Artistic Director of Reveille Men's Chorus. Jim passed away on

March 25th in Fargo, North Dakota from complications due to Alzheimer's disease. Jim was a very talented musician, singer, conductor and arranger. Reveille continues to perform his arrangements, and would never have achieved all that they have accomplished these past 15 years without his leadership, vision, musicality, and passion for life.

10th Annual Evening With Music And Friends May 7

TUCSON (Observer Update) - The 10th Anniversary Evening with Music and Friends supports grants to LGBT projects and programs.

Each year brings an opportunity to have fine food, wine, music, and a feel-good experience all in support of deserving projects that benefit the LGBT community. The 2010 Evening with Music and Friends is a benefit for the annual grant-making project of the LGBT-Straight Alliance Fund.

Friday, May 7, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, tickets are \$75.00.

Tony Paniagua of KUAT will preside over a program featuring music by the jazz ensemble Uber Jam, vocals by Greg Stickroth, and guitar and vocals by Curt Beall. Your ticket also includes elegant hors d'oeuvres, fine wine and participation in a celebration of the Alliance Fund's 10 years of promoting philanthropy for worthy LGBT initiatives.

The Alliance Fund has contributed over \$400,000.00 to Southern Arizona's diversity community. The May 7 Evening with Music and Friends will present an opportunity to kick off another successful decade.

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Longtime Venture-N bartender, our friend and brother, John David "Fuzzy" Fessel left this life on April 15, 2010 after a short battle with lung cancer. John was born in New York City to John and Gloria Fessel. Both parents and his brother Brian, preceded him in death. He is survived by his sisters Cathy Herbert, Aimmee Feliz, Julie Jones, Kristina Eriksen; and his partner of five years, Martin Martinez and many friends. We all already miss him very much. John was a carefree soul who loved people, his dogs, traveling and collecting treasures of all kinds. We hope you have as much fun in the next life as you did in this brief one.

A memorial will take place at 3:00 p.m. Saturday May 1 at the Venture-N, 1239 N. 6th Avenue in Tucson.

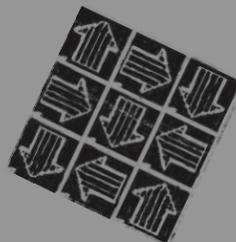
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TUCSON (Observer Update) - This festive and intimate end-of-the-year celebration will provide personal recognition of graduating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ), and allied seniors, as well as graduating graduate school and professional school students at The University of Arizona.

Each graduate will receive a rainbow cord and certificate of honor at the ceremony emceed by Program Director of LGBTQ Affairs, Jennifer Hoefle with opening remarks by President Shelton and a keynote address by Peri Jude Radecic, former Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and current Executive Director of the Arizona Center for Disability Law.

A reception with food and entertainment by Lucinda Holliday and Namoli Brennet will follow the ceremony! Free and open to the public.

Event Details: May 5, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, 1340 E 1st Street (at the corner of 1st Street and Highland), Tucson. For more information, Christian Bracamante, 520-696-1996.



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23rd Annual Jell-Oh Wrestling May 2

Tucson's hottest summer splash is back on May 2 at TEP, 2500 E. Ajo Way, The 23rd Annual Reno Gannon Memo-

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For more information, call SAAF (520)628-7223.

Same Gender Marriage And Religious Freedom May 11

TUCSON (Observer Update) - Two nationally known leaders will bring the same-gender marriage discussion to Tucson in hopes to find common ground.

Maggie Gallagher, president and founder of National Organization for Marriage and the Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, president of Interfaith Alliance, will meet in Tucson to discuss their views on same-gender marriage and religious freedom. Television reporter Lupita Murillo of KVOA channel 4, Tucson, will moderate the conversation. The public forum will take place Tues-

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day, May 11 from 7 to 9 pm at The Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 West Speedway Blvd. in Tucson.

The forum is expected to draw supporters from both sides of the issue for a discussion that will bring two leaders with different points of view together to explore the issue and see if it is possible to find common ground. "The national conversation about same-gender marriage is most often played out in sound bites and protest signs. We hope to have a deeper discussion in Tucson," said local organizer Paul Barby. "This is an important conversation to have because what is really at stake when we talk about same-gender marriage is religious freedom and the nature of democracy."

