Bunko nets big fun, big dollars for GLBT center

First of a series of “Gayme” Nights to be held as fundraisers for the future GLBT center

SPOKANE, Wash. - Bunko Night, the first of a series of “Gayme” Nights to be held as fundraisers for the future LGBT center, raised more than $900 in community dollars for the general operating fund on March 10. After expenses, the event netted more than $700. With the current Match campaign, the money raised from the event will total more than $1800. More than 40 people attended Bunko Night which included a debut performance by Spokane’s new drag king troupe, “Chix & Dales.”

In only three hours, Bunko sponsors and participants at Studio One on March 9 doubled the GLBT center’s previous seven months of fundraising efforts.

The Gittings Legacy

By Tracy Bain, Windy City Times

One of the most important pioneers of the modern gay and lesbian rights movement died Feb 18. Barbara Gittings, 75, passed away in Wilmington, after a long battle with breast cancer. Her death was announced by her partner of 46 years, Kay Tobin Lahusen, and her friend and fellow activist, Philadelphia Gay News Publisher Mark Segal.

Gittings was involved in several critical moments of the GLBT movement. Her first protest effort was in 1965 when she and a few other activists made history in the first public demonstrations for “homosexual” rights, outside the White House in D.C., and Independence Hall in Philadelphia. She was featured in the documentary Before Stonewall. “There were scarcely 200 of us in the whole United States. It was like a club; we all knew each other,” Gittings said of those early years.

“Things were heating up but had not yet reached their peak” in 1965 in terms of social protest over civil rights and Vietnam, said activist Frank Kameny after Gittings’ passing. At that point, picketing at the White House was the expression of dissent par excellence.”

In the late 1950s, Gittings helped organize the New York City chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis ( DOB ), at the urging of the group’s national founders, Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin. It was there Gittings met Lahusen. She was chapter president for three years and edited the national publication of DOB, The Ladder ( taking over for Lyons and Martin ), from 1963-1966. She worked with her partner on The Gay Crusaders book in 1973. In her writing and her activism, Gittings challenged earlier gay-rights strategies that were against direct political action, a position which caused her to leave DOB.

Perhaps the most long-lasting impact of Gittings’ decades-long work was in helping to change the American Psychiatric Association ( APA ) categorization of homosexuality as a mental illness, in 1973, and her work campaigning for GLBT books in public libraries, as a leader of the Task Force on Gay Liberation of the American

Speaking at a Pride Week brunch sponsored by the Spokane’s Rainbow Regional Community Center on Saturday, June 4, 2005, Barbara Gittings, center, is joined by Center board members, from left, Sharon O’Brien, Lorrin Miller, John Brindle and Jeff Buckner. Barbara Gittings appeared in Spokane by invitation of the Spokane GLBT Film Festiv- al, sponsor of the Pride Week opening event, a Friday, June 3, 2005 showing of the documentary “Gay Pioneers.” Gittings was featured in the film.

“ Keep your sense of humor and work with your allies,” Gittings advised. She went on to say that the GLBT community as a whole is made up of individual thinkers who have strong opinions; humor and compromise are necessary to continue to make progress. While in Spokane, Barbara Gittings marveled that 55 years of activism had just flown by. Her continuing gift to the GLBT community is a look into the past to invigorate the present and plan for the future. Whatever you do, Gittings laughed, “Don’t let the bastards grind you down.”

For the full article on Barbara Gittings’ visit to Spokane for Pride 2005, please see the July 2005 issue of Stonewall News Northwest. Back issues are available for free download at www.stonewallnews.net.
Voices

Letters to the Editor

Genetic Cleansing?

One of the nation’s leading Southern Baptists has called for a policy that would support medical treatment, if it were to become available, to change the sexual orientation of a fetus inside its mother’s womb from homosexual to heterosexual.

“If a biological basis is found, and if a prenatal test is then developed, and if a successful treatment to reverse the sexual orientation to heterosexual is ever developed, we would support its use as we should unapologetically support the use of any appropriate means to avoid sexual temptation and the inevitable effects of sin.”

-- Rev. R. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY

I just don’t know where to begin with this one! First the evangelicals say that Homosexuality is a choice now they are moving towards the belief that it is genetic. So they suggest that it is OK to treat a fetus for homosexuality if it will make it a heterosexual. On the other hand if a fetus is determined to have a genetic abnormality of, say, Downs Syndrome treatment is forbidden because this defect is “God’s will.” Is there no end to the hypocrisy?

Jim Jones
Spokane, WA

Thank You

I would like to thank the Spokane AIDS Network [SAN], Board of Directors, Director Susan Fabrikant, The Oscar Committee, corporate sponsors, and Cherie Moss for her kind words. I was truly honored by the recognition on this special night, more so with my nephew and his wife, Ronald and Leslie Williams there to support me.

Our community is very fortunate to have SAN and a wide variety of advocates and volunteers at home.

Thanks also to the wonderful people who attended and supported the auction and coming together to help SAN’s fight to end the threat of HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,
David Williams

Who Are We?

Ann Coulter has once again proven she is the “Queen of Shock.” But where liberals, gays, even Republicans, are calling her latest attempt at “humor” and attack disturbing, I feel differently.

I despise Ann Coulter on so many levels, but her using the f-bomb did not make me dislike her even more. Instead it made me angry at the gay community.

What gives us gays and lesbians the right to “patent” words we use to refer to ourselves yet become offended when heterosexuals use the terms? The situation is akin to Whites using the n-word to refer to Blacks, who often use the term to refer to themselves. It is not allowed, hateful, and incites accusations of bigotry, they claim.

