SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN AMENDMENT 2
"Profound Victory For Principles of Democracy"

This week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Colorado’s Amendment 2. The decision was 6 to 3, with Justices Kennedy, Ginsburg, Souter, Breyer, O’Connor, and Stevens ruling against Amendment 2, and Justices Rehnquist, Scalia, and Thomas dissenting. The measure would have amended the Colorado state constitution to overturn existing protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and prohibit the passage of any such protections in the future. It was passed by majority vote in 1992. The following statement is attributable to Melinda Paras, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director. NGLTF is the nation’s oldest gay and lesbian civil rights organization.

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D'SAUCE...THE FLAVA OF FUNK FOR YOUR TASTE

Whether you like it hot, mild, spicy or smooth D'Sauce has flava of funk for your ears. King Goody recording artist D'Sauce is making a big dent in the industry with his hit single "So Freaky" from the album entitled "Lost N'D Sauce." "So Freaky" has captured many audiences with the array of mixes on CD5. From the high energy dance mix to the hip hop rap mix, everyone is sure to find a flava of choice. The video for "So Freaky" having just been added to rotation on Black Entertainment Television (BET), receiving a raving review in Billboard from J.R. Reynolds, steadily climbing the national record pool charts and strong radio response have surely been the proof in the pudding that success is a big part of the master plan.

D'Sauce is not just a singer, but a true entertainer. With a second single to be released soon, you can expect to be thoroughly entertained.

If you haven't had an opportunity to taste D'Flava, catch D'Sauce LIVE on Saturday, June 8th at 2pm at the '96 Pride Celebration at Riverfront.

'96 PRIDE THE VISUAL EYES

This year's Pride Celebration will include a celebration of lesbian and gay creativity, "The Visual Eyes." If you are a poet, painter, performance artist, a dancer and would like to publicly display your talents, please call Monte Pennington at 269-5878 for additional information.

This event is the very first event of it's type. Visual Eyes will be held at Elliston Cafe on Tuesday, June 11th, from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. The visual art will be hung in the cafe for the month of June.

UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS & THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE!

Bad Egg Productions at Darkhorse Theater is presenting the play "Unidentified Human Remains and The True Nature of Love."

Everyone who has seen the play said this play "is a must see!"

Showtimes are 8pm on Friday & Saturday, and at 4pm on Sunday afternoon. Darkhorse Theater is located at 4610 Charlotte Avenue, tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students with IDs. For further details call 297-7113.

CARE FOR A CURE!

Nashville CARES proudly presents the cast of "Grease" for an evening of comedy, song and dance to benefit Nashville CARES and Broadway CARES/Equity Fights AIDS. This event will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, 11:30pm at Cowboy LaCage, located at 4th and Broadway, for a $20 donation.

The evening of cabaret, song and dance will include approximately twenty numbers; everything from vocal solos to full ensemble dance pieces. Each member of the Groupe Company will bring their own style and personality to this production to truly make this an event to remember.

Hosting this event will be Sally Struthers, Adrian Zmed and Mackenzie Phillips.
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**XENOGY NEWSBYTES**

**Supreme Response**

NGLTF announced a 4-point “Supreme Response” call-to-action plan in the wake of this ruling. They anticipate a backlash from the radical right to this ruling, and we must be prepared.

**Supreme Response Campaign Plan:**
1. Organize events to celebrate the ruling! More than 40 cities are already slated to protest. We urge people to join in these actions and make their voices heard.
2. Call on elected officials in the U.S. Congress and in state and local governments to support comprehensive protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation. We ask them to sign our “Justice for All” resolution and immediately introduce civil rights laws in the next legislative session. We will work with our grassroots lobbying and NGLTF cooperating organizations to mobilize a critical mass of support for local and state anti-discrimination measures. We call on President Clinton to lead the charge for federal anti-discrimination protections.
3. Gather activists from every state at the Creating Change Conference this November. We’ll strategize on how to mobilize our communities and our allies to fight for basic equal rights, respond to the backlash, including fighting state ballot measures and other radical right attacks.
4. Launch through our NGLTF web page a “Supreme Response” electronic network to inform and mobilize activists nationwide. Log onto our website at http://www.nyltf.org to get plugged into actions and information.