The Washington Post has described Gallagher's National Organization for Marriage, as "the preeminent organization dedicated to preventing the legalization of same-sex marriage." Gallagher and her organization played a key role in getting Prop 8 on the ballot in California. She also helped orchestrate the rollback of gay marriage via referendum in Maine, and block gay marriage bills in the New York and New Jersey State Senates.

As president of Interfaith Alliance, the Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, promotes the idea that

marriage is a civil issue, not a religious issue in the United States and that discussions about same-gender marriage should begin from the perspective of religious liberty. Gaddy serves as a pastor at Northminster Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, in addition to leading Interfaith Alliance, a national grassroots organization of more than 150,000 individuals and 75 different religious traditions.

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Texas Court Hears State's Appeal In Gay Divorce

DALLAS (Observer Update) - A lawyer for a Dallas man trying to divorce the man he married in Massachusetts told a Texas appeals court Wednesday that his client is entitled to a divorce because he had a valid marriage, reported the Dallas Morning News.

But the Texas Attorney General's Office argued before the three-judge 5th Texas Court of Appeals panel that the marriage isn't recognized by Texas, so they cannot get a divorce. Jimmy Blacklock, an assistant Texas solicitor general, said the men's union can only be voided. "The parties lack standing to file a divorce case because they're not married," he said.

The Dallas men wed in 2006 in Massachusetts, where gay marriage is legal, and separated two years later.

Attorney General Greg Abbott appealed a Dallas state district judge's ruling in October that granted a divorce to the men and said the state's same-sex marriage ban violates equal rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

Abbott is also appealing an Austin judge's ruling this spring that granted a divorce to two women married in Massachusetts.

Jody Scheske, who represents the Dallas man listed in court records only as J.B., said

his client doesn't want to overturn the state's marriage ban, but only wants to end his own marriage.

"He is not seeking to enter into a same-sex marriage; he's seeking to end a marriage that was valid," Scheske said.

"The trial courts have the right to hear divorce cases from people who have valid marriages," he said.

Blacklock told the judges that the state's ban on gay marriage doesn't violate the Constitution and asked them to confirm that voidance is the correct way to dissolve a same-sex union.

"Voidance is the remedy Texas has long provided to dissolve a void marriage," he said.

Scheske said voidance isn't applicable to his client because he has a valid marriage. And, he said, the constitutional issues only arose in the case after Abbott tried to intervene. The judge did not allow the intervention, so Abbott appealed.

"My client's very private matter has become a public spectacle," Scheske said.

The court did not give a time frame for a ruling in the case.

In 2004, Massachusetts became the first state to let same-sex couples get married. Now Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont and the District of Columbia also allow them.

Gay and lesbian couples who turn to the courts when they break up are getting mixed results across the nation. A Pennsylvania judge last month refused to divorce two women who married in Massachusetts, while New York grants such divorces even though the state doesn't allow same-sex marriage.

Hiram Sasser, an attorney for the conservative Liberty Institute in Plano, told the court that the issue of same-sex marriage should be determined by the people. And he said Texans have already spoken on the issue.

In 2005, Texas voters passed a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage by a 3-to-1 margin even though state law already prohibited it.

Liberty Institute had filed a friend-of-the-court brief to the appeals court on behalf of the two Republican state lawmakers who co-sponsored the amendment banning gay marriage: state Rep. Warren Chisum and former state Sen. Todd Staples.

Attorney Peter Schulte, who also represents J.B., said J.B. and his partner, known in court filings as H.B., had an amicable separation, with no disputes on separation of property and no children involved. He said the couple simply wants an official divorce.

"But for the actions of the attorney general," Scheske told the court, "my client would already be divorced and there would be one less same-sex marriage in Texas."

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Our Story: DOMA Makes Us Feel Erased

BOSTON - Bette Jo and Jo Ann became friends as college students in 1960. They reconnected 20 years later in Massachusetts, and fell in love. After 23 years as a couple, they were legally married on June 7, 2004 in the garden of their Jamaica Plain home.

Bette Jo, 68, retired last year after a 35-year career as a labor and delivery nurse. Jo Ann, also 68, still works part-time as a garden educator. But both are deeply involved in supporting their community full-time.