Our language and our behavior are for all to see and interpret. If we refer to ourselves as “dykes”, “faggots”, “queens” and ‘queer’ that is exactly how heterosexuals will view us.

Our community is breaking new ground on a daily basis in the area of marriage equality and hate-crime legislation. How do we demand equality and respect on the one hand while calling ourselves derogatory terms, even affectionately, on the other? This sends a mixed message.

If we want respect and equal rights from the majority we must define ourselves as equal, worthy, and deserving. We must be conscious of the terms we ourselves utter. The mirror and the Ann Coulter’s for using a term, albeit with hurtful intent, that we use to refer to ourselves. We can not blame the Isaiah Washington’s and the Ann Coulter’s for using terms we ourselves utter. The mirror they put in front of us gives us the opportunity for self-reflection and definition. Who are we?

Wendy Payne
Spokane, WA

Letters to the Editor

Mother Goose Is Loose

Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe,
and paint my ceiling too.
I will furnish you with paint
but Michaelangelo, I ain’t.

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Publisher’s Note: Mark Garrett and David Williams were the Special Honorees at this year’s SAN annual Oscar Gala on Feb 25th.

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Queer Sounds to engage GLBT community issues

SPokane, Wash. - Queer Sounds, Spokane’s GLBT radio show, will begin integrating discussion themes into its weekly live broadcast. The first theme, transgendered issues, will be covered in the show’s next airing, Thurs, March 22, 6pm.

“We are doing a series of probably three shows on transgender issues,” states Irey, co-host and programmer of Queer Sounds, “this week we will focus on coming out as transgender and what that means and where a transgender person goes from there.”

Irey notes future shows will try to cover other issues like discrimination and legal matters.

Queer Sounds, which debuted in the fall of 2003, can be heard every Thursday from 6-8pm on KYRS 89.9 or 92.3 FM. Hosts Irey and Bob can be reached anytime at queersounds@kyrs.org, or during the show at 747-3807. Queer Sounds can also be found at www.myspace.com/queersounds.

Further coverage of Queer Sounds can also be found in Queer Sounds on the airwaves, published in the December 11, 2006 issue of Stonewall News Northwest. Stonewall back issues can be downloaded free at www.stonewallnews.net.

Kelly Stevens joins Odyssey team

SPokane, Wash. - Kelly Stevens has joined Odyssey Youth Center’s staff. Stevens will be assuming the role of Volunteer & Facility Coordinator effective Monday, March 19, 2007.

Stevens initially came to Odyssey as a youth in 2003. During her tenure as a young person accessing services, she also gave back to Odyssey, first by completing an internship for Odyssey and Healthcare for All in an effort to educate youth on their options for healthcare. Stevens also organized several youth rallies around gay marriage which ranged from hanging signs on the Maple Street Bridge overpass to demonstrating outside the Spokane Arena.

In 2004, Stevens was an active participant in Odyssey’s first Olympia Lobby Day trip. Many of her ideas for that first trip continue to be used at Odyssey.

Following her time with Odyssey as a youth, Stevens returned and has served in multiple volunteer capacities.

“Odyssey works hard to do its part to help young LGBTQA people realize their full potential,” states Ramon Alverez, Executive Director of Odyssey, “It is most gratifying when even one of those youth returns to Odyssey and has an opportunity to give back and apply their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the Center’s efforts.”

Odyssey Youth Center is located at 1121 S Perry in Spokane and can be reached at (509) 323-2306 and on the web at www.odysseyyouth.org.
In February, the gay and lesbian community suffered an immeasurable loss. Barbara Gittings, a leader for more than fifty years in the struggle for rights, died of breast cancer at the age of 73. Ms. Gittings was a founding member of the New York Chapter of the Daughters of Bilitis, and she began leading protests in Washington, D.C. in 1965. She and a small number of other gay men and lesbians—led by Mildred and Richard颤振—were marched in front of the White House with signs demanding equal rights for homosexuals.

It was the year she was born, and three years before the Stonewall riots in New York. Gay and lesbian bars were being arrested, prosecuted and jailed simply for being gay or lesbian. Our bar was being raided, we received notices were being harassed, and publications like the Ladder, which Barbara Gittings edited, were confiscated and destroyed. The Ladder, a monthly shaped paper gossip to GLBT news magazines like The Advocate, featured poetry, true stories and essays. By today’s standards, The Ladder was quite tame, but because it dealt honestly and openly with lesbian lives, it was considered pornography, and sending it through the U.S. Mail was a federal crime. Imagine if reading Stonewall News Northwest, the publication, might land you in jail, and you’ll get the picture. It’s hard to believe but important to remember.

I met Barbara Gittings in October 1999 when she was a guest speaker at Washington State University. I loved her. She determined to fight gay ignorance, her enthusiasm and modesty. She spoke of having first suspected that she was a lesbian during a summer camp. She realized that she “just loved being around girls.” Sound familiar? It did to me. I told Barbara that I’d realized something about the way I lived while I was standing on third base. I was waiting for Stephanie on first to throw me the ball, but I was concentrating on how I looked in my red hair and her fetching terry cloth wristbands that I failed to put my mitt up in time and took a softball straight to the face. Did I care? No. Steph admired my stoic response, the blood poured copiously from both her nose and forehead and I helped her out to our 1:30 next inning on the bench.

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By Joan Opyr

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We hope that you will take on projects that spark your interest and that meet a need in our community as we work together for equality for all people.

I think it is so important that we draw attention to the kinds of harassment and silencing that students face regularly in schools because of their gender identity and expression.” You can find a resource manual, posters and lots of information at the Day of Silence website at www.dayofsilence.org. Start planning now to make a statement with your silence on April 26.

