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Leader fights marriage amendment

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Former National Organization for Women head Patricia



Ireland is advising groups leading the fight against a constitutional ban on gay marriage. DontAmend.com and the Equality Campaign have announced that Ireland, who served longer than any other

woman as head of NOW, is joining their effort as a senior advisor. Calling Ireland a "terrific addition" to their efforts, DontAmend.com co-founder John Aravosis called Ireland "a politically knowledgeable hard-hitter who's going to make a world of difference on this issue." DontAmend.com and the Equality Campaign say their efforts will be devoted to stopping an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would ban "marriage equality for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community."

Who's gay in Vegas?

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Pink flamingos Bubblegum and Pink Floyd (at the Flamingo Hotel) are a gay couple and the gender and sexual orientation of a penguin named Turnip is unclear, wildlife manager Robin Haeffner-Matos said. The gay flamingos can be spotted by looking for the two that hang out together that both have bands on their right legs, Haeffner-Matos' way of signifying

they're male. Turnip is a bit more puzzling; "his" sex has never been ascertained because taking blood for a test proved impossible, but "he" is believed to be male. In fact, Turnip was purchased to mate with Olivia, the resort's only white-beaked penguin, but has shown no interest in females.

GOP dumps Holocaust denier

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A Minnesota Republican who outraged gays, religious leaders and Holocaust survivors by claiming gays were never exterminated or sent to concentration camps by the Nazis has failed to get his own party's endorsement to run for another term in the state legislature. State Rep. Arlon Lindner, 68, was passed over by the GOP in favor of a less controversial candidate. Last year Lindner introduced legislation that would repeal the state human rights amendment that protects LGBT Minnesotans from discrimination in employment, housing, education and other areas. The bill also would have removed sexual orientation as a protected class in hate crimes laws.

Showtime to air specialized movies

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The network of cult hits "Queer as Folk" and "The L Word" has ordered a pilot titled "Movies for Guys

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