"We both volunteer and are active in our Neighborhood Watch," says Jo Ann. "Bette Jo takes elderly neighbors on shopping trips and both of us help at programs for local children and youth, including weekly summer barbecues."

They have found joy in the good times and have loved and supported each other through the hard times—through losing parents, losing friends, and both their battles with cancer.

Now both cancer-free, they still worry about each other's health as they age. They worry about their financial future. But unlike other married people their age, their worries are multiplied by federal discrimination. They lose money each year because they are denied the spousal Social Security benefit that would increase Jo Ann's monthly Social Security payment.

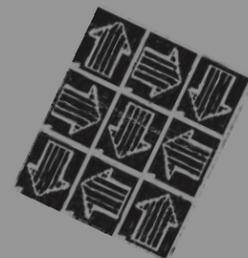
Bette Jo and Jo Ann also have very real concerns about each other's quality of life as a surviving spouse. "My mother lived to be 95, and we recently celebrated my aunt's 100th birthday. Bette Jo and I joke about the longevity of my family, but there is a real possibility that I could outlive her," says Jo Ann. "Under DOMA, the federal government will deny me Bette Jo's Social Security survivor benefit. I will not only lose the love of my life, I will lose more than \$12,864 each year—and will not be able to meet the costs of living, including maintaining our home, as well as paying for food and non-insured medical care."

"We have both worked hard at our jobs—jobs we have loved, but they never were going to make us

wealthy," says Bette Jo. "We have paid into Social Security all our lives, but now we are not fully protected by the system the way other married couples are. DOMA makes us feel erased, like we don't even exist."

Bette Jo and Jo Ann are plaintiffs in GLAD's challenge to DOMA, Gill v. Office of Personnel Management. Read more about their story.

GLAD is currently challenging Section 3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act in court. They also seek to educate legislators, the media, and the general public about the harm DOMA causes same-sex couples and their families. To that end, GLAD is asking couples, and individuals who have lost a same-sex spouse, to submit stories about their relationships and the negative impact that DOMA has on their lives.



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Openly Gay Craig Lowe Wins Gainesville Mayoral Election

GAINESVILLE (Observer Update) - Openly gay City Commissioner Craig Lowe was declared mayor-elect of Gainesville, Florida on Friday, the Gainesville Sun reported.

A narrow April 13 victory for Lowe, 52, triggered a recount before officials would sign off on a winner. The new count, however, turned in similar results: 6,110 votes for Lowe, 6,068 votes for his opponent, Don Marsh, reported On Top Magazine.

Lowe captured just over 40% of the vote in a field of 5 candidates in the city's mayoral election last month, while Marsh trailed with 29%. As the two highest vote-getters without a majority vote, the two men faced off in last Tuesday's runoff election.

The campaign was long and turned ugly when Lowe opponents attacked his sexual orientation.

A sign that said "No Homo Mayor" was posted on the property of the Dove World Outreach Center and attracted national attention. One of its pastors, Wayne Sapp, went further, uploading several videos online in which he attacked Lowe.

"Here is Gainesville, they're getting ready to have a runoff election between two candidates and one of them is openly a homo, gay, fag - whatever you want to call him, I don't care," Sapp says in one of the videos. "Bottom line is we cannot afford a homo mayor."

"We got one running for mayor of Gainesville, trying to convert

Gainesville into Homoville," Sapp adds. "We can't have it."

Lowe was also attacked for supporting a city ordinance that bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity (transgender protections) in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations.

After city leaders in 2008 approved adding gender identity to an anti-discrimination measure that already included sexual orientation, opponents campaigned to place an initiative to repeal the law on the ballot. Voters in the college town, however, disagreed and the law remained in place.

One flier alleged that Lowe is "'responsible' for legally allowing men into women's restrooms!"

For his part, Lowe pretty much ignored the controversy. Marsh, however, accused Lowe supporters of falsely labeling him anti-gay for not denouncing the attacks.



ABA Tells Congress To End 'Don't Ask'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - The ABA has joined the ongoing discussion about repealing 10 U.S.C. §654, the statute commonly known as "Don't Ask Don't Tell," via letters to the U.S. Congress and Department of Defense.