By The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE)

Achieving our goal of transgender equality requires activism at the local, state and national levels. While NCTE focuses on federal policies, we strongly support and encourage the vital work of grass roots activists. Each week during 2007, we will feature an activist from around the country. Some will be challenging, some will be simple; all are effective ideas and we will include links, resources and tips to help you get started. Some of these suggestions may be your own, while others are ideas for local groups to work on. We hope that you will take on projects that spark your interest and that meet a need in our community as we work together for equality for all people.

Barbara was courageous and modest. She gave us hope. Barbara is perhaps best known for spearheading the campaign that led the American Medical Association to declare homosexuality a mental illness. Thanks to her work, being gay or lesbian is not crazy, but being Jerry Falwell, of course. Whenever I see his leafloathsome face on television, blaming you and me for natural disasters, terrorist attacks and yes, being gay, I think of Barbara Gittings, and I take heart. I remember how far we’ve come, and I know that in many ways we are still a long way from equality. Barbara never seemed to doubt it.

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Week #13 March 25 - 31: Support a Day of Silence

On April 26, students around the country will take part in a Day of Silence, a program sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Student/Edicators Network (GLSEN). The Day of Silence began in 1996 at the University of Virginia with students who decided to share their story about the ways in which lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students were silenced by rape culture based on their gender identity and sexual orientation. In the last decade, students and educators at thousands of schools have taken part by remaining silent for a day.

Riley Soornt, a member of NCTE’s Board of Directors is a staff member at GLSEN. He notes, “This is the tenth anniversary of the Day of Silence and it looks more like students than ever will be participating this year. This is already the largest student-led action on LGBT issues that happens in this country and has ever happened in American history.

By Joan Opyr, NCTE staff member and author of Transgendered Ministry. Theology and Communities of Faith (Pilgrim Press, 2003), comments, “People need to hear our voices as transgender people. We have learned important things spiritually from our journeys of self-discovery. The fact that we dig deep into our own bodies in learning about ourselves helps us to go below the surface spiritually as well. It is a powerful thing to hear our stories from pulpits and spiritual spaces.”

52 Things we can do for Transgender Equality

Other excellent spiritual resources to check out are:
- Made in God’s Image: A Resource for Discipleship (Concilium Books, 2004), by John Mason and Alice Rahn
- Transgendered Ministries (Pilgrim Press, 2003), by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott and Vanessa Sheridan

So, bring trans liberation to your community of faith.
This year marks the 20th anniversary of essays I’ve written for the gay community. During that time, especially via my former trucking career, I’ve been fortunate to meet many fascinating people. In 1992, I crossed paths with one such remarkable individual, a star crazy, handsome, closeted cowboy who not only left a deep impression on me but who also became a life long friend. I eventually wrote about this man in a 1998 essay entitled “Cody.”

Cody’s story was not an easy read back then. His history still isn’t neatly bundled in happily-ever-after. Rather, his experience is a study in rough around the edges. Unlike many of the seemingly instantly coming out stories I’ve read in various places, Cody’s narrative extends over a decade and is raw contradiction, tentative first steps, countered with frisson, if not bold, almost explosive leaps of faith. An isolated, rural man, his is a hit-and-miss life. He dreams of a partnership that might not exist, while worrying at the same time that a “perfect for him” relationship might just come his way. Cody’s story is the story of many rural gays in the Intermountain West. Theirs is the story of how just beginning to be told. This one comes to you in three parts.

Revisiting Cody’s story, nearly a decade after I wrote the first story, seemed especially fitting last month as February 2007 marked the first anniversary of the hyped Oscar run of Brokeback Mountain. The controversial movie, based upon an acclaimed fictional short story by Annie Proulx, won film award after film award. Brokeback Mountain turned the small town Cody’s is upside-down, leaving audiences unsettled and snuffling of homophobic controversy. A year later, the film remains just as enduring as evidenced by its countless interpretations on Youtube. From Eastern Europe, to Australia, to Asia, “that independent art cowboy movie” still taps something universal and deep inside moviegoers.

Cody saw Brokeback Mountain in Colorado and thought about another cowboy. They entered the theater apart, found one another again once inside the theater. After the credits rolled, the two men also left the theater apart, meeting back up in the parking lot. “It just worked out that way” Cody said, as we just naturally split up after looking around the parking lot. We came out of the theater in different directions too. Not that anyone was going to do anything to us, but we just separated. My favorite part of the movie was the shirt part. It’s a good story, and I’ve read and reread it. But once the movie got things stirred up, I got kinda’ tired of hearing about it.

Yet the movie has also inspired many of Cody’s more recent western art pieces. Several of these works are identifiable scenes from the movie. The story continued to resonate with him long after his first read of Jack and Ennis and long before the picture hit the local theater.

I can still see him, 15 years ago, staring at the edge of change. Looking over a landscape perched on the edge of a front of range, interstate highway: terrain that was best described as part high plains, part foothills, but all hard luck country. I’ve often thought either Jack or Ennis could have been him, especially with Cody’s intimate understanding of the point where mountainous Wyoming and Colorado turn to no man’s land and that the same definition could encompass just any Wyoming bar stood on a Saturday night.

In reading Proulx’s story nearly a decade after meeting Cody, it seemed the author had crossed paths with my friend. Had she encountered Cody during some full moon whoop it up off base in Cheyenne? Or had she seen him standing at the brink of last call in some cowboy bar, perched on the edge of no return, in Rawlins? In interviews, Proulx said the story originated watching an old cowhand hungrily watching young renegades playing pool. Nevertheless, there was a time when “Cody” could have been Jack or Ennis depending on the day, the hour, or the adult beverage.