This was a momentous day for our movement and for all those who believe in personal liberty, justice and freedom. We are making progress toward ending intolerance and educating America about who we really are. At the same time we know our battle is not over. We must remain on guard and defend against what surely will be a backlash. With the ruling, we are one important step closer to attaining our dream of a more compassionate and fair society.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is a progressive organization that has supported grassroots organizing and pioneered in national advocacy since 1973. Since its inception, NGLTF has been at the forefront of virtually every major initiative for lesbian and gay rights. In all its efforts, NGLTF helps to strengthen the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender movement at the state level while connecting these activities to a national vision for change.
**ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY**
- Music City Rollers Winter Bowling League: 12:30 p.m. 227-3543
- Volunteer Volleyball: 1:30 p.m. – 297-0008
- Stonewall Mission Church: 6:30 p.m. at 703 Berry Road 297-0008
- Dayspring Christian Fellowship: 7:00 p.m. 120 B S. 11th St. 227-1448 Metropolitan Community Church 7:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 262-0922
- Rejoice and Be Glad: 1st & 3rd Sundays 646-5163
- Positive Attitude: Sundays from 6-8pm at The Connection. Call 742-1166

**MONDAY**
- NOW: National Organization for Women 4th Monday 7:00 p.m. 292-6371
- 1016 18th Ave South
- Lambda Group (AA): 8:00 p.m. 1808 Woodmont Blvd

**TUESDAY**
- Reconciliation: at 6:00 p.m. 292-6371
- MTSU Lambda Association: 6:30 p.m. Fall & Winter 780-2293
- Southern Country Dance: At The Chute 7:00 p.m. 2535 Franklin Rd.
- P-FLAG: Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. meetings held at 1808 Woodmont Blvd
- Married and Gay Network: 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. At the Center for Lesbian & Gay Services located at 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
- NWA: Nashville Women's Alliance 3rd & 4th Tuesday 7:00p.m. At the Center 703 Berry Road 297-0008
- Integrity: 4th Tuesday 297-0008 for details

**WEDNESDAY**
- Co-Dependents: Anonymous 7:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
- Free to Be (AA): 6:30 p.m. 419 Woodland St.
- One in Teen: 6:30 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
- Women's Discussion Group: 7:00 pm at the Center 703 Berry Road. Call 297-0008

**THURSDAY**
- Music City Rollers II: Bowling League 6:30 p.m. Donelson Plaza Lanes 227-3543
- The Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice: The Board meets 7p.m. the 1st Thurs. & the general membership meets 7p.m. the 3rd Thurs. At St. Ann's Episcopal Church 5th & Woodland. Info 298- LGCJ (5425)
- INTERACT: Gay men's discussion group 7:00-8:30 P.M. on 2nd & 4th Thursday 703 Berry Road 297-0008
- Vanderbilt Lambda Association: 7:30 p.m. Winter & Fall 322-0376
- Alternatives (AA): 7:30 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

**FRIDAY**
- Overeater's Anonymous: 5:00 p.m. 703 Berry Rd 297-0008
- Program Study Group (AA): 7:00 p.m. 2007 Acklen Ave.

**SATURDAY**
- Nashville '96 Lesbian & Gay Pride Committee: Meets every week at Noon! At the Center 703 Berry Road. Everyone is welcome!!! For details call 832-5653.
- Tennessee Vails: Transgendered Group 2nd Sat. 664-6883

**OTHER**
- Clarksville CARES: 1-615-503-4063
- Columbia CARES: 1-615-351-0114
- The Center : 297-0008
- Music City Panel Makers: 876-0770
- Positive Voice: 383-9285
- Nashville CARES: 259-4866
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BOOK REVIEW

BY ASHTON MONTCLAIR, III

What a profound and poignant commentary on the delicately balanced line between fantasy and reality! Brian Leavitt's novel, While England Sleeps, is an eloquent exploration of the interplay between love and loss, the allure of the past, and the struggles of the present. The author weaves a tale that is as much a love story as it is a story of struggle and perseverance.

Brian Leavitt brings a mastery of craft to the page, creating characters that are both relatable and complex. The setting of England during World War II provides a backdrop that is both beautiful and tumultuous, highlighting the contrast between the innocence of youth and the harsh realities of war.

The narrative is skillfully crafted, taking the reader on a journey that is both heart-wrenching and inspiring. Leavitt's prose is rich and evocative, bringing to life the world of 1940s England and the lives of his characters.