The Congressional letters, signed by American Bar Association President Carolyn Lamm, say "we opposed enactment of this policy in 1993 as establishing a form of discrimination that was not based on the

character of the servicemember's contribution to the national defense. The harm we foresaw has since come to pass. More than 13,000 men and women have been dismissed from service under the law, among them highly trained specialists like pilots, sharpshooters and translators."

Lamm notes that the association has a unique perspective on the law because its wide range of members includes retired

and active duty military personnel, military law experts, civil rights leaders and gay and lesbian lawyers.

"While there is no fundamental right to serve in the military, there is no sufficient reason in our view to continue to deprive these men and women of the opportunity to serve their country and to deprive the nation of their talent and skill," Lamm notes.

The letters to Congress conclude by offering any legal assis-

tance needed in crafting a new policy.

The Department of Defense letter, also signed by Lamm, advises Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates that the ABA is commenting to Congress, and acknowledges "many collateral matters will have to be sorted out upon the implementation of repeal." It notes that "we have not solicited the advice or support of active duty servicemembers out of respect for your position that it would be inappropriate for active duty officers to comment on

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by John Culhane

Obama's LGBT Report Card

By John Culhane, Professor of Law, Widener University

At a recent fund-raiser for Senator Barbara Boxer, Obama was heckled on the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, and some think this isn't such a bad thing. Even though Boxer is one of our biggest supporters, the protesters' sentiment captures a frustration many in the LGBT community feel over Obama's record on our issues.

But is the frustration justified? How, more than a full year into his Administration, should our community grade the President on his performance so far? Speaking from my legal perspective, I'd give him a passing grade (B-, maybe).

This may seem startling to some that I would pass him at all, because very little of the legislation he promised has been enacted. From a candidate who courted the LGBT community on issues ranging from DADT, to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, to the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act, we've gotten nothing on those issues to date. ENDA may not have the votes in the Senate to pass DADT repeal seems like a moving target, and DOMA's not even on the radar screen.

We have only hate crimes law, hardly a major victory. Worse, Obama has spent little of his political capital pushing for any of these goals.

So why the B-? It sounds like a

"D" would be more appropriate.

But this overlooks the limits of Presidential power to enact legislation. It's obvious but easy to forget that the President has no power to actually pass any laws. True, Presidents do suggest legislation that they want to see enacted, but they have only the "bully pulpit" of office to make anything happen. And one thing we've learned about Obama is that he's reluctant to use that pulpit to talk directly to the people in support of his agenda. His passionate advocacy for the health care reform bill is the exception that proves the rule.

Of course, Obama could and should use the fact that his party substantially controls both houses of Congress to urge action on these bills, but given the way the filibuster has metastasized into an every-vote thing, he needs all of the Democrats and now at least one Republican for anything to clear the paralyzed Senate. So what can or should he do?

Let me quickly dispel any suggestion that I'm giving the President a pass on any of this. He could and should be trying to do more, especially on DADT where the Administration's public pronouncements have been harder to chart than the course of a mosquito.

Saying in response to hecklers that he supports the policy's repeal just won't cut it any more. And

the protesters deserve our gratitude for calling Obama on what Andrew Sullivan has called "the fierce urgency of whenever."

Yet legislative inaction isn't the whole story. We should look at what Obama is doing in areas where he can effect change without Congress. Here I'm talking about the vast body of law - including administrative matters and the interpretation and enforcement of legislation - that's under the control of the Executive Branch. And here, with at least one glaring exception, he's done much better.

Let's start with the exception: In defending DOMA against a lawsuit last year, Obama's Department of Justice wrote a needlessly offensive brief that, as I wrote at the time, "seemed to have been intended to set the course of judicial progress on gay rights back many years." I was hardly the only blogger to go ballistic over the brief, and then...things got better. A later brief in the case expressly disavowed the argument that children did better in homes headed by opposite-sex parents than in our homes.

Then there was another encouraging performance by the DOJ in a recent bullying case. The Administration took an aggressive and unsettled legal position, arguing that Title IX (the federal law that protects against gender discrimination in education) also covers discrimination based on gender stereotyping.