Yet through all the years, throughout his wanderings, I’ve witnessed a slow but steady transition, almost as if Cody was going to take his time before settling into any one skin. That awakening also included a quiet settling of his sexual orientation. “I’d say I used to be bisexual, but I said that because I’d been with more men than women. I’d say now that yeah, I’m gay. But I don’t even like that word. I am not embarrassed by sexuality, or my sexuality. I know who I am, and I am honest with myself. I know my name. But I am not going to be waving any flags. I’m a more private person.”

I finally went to the gay rodeo in Denver. It was better than I thought it would be, but when someone approached me, I told them they didn’t want none of this. There’s a lot of times when I think that being in the closet is easier than dealing with all the scenes, the terms, “Eye candy.” “Wolff.” When I start to hear that stuff it turns me off to me, and I feel out of place. The over compensation, the way everything is overdone. I don’t think it’s necessary, and here I’ve done all the walk the walk and talk the talk.

“I’m still not that sexually active, and sex is not how I center myself. I think that any body with a creative imagination needs alone time or reconnection time. You have to take in. You can’t always be giving or be over stimulated. I’m just out of practice when it comes to dealing with people and I spend a lot of time alone. I don’t get lonely, but in the back of my mind, there is always a longing for someone with something that could get that about me and not fight it. Yet, I’m used to being by myself. I still make my own company, and I think you just hit that dimension where it’s hard to get back out it. Maybe it’s a cowboy thing, because I know that everybody is not like that. I might be more of a loner than most people. It’s like sacred ground out here. I rarely have anyone out.”

Cody talks of horse training fiascos and winces, remembering come-to-jesus moments, post bucking chute, easy on the bravado. His recollections are understated, if not broken and stark. He can just as easily switch toward misplaced truck driving nirvana or speculate about a near miss heart thing gone unclaimed. A man exchanged with the tall hatted fella standing on the other side of the fuel island in town, or the men from years back who held his gaze a little too long at that Cheyenne two stepping bar. He recoils at the Internet-born love struck stalkers, then talks of maybe sitting out to make some new introductions, but then again remembers shutting doors when the face didn’t look like the picture.

There are mentions of the cussed truck repairs gone south in the same paragraph as the people who’ve recently caught his eye. The married men he knows who are hitched but who also became a life long friend. His history still isn’t neatly bundled in happily-ever-after. Sometimes those accounts trail off into an examination of something deeper. Relating on love longed for and lost can sidestep into the retelling of a bad horse wreck or his attempt to rescue some concentration camp bound BLM horse. Or what starts out as a literary exercise in horse training 101 might end up reading like a conversation with Gandhi or the Dalai Lama about the human condition. If the moon is right, the comets are near, or the wind is spitting fruitts down from the high country, an old soul stands ready on deck, complete with his ride ticket written in the philosophy of horse training and humanity’s expectations of the four legged set and of each other.

Please see Part 3 in the next April 4th isue of Stonewall News Northwest.
Controversy brews over gay stories for schools

The prince married a man, and lived happily ever after

Religious groups attack circulation of books raising gay issues among primary school pupils

By Anushka Asthana, The Observer, UK

U.K. - A pilot scheme introducing books dealing with gay issues to children from the ages of four to 11 has just been launched in England's schools.

It is being argued that the books, one of which is a fairytale featuring a prince who turns down three princesses before falling in love and marrying a man, are necessary to make homosexuality seem normal to children. Fourteen schools and one local authority, backed by teaching unions and a government-funded organisation, are running the controversial scheme, which has been attacked by Christian groups.

Twenty years ago the publication of "He's chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and ironically, his statement was a blessing in so far as it ripped apart the façade of 'Don't Ask Don't Tell'"

Gay Athletes Slowly Enter the Endorsement Arena

By Stuart Elliott, NY Times

For years, the number of athletes who were openly gay and had endorsement deals could have been counted on the hand of the old-time baseball player Mordecai Brown, known after a farm accident by the nickname Three Finger.

Recently, however, that has started to change, as Americans have reassessed their ideas about homosexuality and as athletes have become more willing to discuss their sexuality. In another sign of the times, a company that sells men's grooming products, HeadBlade, is to announce today that it is adding to its roster of endorsers John Amaechi, the former professional basketball player who said last month that he is gay.

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Anti-gay bias rages in Dallas schools

16-year-old anti-discrimination policy not enforced; committee forms to demand its implementation

Kristine Vowels, a DISD administration employee, is pushing the district to enforce its existing anti-discrimination policy. She wants the district to hire a director of LGBT initiatives and to conduct staff training.

By John Wright, Dallas Voice

DALLAS, Texas - Kristine Vowels, a DISD administration employee, is pushing the district to enforce its existing anti-discrimination policy. She wants the district to hire a director of LGBT initiatives and to conduct staff training.

A teacher uses class time to talk about how specific LGBT students are discriminated against, he said. "The student subsequently drops out."

A security guard calls an LGBT student a "fagbag" within earshot of school administrators, who do nothing about it. The student subsequently drops out.

An LGBT teacher is reprimanded for using his school's video system to disseminate information about the Gay-Straight Alliance.

These are just a few examples of a big problem within the Dallas Independent School District, according to LGBT district employees and members of a citizens committee.

Kristine Vowels is a DISD administration employee who started the committee to address the problem last summer. Vowels said the committee is demanding that the district enforce its 16-year-old policy prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation by conducting staff training and hiring a director of LGBT initiatives.

Committee members plan to meet with district officials Tuesday, March 20.

