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## Arizona gay murder mystery remains unsolved

*Female impersonator possibly victimized by Marines; death spawns coalition*

by Donald Miller

YUMA, Ariz. — Amancio Corrales, a 23-year-old gay man who performed as a female impersonator under the name Delilah, apparently died from what is being described by authorities as "violent trauma." According to the Yuma County Sheriff's Office (YCSO), Corrales was dressed as a female while visiting one or more local bars on the night of May 5 and that it was a "significant possibility" that he left with people who thought he was a woman.

According to a website called gayinyuma.com, talk amongst the gay community there indicates the possibility that Corrales was killed by U.S. Marines.

Eyewitness reports place Corrales at a bar called Ron's Place in Yuma. While dressed as a woman, it is reported that he was seen flirting with a U.S. Marine identified only as "David." Patrons at the bar that also the man in question was furious when he found out Corrales was a male. Corrales was later seen leaving the bar in a silver Honda

with the suspect and two other men who also appeared to be U.S. Marines. An unsubstantiated report indicates the three men took Corrales to a location near Paradise Cove.

It was there — the following morning — that he was found dead, submerged in the Colorado River.

Corrales' family confirmed that he was stabbed in the heart and suffered severe trauma to the head.

"This act of violence must be properly investigated," said Michael H. Baughman, a spokesperson for the Amancio Project, a coalition of local and statewide organizations and concerned citizens. "As a community, we must have respect for human life and treat all people with dignity."

The coalition, consisting of the Yuma County Gay Rights Meetup Group, United Church of Christ of Yuma, Arizona Leadership Institute (ALI), Arizona Human

Rights Fund (AHRF), Wingspan, and Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA),

formed in order to build support for the family of Corrales and is calling for an end to all acts of violence perpetrated against anyone, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Coalition members include organizational representatives, local citizens, members of Yuma's faith community and close family and friends of Corrales.

A graduate of Yuma High School

and the Yuma School of Beauty, Corrales was buried last month at Yuma Cemetery in Yuma.

At press time the case remained unsolved. Anyone with information regarding his murder is asked to contact Detective Raul Garcia of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427.



Amancio Corrales, as female impersonator Delilah.

## Atlanta Pride boasts performances by the Indigo Girls and Kevin Aviance

*Event will fill two stages with music, dance and more*

by Mark Cannon

ATLANTA, Ga. — Musical icons the Indigo Girls will headline the entertainment for this year's Atlanta Pride Festival, June 24-26, in Piedmont Park.

After over two decades and eight studio albums together, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, known to their legion of fans as the Indigo Girls, have played thousands of shows. Their appearance at Atlanta Pride this year is the first for this openly lesbian musical duo.

Gender-bending dance music artist Kevin Aviance has performed with a list of luminaries, including Madonna, Whitney Houston, Cher, Lil' Kim, Mary J. Blige, Natalie Cole, Cindy Lauper and Bette Midler.

His music is a mixture of underground funk and bustling house rhythms. His debut album, "Box of Chocolates," includes "Cunty," a club cult hit, "Din Da Da," which reached number one



The Indigo Girls (left) and Kevin Aviance will headline this year's Atlanta Pride Festival.



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## Are we in the middle of a Holy War?

*The religious crusade against gays has been building for 30 years — now the movement is reaching truly biblical proportions*

by Bob Moser

Third in a three-part series

### Victory and Defeat

To the dismay of the anti-gay crusaders, polls showed rising public support for gay rights throughout the '80s and '90s. As a result, the crusaders began to rethink their message. "They finally started to realize the 'diseased pervert' rhetoric wasn't going to win over the majority of Americans," says "Close Encounters with the Religious Right" author Rob Boston.

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