While England Sleeps is not just a novel about a young man's love for a woman; it is also about the search for home and belonging. It is a testament to the power of love and the enduring human spirit. Leavitt's exploration of these themes is both profound and deeply moving.

In conclusion, While England Sleeps is a must-read for anyone who appreciates a well-crafted, emotionally resonant story. It is a work of literature that will stay with you long after the last page is turned.
SISTER SAGE'S ASTROLOGICAL READINGS

Aries  March 21st - April 20th
Begin short term projects this week. Plan your schedule so you can finish by the end of the month. A partner may appear to be trying to clip your wings. Don't get defensive. This person might just have a different way of showing that they care. You may have an opportunity to get to know someone better and discover that you actually have a lot in common. This could be the start of a rewarding alliance.

Taurus  April 21st - May 20th
You could find yourself enmeshed in domestic or familial affairs. A gathering of the clan for graduation, holy union or other festivity is possible now. Of course, there might be a few difficult moments, but all in all, things come off quite well. The entertainer in you may decide to make an appearance. You could choose to express yourself in a local mature play or performance at a community event.

Gemini  May 21st - June 20th
This is a good week for entertaining, so invite friends over to your home for an informal party. A misleading incident might cause you to question your perception. Remember the old saying: "Believe only half of what you see and none of what you hear." Buying food and household products in bulk will save you money. Be careful not to purchase items you really don't need just because they are on sale!

Cancer  June 21st - July 22nd
A big gathering could leave you feeling happy, but emotionally drained. Now you may want to take some time for yourself to rest and recuperate. Focus on your own needs first. Although you may be flattered by a glamorous offer from a prominent or influential person, you might be happier in the long run to be a big fish in a small pond rather than a small fish in the ocean.

Leo  July 23rd - August 22nd
One of the best times to launch new projects is in the cycle of the new moon when it begins to wax. Put your efforts into building this undertaking over the next two weeks and you'll be able to see the results when the moon is full next month. You might be shocked by the attitudes or actions of someone you thought was under your thumb. A wise person never takes others for granted.

Virgo  August 23rd - September 22nd
Be extra protective of the things you value. Watch your wallet when you're in a crowd and remember to lock to car. You might also want to look into a home security system or new locks for your doors. Tension in a close personal relationship could arise due to a holy union, baby or new pet. A shift in power or responsibilities might be necessary in order to restore harmony.

Libra  September 23rd - October 22nd
New relationships either personal or professional could begin for you this week. If you nurture these associations carefully you'll provide rewarding experiences for you in the months ahead. If you sense that someone close to you is trying to play on your feelings or manipulate you in some way you may be right. Remember they can't get away with it if you don't let them. You may ruffle some feathers but you'll feel better in your heart of hearts.

Scorpio  October 23rd - November 22nd
This is a good week to start new ventures and put new plans into action. People you meet now could be important to you so don't stay home alone. You may discover that you have more influence on other people than you thought. If you share your ideas now you could gain their support. This is an ideal time to brainstorm with friends about an upcoming activity.

Sagittarius  November 22nd - Dec. 21st
You could find yourself going in several directions at once this week. Unless you're able to organize yourself now. You could end up spinning your wheels without getting very far. Keep your wits about you. You might even attract the attention of someone special. This is the week to pull out all the stops and push ahead aggressively. Whatever you take on now, provided it's not harmful to others, You should succeed.

Capricorn  December 22nd - January 19th
Your concerns for those closest to you may lead you to making plans for the future. During this week you might want to consult professionals about insurance, financial investments, real estate or other matters that involve personal or monetary security. Love and romance could blossom for you if you open up and let a partner warm your heart. You'll be happy with the results.

Aquarius  January 20th - February 18th
Even though you often march to the beat of your own drummer, this will become glaringly obvious. Disagreements with people may occur. A chance encounter could turn out to be profitable to you. You might have to admit that you can't change someone else. This person may be happy the way they are, or be unable to see that a change is necessary. The only thing you can change is your response to this person.

Pisces  February 19th - March 20th
Domestic harmony is likely and loved ones provide a strong sense of security and belonging for you. Maybe it's time to tell how much you care. You could receive recognition and praise for your creativity. Someone may be able to help you expand your reach and turn a hobby into a business. Look into new ways to publicize your self and your work in order to make money. You might have to become more savvy and more practical about business.
LAMBDA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

BY PAT PATRICK

Bookstar Lambda Book Discussion Group met on Wednesday, May 15th. While England Sleeps, David Leavitt’s somewhat controversial novel, was discussed. The discussion covered many aspects of the book—including a lawsuit filed by Stephen Spender, author of World Within World and the “pulping” of the first release of While England Sleeps that ensued.