"This [anti-discrimination] policy that the Dallas Independent School District has means nothing without implementation," said Vowels, who recently completed a doctoral dissertation related to the subject.

The committee is also suggesting that the district adopt a curriculum that's more LGBT-inclusive; extend benefits to same-sex partners of employees; and create an environment that's more sensitive to transgender students when it comes to names, pronouns, bathrooms and locker rooms.

Ivette Cruz Weiss, a spokeswoman for the district, said officials will listen to the committee's concerns and address them as necessary.

"The district does not promote discrimination against anyone regardless of what type of discrimination it is," Weiss said.

District offices were closed for spring break Thursday, March 15, and Weiss said no other officials were available for comment.

Another member of the committee, Youth First Texas co-founder Bob Miskinnis, said the issue is critical with district officials Tuesday, March 20.

"I think our [the LGBT] community hasn't made it the issue it needs to be made, and if we don't, the youth aren't strong enough to do it," Miskinnis said. "I think we have to stand up for them."

Miskinnis said he is "pretty optimistic" that the district will take action.

"I don't think that in the long run, they can do nothing," he said.

Lambda Legal Regional Director Dennis Coleman, a member of the committee, said school districts are legally required to implement the policy.

"I don't think that the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy is counter-productive for the military.

Gay Rights Activists Protest Pace’s Remarks

By Glenn Thrush, Newsday.com

WASHINGTON -- If gays and lesbians were looking for a champion to dispute Gen. Peter Pace's claim that homosexuality is immoral, they might have expected Hillary Rodham Clinton or Barack Obama to leap forward.

Not quite. While both Clinton and Obama are courting gays and lesbians, and would allow them to serve openly in the military, the Democratic front-runners have been curiously reticent about challenging the statements of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The highest-profile poll to say homosexuality is not immoral? It's former Navy secretary, ex-spouse of Liz Taylor and current Republican senator from Virginia John Warner, who told reporters Tuesday, "I respectfully but strongly disagree with the chairman's view that homosexuality is immoral."

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Earlier this week, Gen. Peter Pace, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called homosexuality "immoral." He later said he shouldn't have stated his personal view.
Furor Over Baptist’s ‘Gay Baby’ Article

By David Crary, AP

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The president of the leading Southern Baptist seminary has incurred sharp attacks from both the left and right by suggesting that a biological basis for homosexuality may be proven, and that prenatal treatment to reverse gay orientation would be biblically justified.

The Rev. R. Albert Mohler Jr., one of the country’s pre-eminent evangelical leaders, acknowledged that he irked many fellow conservatives with an article earlier this month saying scientific research “points to some level of biological causation” for homosexuality.

Proof of a biological basis would challenge the belief of many conservative Christians that homosexuality - which they view as sinful - is a matter of choice that can be overcome through prayer and counseling.

However, Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., was assailed even more harshly by gay-rights supporters. They were upset by his assertion that homosexuality would remain a sin even if it were biologically based, and by his support for possible medical treatment.

Reaction to Coulter’s slur hints at shift in view of gays

By Wyatt Buchanan, San Francisco Chronicle

When conservative commentator Ann Coulter called former Vice President Al Gore a “total fag” on national television nearly a year ago, it barely caused a stir.

Coulter’s recent labeling of presidential candidate John Edwards as a “faggot,” however, has triggered a huge response, including a campaign initiated today by a gay rights group and media watchdog to persuade mainstream media outlets to dump her for good.

At least four newspapers have dropped Coulter’s syndicated column, and 40,000 people signed an online petition to Universal Press Syndicate, which distributes her column, demanding that it release her. Three corporations, including Verizon, stopped advertising on Coulter’s Web site after she made the comment.

This follows recent controversies over the use of the new “F-word” - as some call it -- by actor Isaiah Washington and an antigay rant by NBA player Tim Hardaway. Washington apologized and announced he would go to “rehab,” and Hardaway lost endorsements and was penalized by the league.

Coulter wondered on the “Hannity & Colmes” show on the Fox News Channel on Monday about the difference between the reactions this year and last.

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Left to Right: Andrew Rivasano, Tanya Morton, Sara Nichols, Susan Craig, Donna Skog, Melanie Sanda, Laurel Waterbury

R.T. Robinson’s well crafted play takes place in Sterlington, Louisiana, a place so “humid that sound waves stick together.” The wives of three brothers off to WWII are living with their Aunt Ola and begin to understand that women are easily relegated to second class status, while their men can create and follow their dreams. The story is good, but the dialogue is more like Tennessee Williams-lite.

Sisters left behind. Left to Right: A. Simkha, L. Waterbury, T. Morton

The Cover of Life is definitely worth seeing, but don’t expect most of R.T. Rob-inson’s characters to possess the gravitas and grittness that really seasoned actors might bring to the stage. In fact, most of these community theater actors do a pretty good job with the material at hand. The dutiful, devoted daines who are married to absent “slob-bering, red-neck sharecroppers” bear a striking resemblance to some of the cousins I grew up with from the South who held these typical all-American ide-als.

The overall look and feel of the play is authentic. The sets and lighting pro-duce good results and help magically transport the audience sitting in that small black box of Civic’s Firth Theatre to the deep South. The staging is effective, often showing more than one character playing off from different locales simultaneously.

What is lacking here is the texture. Possibly it was just the discomfort of opening night, but the back-story of the characters seems to be missing.