From the administrative law standpoint, there have been a few other encouraging moves: putting into place long-awaited rules that lifted the HIV immigration restriction; the very recent directive to the Department of Health and Human Services to honor hospital patients' visitation wishes (in a memorandum that expressly cited the problems of gay and lesbian couples); a memorandum that extended some limited benefits to the same-sex partners of federal employees; and the recent announcement that DADT will now be enforced more "humanely." None of these actions require acts of Congress, and Obama has at times stepped smartly into this breach.

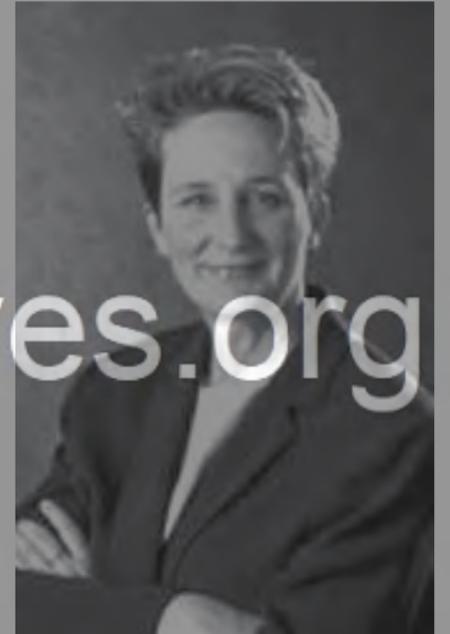
Should any of us be satisfied if Obama's (first? only?) term ends with a few more administrative moves, but no additional legislation? No. He has to deliver what he promised, whatever the obstacles. We have to demand results. Above, I gave him a passing (probably inflated) grade on his

performance so far.

But the more precise assessment is: "Incomplete."

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Lesbian To Lead SEIU



NEW YORK (Observer Update) - Mary Kay Henry, the out lesbian head of the California nurses' union, has been selected to lead the Service Employees International Union, which represents 2.2 million workers in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

According to Ben Smith at Politico.com, the largely unknown Henry won after sentiments turned against Anna Burger, the preferred successor of retiring president and major Democratic ally Andy Stern, who had become a divisive figure.

"One person familiar with the deliberations said the swing voters decided that Henry was closer to a consensus choice, as opposition to Burger had already begun to divide the union," reported Politico.com. "If Burger was to win, they decided, she would have had to win cleanly, and it was already too late for that."

Henry, who has served as international executive vice president of SEIU since 2004, becomes the first woman and the first openly gay person to lead the union. According to her bio on the union's website, she is a founding member of SEIU's gay and lesbian Lavender Caucus.

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Lawsuit Alleges Discrimination In Gay Softball World Series



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WASHINGTON, D.C. (Observer Update) - How gay is gay enough? And who gets to decide?

That's what the National Center for Lesbian Rights wants to know in filing a lawsuit challenging the discriminatory practices of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association.

The lawsuit alleges the NAGAAA discriminated against softball players during the 2008 Gay Softball World Series when players were subjected to a gay test - a series of questions in front of a panel of 25 people, mostly strangers, who determined gayness subjectively.

During the championship a team from San Francisco, D2, was challenged on their eligibility based on the "two heterosexuals per team" rule. Five players from D2 were forced to answer personal questions.

"The players were forced to answer whether they were 'predominantly attracted to men' or 'predominantly attracted to women,' without the

attracted to both" according to a news release from NCLR. "After each player was interrogated, a panel voted on whether he was 'gay' or 'non-gay'."

The three players identify as bisexual, said Melanie Rowan, a staff attorney for NCLR.

The complaint, filed by NCLR, states NAGAAA's mission is to promote "amateur sports competition, particularly softball, for all persons regardless of age, sexual orientation or preference, with special emphasis on the participation of members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community."

But an open letter posted on NAGAAA's Web site Wednesday does not include the word "bisexual." Instead, the letter states, "At its core, NAGAAA is a grass roots organization dedicated to providing a safe environment for gays and lesbians."

"They say that don't discriminate. But it's not at all clear from their rules," said Rowan. "They ask people to meet a gayness standard that many bisexual men would not meet."