Many of the Lambda members considered Leavitt’s novel the best the group has read to date, citing Leavitt’s depiction of very “real” characters as well as the way he captured the setting (Europe in the late 1930’s) in vivid detail. While England Sleeps as well as The Lost Language of Cranes and Equal Affections (also by Leavitt) is available at Bookstar.

Lambda’s next group will meet Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30pm. The book to be discussed will be Toward Amnesia, by Sarah Van Arsdale’s first novel, has been praised for its deft characterization and fascinating storyline by many critics. The protagonist of the book faces being left by her lover and is in a state, she empties her savings account and trades her sensible car for a 1950 Chevy Futura. With assumed anonymity, she can clean up the mess.

The decision in “Romer v. Evans” guarantees equal opportunity for lesbians and gay men only in the very broadest sense. It struck down a Colorado state constitutional amendment that repealed existing local ordinances insofar as they outlawed discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and prohibited the enactment of any such ordinances in the future. Thus, in declaring that amendment unconstitutional, the “Supremes” merely removed a significant obstacle to lesbian/gay civil rights ordinances except in Boulder, Aspen, and Denver, where they already exist.

In other words, what we have now is the same right as everyone else to participate in the political process on our own behalf. This is no small thing, to be sure. But the mere fact that the Supremes had to issue an opinion stating this principle (especially given that the three right wing activists, Scalia, Thomas, and Rehnquist voted against us) is a sad statement indeed.

But for now, it seems, things have stopped getting worse. It’s still up to us to make sure that they get better. Every United States citizen should have equal access to the political process, regardless of irrelevant characteristics. Yet access to the political process is meaningless if you don’t make use of it.

I think that the decision in “Romer v. Evans” is sufficiently important that I want to discuss specific aspects of it in greater detail over the next few weeks. I want to speculate a bit on the implications of this decision for other lesbian/gay civil rights issues. I want to relate the gist of Antonin Scalia’s dissent from the majority’s opinion, if only to expound on the theme that Justice Scalia is from another planet. And I want to explain why I think that this decision in favor of lesbian/gay civil rights is a very conservative decision.

Above all, however, my message is the same as it has always been: the responsibility for our equal rights and equal treatment in this society lies primarily with us. “The Supremes” can help to ensure that we have the same tools for equality as everyone else. Only we can make something constructive with those tools.
“But I liked you so much better as a stereotype.” Manny said over his half-raised, half-empty coffee cup. “You know what I mean?”

Of course I did, or at least I thought I did, but since I already knew what I knew, now I wanted some info straight from this horse’s mouth. “No. I don’t. Tell me.”

Let me back up here for a second and tell you why Manny and I were working our way through a pot of diner decaf. Manny’s in his forties. He’s married with five kids. Three his, and two borrowed brothers he and his wife couldn’t split up when it came time to sign the adoption papers. Manny’s been married mumble-something years to his first and only wife, Susan. And, though there’s been a roller coaster ride now and again, they’ve settled happily into a smooth stretch which they think will take them to the end.

We became friends on some advertising junket, and have been examining each other’s roads-not-taken for years. This time it was my turn to go under the microscope.

“Well, when I thought about lesbians at all,” he stopped and sucked on his teeth. “Hmmph. Well, as a stereotype you had a much better sex life than I did.”

“Honey, you’ve been married to the same woman for three thousand years. Anybody had a much better sex life than you did.”

“But, Manny, if your imagination were any good, you would have a much better sex life all by yourself. Without me, thank you very much.”

“Okay,” he laughed. “But when I didn’t know you as anybody specific, you could be this mystery. I liked it better. I mean, I don’t like you just fine. But, I know your partner. I know how long you’ve been together. I’ve been up on the roof with you to help you clean your chimney. We’d had barbecues in each other’s back yards. How can I hold you as this extraordinary, elevated symbol of deviant sexuality when I’ve seen you without any make-up.”

“Hey, pal, no problem here. Now if you’ll excuse me, I’m going to go put some make-up on. Geez. Who wouldn’t want to be held up as a universal symbol of vaguely erotic, extremely erotic sensuality? That’s it. No more barbecues.”