There are several very good mo-ments. In particular, the portrayals of the female temptress, Sybil (Waterbury), who believes that she and her man are “modern.” She wields the bitter hand of tragedy in the end. Kate (Sara Nichols), the slightly less than hard-bitten reporter assigned to the story of the ‘Wives who are left behind’ for Life Magazine, turns in a fairly strong performance. Opening nights are difficult, and I trust that the cast will be stronger and more grounded in their characters each night. Try to catch The Cover of Life before it closes on Mar 31. Call (509) 325-2507 for tickets.

The Price

Arthur Miller noted about The Price, “Despite my wishes, I could not tamper with something the play and life seemed to be telling me: that we are doomed to perpetuate our illusions because truth is [too] costly to face.”

This may be one of the most engrossing and entertaining plays that Miller has ever written. More flamboyant and theatrical than any of his better known plays, All My Sons or Death of a Salesman, it still has similarity in that the real story has already passed and the telling is more about his characters in reflection of choices made and “what if” visions.

Two brothers meet after a sixteen-year estrangement. The old family fur-
niture is to be disposed of. Miller works up to the showpiece phrase that rings slowly, where the siblings feel each other out before the basis of their turbulent relationship. As bitterness emerges into short, blunt, enraged ac-
cusations. A taut, exciting scene reveals the charac-
ters, including strengths and weaknesses, to each
other. To get your tickets for performances from April 5-21, call (509) 455-PLAY or visit http://www.interplayers.com.
Adored: Diary of a Porn Star
Marco Filiberti
Wolfe Video

The plot is a bit simplistic and the characters’ depth the depth they are trying to achieve, but is nevertheless, touching.

At the heart, this story is about two estranged brothers, one of whom is looking to be Riki Kandinsky (Filiberti), one of the hottest porn stars in Italy. Adored is told as a pseudo-documentary that flashes back to one year after the actual events in the film. Riki and his brother Federico see each other at the funeral of their father, a wealthy businessman. Federico has no idea what Riki (still known to him as Ricky) does for a living, and everyone is dismayed at Riki’s hair, sculpted eyebrows and mascara. Federico is glad to see Riki after such a long time. Of course Riki is less than transparent about his profession, which leads Federico to believe he is on drugs. Federico follows Riki back to the city, where he wants to reconnect with his brother. Eventually, Riki tells Federico what he does, and as expected, it is a huge shock that eventually turns to acceptance. The time they spend together helps each of them see what might have been missing. Federico loses his provincial attitudes about sexuality, and Riki realizes that he longs for some deeper sense of companionship.

When Riki saves the life of a young orphaned boy, he realizes that he wants to adopt the boy. During a TV expose of pornography that features our urn... hero, he is spotted by the child’s grandparents. Now that they know his secret, will he be able to adopt?

Italian soap operas such as this are fairly predictable: Tragedy must prevail to make the story emotionally worthwhile. Watch for Luna, one of Riki’s friends, played by Rosalinda Celotano who played Satan in The Passion of the Christ. Her trademark of oddly strange appearance seems to suit each of her roles even though they are very different.

I enjoyed it in spite of its shortcomings. See it at Pride and Joy Movie Night on Apr. 5 at Century 11 Folsom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 20% of any thing at Ella’s and 50% off well drinks.

M4M: For an Hour or Forever
The Gay Man’s Guide to Finding Love Online
by Jack Mauro
Simon Spotlight Entertainment, 236 pp

“Millions of gay men are looking for love. The vast majority are searching online. With an estimated 11 million gay users online in North America alone, chances may be good that any gay man could find what he is looking for... if he only where and how to look,” says author Jack Mauro.

In truth, Mauro seems to approach the subject with the assumption that he is dealing mostly with the lowest common denominator of the human male: sexuality. It would be difficult to make a successful argument against his point of view, because often that baser sexual drive is what links us to our sometimes Neanderthal hetero-sexual brothers. But leave that club in the closet for now.

That being said, he does present a manual that is inclusive of the necessary vernacular for Internet “dating,” tips on what to put in your profile, some shallow assessments of various online sites for men looking for men and advice on how to determine what you are looking for.

Although his experience seems to slant heavily toward AOL, chat rooms for hook-ups are so numerous that I doubt anyone can keep up with all the new sites that seem to be going into business as the next new Gay MySpace. It really doesn’t matter where as much as how you go about your self presentation and the dialogue that includes.

So where does that leave those who are really looking for a LTR (Long Term Relationship) or the chance to fine someone else who would be open to monogamous dating? Well, right where we were in the first place, of course. However, we can now be girded with the knowledge and information we need to search more effectively for what we may want.

Perhaps, as the author seems to suggest, the key here is to really understand what you are looking for. If you can’t be sure what you want, you may never find it.

In that case, look inward. Be bold in discovering what you need. No one can do that for you, except you.

Once that is done, log on and follow your dreams, wet or dry, base or heavenly, physically or emotionally, until you meet the one you want.

Mysterious and creepy Adrien (Dennis Christopher). Adrien forces Samantha to hack her way into an FBI database and locate a woman hidden in the Witness Protection Program by threatening to mutilate her daughter. In a race against time, Samantha must break free of her kidnappers, save her daughter and foil Adrien’s plot to hunt down and kill the witness. Not as ho-hum as it sounds, the video does manage to create intensity and even though Trapped isn’t perfect, the ending is it is always a pleasant change to see GLBTQ characters as the heroes. Try it, you might like it. Thanks, here! TV.
Dan Savage, editor of the Stranger, a Seattle alternative news weekly, and author of several books on his life as a gay man, said the reaction to Coulter could indicate a change in how people view gays.

“...I always thought we would be reaching a tipping point with anti-gay hate where it will no longer be acceptable, and maybe we are reaching that tipping point now,” said Savage.