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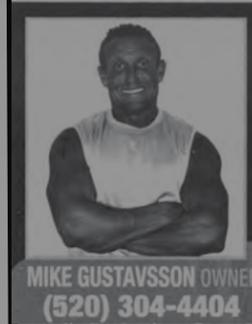
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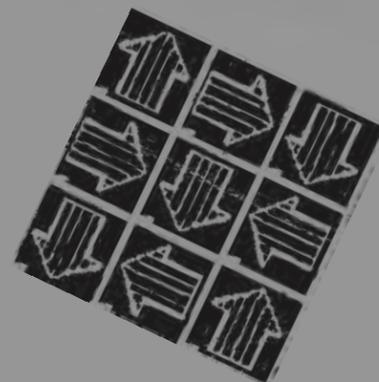
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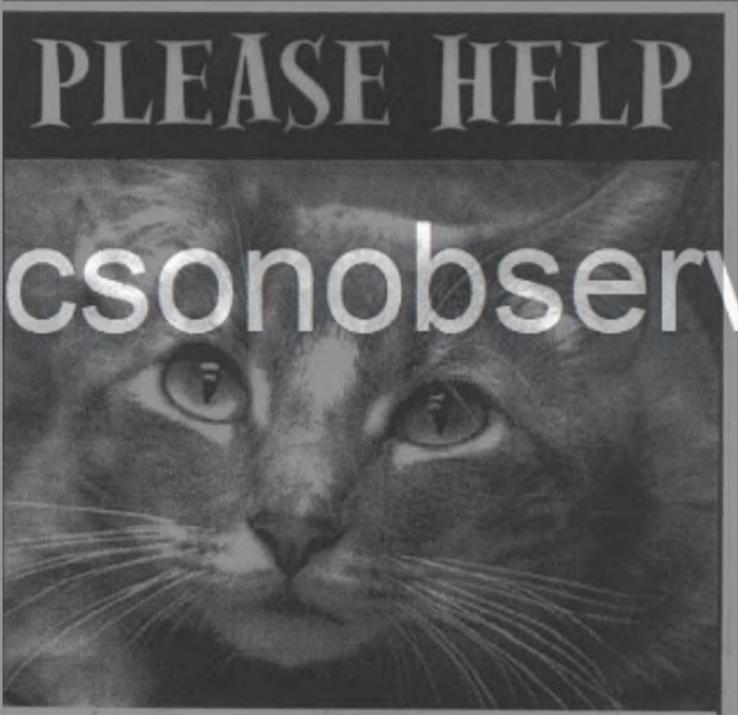
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SUNDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am It's Latin Sunday like the good ol' days. Catch DJ Dmenace spinning the best Cumbias. Get your Bucket of Beer ... 5 Bud Bottles for \$5!

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 11am. Beer Bust Sunday - \$1 draft beers (12 oz), domestic only; \$2.25 domestic long necks.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. Karaoke on the Patio 4-8:30pm. Burger BBQ 5-8pm + \$1 pint draft. 9pm-close Karaoke inside with Troy & \$1.50 Well or Domestic Beer, \$2.50 Call or Premium Beer. DJ Hurricane on the Patio.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Peter's Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar 11am-2pm. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excluding special events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-8pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar 2pm-2am. Beer Bust 2pm-7pm. Karaoke with Michael D 9pm-Close. Drag Bingo every other Sunday 8-9pm. Check our Ad for Special Events or Parties

MONDAY

THE BIZ - Closed for employee training.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 p.m. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Bucket o' Beer - \$10 Domestic, \$12 Imports and microbrews (4 beers to a bucket, for 2 or more people, Some brands excluded).

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close \$5 Scratch Long Island Varieties. 9pm-close DJ Hurricane with "All Request Music".

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am. Happy Hour 11am--8pm (excl spec events) Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm Back Pocket Patio Bar 8pm-close. Karaoke with Michael D. 9pm-close.

TUESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8 and Game Night all night long. Play Wii, beer pong and pool with the staff.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8. \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. Pitcher Special \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.00 lg. Pitcher (excluding Blue Moon & Dos XX Amber). Girlz Nite Out. Girlz pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Ladies only Texas Hold 'Em Poker 6 p.m. Y-Not Karaoke with Anna at 8pm

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. 8pm-close "2'sDay" - \$2 Well or Domestic Beer. DJ Q 9pm-close.

