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SUNDAY AUGUST 15, 2010

ANNUAL PICNIC 3:30 P.M.

**SEALANDER PARK
6510 South 65th West, Idaho Falls**

PFLAG ANNUAL PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 15TH AT SEALANDER PARK

The annual PFLAG picnic will be held Sunday August 15, 2010 at Sealander Park southwest of Idaho Falls. The picnic will start at 3:30 in the afternoon and last until early evening. Please bring a dish to share and a favorite yard game if you are able. Beverages will be provided and "door" prizes will be given. Sealander Park is located at the end of 65th south (formally St John's Road). From Interstate 15 take exit 113 (5 miles south of Broadway) and follow the pink triangles to the park. **If you haven't been to PFLAG for a while the picnic is a great time to reconnect and enjoy getting together. Family and friends are always welcome!! Call 522-6699 or 521-7169 for questions or directions.**

"After a lengthy trial, a fair trial, the court rejected the false logic that has been used for so many years to rationalize ... blatant discrimination."

Chad Griffin, board president of the American Foundation for Equal Rights, reacting to the group's victory in the federal trial over Proposition 8

PROPOSITION 8 RULED UNCONSTITUTIONALGay Politics Report, August 6, 2010

Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker issued a sweeping decision Wednesday that found California's Proposition 8 violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantees of equal protection and due process. The news set off celebrations in the LGBT community, but marriage-equality opponents say they'll appeal the case which is likely to eventually head to the U.S. Supreme Court, meaning it could be years before the issue is finally settled. Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., said Walker's decision is a reminder that, "we live in a democracy wherein majority rule is checked and balanced by the guarantee of inalienable minority rights."

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING PFLAG CHAPTER.

The Jackson Wyoming PFLAG Chapter meets monthly on the third Monday evening at St. John's House, which is part of St. John's Episcopal Church. The entrance is on Glenwood. You are welcome to be in touch if you have questions. The meeting runs from 7 -8:30 PM. (Jackson PFLAG, Mark Houser, P.O. Box 2683, Jackson, WY 83001). Phone 307-733-8349 or e-mail at: JacksonPFLAG@yahoo.com
Jackson website www.jacksonPFLAG.com

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OUR PFLAG CHAPTER !

- \$ **Come to the meetings.**
- \$ **Provide refreshments for a meeting.**
- \$ **Coordinate a program or activity.**
- \$ **Tell your Friends and Family about PFLAG**
- \$ **Pay dues (\$25) if able.**

PFLAG MISSION STATEMENT

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered persons, and their families and friends, through support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

TARGET APOLOGIZES FOR DONATION

....Associated Press, August 5, 2010

Target Corp. is apologizing for a political donation to a conservative group that angered some employees and sparked talk of a customer boycott. Chairman and Chief Executive Gregg Steinhafel wrote to employees on Thursday to say the company was "genuinely sorry" that the donation upset some employees. Steinhafel also said Target would set up a review process for future political donations. Target gave \$150,000 to MN Forward, a group that is running ads for a Republican gubernatorial candidate who opposes gay marriage.

BOIES: SUPREME COURT WILL TAKE PROP. 8Advocate.com, August 7, 2010

David Boies says it's a "dead certainty" the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the issue of same-sex marriage if a federal appeals court sustains the trial court's Wednesday decision overturning California's Prop. 8. Boies — who led the plaintiffs' legal team alongside Ted Olsen — made the prediction while speaking in an hour long appearance San Francisco's Commonwealth Club. He declined to predict the case's chances before the Supreme Court. He predicted the 1 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals would rule on the case later this year and the Supreme Court would follow in 2011.

GROUPS SAY PROPOSITION 8 JUDGE IS GAY AND THEREFORE BIASED....Gay Politics report, August 6, 2010

Groups opposed to marriage rights for gays and lesbians said this week that Judge Vaughn Walker is himself gay and should have recused himself from the Proposition 8 case. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund launched an online petition in response, criticizing the groups for gay-baiting. "Under the logic of the people challenging the judge's fitness to rule on a case involving gay rights because he or she was gay, one would have to find a eunuch to serve on the case, because one could just as easily argue that a heterosexual judge couldn't rule on it either," said William G. Ross, a law professor who is also an expert on judicial ethics.

MEXICAN COURT UPHOLDS CAPITAL'S GAY MARRIAGE LAW...Associated Press, August 5, 2010

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a fledgling law allowing same-sex marriages in Mexico City is constitutional, rejecting an appeal by federal prosecutors who argued that it violated the charter's guarantees to protect the family. The justices have not yet determined the scope of their 8-2 ruling, however, saying they still need to decide whether it will impact states outside of the capital. The court must also still rule on the constitutionality of a provision of the Mexico City law that allows same-sex couples to adopt children. It is expected to address that issue next Monday. Justices who voted on the majority side stressed that while Mexico's constitution enshrines protection for families, it does not define what a "family" is. Hundreds of couples have been married so far under Mexico City's 6-month-old law, which was the first of its kind to be enacted in Latin America when it went into effect March

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WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG NEEDS YOU!