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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

CHAPTER MEETING 7:00 P.M.

**Unitarian Church
555 E Street, Idaho Falls**

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR HANK & JIM BOLAND, TWO OF THE CO-FOUNDERS OF THE EASTERN IDAHO PFLAG CHAPTER.

We will share memories of our chapter of PFLAG over the past 18 years. Birthday cake (made by Lynn Crowley) and ice cream will be enjoyed. Please come and join in this fun evening!

The annual PFLAG picnic was great! About 30 people attended the picnic at Sealander Park and the weather was the best we have ever had. There was plenty of great food, "door" prizes and water balloon tossing. Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped clean up!

"On gay rights, there are conservatives, including people of faith,
who have come to see gay people as people like anyone else."

**--Jenny Pizer,
senior counsel for Lambda Legal**

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“DON’T ASK DON’T TELL” IS RULED UNCONSTITUTIONALGay Politics Report, Sept 10, 2010

A federal district court judge ruled on Thursday that the U.S. military's "Don't ask, don't tell" policy barring service by openly gay troops is unconstitutional. The case, brought by the Log Cabin Republicans, is the first successful challenge of the 1993 law that requires the policy. "As an American, a veteran and an Army reserve officer, I am proud the court ruled that the arcane 'don't ask, don't tell' statute violates the Constitution," said R. Clark Cooper, executive director of the Log Cabin Republicans.

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.

EDITORIAL: PASS ENDA THIS YEAR....Los Angeles Times, Sept 2010

A Los Angeles Times editorial urges Congress to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. "Democratic leaders in both houses should expedite consideration of the bill as this Congress nears its conclusion. If they don't, President Obama should press them to act," the paper said.

LESBIAN APPOINTED TO COLORADO SUPREME COURTThe Denver Post Sept. 10, 2010

Gov. Bill Ritter has appointed Monica Marquez, an out lesbian, to a seat on the Colorado Supreme Court. "It is not because Monica is a Latino or because she is gay. I chose her because of her analytical ability and her keen intellect," Ritter said. Marquez is a graduate of Yale Law School.

MARYLAND GOVERNOR INDICATES SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY BILL....Washington Post September 9, 2010

Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat who has long supported civil unions for same-sex couples, yesterday suggested he could sign a bill that would grant full marriage rights to gay and lesbian couples. "I believe the civil unions was the way to go. It could be that public opinion and the opinion of a newly elected legislature will move beyond that and have another bill," O'Malley said. A spokesman later confirmed the governor is prepared to sign a marriage equality bill if it is passed in the Maryland Legislature.

CAPITAL HILL’S CLOCK IS RUNNING OUT ON LGBT BILLS....Advocate.com, Sept. 8, 2010

With Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., still objecting to consideration of a bill containing a mechanism for repealing the military's ban on gay troops, it's unclear if the issue will be resolved before the midterm elections. Senators return from recess next week, but they're set to leave town again in early October, and Democratic leaders already have a lot on their plates. The tight schedule could make it extremely difficult to bring up other LGBT priorities, such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED PFLAG

PFLAG NEEDS YOU!