WOODY'S - Open 11am- 2am. Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close, Caribbean Party Night with Woody's own Specialty Mojitos, Caprioskas and Martinis with Tucson's Hottest Bartenders.

WEDNESDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8pm. Wild Wednesday 18+ Party with DJ White Shadow spinning the hottest Hip Hop, R&B and top 40 remix dance of today. 21+ NO COVER. 18+ \$8 Cover.

COYOTE MOON PUB -Open 3pm. Happy Hour All Day \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitchers. Karaoke with Ynot Entertainment at 9pm.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. "Diva-Licious" show w/Bunny FuFu. 11pm - -close "Reverse Happy Hour". DJ Q Inside & DJ Mike Lopez playing 80s music on the Patio.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm excl. special events). Full Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Bar open 8pm-close. Service Industry Employee Special All Day Long - \$1 off all drinks except schnapps and draft. Different Themed Underwear Party 9pm-close with \$1.00 off for those who participate (excl. Schnapps and Draft). Retro 80s & 90s Dance with DJ Clint 9 til close..

THURSDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8pm. Y-NOT Karaoke 9pm-2am with Mecos pouring the best drinks in town. Come out and play.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints, \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg.. Pitcher. Boyz Nite Out - boys pay only .75 for well liquors or domestic drafts 8-10pm. Bicardi Thursdays - \$3.00 Bicardi Rum - all flavors.

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 Cosos.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl Spec Events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-10pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 8pm-close. Cheap Party Day **FREE POOL**, \$1.00 PBR Longnecks, \$2.00 Tecate Longnecks. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm - close..

FRIDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm-2am. Happy Hour 5-8 pm. GoGo Fridays with 2-4-1 drinks for the ladies til midnight. Catch Shorty spinning the hottest Hip Hop, R&B and Top 40 remix dance of today.

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 - 8 pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 Sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Pitcher. \$2.75 All Mexican Beers and Dos XX Amber. Dance lessons at 7pm \$5 per person, Country Dancing 8:30 p.m. to close with DJ Pat.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 9pm -close DJ Hurricane inside. 10pm-close DJ Mike Lopez with "I'm a Sexy Bitch Night" on the patio.

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 11am-8pm (excl spec events). Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Enjoy the Live piano & vocal sounds of Susan Artemis 6-9 p.m.;

SATURDAY

THE BIZ - Open 5pm - 2am. Latin night with Latin Drag Show the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month. DJ Dmenace spinnin' the best Cumbias, Salsa & Merengue. \$3 pitchers and \$2 Tequila shotz all night long!

COYOTE MOON PUB - Open at 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm, \$2.50 well, domestic longnecks & pints. \$3.50 sm. Pitcher/\$5.50 lg. Plus check out the bartenders choice of shot specials. \$5.00 cheeseburger & fries. \$3.00 Cuervo and \$4.75 Jager Bombs. Check our calendar for the Saturday Night Special Entertainment.

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm, \$2 Well or Domestic. 5-8pm Karaoke on the patio \$1Draft Pints. 9pm "Saturday Starrlett's" w/Bunny FuFu & Janee Starr. After the show, DJ Q spinning inside & 10pm-close, DJ Mike Lopez with the "Party on the Patio".

WOODY'S - Open 11am-2am; Happy Hour 10am-8pm (excl spec events); Full Menu Kitchen open 11am-11pm. Back Pocket Patio Bar open 5pm-close. Techno and Top 40 Dance with DJ Jeff 9pm til close. Check our ad for Twice-A-Month Special Events or Themed Parties.

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Bar Calendar Specials

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

WOODY'S - Underwear Night 9 to close. \$1 off your drink if you're in your undies.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

WOODY'S - Jell-O After Party. Brink in your Jell-O ticket stub for \$1 off your drink or bottled Beer.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

WOODY'S - Celebrate Cinco de Mayo here. \$3.50 Cuervo Margaritas, \$2 Tecate longnecks. \$2.75 Coronas plus special Taco Buffet.



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