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Shalala has appointed eight people to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

The new Council members are: D. Gregory Barbutti of Austin, Texas, where he chairs AIDS Services of Austin; Stuart Burden of Chicago, a senior program officer with the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; Margaret Campbell of Boston's Justice Resource Institute; Thomas Patrick Healy a New York City writer and former art dealer; Jack C. Jackson Jr of the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C.; Ernesto Ortiz Parra, a physician who also teaches primary care of HIV patients at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio; John A. Perez of Los Angeles where he is political director of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; and Valerie Reyes-Jimenez of New York City, a long-term HIV/AIDS survivor and activist.

Shalala also nominated Todd Summers of Washington, DC, who most recently served as deputy director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy.

Cities bid for 2006 Gay Games

SAN FRANCISCO (Jun 14) - Five cities have officially declared their intention to submit bids to host Gay Games VII in the year 2006.

The San Francisco-based Federation of Gay Games has announced that Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Diego and Montreal have indicated they will submit bids to host the popular sporting and cultural event.

Formal bids are due by Jan. 31, 2001.

Anti-gay group pressuring Procter & Gamble

CINCINNATI (Jun 13) - Proctor & Gamble says it is reviewing its decision to drop television ads on the scheduled TV show to be hosted by homophobic radio personality, Laura Schlessinger.

The consumer products firm said it was reexamining its decision after meeting with representatives of the Family Research Council and other far-right anti-gay organizations that support Schlessinger.

But even so, the Hollywood Reporter says P & G spokeswoman Gretchen Briscoe said the board of directors is only doing a customary review of the decision to pull its ads and that it's unlikely the board would reverse the move. "We're committed to our position," the paper quoted Briscoe as saying.

A Procter & Gamble official later said the board was disappointed with the meeting because they had been led to believe the hour-long meeting was about improving family-oriented TV programming but turned out to be exclusively about the Schlessinger show instead.

"The group really declined to talk about any common efforts to create more good programming," Bob Wehling, company's officer for global marketing said. "They only want us to reverse our decision on the Dr. Laura show."

Police investigating killing of Fla. gay man

LONGBOAT KEY, Fla. (Jun 13) - Police say James L. Brown, a 57-year-old gay man, was murdered in his home but that

they have no suspects in the killing yet.

Investigators said Brown may have been slain by someone he brought home for sex. Police said Brown was found fully dressed in his home and that he had been stabbed multiple times and beaten.

Authorities were releasing little detail about the killing, and refused to say if there were any indications whether Brown's home had been broken into or even if anything in the house was missing.

The man's car was not at his home at the time his body was found, police said, but it was later located in nearby Sarasota, Fla.

Gainesville, Fla. partner measure under attack

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (Jun 13) - Just two months after Gainesville, Fla., started offering health benefits to domestic partners of city workers, it may be facing a

Attorney Matthew Staver said he has filed a lawsuit on behalf of Gainesville resident Jack Martin who claims the policy violates the state's Defense of Marriage Act. Staver, who wrote the state act the legislature approved in 1998, says the law bars treating same-sex relationships as marriage.

"The domestic partnership policy passed by the City of Gainesville is an impermissible attempt to place its seal of approval on homosexual relationships and to alter other domestic relations," Staver said in a press release.

But the Gainesville city attorney's office said it had not seen the suit yet and could not comment.

The partners ordinance covers both same-

sex and unmarried opposite-sex couples and city officials said that since it took effect in April only 12 employees had signed up, 8 for an opposite-sex partner and 4 for a same-sex partner.

Driver charged in gay parade attack

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (Jun 12) -News sources in Albuquerque, N.M., report that police have charged David Tully, 71, with aggravated assault and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after he allegedly drove his van toward a crowd at the city's gay pride parade.

Police say people at the June 10 parade told them Tully yelled "fucking faggots" as he drove toward the crowd hitting one man, who was not seriously injured.

Tully later was released on bail and insists he wasn't trying to hit anyone with his vehicle and didn't yell anything. "I was minding my own business, crossing the road," he told reporters.

But a city police officer on duty at the time reported that he saw the van "going after the people in the parade... and then go towards the people on the sidewalk." The officer reported that he "had to reach into the van and put it into park to stop" it.

Buchanan likes Dr. Laura as possible running mate

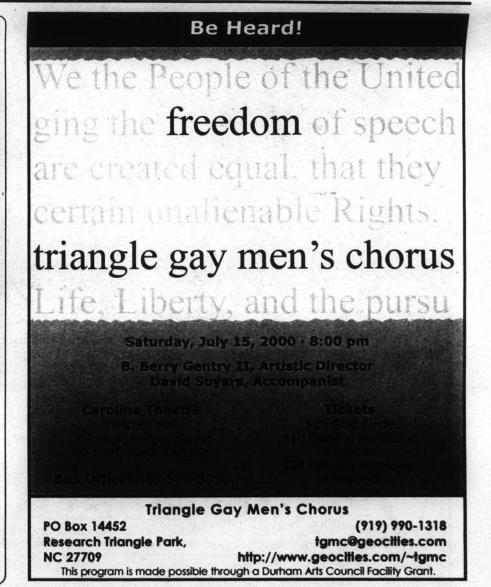
WASHINGTON, D.C. (Jun 12) Presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan reportedly thinks he has the Reform Party nomination more or less sewn up and is considering notorious homophobic talk show host Laura



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