Neil Giuliano, the president of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the rights group starting a campaign to get Coulter’s voice out of mainstream media, said public opinion about anti-gay slurs is changing because gay and lesbian people are more visible than ever.

“As this happens, those in the overall culture who don’t like that are going to raise their voices and become even louder, and that’s why I think a lot of this is going on,” Giuliano said.

Ronald Butters, a Duke University professor who studies the changing meaning of taboo words in American English, said he doesn’t think “faggot” has become more or less offensive.

“Words mean what the public takes them to mean,” he said. “The very reason there is a furor is a pretty good indication of how insulting that term was.”

Leaders in the gay community said the Coulter fallout could become the prototype for how the public will respond to the use of the term “faggot.”

“People are actually realizing this word hurts and defines an entire group of people, that it is having people other than ourselves standing with us is very significant,” said Giuliano, whose organization is known as GLAAD.

GLAAD is issuing a “call to action” today to its 40,000 constituents, asking them to contact the heads of cable news organizations and NBC and “call on them publicly to state that they will no longer feature Ann Coulter as an on-air commentator.”

The Human Rights Campaign, another gay and lesbian civil rights organization, started a campaign earlier this week to pressure the Universal Press Syndicate and newspapers that publish Coulter’s column. So far, they have sent about 40,000 e-mails through the organization’s Web site.

“It just seems to me the conventional wisdom around Ann Coulter till now has been that the most important thing for anyone to do is ignore her, but I think we have a more serious problem here that we are addressing,” said Joe Solmonese, president of the Human Rights Campaign.

“This word ought to be seen as offensive and dangerous as any hate-based word.”

Conservative gay scholar Andrew Sullivan, who heard Coulter’s comments live, said she uttered it with “malice aforethought.” But equating it to other slurs is “an absurd comparison, Sullivan said.

“Nothing has the power of the n-word,” he said.

Coulter made the offending utterance last Friday at a major gathering of conservatives, where she shared the stage with several Republican candidates for president.

During her speech, a series of jokes about Democrats, Coulter said, “I was going to just give a few comments on the other Democratic presidential candidate, John Edwards, but it turns out that you have to go to rehab if you use the word ‘faggot.’” So ... I can’t really talk about Edwards.

Coulter has defended her use of the term as a “schoolyard taunt.”

“Today, we move past the rhetoric and unproductive dialogue offered by Ann Coulter,” the newspaper’s executive editor, Alan Trush, wrote in an announcement on the newspaper’s Web site.

Butters, the Duke professor, called Coulter’s explanation of her use of the word “simply ridiculous and untrue.”

“It is always intended, I think, as a derogatory term of one of the most pernicious sorts,” he said.

Thom Lynch, who leads San Francisco’s Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community Center, said he dearly does not hear the word used often among gay men.

“It’s not a word people have reclaimed in any sense. If straight people use it in the same way Ann Coulter did, people will get really angry about it,” he said.

Still, some gay people are skeptical of the condemnation of Coulter.

“If our problems with people using the word ‘faggot’ ... I use the word ‘faggot’ all the time,” said Seattle’s Savage.

He started a public humiliation campaign against former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, a Republican, after Santorum made derogatory statements about gay men. But he does not think there should be a campaign to silence Coulter.

“When we start acting like the thought police ... we lose.”

Santorum, the wing nut who is leading the wing nut paranoia that we are going to force them all to say only nice things about us in public,” said Savage. “I think we would gain ground faster in the gay and lesbian civil rights movement if we drop the Sally Field act of, ‘You like me! You really like me!’

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Barbara was featured, and offers of adult mentoring. Those of us who coordinated the legacy Award, including Barbara, felt it was important not just to give young people money for their today—the youth needed a sense of how they fit into the larger picture, and a sense that they themselves were making LGBT history in the grand sweeping tradition of Barbara Gittings.

Barbara Gittings was, to my great fortune, the first lesbian I ever saw,” Armstrong continued. “This was in 1971, when I was still in high school and had never yet heard a good word about gay people. I happened to tune into the David Susskind show, during a segment on ‘Women Who Love Women.’ Barbara made her famous statement: ‘Homosexuals today are taking it for granted that their homosexuality is not at all something dreadful—it’s good, it’s right, it’s natural, it’s moral, and this is the way they are going to be!’ I completely believed her, and she has been my role model and guiding light since I was 17 years old. In later years we became friends, but she continued to be high on a pedestal for me, as an activist. As the editor of HOT WIRE lesbian magazine, I was further inspired by her work with the pioneering lesbian publication The Ladder. All that I wanted to do, she had done decades earlier—when it was so much scarier. I think in later years the two most important lessons she taught me directly were that LGBT activists need to work on many, many issues all at once—that way those who oppose us can’t ever stop us all—and that you can have a lot of FUN the whole time you’re being an activist.

“Whether they know it or not, whether they have heard of her or not, I believe every single gay person on the planet’s life is better because Barbara Gittings was here. Whenever someone dies, the word ‘beloved’ gets thrown about, but in this case, it truly applies. She was as nice, generous, and upbeat as she was formidable, courageous, and effective. Legacies don’t get much better than that,” Armstrong said.

Gittings was born in 1932 in Vienna, Austria, where her father was serving as a U.S. diplomat, according to Wikipedia. She attended Northwestern University, where she first discovered her sexuality—and first realized how few resources there were on the subject.

Gittings would serve on the founding boards of directors of many organizations, including the National Gay | Lesbian | Task Force (1973) and the Gay Rights National Lobby (1976), a precursor to the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

“She exuded this incredible warmth and friendliness,” she was the glue that helped keep together often contentious organizations during the early phase of the movement, said Sherrill. He first met Gittings through the founding of the short-lived Gay Academic Union in 1973. “She was a deeply principled highly courageous person, but also warm and focused. If she had any enemies, I never met them.”