“But why do you care what I think. I mean, you’re a lesbian and I’m a guy.” “You’re not all that much different than your own stereotype, Guy. What you think, lots of people think. And

since it is my worldwide commitment and global obligation to give everyone a thoroughly boring image of what lesbians are really like, what changes me in your mind from a symbol to a flesh and blood human with needs and rights and wants and flaws, is what will do the same for huge lumps of the population.”

“Oh, you’ve met my-in-laws. Mr. And Mrs. Hugo Lump. I’d like to introduce you to my pet lesbian. Sure, ruin the fantasies for everyone. I mean, you can see guys everywhere looking over their shoulders as they go into that XXX room at their video stores looking for the thrill of watching you and your partner coming out of your swimming pool. Or playing bridge with another boring lesbian couple? Or us? Whoa. Now there’s a hot seller. Gotta get me some stock in that movie company.”

“Yeah, but that’s the point, Socrates. If all I am to everybody who makes laws is this tower of seething eroticism, (Oooh you know that does kind of have a nice ring to it.) If all I am is that, with no real life to speak of, then when it comes time for me to get, oh, let’s say, um...health insurance at the office for the sweetie, the human resources department recommends me for immediate transfer to the lobotomy lab. And my honey can’t get a discount nose job, or emergency electroshock because she’s not working this month, and it messes up your fantasy life.”

“Oh, yeah.” He conceded grudgingly. “I see what you mean. I suppose you should have something to say about cemetery rights, if the worst happens. And you are about the only girl-person I can talk to who doesn’t always seem to be coming on to me.” “You just don’t know enough lesbians.”

“Right. Could you introduce me to some sexy ones.”

“You know, Pal, you’re going to look amazingly sensually with raspberry jelly from my donut oozing down your forehead.” We laughed. The waitress poured another cup of coffee. And, much to his libido’s loss, we knew each other just a little better than we did when we sat down. I know that the polls all show that it is much more difficult to be homophbic with people you actually know. And Manny and I seemed to be living proof. He knew I wasn’t after his wife. And I knew I had a friend I could trust, even if it meant he had to let go of his idea of me, well, my mythical lesbian, as a sex goddess. <sigh> It’s a sacrifice, but, hey, somebody’s got to do it.”

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Weekend:

Unidentified Human Remains & The True Nature Of Love:
A play by Brad Fraser, is presented through June 2nd by Bad Egg Productions in Darkhouse Theater @ 4610 Charlotte Ave. Showtimes Fri-Sat 8pm, 4pm Sun. $10 adults, $5 w/ college ID. A Must See!

Wednesday, June 5th:

CARE For A Cure “Grease!”
An evening of Cabaret, Film Fest & dance featuring the Broadway Touring Company of “Grease.” 11:30pm @ Cowboy LaCage, 4th & Broadway, $20.

Friday, June 7th:

7pm Opening Night
Community Entertainment @ Connection Theater Featuring: Sue Bailey, Lee Ellis, Bianca Paige, Carol & Harry, Nashville Dance Project, Sam Mehaus, Virginia Vick, & Jason, Free w/ Pride T-Shirts.

Saturday, June 8th:

Noon: Rally at Legislative Plaza
1pm: Parade at Riverfront
3:00pm: Riverfront Celebration Featuring: Romancovsky & Phillips, Nashville Dance Project, Cowboy Dick Band, Rita Ross, Tony Domenico, D’Sauce, La Boy Le Femme, Yer Girlfriend, & Tabitha Peak Band! Free!!

Sunday, June 9th:

10am-2pm: Community Picnic
Playday Picnic @ Shelby Park Community Center - free!

Monday, June 10th:

Bi-Sexual Mixer® Cafe Elliston Transgender Mixer @
Connection Theater at 7pm, free!

Tuesday, June 11th:

Business Mixer/ Business Expo @
World’s End 5pm-8pm
Visual Eyes (Visual Art, Poetry & Performance Art @ Cafe Elliston 6:30pm-8:30pm.

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Spirituality Celebration @ Blair School Of Music Auditorium
7:30pm, 2400 Blakemore.

Thursday, June 13th:

Coalition For Justice Workshop 7pm -9pm Edgehill Methodist Coalition For Justice Featuring Mandy Carter @ 1st Amendment Center at 7pm.

Friday, June 14th:

Film Fest @ Darkhorse, 6pm only $4 for 1 or all movies!