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Contact: Irey

Email: way2qt_99@yahoo.com

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**Thursday, March 22nd**

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Email: emcc2006@hotmail.com


**Friday, March 30th**

7:00 – 9:00 pm (Spokane, WA) The Prom You Never Went To (at ROLMCC) A musical that allows and embraces diverse populations. It is a dock act that everyone should come to even if they do not attend these two schools. It is showing theBoys of Boise, Miss Claudia, Aquashin, and featuring Toby. This event is to be an event that allows and embraces diverse populations, it originated from the thought that many GBTQ youth were not welcome or comfortable enough to attend these two schools. You Never Went To, always welcome and extend to their friends or other artists, it is a show that is desired.

Tickets are $8 for singles and $15 for couples during pre-sale.

Contact: Kim Roberts

Email: wvogals@gmail.com

Phone: 509-420-6613

Location Details

The Beach

3022 N Virginia St

Spokane WA 99205

**Saturday, April 1st**

2:00 – 4:00 pm: CHAS WV Educational Support Group (at Community Health Association of Spokane) CHAS monthly educational/support group to help meet the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Contact: Email

Email: tomlinson@cha.org

Phone: 509-434-0313

**Sunday, April 2nd**

10:30 – 11:30 am (Spokane, WA) River of Life MCC (at 2625 Briggs Plaza Ste 6A)

Email: info@riveroflifemcc.org

More Info: http://www.riveroflifemcc.org

**Thursday, April 6th**

7:00 – 9:00 pm (Klamath Falls, OR) Rainbow Sauerkraut Meetings (at Revolution MCC) Open AA Meeting to support those in the community who have the disease of alcoholism and/or addiction.

Phone: 509-624-6671

Contact: Irey

Email: way2qt_99@yahoo.com

More Info: http://www.gayakima.com/1stfridays.html

**Friday, April 7th**

3:00 – 5:00 pm: WPLG Monthly Meeting (at First Street Center, 212 N 3rd St, Spokane, WA).

Email: info@wplg.org

More Info: http://www.wplg.org

**Monday, April 9th**

7:00 – 9:00 pm (Tri-Cities, WA) WPLG Monthly Meeting

Contact: Email or For more info: http://www.wplg.org

**April 2007 Calendar**

**Tri-Cities, Pullman/Moscow, Walla Walla, Yakima, WA**

**MARCH**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st**

**Pride**

10:30 – 12:30 pm: WOLS Board (at The Old Country Buffet – Pullman)

Contact: FOX 16

Email: info@fox16.tv


**April 2007 Calendar**

**April 10th**

10:30 – 11:30 am (Spokane, WA) River of Life MCC (at 2625 Briggs Plaza Ste 6A)

Email: info@riveroflifemcc.org

More Info: http://www.riveroflifemcc.org

**April 11th**

7:00 – 9:00 pm (Spokane, WA) First Fridays (at 1st Street Conference Center)

Email: way2qt_99@yahoo.com

More Info: http://www.1ststreet.org
ATHLETES

to acknowledge it, joining Billy Bean, a baseball player, and Esera Tuaolo, a football player.

Mr. Amachei is the “perfect storm,” said Dr. Jack Drescher, president of HeadBlade Company in Culver City, Calif., which makes the razor. "He grows in popularity for being bald, because he’s African-American, a basketball player and gay, and these are all huge demographics for us.”

"And he uses the product," Mr. Greene said. "I think the key to making HeadBlade work is that it was a ‘HeadBlader,’ as Mr. Greene calls his customers. It’s really about his endorsement, the pro former basketball player Tim Hardaway, after Mr. Hardaway attached an advertisement with the singer Chris Daughtry, who appeared on ‘American Idol,’ and Don Leonard, a professional bodybuilder; and Howie Mandel, of NBC’s ‘Deal or No Deal’.

Mr. Hardaway’s chief executive, said in a statement, "Bald guys, like bald women, get in on cross- lifestyle choice, color, education, financial resources, religion, physical capabilities or any other thing that makes men's grooming products, Bald Guy's only advertising is the endorsement, the pro former basketball player Tim Hardaway, after Mr. Hardaway attached an advertisement with the singer Chris Daughtry, who appeared on ‘American Idol,’ and Don Leonard, a professional bodybuilder; and Howie Mandel, of NBC’s ‘Deal or No Deal’.

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Mr. Amachei’s endorsement deal “seems almost symbolic, because of the point,” said Michael Wilke, executive director at the Commercial Closet Association in New York, which tracks the representation of gay men and lesbians in marketing and maintains an online database of Minorities in Advertising (commercialcloset.org).

And in 2003, the Chili’s restaurant chain featured Mr. Tuaolo in a TV commercial that made him the first openly gay athlete to appear in a major national ad for a mainstream brand. (michaelwilke.com)

When an ABC reporter asked her about the issue, she said, "I was probably too young to figure out how progressive Democrats can also make appeals to Americans of faith. It’s a work in progress.”

MOHLER

"It’s quite nice when you can say you use the product you endorse," Mr. Amachei said. "I get to shave my head every two days. I would love to tell it’s a style thing, but I have a bald spot.”

Mr. Amachei also said that it was "good for young G.L.B.T. kids," that it was "good for the gay community," and that it was "good for sexual minorities, bisexial, transgendered, to see us not just in ads for drinks and H.I.V. medication, but out in magazines as well, because we are mainstream consumers.

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