Saturday, June 15th:

Film Fest @ Darkhorse, Noon "A Night In White" - Nashville CARES, 8pm - 1am, Vanderbilt Stadium Club.

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ANTI-GAY RESOLUTION DEFEATED

The defeat of a Spartanburg, South Carolina County anti-gay resolution has been a tiny Stonewall for the Upstate of South Carolina. U.S.A. Gymnastics threatened to pull the U.S. men's gymnastics team training out of the county scheduled for July 3-12, if the Spartanburg County Council did not rescind the anti-gay resolution.

The vote was 4-1 with two members absent, to rescind the resolution. “Our job is to run this county, not dictate morality” said one of the councilmen. One can disagree with the gay marriage resolution, but there's a world of difference in passing a resolution which states gay and lesbian citizens are not compatible with the country’s “values.”

The heated controversy has energized many lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgendered persons. The normally sleepy little gay community was energized by the defeated anti-gay resolution. A number of community members broke their silence, came forth and took a stance.

AMBER RICHARDS

Amber Richards a popular entertainer in the Atlanta, died last week in an accidental house fire. A legendary entertainer, was well-known throughout the south and elsewhere in the country. She had won many pageant titles such as Miss Continental USA, Miss Atlanta Pride Emeritus, and Southern Voice Glamour Goddess of Drag.

Amber Richard's catch phrase: "A Queen may die, but a Goddess lives forever." Glamorous, successful, sharp tongued and loyal to a fault, Amber was memorialized with an out-pouring of grief that friends and fans shared with her large family, rushing to Atlanta from all around the South.

The obituary read: Amber Marie Richards-Williams, 38 died of smoke inhalation in the early hours of Sunday, May 10th, as a result of a fire in her home in Smyrna that Cobb County fire officials have ruled as accidental. Lisa Marie Mazur, 27, of Midtown, a friend who had driven home with Amber late Saturday night, also perished in the unusual fire.

According to Cobb County fire officials, a candle or cigarette most likely started a smoldering fire that filled the house with smoke before extinguishing for lack of oxygen. No sign of fire or smoke was visible from the exterior of the home.

EDDIE MURPHY APOLOGIZES

Actor and comedian Eddie Murphy apologizes for the homophobic and AIDSphobic remarks he made early on in his career on a HBO special. AIDs activists demanded that Murphy be removed as a guest on the David Letterman Show.

FLOCK TO ATLANTA

Hundreds of lesbians and gay men flocked to Atlanta to participate in the 18th Annual Atlanta's Armory Sports Classic over the Memorial Day Weekend.

What started out as a small regional softball tournament has grown tremendously to a fierce on field competition of six sports and a huge social gathering.

The athletes competed in softball, soccer, bowling, billiards, tennis and golf. Even if the teams played two games and lost, they still had a weekend full of socializing.

MINISTER'S REBUTAL TO DESCION

By what apology does the U.S. Olympic Committee justify itself in censoring municipalities who by the free exercise of constitutionally appointed government pass legislation that proscribes homosexual marriage? I am stunned.

Their recent actions, statements, and threats against both Cobb County, GA, and now Spartanburg County provides every indication that the U.S. Olympic Committee proposes to advance the cause of homosexuality in the United States.

It has not only overstepped its function or purpose by meddling in the affairs of a self-governing municipality but has also now ventured into the realm of civic morality, attempting, in effect, to compel community to cease opposing homosexuality. I am further amazed that such threats on the part of the U.S. Olympic Committee would evoke such fear from our politicians. I applaud those municipalities who have taken a public stand against perversion and enacted pre-emptive legislation against homosexual marriage.

If the citizens of the state of South Carolina esteem morality and feared God in greater measure than they regarded athletics or desired revenue, they could preclude the threat of the relocation of the U.S. Olympic team’s training facilities from Spartanburg by immediately and cordially asking them to leave. The audacity of the U.S. Olympic Committee in seeking to promote moral perversion by means of official extortion is to be deplored.

—Rev. John-Gregory Farrell,

****NOTE Just so that we don’t get confused, I’d like to make the following points.
1. The Spartanburg resolution, whose wording is identical to the Greenville resolution, states that gay and lesbian lifestyles are incompatible with community standards. It does not make reference specifically to legalizing gay marriage (copies available upon request).
2. Spartanburg feared a relocation of the pre-olympic training facility for the U.S. men’s gymnastics (NOT swimming) team.

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